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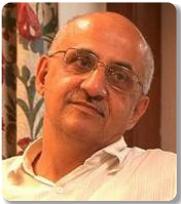
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**Centre for Public Interest Law**  
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*cordially invites you to a*

**Public Lecture on**

## **State of the Nation: Violence, Compassion and Solidarity in Contemporary India'**



by

**Harsh Mander**

### **About the Speaker**

Harsh Mander is an activist, writer, columnist, researcher and teacher. A former IAS officer, he is currently the director of the Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi – an independent organization that aims to examine the nature and causes of social injustice. He is the founder of the campaigns 'Aman Biradari', for secularism, peace and justice; 'Nyayagrah', for legal justice and reconciliation for the survivors of communal violence; 'Dil Se', for streetchildren; and 'Hausla' for urban homeless people. He is also the author, most recently, of 'Fatal Accidents of Birth: Stories of Suffering, Oppression and Resistance'. Earlier this month, along with a group of activists, he embarked upon 'Karwan-e-Mohabbat'—a journey across India to spread the message of love and peace in the face of a growing wave of intolerance in the country.

### **Abstract**

The frequency of violent incidents against Dalits, Muslims and other minorities has raised concerns over the inability of the Indian state to maintain the rule of law. Worryingly, there is evidence of its complicity. Investigations into these crimes have remained inadequate, and the perpetrators have but rarely been brought to book. How do the recent incidents look in light of the historically abysmal record of the Indian state in preventing impunity? How should we understand the contemporary threats to human rights and dignity in the country? And what should our response be as students, academics, civil society members and citizens? Harsh Mander will discuss his experiences and insights, particularly from his recently concluded 'Karwan e Mohabbat'.

**Date:** Wednesday, 4 October 2017 | **Time:** 4:00 PM

**Venue:** Classroom No-29 (T2, 1st floor West, next to the Elevator)

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