



**DEBATE & DISCUSSIONS SOCIETY  
CAMPUS LAW CENTRE  
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**

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# FOREWARD

Campus Law Centre celebrated its centennial milestone in 2022. The rich contribution our institution has made to the development of law and to the legal community in its last hundred years of functioning is, beyond doubt, a remarkable achievement. As I reflect on the legacy this institution carries, I realize what stands apart among all, is the spirit of intellectual curiosity which is at the heart of its academic culture. Students are encouraged in and out of the classrooms to express their opinions and engage in fruitful discussions. These opinions may vary profoundly, and it only reflects the diversity and inclusivity which is experienced within this institution. The Debate and Discussions Society (DDS) of CLC carries the enormous responsibility of creating an inclusive open space for students to come together and express their opinions on various contemporary issues in law. The society makes it a task to ensure this space is inclusive in nature to accommodate all opinions, bearing mutual respect for each other. DDS elevates the quality of these discussions by inviting eminent experts to be part of this dialogical learning process.

As its faculty convenor, I got to oversee the functioning of the society along with my dear colleagues Dr Vandana Mahalwar, Dr Rohit Moonka, Dr Dinesh Dayma, and Ms Anumeha Mishra. Although, this year was particularly challenging on many fronts, the DDS team led under the excellent leadership of student convenors Toshita, Shubhangi, and Shishir, the co- convenors, executive members, and the working committee, handled them with diligence and commitment to meet its objectives. The Annual Report of 2022-2023 gives us a glimpse of the excellent efforts put by them. I extend my appreciation to each of the members of Debate and Discussions Society for their dedication towards the society. And lastly, I encourage all the students to continue being an active part of the DDS community by contributing your share of curiosity to learning the law and enliven our campus with many more fruitful discussions.

**DR. SEEMA SINGH**

**DDS FACULTY CONVENOR**





# INTRODUCTION

Debate and Discussions Society of Campus Law Centre is responsible for facilitation of an environment where students and experts can gather around to discuss, debate, and deliberate on various contemporary legal issues.

The 42 members strong student led society under the helm of its Faculty Convenor- Dr. Seema Singh, strives to ensure that CLC remains a campus where thriving discussions is part and parcel of the institution's academic culture. The academic year of 2022-2023 was a challenge in many ways, since students and faculty were reeling back and adjusting to carrying on their academic activities as in pre-covid times, while transitioning from online learning to an offline one.

As our report goes on to highlight, that despite this, the Debate and Discussions society emerged successful in organising a glossary of events, from keynote lectures delivered by judges of Supreme Court, conducting panel discussions, to organising a mega parliamentary debate event which witnessed participation of students from colleges across Delhi NCR region.

This report, in many ways, is also a mark of assurance to the fraternity of Campus Law Centre, of the commitment and preparedness of the Debate and Discussions Society- as it continues to uphold the virtue of academic curiosity, by securing a platform for everyone to engage in fruitful debates and discussions.

# COMPOSITION OF DDS

## FACULTY CONVENOR

Dr. Seema Singh  
Dr. Vandana Mahalwar

## FACULTY MEMBERS

Prof. Anumeha Mishra  
Dr Rohit Moonka  
Dr Dinesh Dayma

## STUDENT EXECUTIVE BODY

### Student Convenors :

Toshita Joshi  
Jha Shubhangi Umesh  
Shishir Kumar Rai

### Student Co- Convenors :

Adarsh Kumar  
Charvi Virmani  
Md. Arif Ansari

### Student Executive Members

- Gaurangi Verma
- Surayansh Atri
- Nidhi Dixit
- Uttam Kumar Gupta
- Sanstuti Mishra
- Vakula G
- Aman Rawat
- Sharad Negi
- Ananditha Rajeev
- Siddita Singh Rathore
- Saurabh Das

### Student Working Committee

- Anannya Singh
- Ashwary Srivastava
- Sejal Choudhary
- Aniket Patra
- Anshika Bhatnagar
- Shaurya Veer Kapoor
- Farhan Khan
- Riya
- Stephin George
- Manthan Singh Khurana
- Anushka Sharma
- Ajay Kumar
- Shantanu Thakur
- Tenzin Chuni Bhutia
- Ritwik Mehta
- Shreya Singh
- Harsh Kapil
- Divya Yadav
- Achint Priya
- Niharika
- Toko
- Devika Manoj
- Rutuja Shedge
- Sidhi Raina
- Priya Goel

# THE CLC OPINION PROJECT (TCOP)

The CLC Opinion Project (TCOP) is an intra-debating flagship event organised by DDS annually. TCOP transcends the boundaries of a mere debating competition and evolves into an intellectual symposium where ideas collide, perspectives are refined, and participants are nurtured into articulate, critically thinking future legal practitioners.

At the heart of TCOP lies the unique format that sets it apart from traditional debating competitions. Rather than a mere contest of opposing viewpoints, TCOP takes a nuanced approach by incorporating the insights of two eminent experts.



The theme for this year's TCOP was Sedition Laws. By addressing the complexities of sedition laws, participants displayed the essence of legal scholarship, as they were challenged to navigate the delicate terrains of freedom of speech & expression vis-a-vis national security. The event witnessed participation of two expert invitee speakers- Dr. Anand Ranganathan, a distinguished Professor from JNU, and Mr. Bharat Chugh, an Advocate and a Former Judge.



# CLC TOWN HALL

(1 April, 2023)

CLC TOWN HALL encapsulates the essence of Debate and Discussions society's desire to create an inclusive legal community, by facilitating exchange of ideas between both budding legal minds and professionals in the field. This initiative extends beyond conventional academic settings, providing a unique opportunity for attendees to engage in meaningful dialogues, gain practical insights, and develop a nuanced understanding of contemporary legal challenges.

This year, CLC TOWN HALL organized a panel discussion on the theme: 'Defamation Laws: civil vs criminal.' The panelists for the discussion were Mr. Atul Sharma, Ms. Nivedita Mukhija and Mr. Rohan Chawla. The event witnessed participation of over 200 students.



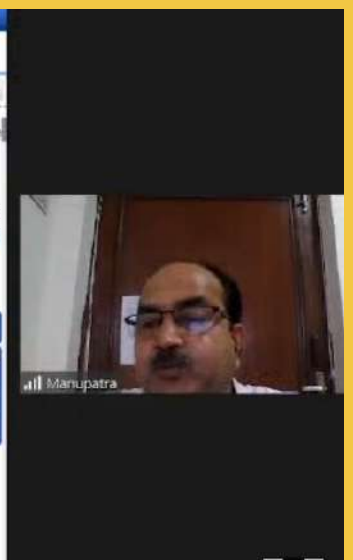
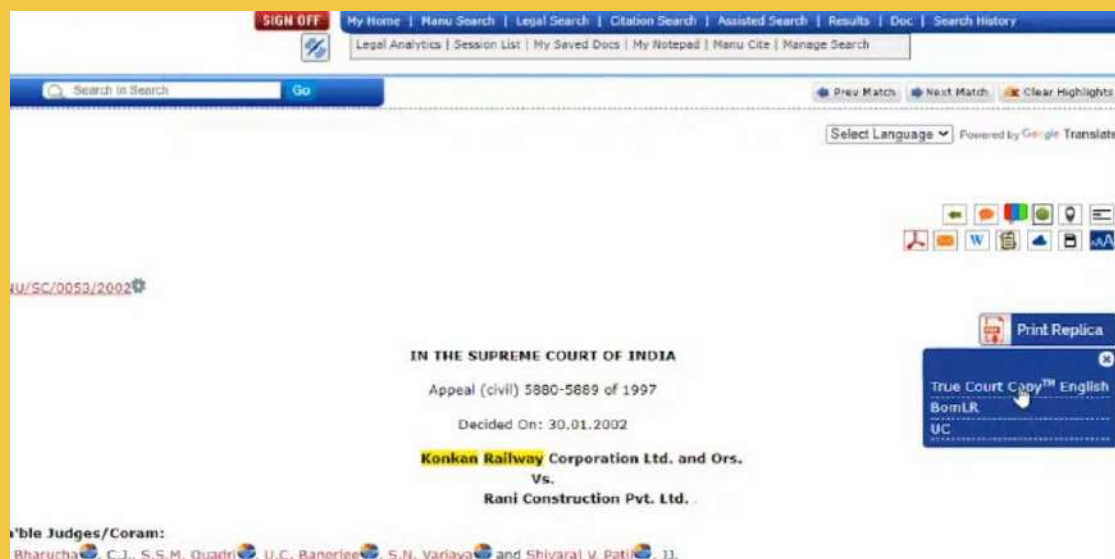
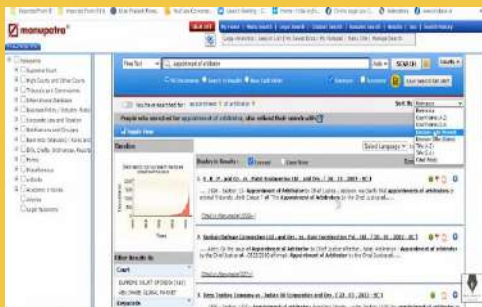
# WORKSHOP ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF LEGAL RESEARCH



(30Sept-1 Oct, 2023)

Debate and Discussions Society conducted a two day workshop on 'The Fundamentals Of Legal Research'. The event was organised in collaboration with SCC Online and Manupatra-two of the leading legal research software used by every legal practitioner in India.

The workshop provided hands-on experience to students on navigating various legal research tools and on ways to intelligently use search tools to produce the desired case results. The lessons were delivered under the guidance of abled instructors from SCC and Manupatra team.







## ORIENTATION AND INTERACTIVE LECTURE SESSION

(7 February, 2023)

On the occasion of welcoming the first year batch, a lecture cum interactive session was organised for the students with the invitee speaker Mr. Siddharth Batra, Advocate-on-Record, on the topic titled 'The Art of Oral Advocacy.'

The event aimed to provide an introduction to the incoming students by offering them an insightful glimpse into the world of legal advocacy. Mr. Siddharth Batra shared many strategies, practical tips, and real-life anecdotes accumulated over his illustrious career spanning over 17 years, to guide students to understand the crucial skill of presenting persuasive arguments in courtrooms. The event witnessed participation of over 500 students.

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# TEAM BUILDING SESSION

(March, 2023)

The Debate and Discussions society strives to foster a meaningful community internally within the society as much as it does to promote and facilitate the same atmosphere for every student in the college. Every year, the society hosts a team building session at the beginning of the new academic year to welcome its members who have newly joined the society. This year likewise, a bonding session was arranged to introduce its newly inducted 25 working committee members.

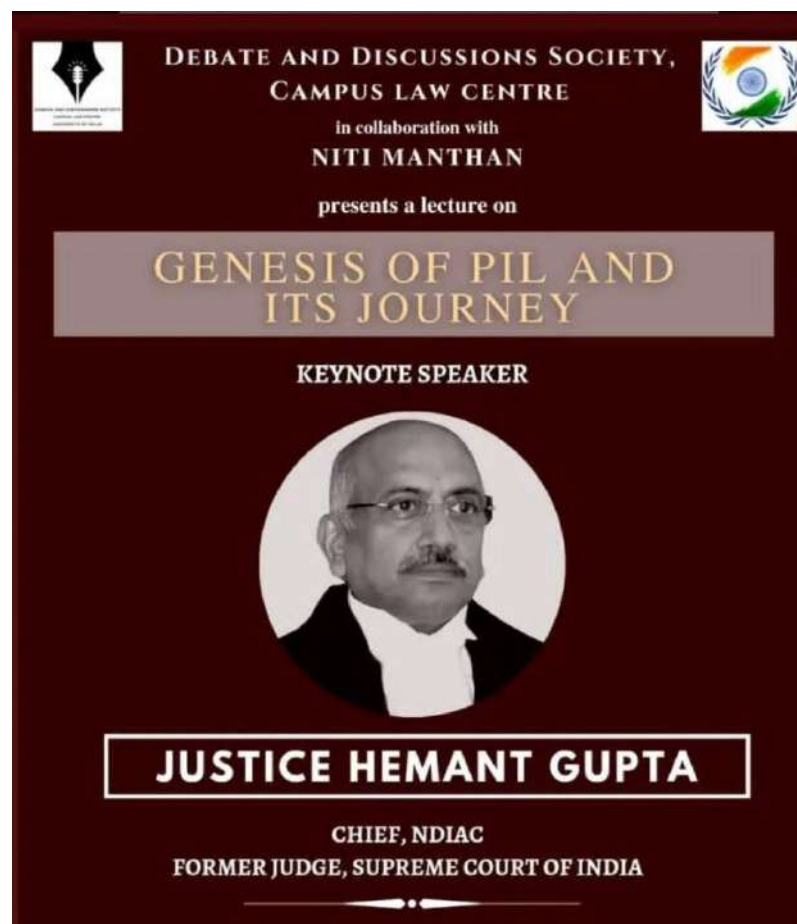
The members gathered themselves in the CLC lawns and got to acquaint with fellow members and senior executive members of the society. Members participated in interactive bonding games, which helped break the ice and foster camaraderie among them. The highlight of the bonding session was the team activity where members were grouped into teams and tasked with ideating new initiatives that the Debate and Discussion Society (DDS) could organize in the future. Many of these ideas have taken shape into initiatives which the society plans to conduct in the near future.



# LECTURE ON GENESIS OF PIL AND IT'S JOURNEY

(14 February, 2023)

The Debate & Discussion Society hosted a lecture titled "Genesis of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) and its Journey". The esteemed keynote speaker for the event was Hon'ble Justice Hemant Gupta, a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India. Justice Hemant Gupta's delved into the origins and the pivotal role that PIL has played in the Indian legal system and offered critical insights on how PIL empowered citizens to seek legal remedies on issues of public interest, making it an essential part of India's judicial landscape. The event witnessed participation of more than 500 students who were offered the opportunity to interact with the Hon'ble Judge during the Q&A session. The event was organised in collaboration with Niti Manthan.



# ABHIGYAAN (CLC LECTURE SERIES)



(17 February, 2023)

The "Abhigyaan-CLC Lecture Series" is an intellectual initiative organized by the Debate and Discussion Society at the Campus Law Centre. Abhigyaan provides a platform for informative and thought-provoking lectures on various topics of interest, with a focus on promoting intellectual engagement and discussion among the members of the Campus Law Centre community. These lectures could cover a wide range of subjects, including legal issues, social topics, and more, delivered by experts, scholars, and notable figures.

This year, Padma Bhushan awardee Professor Ved P. Nanda delivered a lecture on the topic of "India's Permanent Membership in the United Nations Security Council". The lecture delved into the crucial subject of India's global diplomatic efforts and aspirations for a more prominent role in international affairs. The lecture was followed by a Q&A session where the 300+ student attendees were given the opportunity to interact with the speaker.



# LOK NEETI



(6 April, 2023)

A National Youth Parliamentary Debate event under the heading 'Lok Neeti' was organised by Debate and Discussions Society. This event garnered participation from over 100 students representing various colleges in Delhi-NCR region.



The topic for the parliamentary debate was 'Data protection laws in India: balancing privacy, innovation, and national security'. Underscoring the contemporary relevance of data privacy and its intersection with innovation and national security, the event provided a platform for students to take the role of a parliamentarian and engage in insightful debate on this critical issue.



The Chief Guest was Dr. Vinay Bhatnagar, a former Joint Secretary of Delhi Legislative Assembly, who graced the event and shared many learnings gained over his decades long fruitful career working with parliamentarians followed by a Q&A session with the participants.

