

# EMERGENCE OF NEW LAWS AND JUDICIARY

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Hon'ble The Chief Justice Mr. Justice Sen, Hon'ble the Law Minister Sri R. S. Gupta, Justice Raza, Justice Mathur and Justice Gupta, Mr. D.P. Gupta, Brother Judges, past and present, members of faculty and trainees.

First of all on my own behalf and on behalf of my wife I would like to thank the Chief Justice Mr. Justice Sen as well as Mr. Justice Gupta for having invited us to come to Lucknow and inaugurate this programme. This first of all gives us an opportunity and I let out the secret that it has given us an opportunity of visiting this great city for the first time. We are indeed very happy and glad to be here in the city of the "Kababs and Nawabs" as justice Raza rightly quoted but what has given us greater happiness is to see this Institute. I heard a lot about it but today I have seen myself as to how good the Institute is, how efficiently it is working and as to how modern it acts and futuristic it is in its thinking. Cyber Laws is a thing of the present and of the future.

We are now in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. In the last 20 Centuries, the last one century has done maximum and has progressed the most in which there are much scientific achievements and as such that one Century by itself achieved more than all the earlier 19 Centuries. This obviously shows the rapid progress, the rapid change which is taking place and unfortunately as far as we are concerned the laws which we have, enacted in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and when you see the Evidence Act, the Criminal Procedure Code and most of the basic laws what we have of 19<sup>th</sup> Century. So finally we have now awoken up to the fact that the world is changing very fast and we have to keep pace with it. This is the second model law of UNCITRAL, which has been adopted in the country

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\* Excerpts of speech delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. N. Kirpal, Judge, Supreme Court of India on 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2001 at Institute of Judicial Training & Research, U.P. Lucknow, in the inaugural session of International Level Training Programme for Judges on "Cyber Laws & Crimes and Intellectual Property Rights".

