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**Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer**  
Memorial Lecture series

**Purpose of Legal Profession:  
Introducing Practice of Law to the Students of Law**

- Tanisha Sharma (Student, DME Law School)

Delhi Metropolitan education organized 1st lecture of Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer edition on Tuesday, 22 January 2019 in the Nelson Mandela auditorium. To inspire the budding lawyers with optimism and knowledge to excel in their legal profession, the keynote speaker and the Chief Guest of the day, Ms. Santosh Kulshrestha Kumar - Counselor Attorney & Founding Executive Director, Metropolitan Asian Family Services, Chicago, USA was invited to enlighten the students with her valuable insights.

Ms. Santosh delivered a thoughtful lecture that aimed to deliberate and discuss the purpose of legal profession in today's era and enlighten the students to aspects of legal profession that involve rendering justice in free and fair manner, providing legal aid, working with legal ethics and much more.



Not only did she share the experience of her journey from Aligarh Muslim University to Chicago but also created awareness amongst the ambitious young students to become a responsible lawyer in future. She averred that purpose of the legal profession should not be limited to minting money rather one must understands the intricacies of legal language, interpretation, problems and policies. Since law touches all the aspects of life it has turned out to be an extraordinary profession which is evolving day by day. Its not just having mere understanding but also involves expertise, interest and passion with a humane mind.

She even talked the merits and demerits of Indian and American legal system. Towards the end of the session she interacted with students answering their inquisitive minds delightfully. Students keenly asked question on the evolution of law in 21st century. It was an amazing experience that motivated students as well as the professors present on the occasion.

The event ended on a vote of thanks presented by Professor N.K. Bahl who expressed token of gratitude to the organizing team for conducting the session with utmost dedication.

The event conducted successfully and it was yet another feather in the cap for DME law school. Here at DME, we do not aim to create mechanical parrots of law, but compassionate human beings, who realize the gravity of the discipline they have embarked upon to learn.



V R Krishna Iyer Lecture Series



Mr. P.N. Parashar welcoming the Guest

**From the Editor's Desk**



Welcome to the new academic semester at DME Law School. Although the Sun has started to move towards our part of the hemisphere, we are still braving the last vestiges of winter chills. The new semester promises a new beginning- a new beginning to our syllabi, a new beginning to our co-curricular activities- a new beginning to discovering the legal scholar within us. Let us move together upwards to our academic hemisphere and attain the zenith. I wish a very Happy New Year to all.

*Ms. Shambhavi Mishra*  
Assistant Professor,  
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## Interview with

### Mrs. Kulshrestha Santosh Kumar

**Theme:** Purpose of the Legal Profession  
**Date:** January 22, 2019.  
**Venue:** DME Law School, Delhi Metropolitan Education  
**Time:** 14:10-14:17 Hrs  
**Interviewers:** 1). Mr. Amir 2). Mr. Amit Raj



**Mr. Amit-** How do you see legal profession in India, particularly when a substantial number of people are not able to enforce their rights before the courts?

**Mrs. Santosh Kumar -** Legal profession is always very good in India, widely utilized, but the problem is number of people is more, lawyers are less and judges are very less. Scope of law is very high, it has been increasing. Legal profession can produce better politicians, better administrators, and better judges. But as far as inability of the people is concerned, emphasis should be on legal aid, pro bono lawyers should be increased. Justice V.R Krishna Iyer has started and emphasized upon the importance of free legal aid.

**Mr. Amir -** Do you agree that since independence we have not made any reformist approach, we have not made any extensive judicial infrastructure, do you think that it's time to go for the reform in the judiciary both lower and higher in terms of increasing the number of judges and courts with diverse types of cases coming?

**Mrs. Santosh Kumar-** Absolutely, there is no doubt about it. This dialogue is always there. Even, Justice T. S Thakur, when he was the Chief Justice of India raised the matter before the

prime Minister of India.

**Mr. Amir-** Your opinion about the common judicial services exam at all India level, do you agree with it?

**Mrs. Santosh Kumar-** Yes, it should be there, it gives equalization to all the states.

**Mr. Amit-** What is your say on comparative study of the Indian Legal Profession and American Legal Profession? What are the good practices which we can learn from the American experience and incorporate in India?

**Mrs. Santosh Kumar -** First thing is that we need to understand the basic structure of the society. The American society is law abiding, people follow the law, India don't have infrastructure, law abiding is not there, following of law is not there. Therefore, we need to lay emphasis on infrastructure, planning and implementation aspect. Americans are good in implementation aspect.

**Mr. Amit -** What should be the ideal of Legal Profession?

**Mrs. Santosh Kumar -** the ideal of legal profession is to provide assistance to the truth and justice. Money should not be the focus.

## Legal Aid Awareness Programme on 29th January, 2019.

On 29th January, 2019, Legal Awareness Programme for the students of DME Law School was organized. The main purpose of this event was to inculcate the idea of free legal aid, free justice and pro bono litigation in the law students who are the future of our judicial system. The event was graced by Ms. Neelu Mainwal who is the Secretary of the District Legal Services authority, Gautam Buddh Nagar. A combined effort of the District Legal Services authority, Gautam Buddh Nagar and DME has culminated into the DME Legal Aid Cell which has adopted Hoshiyarpur as its pilot project.

The programme started with the lighting of the lamp and invocation of Goddess Saraswati and the guests were asked to grace the dais. Mr. P.N. Parashar, the Head of the Legal Aid Committee of DME was then invited to address the gathering and pave out the outline of the ensuing programme. He stated that as a responsible citizen every member of DME Law School was committed towards providing any kind of aid and assistance in the matters of law and attainment of justice. He stressed that justice, be it political, economical and social was a virtue promised by our Constitution and that everyone was entitled to achieve it. He then went on to thank the dignitaries for investing their time in this social enterprise initiated by DME.

Ms. Neelu Mainwal, the keynote speaker of the day was then called upon to give her insights on the need for free legal aid. She provided the audience the much needed basic information about provisions of free legal aid and the rights available to the people by virtue of article 21 and article 39A of the Constitution. She explained the mechanisms enlisted in the Legal Service Authority Act. She explained the hierarchical level of the legal services authorities in India, i.e. the National Legal Services Authority, the State Legal Services Authority, District Legal Services Authority and Tehsil Legal Services

Authority. She gave a holistic view about the statutory backing of legal aid.

Ms. Mainwal stated that the free legal services are to be taken by eligible individuals; eligibility is based on target groups which include women and Children, reserved categories (SC, ST, and OBC), person in the juvenile group, victims of any disaster or workers in any of the unorganized sector, person having income below 1 lakh etc. Under the Legal Services Authority Act, there are panel advocates who are divided amongst various heads to help the public.

Ms. Mainwal informed that in the district of Gautam Buddh Nagar, there are 45 panel advocates, out of which 25 advocates are working in the Remand, 10 advocates are working as retainers and 3 advocates are working on the panel of the Juvenile Board. Hence, it forms quite a tenacious network of advocates and judicial system so that any needy person can easily approach and seek free legal aid services. She further informed that around 11 Legal Aid Clinics were being opened in at colleges, tehsils, jails etc. to provide the free services. She averred that the free legal aid services were important as Para legal system was needed to lower the work load on the conventional judicial system.

The event culminated with Prof. (Dr.) N.K. Bahl stressing on the importance of free legal services vis-à-vis the paid legal services. He stated that the idea of legal aid works on the collaboration and consensus between the parties. He stated that government policies need efficacious application on the ground level and DME is trying to help in the implementation of those policies.

With a resplendent vote of thanks by Prof. Dr. Bhavish Gupta, the event came to a fruitful completion.

## Stars of our Galaxy:

### Moot Court Competitions: An irreplaceable part of the life of students at DME

The team from DME won the national moot court competition in Shoolini University, Himachal Pradesh which was held on 1st - 2nd Nov 2018. The competition was among the 50 teams who were representing their prestigious law colleges/universities across the country.

Team composition

Speaker 1: Kuber Mahajan

Speaker 2: Rishabh Karan Mehta

Researcher: Anshuman Gupta



#### Rishabh Karan Mehta won the best mooter.

Competition was based on rarest of the rare case and section 374 and 376 CRPC. Our student

Our team defeated ULS Chandigarh University to finally emerge victorious. They were felicitated by Justice S.S. Thakur, Judge, Himachal Pradesh High Court. We wish our students to reach greater heights.



DG Sir with the Winning Team

### Path to Glory: Aayush Goel, B.B.A. LL.B. student

*'The right is to work only, but never with its fruits;  
let not the fruits of action be the motive, nor let the attachment be to inaction.'*

Aayush Goel quotes the above shloka from Bhagwad Gita and finds motivation in how to enhance his abilities as a human being. He believes that with every successful student there are blessings of parents and teachers. He has achieved 15 awards in the current academic session. He has also been to Model United Nations series and Youth Parliaments, mock simulations which help him to face the world. Even the last session was full of achievements for him, with more than 12 awards won by him. Some of them are as follows:

Best Delegate - 'Urja' organised by IIMT, Karkardooma with best delegation award

Runner Up - Jaipuria Institute of Management, Indrapuram

Best Speaker - DME Youth Parliament

In January 2019, Aayush was felicitated by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Minister of State for Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy, and Department of Space.

DME is proud of having produced such a meritorious student.



## DME Students and International Forums

LibertyCon 2019 is one of the top global leadership retreat organised by Students for Liberty (SFL). **Harshit Bhatia** was selected for this yearly leadership conference which was held in Washington DC, USA from 17-19th January, 2018.

Students For Liberty is a rapidly growing network of pro-liberty students from all over the world. Their mission is to educate, develop, and empower the next generation of leaders of liberty. Liberal leaders from around the world come together and various events from panel discussions, guest lectures and career fairs are organized.

Harshit got to meet quite a few people like Steve Forbes, CEO forbes magazine, founder of Cryptocurrency and many more. DME is happy and proud of its students gaining international platforms.



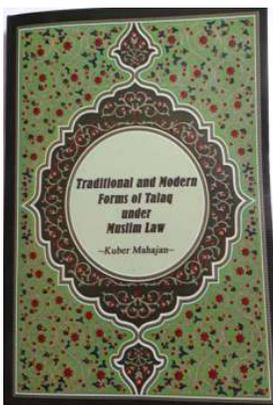
*A Golden Opportunity Harshit with Steve Forbes*



*The Future Leaders of our Diverse World*

### From Law Students to Future Legal Academicians

Students at DME Law School are exploring new avenues every day. Where moot courts and internships are an indispensable part of a law student, the field of academics is also not left untouched by the students at DME Law School. Kuber Mahajan, a fourth year BBA LLB student has published his first book titled "**Traditional and Modern forms of Talaq under Muslim Law**"



This book quite exhaustively covers and explains all the provisions regarding "The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2017", "The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Ordinance, 2018" and "The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2018", consolidated in a single book. The book is written with the aim to provide the legal practitioners, academicians, scholars and students for getting an in depth knowledge about the ancient as well as modern forms of talaq under Muslim Law. We congratulate Kuber on achieving this feat and hope that more works and publications flow out of his writings.

### Tales from the World of Practice of Law: Internship Experiences

#### Internship Experience at Integrity Law Office

I did my first internship at Integrity Law Offices, a full service law firm situated in Defence Colony, New Delhi. The major practice areas of the firm include Anti-Corruption & Compliance, Anti- Sexual Harassment Laws & Workplace Discrimination, Capital Markets & Security Laws, Commercial Agreements & Contracts, Corporate & Commercial Laws, Employment & Labour Laws, Joint Ventures & Technical Collaborations and Litigation. I learnt and understood the skill of researching and drafting in this firm. The major areas of my research included Anti-Sexual Harassment Laws, Corporate Laws and Commercial Laws. I would also thank DME for endowing me with the knowledge and skills that effectively helped me in performing to the best of my potential during the internship.

Aashi Agarwal (BBA LL.B., 4th Year)

#### Internship Experience at Khaitan & Co.

During my winter break, I completed my 4 week long internship at the prominent and very celebrated Khaitan & Co in New Delhi. Khaitan & Co.

On our first day we were made to gather at the conference hall and were given investiture and exposition about the firm by the HR team and the respective mentors were allotted to interns of all departments. I was made a part of the Corporate Department. The merry part was that Mentors to my surprise were called as "Buddies" which was a healthy diversion from the strict professionalism. During my stay I dealt with day to day matters pertaining to Companies Act, Defense Procurement, and Drafting of Memorandum of Undertaking amongst others. My area of specialization was Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code. In the final week of internship we had to discuss a topic with our mentor/ buddy on which we had to prepare a proposition, the same was supposed to be presented on the final day of internship. An internship experience at a firm like this helps us to bring a huge rise in our future endeavors.

-Sarthaak Bhardwaj (B.B.A. LL.B., 4th Year)