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## 26<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE WORLD INSPIRED BY ARTICLE 51 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

**Theme:** A New Look at the United Nations and its Charter

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**\*Article 51 of the Constitution of India:**  
The State shall endeavour to:

- (a) promote international peace and security;
- (b) maintain just and honourable relations between nations;
- (c) foster respect for international law; and
- (d) encourage settlement of international disputes by arbitration.

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15th June, 2025

**Subject:** Invitation to participate, as **Special Guest**, in the 26th International Conference of Chief Justices of the World to be held from 19th to 24th November, 2025 at Lucknow, India.

**Hon'ble Sir/Madam,**

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to participate in the 26th International Conference of Chief Justices of the world inspired by **Article 51 of the Constitution of India**, to be held from **Wednesday, 19th November to Monday, 24th November, 2025** at Lucknow, India. There will be Conference engagements in New Delhi on 19th November and a visit to Agra to see the Taj Mahal on 20th November 2025 *en route* to Lucknow, following which, the Conference will be in Lucknow from 21st to 23rd inclusive (3 days), followed by an optional day of sightseeing on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

1. The world is facing mounting problems and conflicts, economic upheavals, large scale stockpile of WMD, international terrorism, ethnic and civil wars, economic disparity, human rights violations, etc., which threaten, and impact, all lives. The speed of global warming and climate change are disastrous for people and the planet. There are many other problems having international ramifications.

2. Hence, the theme of the Conference is '**A New Look at the United Nations and its Charter**', to deliberate on finding an effective global governance structure for a sustainable future for humanity. A tentative programme of the Conference is attached for your kind information.

It is our duty to bequeath to the future generations a better world than that inherited by us. **Article 51 of the Constitution of India** provides motivation and acts as a beacon as it relates to basic principles required for promotion of international peace and security.

3. The Conference organiser is City Montessori School (CMS) (a senior secondary school in the city of Lucknow) which is recognized by the **Guinness Book of Records** as the world's largest school by pupils in a single city with, presently, over 62,000 students on roll, and is awardee of the 2002 '**UNESCO Prize for Peace Education**'. CMS is also a NGO associated with the **United Nations (UNDPI)**. CMS upholds that '**a modern school must act as a lighthouse of society**' and must concern itself with the affairs of the age. Hence this initiative on children's behalf.

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### ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE

**Hon. Mr Justice A. P. Misra**  
Former Judge, Supreme Court of India  
Chairman, Reception Committee

**Hon. Mr Justice A. K. Srivastava**  
Former Judge, Allahabad High Court & Delhi High Court  
Chairman, Advisory Committee

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General Secretary, CMS & General Secretary of the Conference

**Mr Ravi Prakash Gupta**  
Advocate, Supreme Court of India  
Conference Co-ordinator for Delhi

**Mr S. L. Vaish**  
Advocate & Legal Advisor, CMS  
Organizing Secretary, Conference

**Mr Anirudh Singh**  
Head, World Unity Education Department, CMS

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Project Leader of the Conference, CMS

**Mr Rishi Khanna**  
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**Dr Bharti Gandhi**  
Founder-Director, CMS & Co-Convenor of the Conference

**Prof. Geeta Gandhi Kingdon**  
Manager, CMS & Convener of the Conference

**INSPIRATION:**  
**Late Dr Jagdish Gandhi**  
Founder of the Conference

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4. As Your Honourable Self has wide knowledge and experience in the field of national and international affairs, your views on various problems confronting humanity and also on the revision of the U.N. Charter to address the various problems with international ramifications will be highly valued. A highlight of the Conference will be the presentation of petitions to the World Judiciary by CMS students on behalf of world's children, to safeguard their future and protect their rights.

5. A copy of the 'Invitation Booklet' for the 26th International Conference of Chief Justices is attached containing information about the Conference. The booklet contains the '**Concept Note**' of the Conference and also contains topics under six Thematic Groups for deliberations in the Parallel Sessions, to enable Your Honourable Self to indicate your preference for the Thematic Group on which you might also like to express your views.

6. We very warmly invite Your Honourable Self to participate in the Conference and request you to **send your kind consent for participation**, at your earliest convenience. As per instructions from the Government of India's Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigner's Division), all foreign participants are required to submit online application for Conference visa at <www.indianvisaonline.gov.in>.

7. We shall expectantly await your kind consent, preferably by 31st July, 2025 to enable us to make arrangements. On receipt on your kind consent, we shall be happy to arrange for Hotel Accommodation and local transport at New Delhi and Lucknow and also for your journey from New Delhi to Lucknow and back. We shall make arrangements to receive you warmly at New Delhi Airport and at Lucknow. We look forward to hearing from you.

With highest regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Prof. Geeta Gandhi Kingdon)

Convenor, International Conferences of Chief Justices of the World  
& Manager, City Montessori School, Lucknow, India

**Annexures:**

1. Concept Note and Copy of the Tentative Programme of the Conference.
2. Copies of the Permission Letters from Government of India for holding the Conference.
3. A brief synopsis and overview of the 26th International Conferences of Chief Justices of the World.
4. Copy of the Certificate of Guinness Book of World Records given to CMS.
5. Copy of the Certificate of '2002- UNESCO Prize for Peace Education' granted to CMS.
6. Letter of U.N. dated 9-6-2014 according N.G.O. status to CMS Society for its association with U.N.D.P.I.
7. Invitation Booklet for the 26th International Conference of Chief Justices of the World.
8. A booklet containing list of 1520 Chief Justices, Judges and Heads of State/Government from 142 countries who have participated in previous 25 Conferences.
9. A booklet containing photographs of Chief Justices, Judges and Heads of State/Government from 142 countries who have participated in previous 25 Conferences.
10. A booklet containing glimpses of Chief Justices Conferences organised by CMS since the year 2001.