



VIRTUAL NATIONAL SEMINAR

ON

AFFORDABLE SHELTERS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN DELHI

JULY 23, 2022

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CAMPUS LAW CENTRE, FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

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**CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND
ADVOCACY (CEERA) NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY,
BENGALURU**

UNDER THE AEGIS OF

**MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF
INDIA**

FINAL REPORT

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

This seminar on ‘Affordable Shelters for Women and Children in Delhi’ is designed to create awareness amongst all stakeholders about the pernicious issue that is the lack of affordable and adequate shelter in Delhi, especially for vulnerable sections of the society. The seminar encouraged a constructive exchange of ideas, experiences, and perspectives, and helped generate long-term and practical solutions, thus productively informing the narrative and policy around homelessness, and allied issues like crime, violence, malnutrition, sexual exploitation, etc. The seminar invited leading academicians, regulators, policy-makers, research scholars, NGOs, students, and other stakeholders from across different disciplines to submit and present their research on the issue of right to shelter and allied themes such as violence against homeless women and children, the role of the Judiciary in ensuring the right to adequate and affordable shelter, affordable healthcare for the urban poor, orphaned children and their need for safe and adequate shelter, etc.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, and through the collaboration with Centre for Environmental Law Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA) of the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, Campus Law Centre has undertaken this ambitious research project titled “Affordable Shelter for Street Women and Children: A Case study of Delhi”. The project aims to identify the challenges that women and children come across, while hoping to find shelter in Delhi. It further aims to highlight the need for safe, secure, and affordable shelter for women and children, who often find themselves in precarious situations. Through this endeavour, it hopes to sensitise the community towards the special needs of women and children, especially when they find themselves on the streets, or in places that are ill-equipped to cater to their needs.

ABOUT CAMPUS LAW CENTRE

Campus Law Centre (CLC), Faculty of Law, University of Delhi is one of the oldest and the most prestigious law schools in the country. By offering the three-year LL.B. program to graduates and postgraduates from all disciplines, CLC attracts illustrious and bright-minded students each year.

Since its inception in 1924, Campus Law Centre has been a leader in producing legal luminaries, Supreme Court and High Court judges, leading advocates, political leaders, policy makers and trend-setters in all walks of life. CLC has maintained its reputation of producing excellent lawyers, academicians, and judges and has added a galaxy of outstanding alumni who have made stellar contributions in the field of law, civil administration, and academics. At Campus Law Centre, through various initiatives and collaborations with like-minded organisations and institutions, various research projects in areas of contemporary importance that have a wide ranging effect on valuable rights of various sections of the society are undertaken with the objective of making CLC a leading light in the field of scholarly legal research. Campus Law Centre strives to instil in its students the spirit of academic enquiry, critical thinking, and crucial research skills. Qualitative teaching, moot-court competitions, campus placements, pro bono legal-aid services, regular discussions, and illustrious alumni are some of the features which have established CLC as a Centre of Excellence. CLC is a deep-rooted legal institution having a glorious past and a bright future ahead.

ABOUT NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY

The National Law School of India University, the Nation's premier law university, came into existence through a Notification under the National Law School of India University Act (Karnataka Act 22 of 1986). It signified the culmination of efforts by the Judiciary, the Bar Council of India, the Karnataka Bar Council, the Bangalore University and the Government of Karnataka to reform legal education and to establish a centre of excellence for legal education and research in India. The Law School has undertaken many research projects designed to strengthen research and teaching at the Law School. The National Law School of India University since its inception has taken proactive steps in organising conferences, seminars, workshops, refresher courses and certificate courses to update academicians, law teachers, students, industry personnel in different subject areas.

ABOUT CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY (CEERA)

Centre for Environmental Law Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA), established in 1997 is a benefactor of the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of Karnataka, the Bar

and the Bench in India and abroad. Building an environmental law database, effectively networking among all stakeholders, building up an environmental law community and policy research in the area of environment are CEERA's main objectives. To achieve the aforesaid, CEERA has incessantly and successfully been able to build functional and professional linkages with government agencies and non governmental organisations in India, the South Asian Region and at International levels. CEERA annually organises, a University Grants Commission recognised, One-week Law Teacher's Refresher Course. CEERA, has been partnering with Central Pollution Control Board in organising Training Programmes for the officers of various State Pollution Control Boards and other industry professionals for over eight (8) years. CEERA has several publications in the area of environmental law, the law and public policy along with Newsletters, CEERA March of the Environmental Law, NLSIU's first e-Journal – Journal on Environmental Law, Policy and Development and manages two websites viz., www.nlsenlaw.org, wherein the law and policy on Environment is regularly updated, and www.nlsabs.com, a dedicated portal wherein the law and policy on Biodiversity Access and Benefit Sharing is updated periodically.



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Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi INAUGURAL CEREMONY - 23rd July, 2022



**Guest of Honour
Sh. Hitesh Vaidya**

Director
National Institute of Urban Affairs
(NIUA), Delhi



**Chief Guest
Sh. Bharat Parashar**

District Judge/ Member Secretary
Delhi State Legal Service Authority
(DSLISA)



**Special Guest
Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat**

Professor of Law, Coordinator-Centre for
Environmental Law, Education, Research and
Advocacy [CEERA] at National Law School of India
University, Bengaluru



**Patron-in- Chief
Prof. (Dr.) Alka Chawla**

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SCHEDULE

10:00 am - 10:10 am	Welcome Address - Dr. Anita Yadav Assistant Professor (Sr. Scale) Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi
10:10 am - 10:25 am	Address by Professor-In-Charge, Campus Law Centre - Prof. (Dr.) Alka Chawla Professor of Law, Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi
10:25 am - 10:50 am	Address by Chief Guest - Sh. Bharat Parashar District Judge/ Member Secretary, Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA)
10:50 am - 11:15 am	Address by Guest of Honour - Sh. Hitesh Vaidya Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), Delhi
11:15 am - 11:40 am	Address by Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat Professor of Law, Coordinator-Centre for Environmental Law, Education, Research and Advocacy [CEERA] at National Law School of India University, Bengaluru
11:40 am - 11:50 am	Vote of thanks by Dr. Anita Yadav
	Master of Ceremony – Madhav Goel 3rd year Student of Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi

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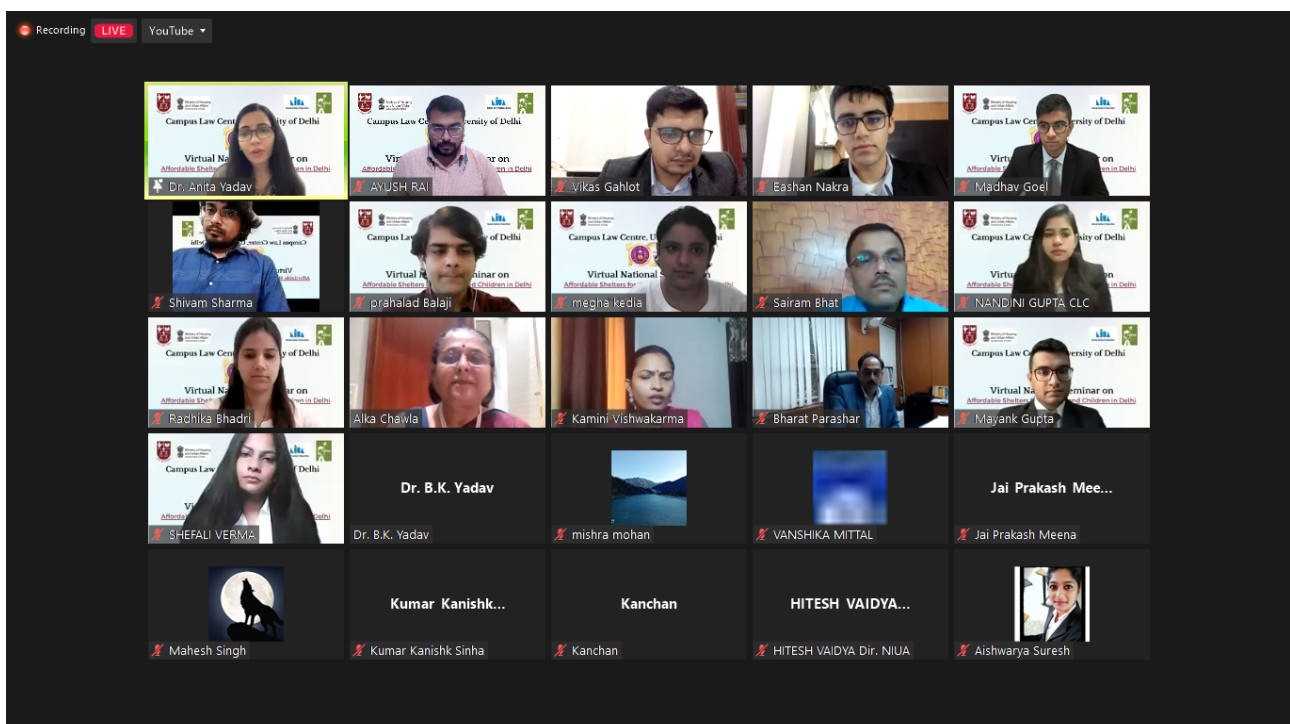
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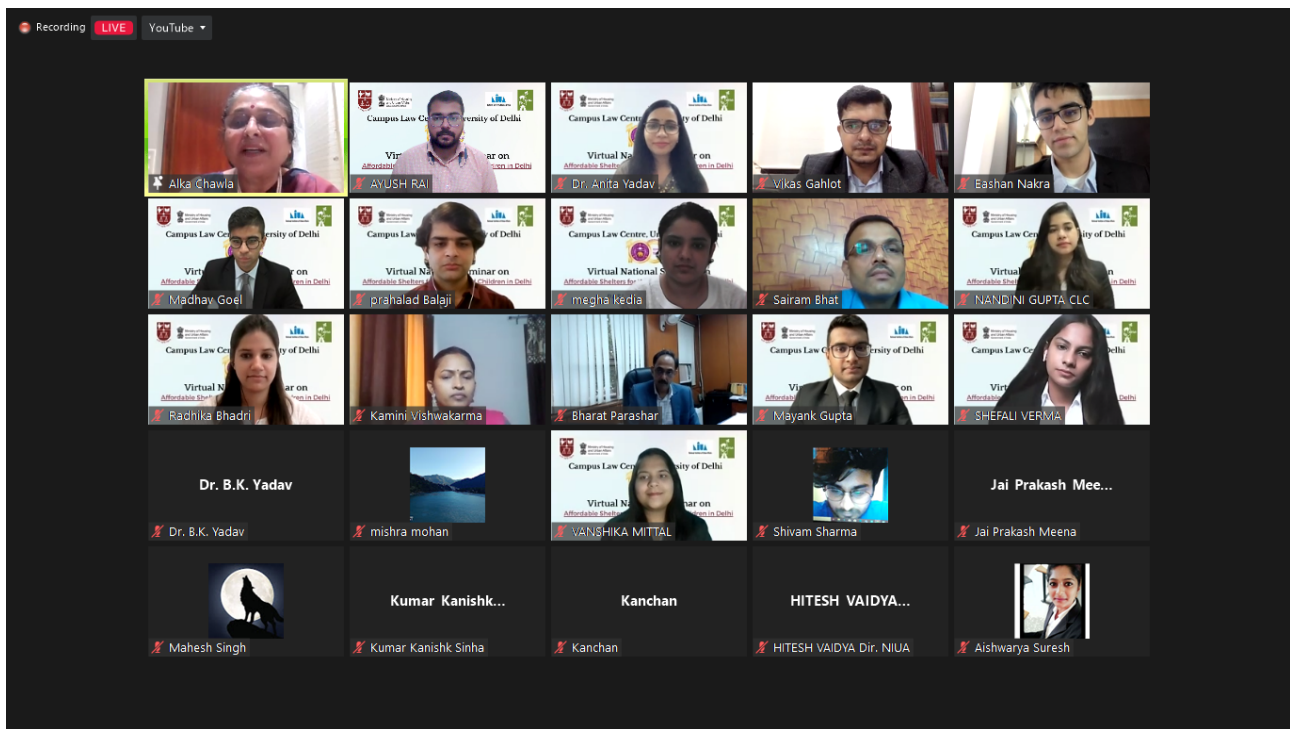
Dr. Anita Yadav, Assistant Professor (Sr. Scale), Campus Law Centre (CLC), University of Delhi.

The Seminar opened with Dr. Anita Yadav's welcome address wherein she welcomed all the dignitaries as well as the audience present in the online seminar. She introduced all the guests to the audience. She then went on to speak about the research project on the topic "Affordable Shelter for Street Women and Children: A Case study of Delhi" of which this seminar is a part of, and which has been undertaken by Campus Law Centre in collaboration with CEERA, NLSIU, and the Ministry of Urban Affairs, Government of India. She went on to add that the seminar is being organised as a part of the research project in order to make all the stakeholders aware about the various problems faced by the urban poor and at the same time it would help in creating a narrative and starting a conversation around the issues pertaining to affordable shelter. Stakeholders were invited from a wide arena of fields, such as academicians, law students, NGOs, lawyers, etc. She concluded her welcome speech with the number of abstracts that were received for the paper presentation as a part of the seminar.

Dr. Yadav then introduced the Patron-in-Chief of the Seminar, Prof. (Dr.) Alka Chawla, Professor-in-Charge of Campus Law Centre.

Prof. (Dr.) Alka Chawla began her address by greeting everyone present in the seminar, and thanking the guests for joining the seminar. She then welcomed and greeted all the participants who were to present papers in the Seminar. She spoke about how pertinent the topic of the Seminar is which as it concerns issues plaguing women and children in the National Capital. She talked about Campus Law Centre being a leader in producing judges, legal luminaries, renowned lawyers, etc. She added that the characteristic mark of any legal institution is evidenced by its ability to undertake research projects in areas of contemporary importance wide ranging impact on valuable rights of various sections of society. She discussed how millions of people around the country lack a roof over their head and are therefore left vulnerable to crime, violence, etc. This impacts not only their livelihood, but is also detrimental to their dignity and well being. The brunt is borne by the most vulnerable section of the society, that is, the women and children. She emphasised on the importance of affordable and adequate shelters being the most basic need of people, and how the Indian welfare state has also been mandated by the Constitution to achieve that objective. She noted that India is a signatory to various covenants which talk about shelter as a fundamental need of everyone. She concluded her address discussing the research project which she hoped would prove to be seminal in creating a narrative around the topic.





Prof. (Dr.) Alka Chawla introduced the Chief Guest Mr. Bharat Parashar, District Judge/Member Secretary, Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA).

Mr. Parashar started his address by thanking the organisers for inviting him to the seminar on a “very important topic” and showed his gratitude for the same. He talked about how homelessness has been a problem throughout the world for centuries and how the problem of homelessness continues to grow every year. He called the problem of homelessness a “proverbial elephant in the room” which has been left unaddressed for a long time. He further laid emphasis on the problems faced by the homeless. He described life on the streets as usually involving surviving in a physically brutal and challenging environment with denial of even elementary public services, coupled with the criminalisation by a hostile state of all self-help efforts for shelter and livelihood by urban poor residents. Homelessness constitutes the worst violation of the human right to adequate housing, and women and children are among the worst affected. He highlighted that homeless women and children are more vulnerable to abuse, sexual violence, disease, and mental illness. Another reason for women and children being homeless is that they have escaped from situations of violence. Homelessness is a policy area which is in need of an explicitly gendered as well as child centric approach. Gendered housing interventions and policy responses need to be developed so as to tackle

the larger social economic and political inequalities that relegate the issues affecting women and children to the margins. Realising that women and children face these serious existential problems, different organs of the state are now trying to formulate policies and oversee their effective implementation so that the right to affordable, secure housing does not remain a mirage for destitute women and children. He talked about round the clock special shelter homes and family shelter homes which are being made under the National Urban Livelihood Mission launched in 2014 to cater to the needs of women and children. He talked about the one-stop sakhi centres that are made available to victims of domestic abuse. He concluded his address with the hope that various stakeholders would, in collaboration, undertake to address the problem of adequate and affordable shelter for destitute women and children. He hoped that everyone present in the seminar would brainstorm various ways to secure affordable shelter for women and children.

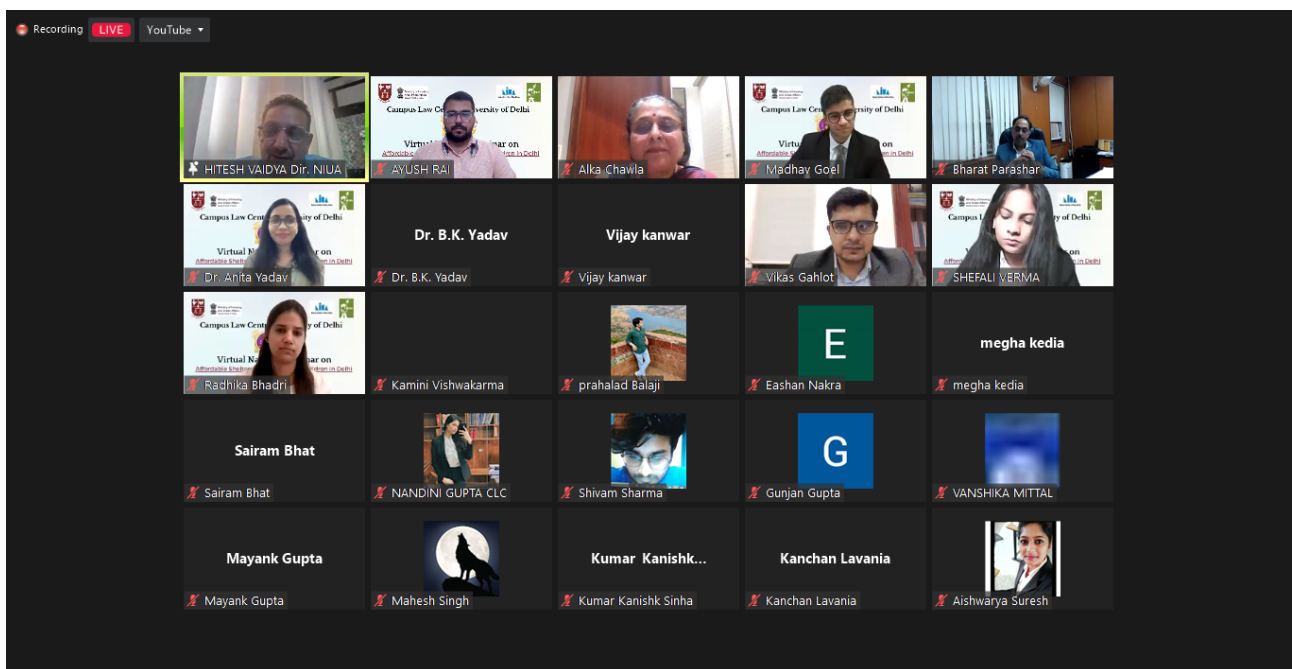
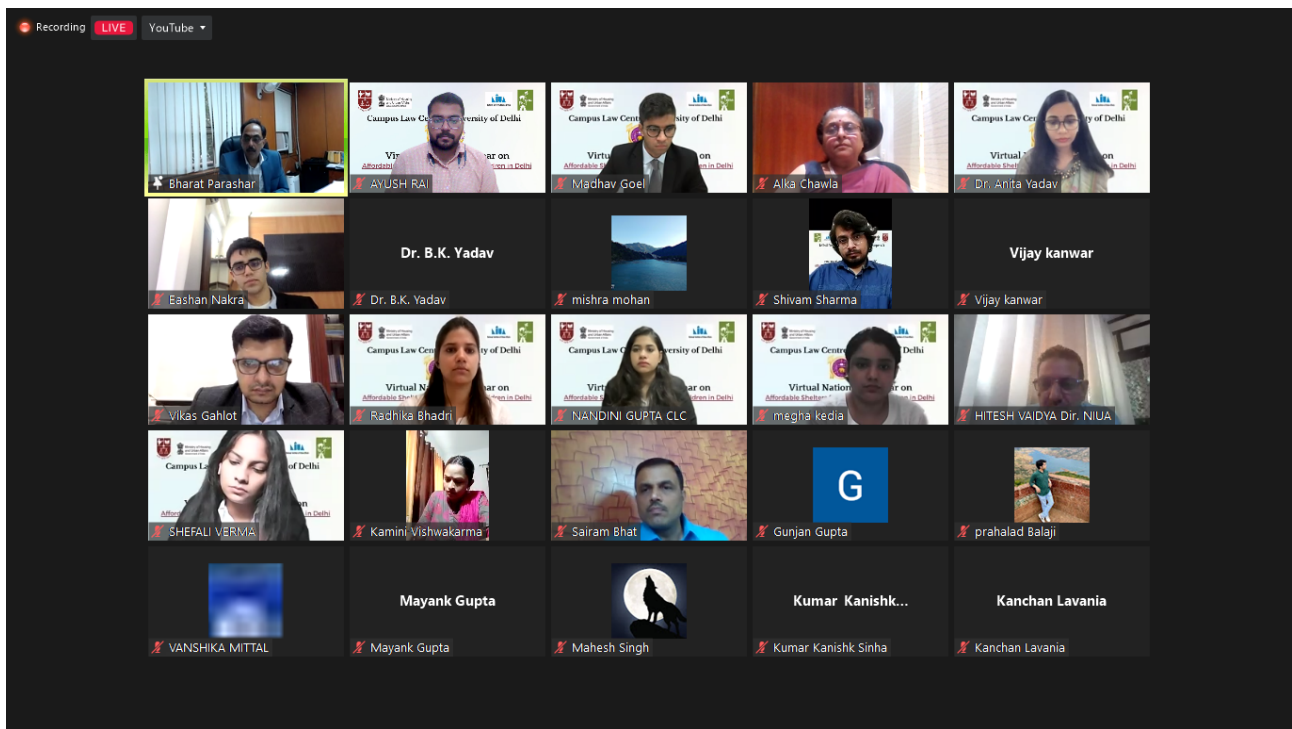
Prof. (Dr.) Alka Chawla then introduced the Guest of Honour Mr. Hitesh Vaidya, Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), New Delhi.

Mr. Vaidya began by greeting everyone in attendance. He pointed out how this seminar has brought practitioners and academicians together, and how this collaboration is important. He talked about how the two premier institutions, CLC and NIUA, can work together and address the issue of homelessness. He talked about the contextual research that NIUA conducts in collaboration with other institutions in the area of smart cities. The second topic he discussed was training of practitioners who would then work according to the models designed by researchers. The third topic that he spoke about was knowledge building. He also discussed the Master Plan for Delhi 2041. He emphasised that these plans should be strategic and flexible. He talked about the Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana and how it was a game changer in that it gave women a right to ownership of the house. He concluded by congratulating CLC and the organising committee for organising a seminar on the topic, and starting a conversation around homelessness.

Dr. Anita Yadav then introduced the Special Guest for the session Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat, Professor of Law, Coordinator, Centre for Environmental Law, Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA) at NLSIU, Bengaluru.

Prof. (Dr.) Bhat began his address acknowledging that it was enthralling listening to the other speakers. He spoke about the need for research and contribution to public policy on the issue of affordable housing. He then talked about the Chair on Urban Poor at NLSIU which is administered by CEERA. He emphasised about how when affordable housing is seen as a challenge, then there are many other challenges which come to light and require intervention, debate and discussion. He talked about the need to look into India's international commitments to improve the standard of living of its citizens, viz. UDHR, ICCPR, Child Rights Convention, etc. He then talked about the role of various organs in securing the rights of the homeless and added that this issue has three dimensions. The first one is Judicial intervention. The Judiciary has already declared the right to shelter an inherent right under Article 21. This, he adds, is important not only from a jurisprudential point of view but also in terms of establishing the right to shelter. However, when we see the legislative and executive aspects of affordable shelter, we would find that challenges lie there. He added that the reason for collaborating with CLC, with a special emphasis on women and children, was that empirical data that research could gather if focussed on Delhi would not be possible if the project's focus was on another city. He thanked Dr. Anita Yadav and Prof. (Dr.) Chawla for the collaboration between the two institutions on the research project. He spoke about how when we talk about affordable housing, the principle of non-discrimination becomes very important. He talked about cooperative federalism being an important key in ensuring affordable housing. He added that the declaration of rights should not only be on paper but should also be justiciable. The problem of affordable housing is not faced only by migrants and displaced people, but also refugees, being equally vulnerable if not more. He hoped that when policy would be framed for providing affordable housing, women and children as the most vulnerable group would be treated preferably. He added that administrative and legislative action is required in order to come up with adequate support for affordable housing. The Constitution should be amended to include the right to shelter as a specific fundamental right. He concluded his address by thanking the team and wishing the presenters. He hoped that the collaboration between CEERA and CLC continues for other such projects.

The Inaugural session of the National Seminar ended with a Vote of Thanks tendered by Dr. Anita Yadav. She thanked all the dignitaries for kindly accepting the invitation to be a part of the seminar and wished luck to all the participants for the paper presentation.





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JUDGES FOR PAPER PRESENTATION



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PANEL A

Judges: Dr. Asha Rawat and Mr. Amit Yadav

Participants:

1. Vijay Kanwar - “Protecting homelessness of women and children in India by Intervention and Prevention”

Her paper revolved around how no shelter for women and children causes the problem of their security and how they suffer from various kinds of violence and abuse. Lack of access to government schemes and policies has increased the vulnerability of women and children. Her paper attempted to highlight the problem, causes, and prevention of this issue at various levels, and the need to urge all three important organs of the government to make a special framework to deal with this situation of homelessness. At the end of her presentation, Mr. Amit Yadav posed the question as to why her topic is gender specific and why it does not look at homelessness as a ‘human’ problem? She answered the same by highlighting the vulnerabilities faced were gender specific.

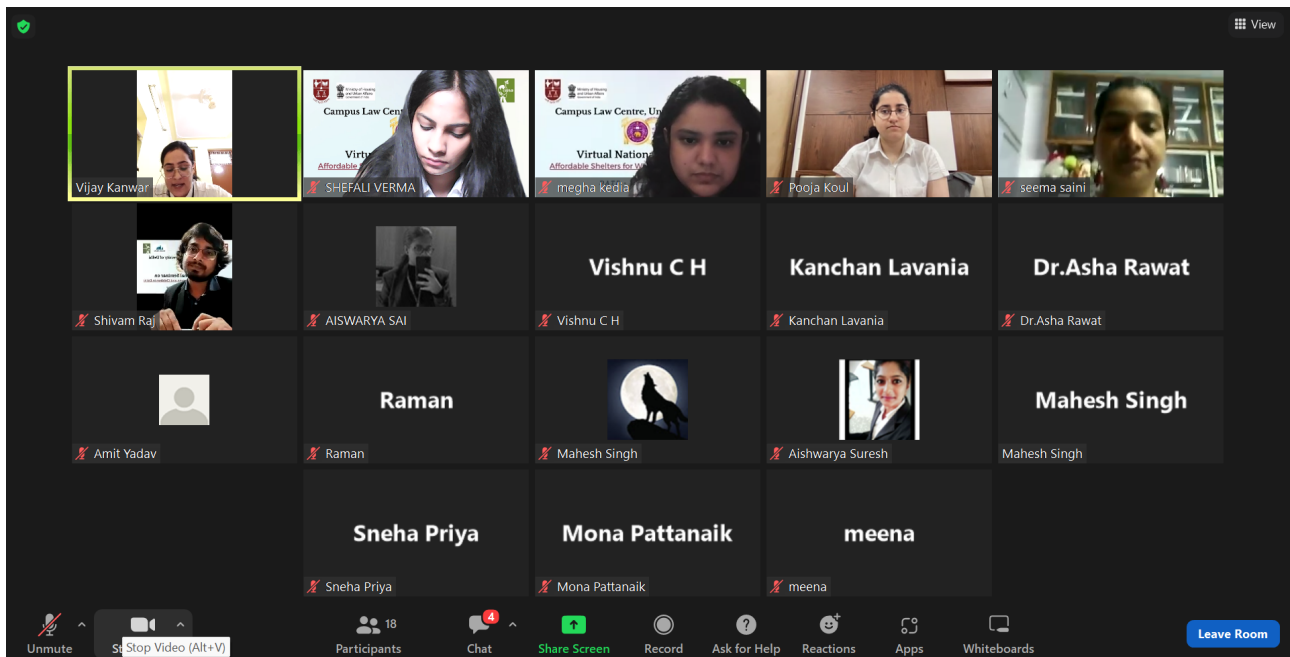
2. Aishwarya Suresh and Mahesh Singh - “A Study on Exploitation of Helpless Migrant Workers & Their Rights”

They started their presentation by pointing out how the global pandemic called for a nationwide lockdown in the interest of public safety, but ultimately triggered a huge crisis to which the helpless migrant workers and children succumbed. Their paper focused on the difficulties faced by migrant workers, especially by women and children, the rights and protections available to them, and the responsibility of the government to protect them. Thus, by suggesting various effective measures, they emphasised the need for the government’s attention towards the necessity of bringing forward regulations to rectify the defects and ensure the protection of migrant women and children.

3. Dr. Meena Kumary S. and Vishnu C. H. - “Advancing Right to Adequate Housing Through Social Intervention: A Critical Analysis of Life Mission Scheme of Government of Kerala”

They presented a critical analysis of the LIFE Mission project to evolve the National Level Policy Framework to achieve the right to adequate housing. The Kerala LIFE (Livelihood Inclusion and Financial Empowerment) is a comprehensive housing scheme started by the Kerala government for all the landless and homeless people. The prime beneficiaries of the Mission are those families with

incomplete/dilapidated houses, families having semi-legal/semi-permanent houses on government land or in coastal regions families, and families who are landless and houseless. In conclusion, the team suggested central legislations that recognised the right to adequate housing and effective monitoring and transparency of the same.



4. Kanchan Lavania - “Notions of Justice, Development and the Role of Judiciary: The Issue of Affordable Shelters in India.”

She began her presentation by asking a simple yet effective question, ‘*Who has the responsibility?*’, individual merit or the State. She then looked at the issue at hand through the philosophical prism, legislative lens, executive efforts, and judicial intervention.

5. Raman - “Impact of COVID-19 on the Women Migrant Workers under the Unorganised Sector”

Her presentation focused on the various hardships which were faced by women employed in the unorganised sector during the COVID-19 pandemic. She highlighted that homeless women migrant workers became more vulnerable to crimes and have had to face different forms of violence which include physical, mental, and sexual violence.

6. Aishwarya Sai and Sneha Priya - “Role of NGOs and Their Need”

Their presentation focused on the need for NGOs over government policies, and their roles in the upliftment of society.

7. Pooja Koul - “Violence, Homelessness and Gender - A Socio-Legal Issue in India”

Her paper addressed all the primary concerns and causes of homelessness, as well as the types of violence and abuse homeless women and children are subjected to. She then discussed the government’s efforts towards eradicating these concerns/issues and protecting people’s fundamental human rights.

8. Neha Kumari - “Homeless Children and their Right to Education in India”

Her presentation was centred around the Right to Education under Article 21A of the Constitution of India, and the unfortunate plight of homeless children attached to it. The presentation highlighted the barriers which are responsible for the improper implementation of the right to education for street children in India. Lastly, she navigated around some feasible suggestions for the protection of the right.

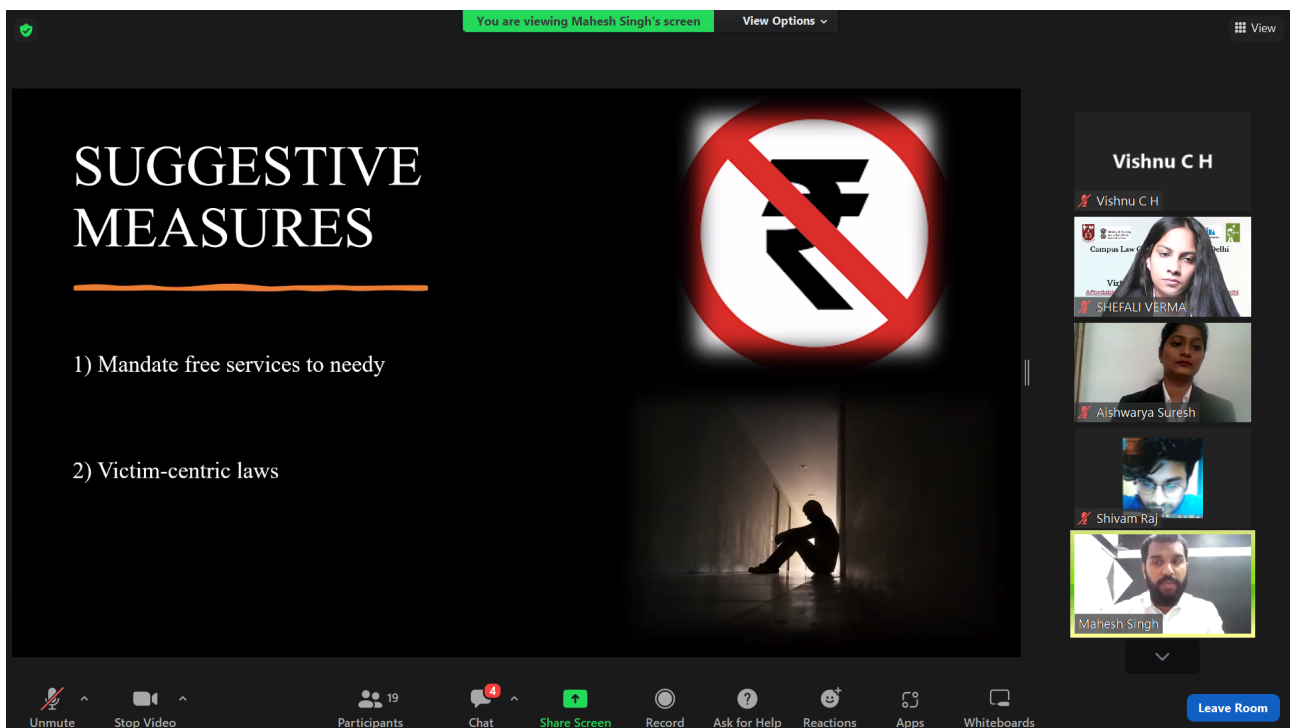
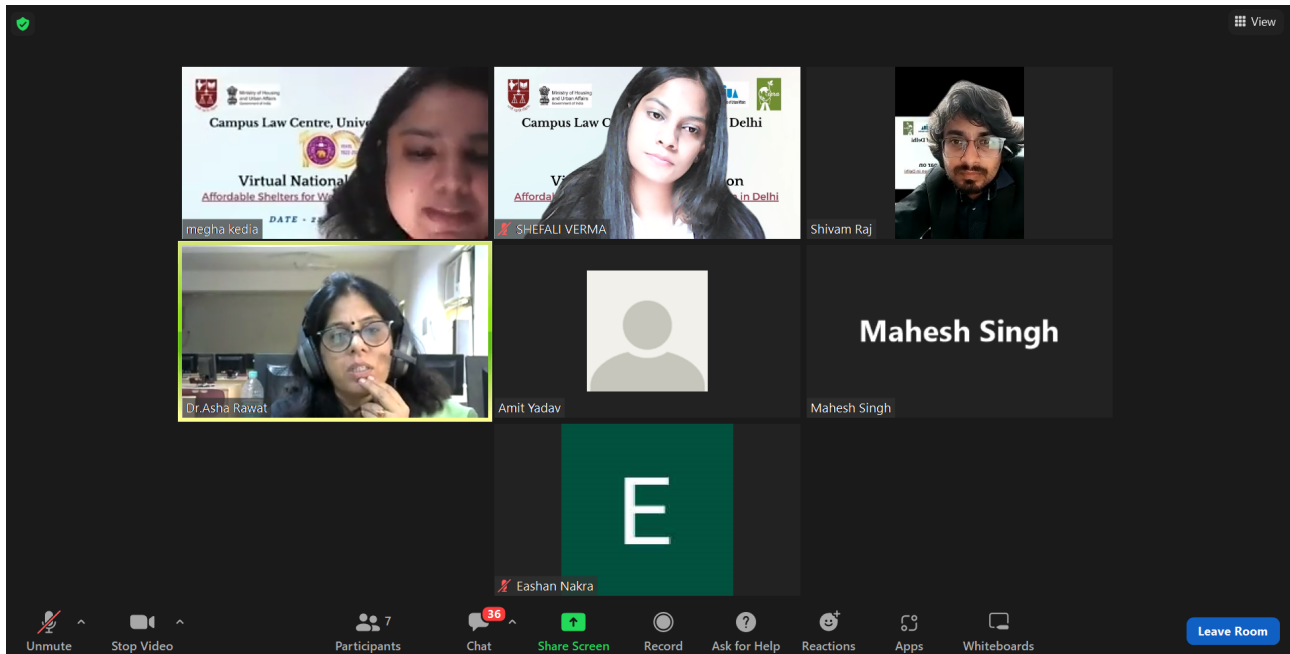
9. Mona Pattanaik - “Protection of Homeless Women in India: A Comparative Study of India and United States”

Through this presentation, she navigated through the State’s legal duty toward the homeless, and specific provisions for the protection of women in particular as per domestic laws as well as international legal standards. The presenter then highlighted the laws and national statistics of developed nations like the United States to analyse the difference in approaches toward the problem. In conclusion, she laid out some suggestive policy as well as implementational measures for the Indian legal system for better protection of homeless women.

10. Seema Saini - “Notions of Justice, Development and the Role of Judiciary: The Issue of Affordable Shelters in India”

The presenter began by talking about the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979. She then led us through international provisions on the right

to shelter and various government schemes covering the same. At the end, she took the panel through the data and information of a survey conducted by her on the outskirts of Delhi.



PANEL B

Judges: Mr. Arjun Philip George and Dr. Niteesh Kumar Upadhyay

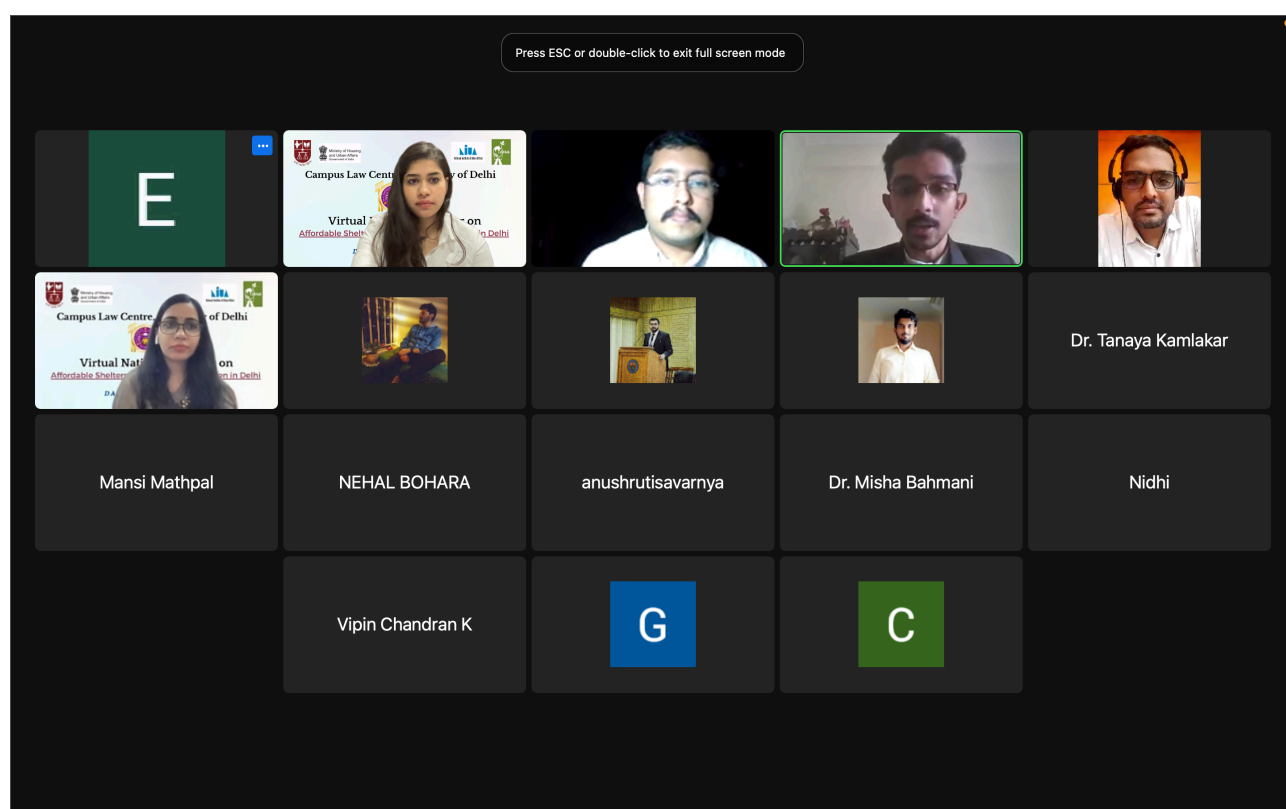
Participants:

1. Shivam Verma and Subramanyan H. - “Affordable Shelters for Women and Children in Delhi : A Right of Matter”

This team kept focused on issues like mental health and homelessness, and various mechanisms of dispensing justice, policies and schemes, and noteworthy judgements. They subsequently referred to international agreements and covenants, and concluded by suggesting that the Delhi Government should implement the Kerala model for shelter for the homeless.

2. Dr. Gaurav Kashinath Jadhav and Dr. Tanaya P. Kamlakar - “Safeguarding the Housing of Homeless Women Through Legal Alleviation - A Constitutional Approach”

This team started by explaining the deplorable relegation of women. They then discussed the constitutional safeguards pertaining to adequate shelter for women and children by referring to various articles of Indian Constitution such as Article 21 and the Directive Principles of State Policy. The team also discussed various schemes launched by the Government, and concluded by bringing to light topics such as gender sensitisation, employability, livelihood, and housing.



3. Shishta Pareek - “An Analysis of Solutions for Homelessness Among Indian Women”

She commenced her presentation by discussing various housing schemes of other countries, and juxtaposed them alongside government policies in India. She then presented data regarding shelter homes and concluded by suggesting measures to tackle homelessness.

4. Dr Misha Bahmani - “Impact of COVID-19 on the Street Women and Children”

She started by discussing the situation of as it existed before the COVID-19, and then went on to discuss the concerns and challenges brought forth by the pandemic. She then talked about the nature of support provided by the Delhi Government to homeless women and children. She also discussed the urgent need to secure the livelihood of street women and children, and concluded by suggesting measures to be taken in the future to tackle this problem.

5. Vipin Chandran K. - “International Human Rights Laws for Women and Children”

He started by introducing the concept of homelessness and the challenges faced by women and children. He also addressed mental health issues faced by street women, and the consequent extreme depression. Thereafter, he presented data about the conditions in USA, and concluded by discussing various aspects of international human rights.

6. Mansi Mathpal - “Violence Against Homeless Women in India: A Life Without a ‘Roof’ of Rights and Shelter”

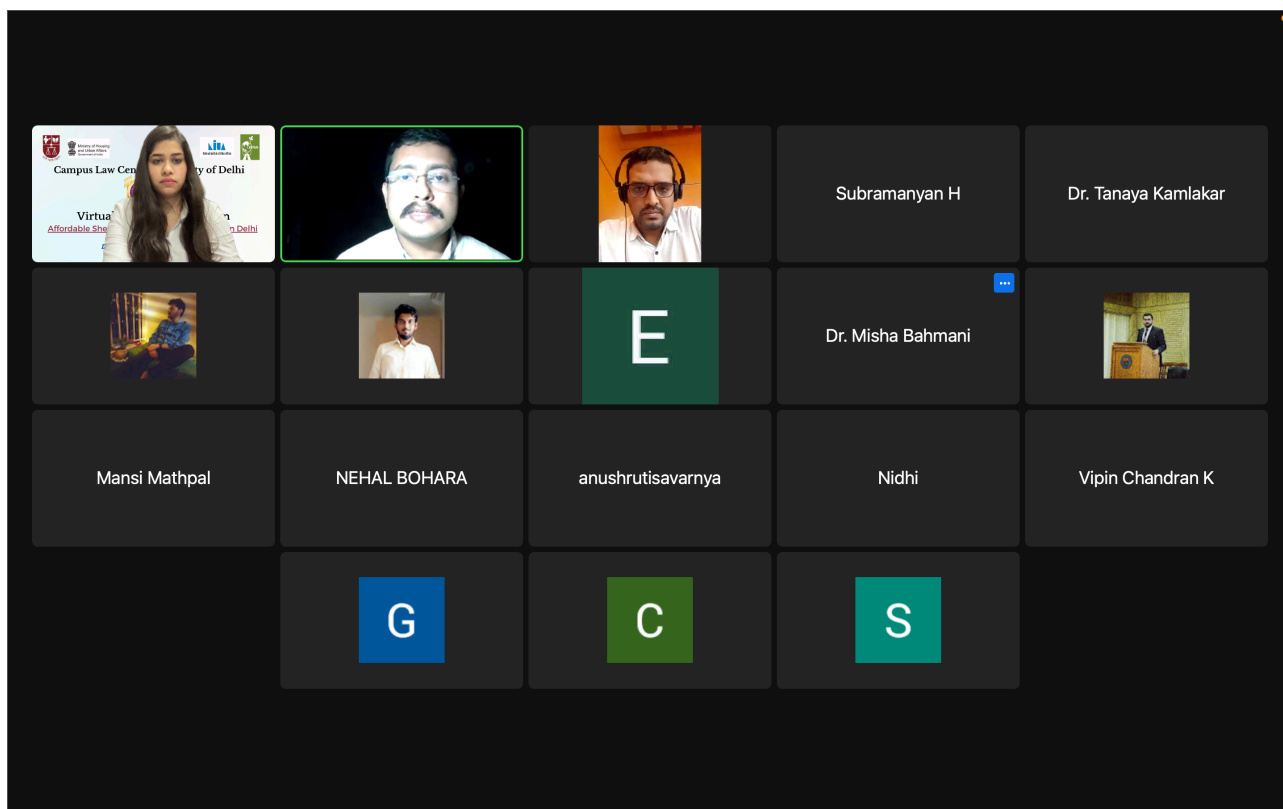
In her introduction, she took the panel through a variety of data around the situation of homelessness in India. She talked about the condition of homeless women in India, and presented two case studies from Delhi. She then presented causes for homelessness of women and the violence faced by them. She discussed various international laws protecting the rights of homeless women, and concluded by giving recommendation to tackle this problem.

7. Nidhi - “Drug Abuse Among Homeless Children in Delhi - Analyzing the Role of the Government and Its Policies”

Her presentation’s main focus was on four categories - homelessness, its impact on children, substance abuse, and the role of the State. She also talked about various policies of the government.

8. Nehal Bohara - “Right to Housing - A Case Survey”

In her introduction, she defined what is the ‘Right to Housing’ and discussed various landmark judgements pertaining it. She also discussed latest judgements around this right, and pointed out how Courts have taken contradictory views regarding the Right to Shelter.



9. Anushruti Savarnya - “Affordable Shelters for Women and Children in Delhi”

She talked about the urgency of providing shelter to migrant workers, and presented data relating to their employment. She then discussed the impact of COVID-19 on migrant workers. She referred to various international guidelines focusing on human rights, and concluded by discussing various international covenants and treaties.

10. Jayadevan S. Nair - “Fighting Homelessness in India: Need for a Constitutional Impetus - A Long-Term Proactive Policy and a Conducive Regulatory Regime”

He started by highlighting the statistics captured in United Nations Special Report. He then went on to discuss the current situation of homeless people and their fundamental rights. He also discussed the ‘Right to Security’ as a human right, and talked about the ‘Right to Privacy’. He pointed out

instances and issues of corruption in housing schemes, and concluded by discussing views of political parties about shelter for the homeless.

This screenshot shows a Zoom meeting in progress. The main window displays a PowerPoint presentation titled "INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAWS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN". The presentation is by Vipin Chandran K. The slide content includes a title slide, a "HELLO!" slide, and a slide listing issues such as "Domestic violence", "Sexual harassment", "Lack of safety and security", and "Lack of health and social services". The Zoom interface shows a list of participants on the right, including Varsha Pandian, Vipin Chandran K, and others. The bottom of the screen shows the Zoom toolbar with options like "Unmute", "Stop Video", "Participants", "Chat", "Share Screen", "Record", "Ask for Help", "Reactions", "Apps", "Whiteboards", and a "Leave Room" button.

This screenshot shows a Zoom meeting grid with 17 participants. The participants are arranged in a grid, with some showing video feeds and others showing profile pictures or names. The participants include: Nandini Gupta CLC, Arjun Philip George, Vipin Chandran K, Eashan Nakra, Dr. Tanaya Kamalakar, Shivam Verma, Dr. Gaurav Jadhav, Jayadevan S. Nair (Dean School of Law), Dr. Nitesh Kumar Upadhyay, Subramanyan H, Nidhi, Dr. Anita Yadav, Shishita Pareek, AYUSH RAI, Dr. B.K. Yadav, Mansi Mathpal, and VANSHIKA MITTAL. The bottom of the screen shows the Zoom toolbar with options like "Unmute", "Stop Video", "Participants", "Chat", "Share Screen", "Record", "Ask for Help", "Reactions", "Apps", "Whiteboards", and a "Leave Room" button.

PANEL C

Judges: Dr. Harish Kumar Tiwari and Dr. Aditya Mishra

Participants:

1. Abhilash Sapre and Surbhi Meshram - “Rhetorical Analysis of Women Migrant Workers in India: Encompassing an Obscure Vision and Identity”

Their discussion revolved around the rights and struggles of migrant women workers. Dr. Tiwari recommended the team to include the role of civil societies and NGOS in rights of migrant women workers in order to make the paper more wholesome and well-rounded.

2. Ashutosh Tripathi and Navya Jain - “Right to Adequate Shelter Under Indian Legal Framework - A Critical Analysis”

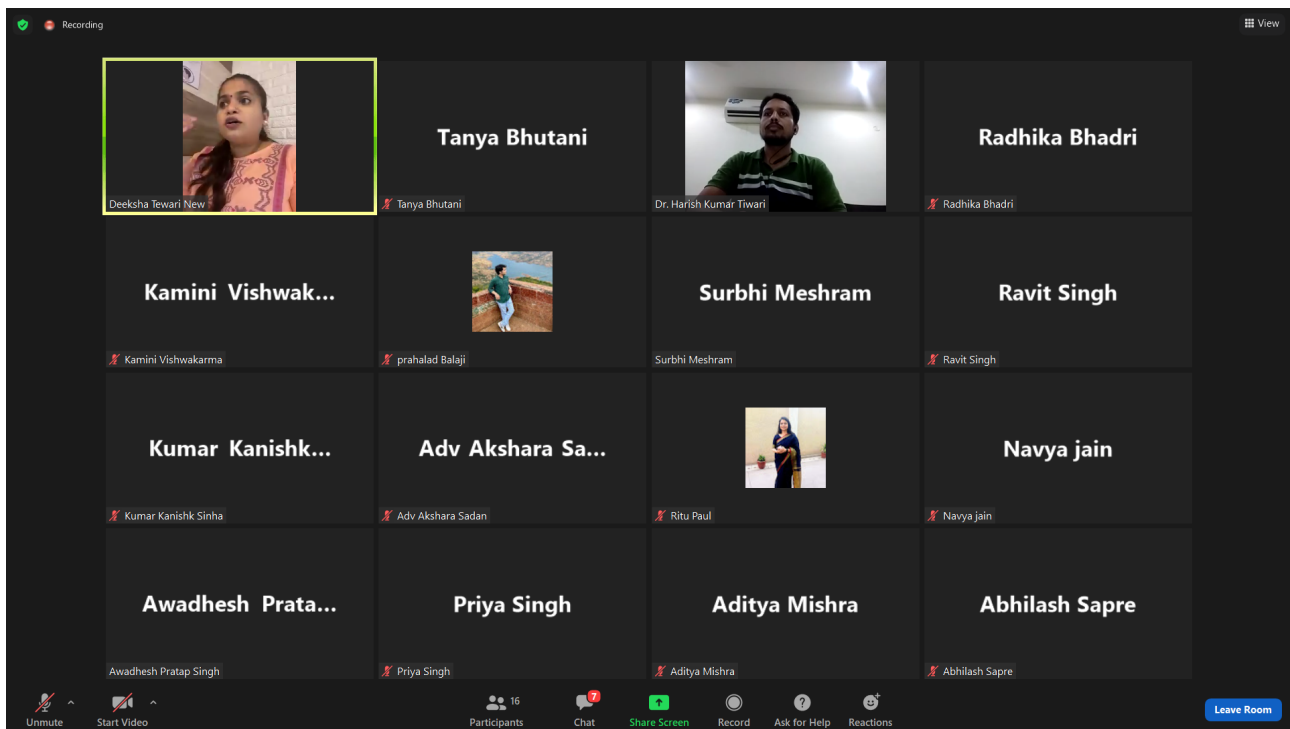
The team discussed the scope of difference in providing shelter and providing adequate shelter. Dr. Tiwari suggested that policy discussions in the paper should be followed up and supplemented with more data in order to make the paper more contemporary.

3. Akshara Sadan - “Rights and Challenges of Homeless Women and Children with Reference to Indian Perspective”

She discussed the rights of the homeless and the challenges faced by them. Furthermore, she pondered upon various reasons for homelessness and followed it with suggestions for improvement. She mentioned that October 10 is being celebrated as World Homelessness Day. While concluding, she stated that the homeless are on the verge of becoming poorest of the poor. Dr. Tiwari suggested that the presenter reflect upon the connection between the right to work and the right to shelter (which should come first so that other is fulfilled), and consideration of the aspect of population on homelessness in her paper.

4. Deeksha Teewari - “Constitutional Rights of Homeless Women and Children”

She discussed how homelessness is an acute form of social deprivation. Judges remarked that the topic is unique in nature and is the foundation to many other rights. They further suggested that the presenter examine constitutional provisions and recommend additional provisions or necessary amendments.



5. Ritu Paul - “Right to Adequate Shelter For Homeless And Destitute: A Human Right Perspective”

Her presentation was centred on the human rights perspective of the problem, and covered international and not just Indian jurisprudence. Dr. Tiwari asked the presenter about specific provisions implemented in other countries that can be brought in force in India to achieve the objective of providing right to adequate housing and reducing homelessness.

6. Kamini Vidhwakarma - “Role of Judiciary & Right to Adequate and Affordable Shelter in India”

She highlighted many cases where the Right to Shelter has been highlighted and recognised. She emphasised that the role of the judiciary cannot be ignored, as such rights have been brought into existence due to judicial intervention.

7. Ravit Singh and Kumar Kanishk Sinha - “Creating A ‘Shelter’- Condition of Orphaned Children and Their Need For Inclusion”

They started their presentation with a quote by Nelson Mandela - “Safety and security don’t just exist. They are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free from violence and fear.” They further stated that

the Juvenile Justice Act talks about the ‘Right to Shelter’ but doesn’t define it, leading to confusion. They thus emphasised the need for a concrete definition to decrease ambiguity. They stated that the ‘Right to Shelter’ varies on a case-to-case basis, but the definition should not be too restrictive such that it excludes the masses from the definition.


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CONDITIONS OF CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS - COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DELHI WITH OTHER STATES

Large numbers of children fall outside the protective shield of their families and are subject to adverse situations like destitution, trafficking, and abuse. The **Child Care Institutions defined under Section 2 (21) of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015**, act as a last resort for them, designed to provide a safe environment where the children can recover from the trauma but most of these are a compromise with living space, sanitation, hygiene, privacy, etc.

Yet, there is a series of unaddressed challenges that this system is facing.

- Less Number of CCIs home
- Overcrowded
- Less Number of Care Givers and Supervisors
- Few CCIs have written child protection policy
- Lacking Infrastructure for proper Nutritional Plans



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8. Priya Singh - “A Safe Place for Homeless Women: A Critical Analysis”

She discussed the various difficulties faced by homeless women and the need for a safe hospitable shelter. Dr. Tiwari suggested that the presenter include some more legal provisions, references and citations along with specific suggestions for such a “safe shelter”.



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6:00 pm - 6:10 pm	Vote of Thanks by Dr. Anita Yadav
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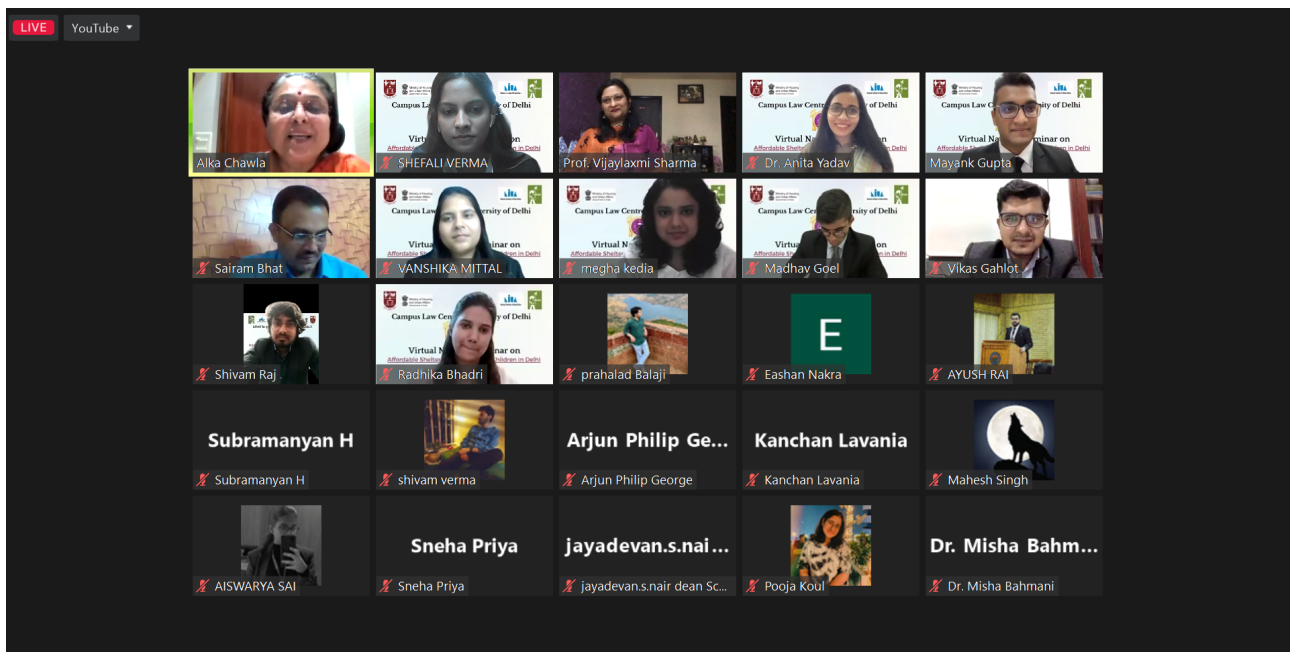
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The Valedictory Ceremony began with opening remarks from Dr. Anita Yadav. Dr. Yada threw light on the issue of affordable shelter for women and children in Delhi. She laid emphasis on the importance of the seminar in bringing forth the above said problem through the medium of various research papers being presented by the participants, which would not only would bring awareness around various verticals related to the said topic, but would also help in adding substantial value to the research project that is being undertaken for the said purpose.

Dr. Yadav then introduced the Patron-in-Chief of the Seminar, Prof. (Dr.) Alka Chawla, Professor-in-Charge of Campus Law Centre.

Prof. (Dr.) Alka Chawla began her address by acknowledging the importance of the topic of shelterless women and children in Delhi, and stated vehemently that despite Delhi being the capital of India and having resources for the shelterless like '*Rehn Baseras*', there were many instances where people still lived on roads without any protection of their dignity or lives. Prof. (Dr.) Chawla laid emphasis on the need for stakeholders to take initiatives in order to press this sensitive issue to the necessary authorities for the purpose of effective action. She extended her sincere appreciation

to all the participants for presenting their respective views. She also praised Dr. Yadav for bringing together all stakeholders together for this paper presentation session.

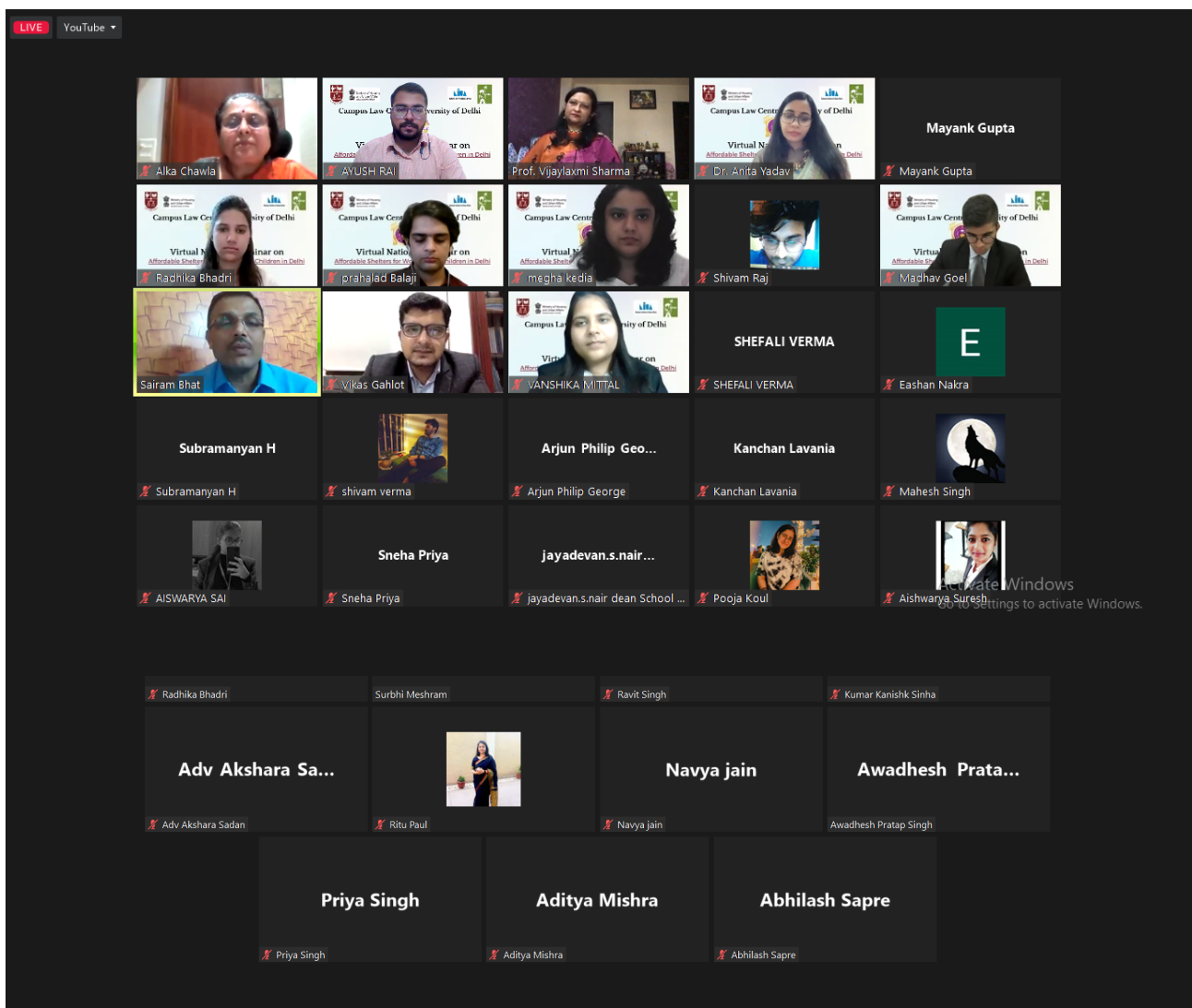


Prof. (Dr.) Alka Chawla introduced the Guest of Honour Prof. (Dr.) Vijaylaxmi Sharma, Director and Professor of Law Faculty of Law, Manipal University, Jaipur.

Prof. (Dr.) Vijaylaxmi Sharma cited the event as being remarkable, and cited Maslow's theory for justifying the basic needs of the society, i.e., food, clothing and shelter. She thus laid emphasis on the need for shelter as being one of the very basic needs of a human being. She cited the problem of homelessness of women and children as a social evil which leads to women being treated as second class citizens, and that people often neglect such people even though they have genuine problems. She encouraged that the issues raised here and the results of the seminar be raised with the proper authorities. She also laid emphasis on the importance of the present generation of youngsters in raising their voice regarding the social evil of homelessness which is prevalent throughout India. She closed her address by congratulating Dr. Yadav, Prof. (Dr.) Chawla, and Prof. (Dr.) Bhat for conducting this seminar.



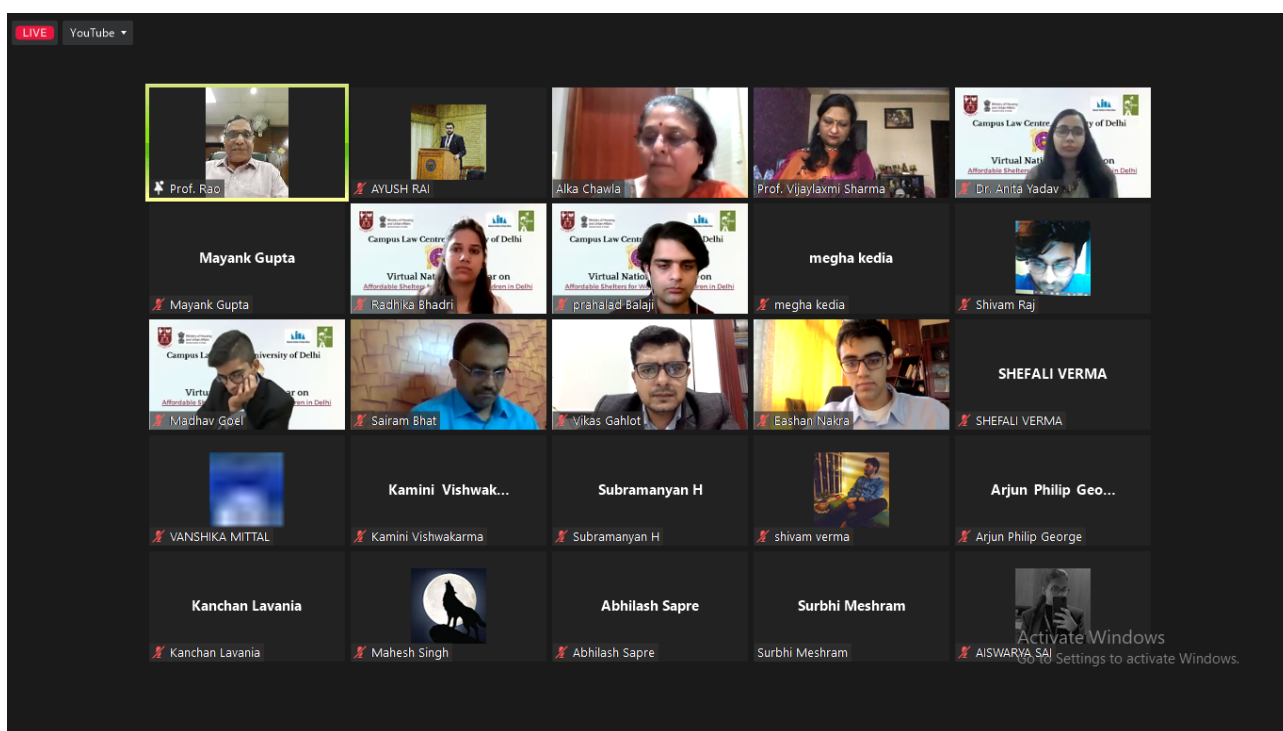
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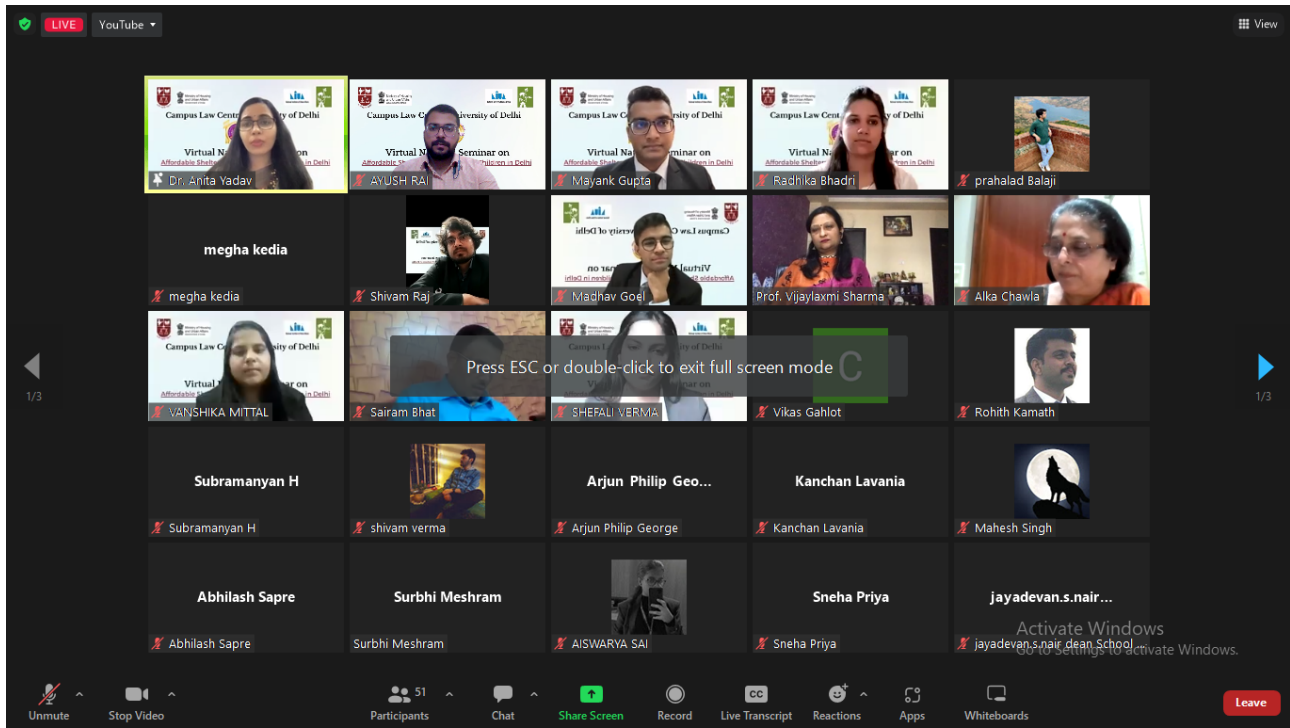
various stakeholders (including students) to put forward recommendations before the appropriate authorities for ensuring appropriate steps are taken to improve the living conditions of those without shelter. He narrated his personal experiences wherein he along with his team provided legal aid to people living under flyovers on the streets of Delhi, and also observed that every citizen must get the basic right of shelter, as the same is a critical component of privacy - which is an integral part of the right to life and personal liberty encapsulated in Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Prof. (Dr.) Bhat also added that while law enforcement agencies such as the police have the right to ask those living on roads about the reasons for the same and have to ensure that they don't live on roads, but are also clothed with an obligation to treat such people with the required sensitivity keeping in mind their vulnerable conditions.

Prof. (Dr.) Alka Chawla introduced the Chief Guest Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor and Professor of Law National Law University, Delhi.

Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao spoke on the reconstruction of the life of a traumatised child, special rights of children, and the impact of COVID-19 and natural calamities on children. He underscored the dangers of the “culture of silence” surrounding incidents of psychological, sexual, and physical abuse of children. He shed light on the relevant constitutional provisions and the various statutes that emerged thereafter, highlighting the need for a multidisciplinary approach towards the protection of children. Prof. (Dr.) Deva Rao also delved into the impact of calamities on the primary education of children, several of whom are orphaned and still awaiting financial relief from the government.



This was followed by the Vote of Thanks, proposed by Dr. Anita Yadav. She expressed her gratitude to all the speakers, teachers, participants, and the organising team members for an enriching dialogue and their respective contributions to the seminar and the cause.



The final part of the valedictory ceremony was the announcement of the results of the paper presentation, which was done by Prof. (Dr.) Alka Chawla. First place was awarded to the paper authored by Dr. Misha Bahmani titled “Impact of COVID-19 on the Street Women and Children”. Second place was awarded to the paper authored by Aishwarya Suresh and Mahesh Singh titled “A Study on Exploitation of Helpless Migrant Workers & Their Rights”. Third place was awarded to the paper authored by Dr. Gaurav Jadhav and Dr. Tanaya Kamalakar titled “Safeguarding the Housing of Homeless Women Through Legal Alleviation - A Constitutional Approach”. The aforesaid prize winners were awarded cash prizes of INR 3000/-, 2500/- and 1500/- respectively.

