



Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

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August 01, 2022 (Monday) | 6.00 pm | L12

Speaker: Prof. Arvind Verma

Criminal Justice in India: Reality & Possibility



About the Speaker

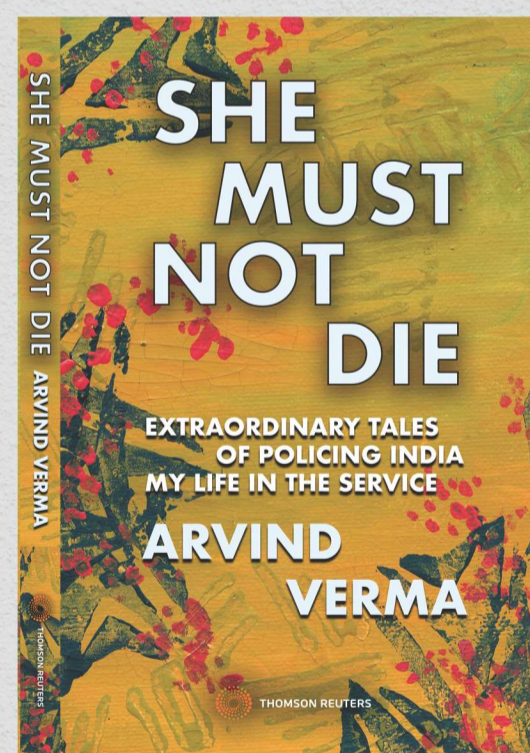
Prof. Arvind Verma was a member of the IPS and has served for many years in the State of Bihar. Currently he is a professor of Criminal Justice at Indiana University, Bloomington. He is affiliated with IIT Kanpur on a visiting position and has established a Center for Criminal Justice Research (<https://ccjr.cse.iitk.ac.in>) to promote research and technology applications in Indian police. Prof. Verma has also published in books and journals.

About the Talk

The state of criminal justice in the country is abysmal and alarming. The system is heavily politicized and seems incapable of reform. Abuse of authority by the officers is routine and they are rarely held accountable for their misuse of force and illegal behavior. However, the reality is that the police in particular confront a variety of situations that challenge the officers to address them through a mixture of lawful authority and shrewdness. These situations range from ordinary social conflicts involving religion, caste and gender to maintaining order when thousands of citizens exercise their right to protest. Political developments do affect police functions and hence officers must also be cognizant of political interests. Furthermore, police officers must handle problems in a manner whereby façade of justice is maintained. For all these and more reasons, the police role is best defined as 'problem solving' and this suggests a new way to restructure our criminal justice system.

The speaker will present a variety of case studies that are real and truthful accounts of episodes that reflect the ingenuity and creative responses exhibited by Indian police officers all over the country. These stories imply a broader conceptualization of the role of criminal justice and suggests creative ways of addressing our myriad problems.

During this talk, Prof. Verma will also present his new book "She must not Die: Police as Problem Solvers" to the campus community.



All are cordially invited to attend

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