



DEBATE & DISCUSSIONS SOCIETY

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TEAM DDS



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DDS REPORT 2020-2021

When discussion is the ethos of an Institution, Debate & Discussions Society (DDS) becomes a natural facilitator to the spirited culture of indulging in constructive dialogues. The society not only conducts debates & discussions but also promotes free thought and opinion exchange. It marks and celebrates the significance of deliberations and purposeful exchange of ideas as an instrumentality of positive change and growth. The Society hosts a plethora of events covering various facets of the society in general and legal field in particular. These events include **CONFERO** (Annual Debate fest of CLC), **THE CLC OPINION PROJECT- TCOP** (intra- debating platform of CLC), **CLC TOWN HALL** (Interactive Panel Discussions platform of CLC).

Owing to the unprecedented times of COVID-19, DDS under the dynamic and guidance of **DDS Faculty Convenor Dr. Seema Singh**, switched to Online mode and conducted several successful events including virtual workshops & interactive sessions and E- lectures & conference throughout the year.

I. COURTROOM LEGENDS- Keynote Series

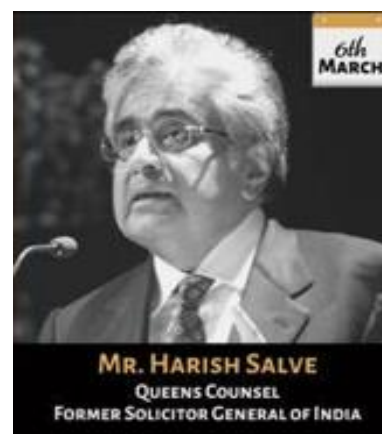


Courtroom Legends is an initiative by Debate & Discussions Society, where students are given a platform to interact and learn from Legendary Counsels who have mastered the craft of advocacy.

1. The Inaugural Session

(Date: 6th March 2021)

Senior Advocate, Shri. Harish Salve, Queen's Counsel and Former Solicitor General of India, delivered a Keynote on the topic, "71 years of Constitution: Are we true to the dreams of its makers". Mr. Salve highlighted the robustness of Indian democratic institutions and important role the young generation will have to play in future to fulfil the dream of the makers of Constitution.



2. The Second Episode

(Date: 19th March 2021)

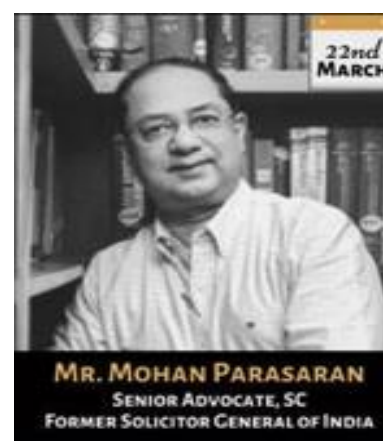
Senior Advocate, Shri. C. S. Vaidyanathan, Former Additional Solicitor General of India, delivered a Keynote on the topic "Equal Opportunity and Meritocracy". Discussion delved on how principles of "Meritocracy" and "Compensatory" are in conflict and why it is to ensure equal access to all.



3. The Third Episode

(Date: 22nd March 2021)

Senior Advocate, Shri. Mohan Parasaran, Former Solicitor General of India, delivered a Keynote on the topic "Evolution of Constitutional Law by Supreme Court of India". The session was followed by moderated Q&A session in which discussion ensued from topics of taxation to independence of Judiciary and jurisprudence on religious practices.



4. The Fourth Episode

(Date: 31st March 2021)

Senior Advocate, Shri. Gopal Subramaniam, Former Solicitor General of India, delivered a Keynote on the topic “Constitution as a Dynamic instrument of Change”. The speaker focused on two major themes – social revolution as means of change and the tools of constitutional amendment as envisioned in Indian Constitution.



5. The Valedictory Session

(Date: 10th April 2021)


Shri Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General of India delivered a Keynote on the topic, “Demystifying the Freedom of Speech & Expression”. The final instalment of the series, delved in the pertinent issue of the balance between the Freedom of Speech and Expression as envisioned in the constitution and to the caveats over them.



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COURTROOM LEGENDS

KEYNOTE SERIES
INAUGURAL SESSION BY




MR. HARISH SALVE
QUEENS COUNSEL
FORMER SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA

KEYNOTE TOPIC:

*71 years of Constitution:
are we true to the dreams of its makers?*

5:00 PM | SATURDAY, 6TH MARCH, 2021 | HOSTED ON GOOGLE MEET | LIVE ON FACEBOOK.COM/DDSCLC



MR. C.S. VAIDYANATHAN
SENIOR ADVOCATE, SC
FORMER ADD. SOLICITOR GENERAL

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COURTROOM LEGENDS

KEYNOTE SERIES

KEYNOTE TOPIC:

*Equal Opportunity
& Meritocracy*

4:30 PM, FRIDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2021
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KEYNOTE SERIES

KEYNOTE TOPIC:

*Evolution of Constitutional Law
by Supreme Court of India*



MR. MOHAN PARASARAN
SENIOR ADVOCATE, SC
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KEYNOTE SERIES


THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

Keynote Topic:

*Constitution of India as a
Dynamic instrument of change*

MR. GOPAL SUBRAMANIAM
SENIOR ADVOCATE, SC
FORMER SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA

DATE & TIME:
6:00 PM, 31ST MARCH, 2021
LIVE AT: FACEBOOK.COM/DDSCLC




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VALEDICTORY SESSION BY



MR. TUSHAR MEHTA
SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA

KEYNOTE TOPIC:

*Demystifying the
Freedom of Speech & Expression*

5:00 PM, SATURDAY, 10TH APRIL, 2021
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II. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LAW & SPIRITUALITY (ICLS)

(Date: 27th to 29th August 2021)

ICLS 2021, a joint initiative of Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi and Ethicraft Club was organised with an aim to shed light on the threads of spirituality that are intricately interwoven into the complex fabric of law and society.

The conference, spanning 3 days, was graced by twenty-two personalities of national & international repute from varied walks of life. The conference was culminated in pre-launch of book titled “Law & Spirituality- Exploring the Bonds”, for which over 200 papers and articles were submitted by academicians from across the globe.



Esteemed panel of guests is as follows:

Inaugural Session –

1. Shri Arif Mohammad Khan, The Hon’ble Governor of Kerala
2. Justice R.C. Lahoti, 35th Chief Justice of India

Valedictory Session –

3. Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Culture
4. Shri Gopal Krishna Goswami, Chairman, ISKCON India Bureau

5. Mr. Vinay Tanna, Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire (United Kingdom)

Keynote Sessions –

Judicial Experts:

6. Justice Ashok Bhushan, Former Judge of Supreme Court of India
7. Justice Iqbal Ahmed Ansari, Former Chief Justice Patna H.C
8. Justice Kamlesh Kumar Patel, Magistrate, British Judiciary (United Kingdom)

Senior Advocates and Solicitors:

9. Mr. C. S. Vaidyanathan, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India
10. Mr. Vikramjit Banerjee, Additional Solicitor General of India, Supreme Court of India
11. Mr. Siva Kumar Rajagopal, Advocate and Solicitor (Singapore)
12. Mr. R. Venkataramani, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India
13. Mr. Ashok Mehta, Senior Advocate, High Court of Allahabad
14. Mr. J. Sai Deepak, Advocate, Supreme Court of India
15. Smt. Vasanthie Pillai, Attorney (South Africa)
16. Mr. Brain Bloch, Ombudsman, US Dept. Of Inhu,7t0rfgpterior, United States of America (USA)

Academicians:

17. Dr. K Parameswaran, Associate Professor of Law, Gujarat National Law University
18. Smt. Sinu Joseph, Author, women health educator & co-founder, Mythri Speaks Trust
19. Dr. Makarand Paranjape, Author & Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University
20. Mr. Rodrigo Lobato, Legal Consultant in Public Law (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

Renowned motivational speakers:

21. Shri Shubha Vilas, Motivational speaker & Author
22. Mr. Vivek Bindra, Motivational speaker & Entrepreneur



BOOK LAUNCH

The session also included the launch of Book- 'Law & Spirituality: Exploring the Bonds'. The book not only includes research papers from the guests but also papers submitted through Call for Papers, from across the world on the Theme & sub-themes of the conference.

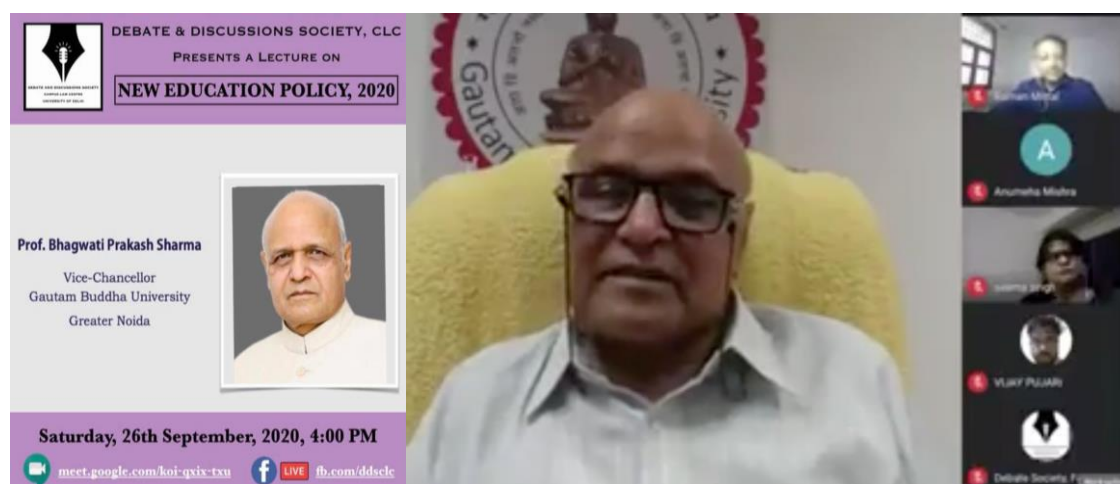


III. ABHIGYAAN- THE CLC LECTURE SERIES

Under the aegis of Abhigyaan, DDS organizes a series of lectures on several academic topics, delivered by the most distinguished and renowned experts in the field. It acts as a medium where students, teachers and others engage with luminaries of their respected fields and enrich themselves with extensive knowledge of these experts. In the academic year 2020-2021, under Abhigyaan, the following insightful E-lectures were organized:

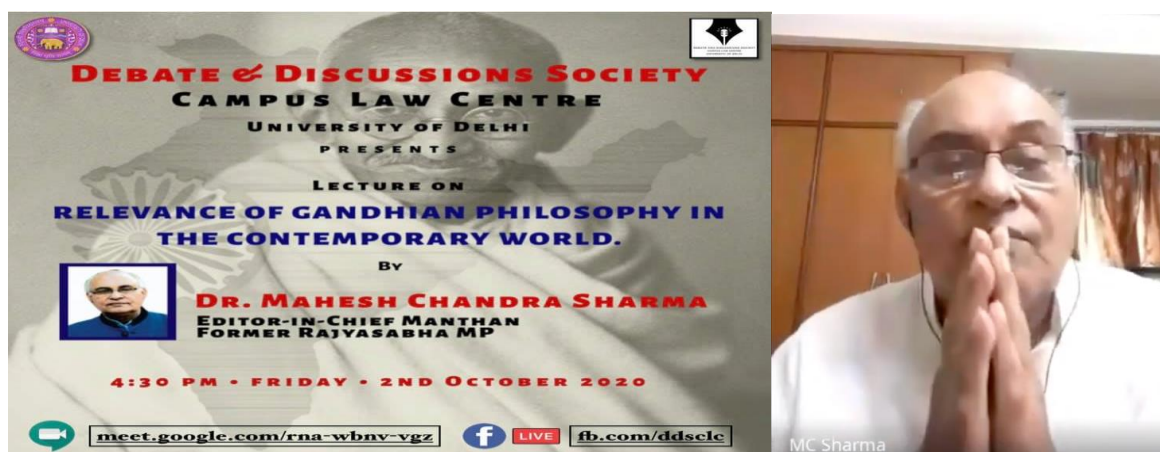
1. Lecture on “New Education Policy 2020” by **Professor Bhagwati Prakash Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Gautam Buddha University.**

(Date: 26th September 2020).



2. Lecture on “Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in the Contemporary World” delivered by **Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma, Former Member of Parliament from Rajya Sabha and Editor-in-Chief, Manthan.**

(Date: 2nd October, 2020)



3. Lecture on "India's Response to China's Expansionist Policy" delivered by **Professor Kuldip Chand Agnihotri, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh**. This lecture focused the role India plays in defending its territorial and extra-territorial interests amid the tectonic shift in global balance of power. (Date: 10th October 2020)



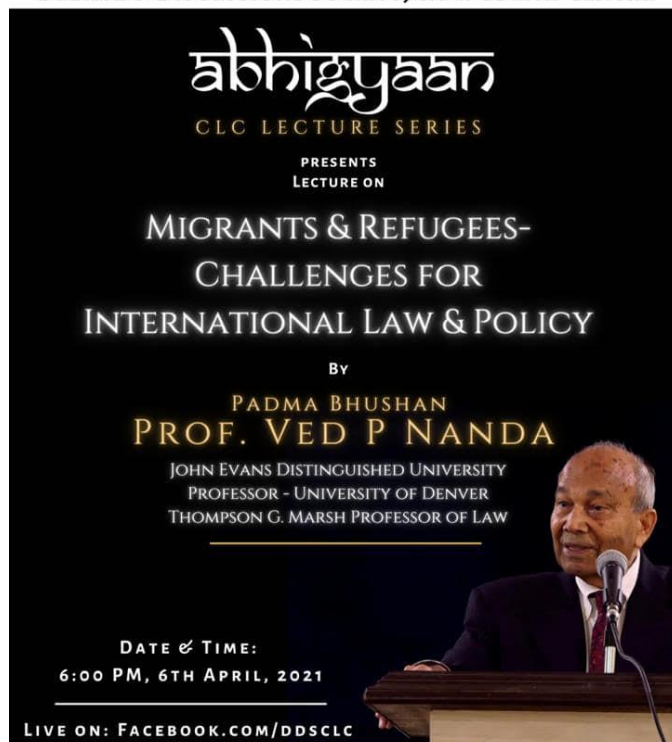
4. Lecture on "Consent in Rape Laws" delivered by **Dr. Latika Vashist, Assistant Professor, Indian Law Institute, Delhi**. The lecture focused on the critical analysis of the definition of consent and discussed the issue of 'mens rea' in Rape cases. (Date: 31st October 2020).



5. Lecture on “Migrants & Refugees- Challenges for International Law & Policy” delivered by **Padma Bhushan Professor Ved P. Nanda, John Evans distinguished University Professor & Thompson G. Marsh Professor of University of Denver.**
(Date: 6th April 2021)



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IV. DDS VIRTUAL INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

1. An interactive virtual session on the Topic “Importance of Debating & Public Speaking in Advocacy” was conducted by **Mr. Kanu Agarwal, Panel- A Counsel for Union of India, Supreme Court of India** during the DDS Orientation Programme conducted for the freshers' batch of 2020.

(Date: 30th January 2021)



2. DDS in collaboration with Bloomsbury organized an interactive virtual session with **Mr. J. Sai Deepak, Advocate, Supreme Court of India & Author** on the Topic & Book “India that is Bharat- Coloniality, Civilization, Constitution”.

(Date: 14th August 2021).



V. DDS VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

1. DDS in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (East) to conduct a workshop on “Child Rights and POCSO”, conducted by **Ms. Harshita Mishra, Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate & Secretary, DLSA (East)**.

(Date: 15th March, 2021).

CHILD RIGHTS & CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE (WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON POCSO ACT)

Presentation by:-
Harshita Mishra
Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (East)
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.

WORKSHOP ON "CHILD RIGHTS & POCSO"

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
MS. HARSHITA MISHRA
LD. METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AND SECRETARY, DLSA (EAST).

What are the rights which are conferred by UNCRC their parallels in Indian Laws?

- Ar. 2 (Right to Non-discrimination) (Ar. 14 and 15 of the Indian Constitution)
- Ar. 3 (Right to get Best Interests safeguarded) (Laws pertaining to Children; JJ Act etc.)
- Ar. 4 (Protection of Rights) (JJ Act; Right to Education Act etc.)
- Ar. 5 and 9 (Right to Parental Guidance & Right against being separated from (JJ Act & Rules)
- Ar. 6 and 24 (Right to Survival & Healthy Development, including nutritional; emotional; educational; and recreational rights) (Article 39(e); 39 (f); 47 of the Constitution)

Small Children (0-2)	Agnes (2-9)	Adolescents (10-18)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fear • Excessive crying • Feeding and bowel problems • Sleeping problems • Failure to thrive • Cannot relax even around trusted ones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fear of certain things, people, places, and activities • Behavioral regression; stranger anxiety; changes in appetite, nightmares, insomnia; withdrawal from loved ones; feeling of shame/guilt; excessive crying • Suddenly has toys or other gifts without reason 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All to activities • No (if) • Se • W • Cl • Re • In • Ph • Ar • M
Excessive Crying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain during urination and/or bowel • Bleeding/ discharges/ pain in • Sexually transmitted diseases • Difficulty walking, sitting, standing • Self induced injuries 	

2. DDS and the Gender Sensitization Committee in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (East) presented a workshop on “Sexual Harassment at Workplace” by **Ms. Harshita Mishra, Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate & Secretary, DLSA (East)**.
(Date: 14th April, 2021).

Initial Silence of the Laws:

- ▶ On account of patriarchy and its attendant perception that men are superior women and that some forms of violence against women was acceptable.
- ▶ On account of the skewed mindset that sexual harassment was harmless, trivial, and that males have a 'natural' tendency for 'harmless flirtation' is very often enjoyed by women.
- ▶ On account of deep-rooted socio-cultural behavioral patterns, which a gender hierarchy and which very often pin the blame for harassment

DEBATE & DISCUSSIONS SOCIETY AND GENDER SENSITIZATION COMMITTEE, CLC IN COLLABORATION WITH DELHI STATE LEGAL SERVICE AUTHORITY PRESENT

WORKSHOP ON "SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORKPLACE"

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
MS. HARSHITA MISHRA
LD. METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE SECRETARY, DLSA

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 2021
TIME: 5:30 PM ONWARDS
HOSTED ON CISCO WEBEX

ENTRY IS SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION
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VI. CLC LAW REVIEW (CLR)

CLR is a blind peer-reviewed annual journal with an aim to encourage a multi- disciplinary approach to law and provide an international platform to students, academicians, authors and professionals across the globe, to engage and contribute to the existing and evolving literature in the discipline of law.

VII. KARTAVYAM

Kartavyam is a **Digital Legal Education Project** (via YouTube) to reinvigorate the sense of duty towards principles of constitution and making law accessible and comprehensible to all by leveraging the power of the Internet for imparting foundational knowledge of the duties, rights and procedures.

VIII. DDS VIGNETTES

DDS VIGNETTES are snippets of all DDS' Keynotes posted in audio-visual format on YouTube and in textual format on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter). DDS has a robust presence on social media with 3,000+ followers & 500+ Subscribers. Links to DDS's social media platforms are as follows:

- (i) Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/ddsccl>
- (ii) YouTube- <https://www.youtube.com/DebateSocietyCampusLawCentre>
- (iii) Instagram- https://www.instagram.com/clc_dds/
- (iv) Twitter- https://twitter.com/clc_dds
- (v) LinkedIn- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/ddsccl/>
- (vi) Telegram- https://t.me/DDS_CLC

