



CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND POLICY REFORM SOCIETY

Event Report 2021 - 2022

DISCUSSION ON- “LINGUISTICS IN INDIA”

15th February 2021

MS Teams

Students panelists –

Mr. Agneya Gopinath, Ms. Aashi Shah &
Ms. Nipa Dharod.



Objective was to facilitate a discussion on languages, issue of them being endangered and the importance of their preservation.

The discussion commenced with a presentation given by Ms. Aashi Shah, Ms. Nipa Dharod and Mr. Agneya Gopinath. The relevant constitutional and legal provisions pertaining to language in India include Articles 29 , 120 and 210. It also includes Part XVII of the Indian Constitution which covers Official Languages. Towards the end of the discussion, certain participants also addressed the importance of fluency in a regional language.

DISCUSSION ON- “ TOOLKIT CONSPIRACY: WHAT IS IT AND WHY IS IT RELEVANT”

12th March 2021

Student Panelist - Deepanjali Mishra.

MS Teams



Objective was to have an insightful discussion on the “Toolkit Conspiracy”, its relevance and the events that culminated it.

The discussion began with a brief timeline of the pertinent events right from the proposal of the three farm laws to the interim bail granted by the courts. The contours of a toolkit were discussed. The charges against Disha Ravi were discussed. The Hon'ble Delhi HC opined that the circumstantial evidence was inadequate and there was no Catena between the zoom call and January 26 violence. Some facts ancillary to the entire protest movement were discussed. The speaker concluded her eloquent presentation with an eloquent thought- "Is democracy conditional" .

DISCUSSION ON- “OTT 2021 GUIDELINES”

31st March 2021

MS Teams

Student Panelists -

Navaz Dordi, Nakiya Fidai &

Bhavik Chedda .



The Event was conducted with the objective to discuss the Information Technology Rules, 2021, and what the new regulations would mean to the OTT platforms, and regulations of movies & TV shows with respect to certification.

The speakers commenced the discussion with explaining the need for the new provisions of 2021. The speakers then dwelled into the regulations imposed upon OTT platforms under the new rule. Another point of discussion was that the main objective of the IT Rules 2021 was to create a single regulatory framework for OTT platforms under the IT Act 2000.

DISCUSSION ON THE NCT BILL

10th April, 2021

MS Teams

Resource Person - Adv. Dweep Shah

Student panelist- Udit Kushe



The event aimed to cover the past present and future prospects relating to the National Capital Territory. A brief and interactive session was conducted to review the pros and cons of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021. An in-depth discussion was held to review the case of Government of NCT of Delhi versus Union of India & Another. The session also aimed to clarify the Existing Polity in the National Capital of Delhi.

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was introduced in Lok Sabha on March 15, 2021. The Bill amends the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991. The Act provides a framework for the functioning of the Legislative Assembly and the government of the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi.

AMBEDKAR JAYANTI CELEBRATION

15th April, 2021 Resource Person - Mr. Dipankar Kamble
MS Teams

Objective was to commemorate the birth of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, his work and his principles.



The webinar hosted by Mr. Dipankar Kamble, author of "Dewaji—Making of an Ambedkarite Family", focused on the increasing relevance of Dr. Ambedkar in the current time. The guest speaker also discussed the two-generational struggle and offered a glimpse of the socio-economic condition of a Dalit. The discussion was engaging and full of different perspectives and opinions.

DISCUSSION ON- “IS SEDITION RELEVANT”

31st July 2021
MS Teams

Resource Person - Mr. Madhav Ved.

The event was conducted with the objective to facilitate a discussion on sedition, its history and constitutionality of Section 124A in contemporary times.



Speaker commenced the discussion with a small and insightful presentation and explained the meaning of sedition and disaffection as enshrined in Section 124A of IPC. The speaker then dwelled into the historical timeline of sedition. Committee was in consensus that sedition can be a tool of intimidation that is deemed important for functioning of the government. The meeting ended with the idea that irrespective of the supposed benefits of Section 124A, there is a pressing need to amend it and to subdue the vagueness of the law, and to use it very cautiously, only in the cases where the alleged seditious words have met a violent consequence.

DISCUSSION ON - CONSTITUTIONALITY & FAIRNESS OF THE COLLEGIUM SYSTEM IN INDIA

6 September, 2021

Student Panelists –

MS Teams

Ms. Deepanjali Mishra & Mr. Shreyash Raj



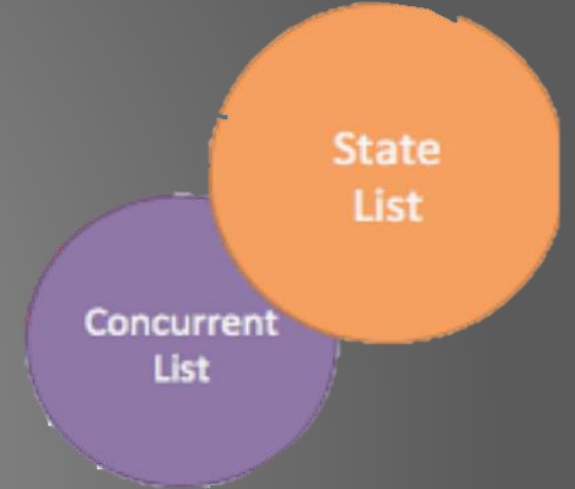
Objective was to spread awareness about the history of the collegium system of appointing judges and discuss its advantages, disadvantages and analyze it with the constitutional principles and also discuss the possible alternatives to the same.

The discussion commenced with speakers emphasizing on the importance of the issue. Firstly, the speaker explained the case *SP Gupta v. UOI, 1982*. The speaker also gave an insightful synopsis of the viewpoints of Justice Chelameswar, who alone gave the minority judgement in NJAC case.

DISCUSSION ON - WHETHER EDUCATION SHOULD BE A PART OF THE STATE LIST OR CONCURRENT LIST?

21st September 2021
MS Teams

Student panelists -
Ms. Navaz Dordi & Mr. Somesh Pathak



The objective was to discuss the said topic and the concepts of federalism and the difficulties involved in its implication in India, since our country isn't completely federal rather quasi- federal.

The session began by discussing the colonial rule and the experience of power-sharing and the fact that decentralization and federalism continued to be relevant in state formation during the colonial period. The discussion then came to the petition filed in the Madras High Court challenging the constitutionality of 42nd Constitutional amendment. The speaker then analyzed the benefits of education as a subject matter under state list.

WEBINAR ON - GANDHIAN THOUGHT AND PHILOSOPHY

1st October 2021
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Resource Person –
Dr. Namita Nimbalkar and Dr. R.K. Anand.



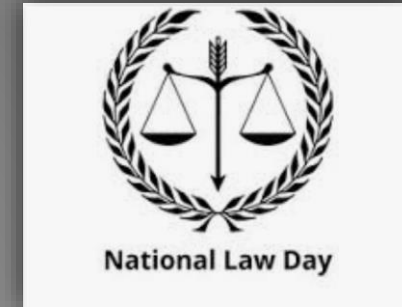
Objective was to commemorate the birth of Mahatma Gandhi and his thoughts, life and his principles.

The first session commenced with Dr Namita introducing the participants with multiple facets of Gandhian philosophy and principles, she shed light on how Gandhiji propagated the idea of economic development. The idea of “*spiritual swaraj*” was enlightened by the speaker, as advocated by *Baapu*. The second session can be recapitulated as an amalgamation of euphoria and interesting insights. The speaker commenced the session with the three mantras and learnings from Gandhiji’s life that everyone should remember: *Be fit, be busy, and be happy*. Finally, the speaker enlightened us on how he implemented the learnings of Gandhiji in his personal life.

NATIONAL LAW DAY CELEBRATION

26-28-29th November 2021

Zoom & Google Meet



To spread awareness about the Indian Constitution, on the auspicious occasion of National Law Day, 2021 which is celebrated on 26th November each year. This legal awareness initiative was conducted with schools & organizations

The schools contacted were-

1. Yashodham High School
2. Smt.Sulochanadevi Singhanian School, Thane

And the NGO contacted was- "EdJustice Foundation"

4TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW & POLICY DEBATE COMPETITION, 2022.

26-27th March, 2022

MS Teams

The debate competition aims to provide the participants with an opportunity to come ahead learn and experience the art of debating.

Competition was organized by the Committee to engage students in active discussion on the contemporary issues of law. The competition witnessed students participating from various parts of the country to showcase their talent and skills. The competition was judged by renowned personalities in the field of law and gave the students a good exposure and an opportunity to enhance their skills.