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## DR N. R. MADHAVA MENON

Professor Madhava Menon was one of the greatest of India's very great law teachers, scholars and administrators. He understood that legal teaching is critical to the rule of law and the defence of universal human rights. I honour his life's work and I lament his passing. But he left a legacy most precious for the rule of law in India and greatly admired beyond India's borders.

I first met him when I visited the newly established Law School of India University in Bangalore in the 1990s. He was calm, decisive, inspirational and global in his outlook. I was greatly honoured, in the company of Chief Justice Ismail Mohamed of South Africa, to receive an honorary degree from the NLSIU. He gathered friends and admirers who cherished his leadership and idealism. He knew that he was giving an example not only for India but for common law countries everywhere and even further afield.

In the words of Rudyard Kipling, Professor Menon's work continues. Broad and deep, it continues. Its impact will be felt years, decades and centuries from now.



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1994 honoured Professor N.R.M. Menon as a  
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