











DR. GRANVILLE AUSTIN (1927-2014) MEMORIAL LECTURE

on the theme:

Indian
Constitution
at 75:
The Story of the
World's Largest
Democracy

## by DR. ABHISHEK M. SINGHVI

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FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2025 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM IST

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## Programme

6:05 PM - 6:10 PM Welcome Address
PROFESSOR (DR.) C. RAJ KUMAR

Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University

6:10 PM - 6:15 PM — Introductory Remarks

PROFESSOR (DR.) DIPIKA JAIN
Executive Dean, Jindal Global Law School

■ 6:15 PM - 6:20 PM — Reflections on the contributions of Dr. Granville Austin

PROFESSOR R. SUDARSHAN

Dean, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy

6:20 PM - 7:05 PM — Dr. Granville Austin Memorial Lecture on the theme

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■ 7:05 PM - 7:25 PM + Q&A

7:25 PM - 7:30 PM — Concluding Remarks
PROFESSOR DABIRU SRIDHAR PATNAIK
Registrar, O.P. Jindal Global University

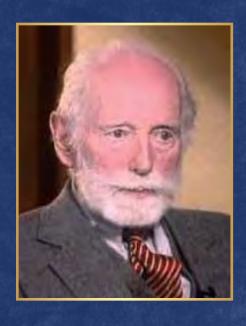
Presenter

MS. ISHITA KHETARPAL Lecturer, Jindal Global Law School

## DR. ABHISHEK M. SINGHVI

Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi is an eminent jurist, politician, visible media personality, well-known columnist, author, thinker, and commentator. He was a Member of Parliament for three terms, the seniormost National Spokesperson of the Congress Party and the youngest designated Senior Advocate at the Supreme Court of India (at age 34). He was the youngest Additional Solicitor General of India at the young age of 37 and a former elected Vice President of the Supreme Court Bar Association. Additionally, Dr. Singhvi was also the former Vice Chairman of Congress' Media Department, and the former Chairman of the AICC, Human Rights Department, and the Parliamentary Committee on Law, Justice, Personnel & Grievances. He has also been a member of the Indian Supreme Court, where he created and administered bilateral legal forums, including the Indo-British, Indo-US, Indo-Canadian and Indo-Israel forums.

After obtaining his B.A. (Economics) degree from St. Stephen's College, New Delhi, Dr. Singhvi went on to complete his M.A. and Ph.D. from Trinity College, University of Cambridge, UK. He has taught at St. John's College, University of Cambridge, and had joined a brief summer program at Harvard University as well. He has delivered lectures to student/faculty groups and general audiences at Stanford, Harvard, Yale, Boston, MIT and George Washington Universities, as well as NGOs and think-tanks, and has addressed several international conferences, including those at Paris and Pakistan. He was a visiting Trumbull Lecturer at Yale University, USA, in 2011 and is currently an Honorary Adjunct Professor at Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University.



## DR. GRANVILLE AUSTIN

Granville Seward Austin (1927 - 6 July 2014) was an American historian of the Indian Constitution.

Austin received most of his early education at Norwich, Vermont, USA. Austin graduated from Dartmouth College with a BA in American Literature. He then earned a doctorate in Modern Indian History from Oxford University.

He worked as a journalist/photographer and later served with the U. S. Information Service, Department of State, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and on the staff of a U. S. senator. He has held fellowships or grants from St. Antony's College, Oxford, the Ford Foundation, the Fulbright Program, the American Institute of Indian Studies, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, and the Institute of Current World Affairs.

Austin was the author of two seminal political histories of the Constitution of India, The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation and Working a Democratic Constitution: The Indian Experience.

In 2011, in recognition for his writing on the framing and working of the Indian Constitution, Granville Austin was awarded a Padma Shri award, the fourth highest civilian honor of the Republic of India. National Translation Mission of the Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Government of India has selected The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation for translation into Indian languages. The book has already been published in Telugu, Marathi, Punjabi, Odia, Hindi and Malayalam languages.