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Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer

Memorial Lecture series

**“Inclusion of Higher Castes in Reservation Policy”
- Lecture by Justice A.N. Mittal**

On the 26th of February, 2019, the Seminar Committee of the DME organized lecture on the topic “Inclusion of Higher Castes in Reservation Policy” by Justice A.N. Mittal at the Nelson Mandela Auditorium. Justice A.N Mittal began his talk by narrating story of Eklavya and connected it with the issue of reservation. He shared his views that how reservation is making a certain section of society, not perform to the best of their capabilities. Sir's lecture was supported by power point presentation on the same which kept the audience glued to his lecture.

Justice A.N Mittal brought to the students' notice that recently a trend has been observed where even the higher caste are demanding for their inclusion in scheduled categories. Sir in his lecture took students on a journey of how 'reservation' emerged in the Indian political scenario. He shared views of various members of the Constituent Assembly of India such as P. Kakkan, T.V. Pillai, Dr. B.R Ambedkar on reservation. Justice A.N. Mittal informed the students about the various commissions that were established to look into reservation demands such as Kalekar Commission, Mandal Commission. He also discussed the findings of these commissions and their recommendations.

Through landmark judgements such as *MR Balaji v. Mysore*, *M.Nagaraj v. Union of India*, *Indira Sawhney v. Union of India*, *Jarnal Singh v. Laxmi Narayan Gupta*, Sir discussed with students the existing reservation structure of India. Sir elaborately explained to the students the latest 10% reservation for the higher castes and its implications. He also discussed with the students the criteria of inclusion in this category. He shared his opinion of inclusion of this 10% in the existing 27% reservation for the other backward classes. Sir expressed his view of doing away with caste-based reservation and opined that it should be available only on the condition of economic weakness.

It was encouraging to witness how actively the students of DME took part in the question-answer round. They quenched their curiosity by putting forward their questions and sharing their opinions on the issue, which were answered commendably by Justice A.N Mittal. Sir concluded his lecture by motivating students to pursue their study of law with responsibility and stated that an educationally forward person can never be weaker.



Justice Mittal Delivering the Lecture



Questions that quench the thirst of knowledge



Justice Mittal with DG Sir

**From the
Editor's Desk**



Dear Colleagues and Students,

Although the fact that February is the shortest month of the year is no new information for us little did we know that this month would fly away in a tizzy. With students pulling up their socks to sit for their internal examinations and the faculty members waging a full-fledged war against time to evaluate the answer sheets, February seemed as if it was only a week long. With internal evaluations behind us we have a glorious spring awaiting us. Season of farewells also is around the corner where are senior batches will be ready to get launched in the real world. Let's wait in anticipation what the time enfolds before us.

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Two Days Legal Aid Camp Organized by the Legal Aid Clinic, DME at Hoshiyarpur Village, Gautam Buddh Nagar

In pursuance of our commitment towards the aspiration of free legal aid for all underprivileged, a legal aid camp was organized in our adoptee village of Hoshiyarpur on 7th and 8th February, 2019 by the Legal Aid Clinic, DME Law School. The survey team consisting of both students and faculty members scouted the entire village of Hoshiyarpur to collect data samples and potential cases to be forwarded to the District Legal Services Authority, NOIDA. The data was collected from the village to ascertain the specific areas which are litigious for the villagers so that a targeted legal aid can be provided. This survey shall not only have juridical value but shall be helpful for academic purposes as well.



Students interacting with the women of village

Apart from identifying and zeroing the specific cases which are in an urgent need to be provided with free legal aid, the survey team also managed to unearth some extremely pressing issues of the village and a host of hotspots of both research and litigious actions for social welfare. Some of them are as following:



1. Diminished care towards basic amenities by the bureaucratic system:

Sitting amidst high rise buildings, with metro line reaching just round the corner, Hoshiyarpur is a forgotten village caught between uber development and mega projects. Most of the villagers complained about the lax attitude of the government officials towards the basic needs of the village such as clean water, cleanliness and waste management, sewage management, roads, primary medical care etc. In a lengthy interaction of the survey team with the members of the village Panchayat and the village elders it was found that these issues form a major problem to all individuals in the village.

2. Renaming of Sector 51 Metro Station as Hoshiyarpur Metro Station:

Identity remains to be one of the most crucial aspects of any

given community. Another demand that arose from the village was the need to give due recognition to the village of Hoshiyarpur in public landmarks. It was after all on the acquired land of this village that the ultra development of sector 51 has happened. This also presents a wonderful opportunity to file a PIL to address the demands of the villagers.



Faculty interacting with the Panchayat

3. Compensations in lieu of the acquisition of land remains to be unsatisfactory:

The survey team managed to unearth a peculiarity that a number of villagers had not received the promised compensation with respect of the land acquired from them. A number of villagers were not satisfied with the amount of compensation granted to them. This presents us with a wonderful opportunity to conduct an empirical research to understand the actualities behind the practice of land acquisition, the problems in the idea of well informed consent and compensations.

4. Issues of identification:

A number of villagers were unable to avail various governmental schemes such as old age pension scheme (vaya vandana yojana), widow pension scheme, and maternity benefit scheme (maatru vandana yojana) etc. because of lack of proper identification. A number of villagers, especially the women, did not possess any valid identification proof.

The Legal Aid Clinic of DME follows a two pronged approach in pursuance to its social commitment to the cause of free legal aid, firstly providing people with free legal aid, and secondly, spreading legal awareness to the masses. Apart from collection of data, the survey team also visited the school for underprivileged run by the NGO Om Foundation to hold a legal awareness camp for both students and the parents on a designated day.

With this, the two day Legal Aid Clinic camp and survey came to a fruitful end.



Legal Aid Team of DME

Stars of Our Galaxy:

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

There is a fine line difference between “femininity” and “feminine” as pointed out by Drucilla Cornell, a celebrated feminist scholar of our age. Where “femininity” was considered to be an objective outlook of women such as definition of beauty, “feminine” was considered as a behavioural aspect associated with being soft, less powerful and bordering cowardice. Here at DME Law school we attempt to eliminate the stigma around “femininity” and “feminine”. That gentleness is a strength, that beauty is subjective.

Shivani Khadelwal: In the age of Hip Hop, Bharatnatyam Survives

She is a blend of artistic traits and logical thinking. Would you believe if we tell you she is pursuing her law and at the same time is a trained dancer.

Meet Shivani Khadelwal who is pursuing BBA LL.B from our institution.

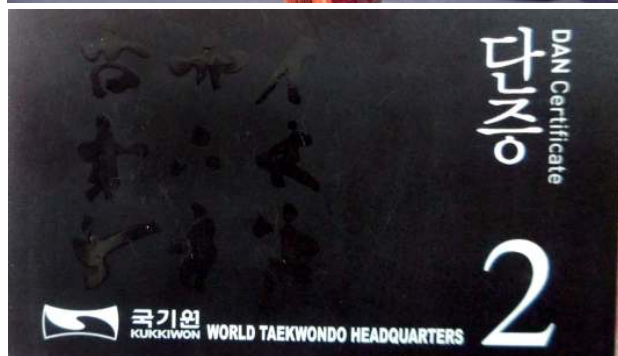
What started as a hobby at the young age of 5 has now turned into a full time interest. She has been an integral part of various dance festivals held across the country and in the span of 18 years; she has earned an impeccable command on Bharatnatyam. **She has done masters in Bharatnatyam and is a professional performer.**

She says, “There is an inner peace I derive by performing or by practicing the dance form. I feel I connect to God the best when I am performing

There is a need of an immeasurable strength to perform and to emote in any dance performance. Kudos to Shivani for moulding that strength and performing to her heart's extent.

Sweating it out is Beautiful: Sakshi Saluja on being a Taekwondo practitioner

Taekwondo as a sport has always been very enduring and challenging. **She has spent more than 6 years practicing it. She has been successful in attaining the rank of DAN II BLACK BELT after winning various fights and competitions.** According to her this sport is a must for women's safety and confidence building. Generally considered as a masculine sport, Sakshi is proving the social norms wrong on every kick dropped and every maneuver performed beautifully.



HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET 2019: Quick Pointers

Tax

1. Within 2 years, Tax assessment will be done electronically
2. IT returns processing in just 24 hours
3. Minimum 14% revenue of GST to states by Central Govt.
4. Custom duty has abolished from 36 Capital Goods
5. Recommendations to GST council for reducing GST rates for home buyers
6. *Full Tax rebate upto 5 lakh annual income after all deductions.*
7. Standard deduction has increase from 40000 to 50000
8. Exempt on tax on second self-occupied house
9. Ceiling Limit of TDS u/s 194A has increased from 10000 to 40000
10. Ceiling Limit of TDS u/s 194I has increased from 180000 to 240000
11. Capital tax Benefit u/s 54 has increased from investment in one residential house to two residential houses.
12. Benefit u/s 80IB has increased to one more year i.e. 2020
13. Benefit has given to unsold inventory has increased to one year to two years.

Other Areas

- State share has increased to 42%
15. PCA restriction has abolished from 3 major banks
 16. 2 lakhs seats will increase for the reservation of 10%
 17. 60000 crores for manrega
 18. 1.7 Lakh crore to ensure food for all

19. 22nd AIIMS has to be opened in Haryana
20. Approval has to be given to PM Kisan Yojana
21. Rs. 6000 per annum has to be given to every farmer having upto 2 hectare land. Applicable from Sept 2018. Amount will be transferred in 3 installments
22. National kamdhenu ayog for cows. Rs. 750 crores for National Gokul Mission
23. 2% interest subvention for farmers pursuing animal husbandry and also create separate department for fisheries.
24. 2% interest subvention for farmers affected by natural calamities and additional 3% interest subvention for timely payment.
25. Tax free Gratuity limit increase to 20 Lakhs from 10 Lakhs
26. Bonus will be applicable for workers earning 21000 monthly
27. The scheme, called Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan, will provide assured monthly pension of Rs. 3,000 with contribution of Rs. 100 per month for workers in unorganized sector after 60 years of age.
28. Our government delivered 6 crores free LPG connections under Ujjawala scheme
29. 2% interest relief for MSME GST registered person
30. 26 weeks of Maternity Leaves to empower the women
31. More than 3 Lakhs crores for defence
32. One lakh digital villages in next 5 years
33. Single window for approval of India film makers