



Dear friends, colleagues and students,
I write this editorial in retrospect from a time that is yet to come, for a time that has already passed, to all of us who are ignorant of what is about to hit us. Waves of sorrow will wash over us, breaking us and drowning us. There will come a time when bleakness would be the only emotion to look forward to. We will be pulled far away from each other ever more, trying to feel the warmth of human companionships in small screens. All I can assure you is that we will come out of it: battered,

exhausted and spent, but thriving and alive. The waves will recede for some time and the sun will shine again. The saying "this too shall pass" has not made more sense till now. I write this from a time that is yet to come and I assure you, that this too will pass.

Praying for strength and belief.

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JUSTICE V. R. KRISHNA IYER LECTURE SERIES

DME Law School, on March 6, 2021, organised a Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer Lecture on "Freedom of Speech and Expression". The learned speaker for the event was Prof. (Dr.) K. C. Sunny, Vice-Chancellor, The National University of Advanced Legal Studies, NUALS Campus, Kochi at 15:00 hrs on Zoom. The hosts, Ms Bedapriya Lahiri and Ms Sreedurga T. N. introduced the guest for the evening, Prof. Dr K. C. Sunny. The event also was graced by other dignitaries including Hon'ble Mr Justice Bhanwar Singh (Director General, DME), Prof. (Dr.) Ravi Kant Swami (Director, DME) and Prof. (Dr.) Bhavish Gupta (HOA of DME law school).

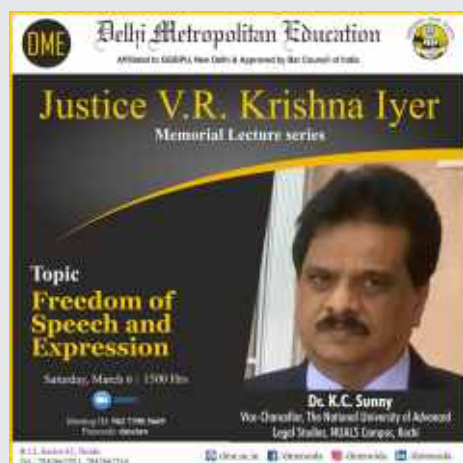
Hon'ble Mr Justice Bhanwar Singh, by throwing some lights on the life of Justice Krishna Iyer, elaborated about the concept and purpose of the said Lecture series.

Prof. Dr K. C. Sunny, began by explaining the various aspects of the Article 19 of the Constitution of India. He, with the help of the Golden Triangle Theory, described how Freedom of Speech and expression is given prime importance in the country. He also elucidated the three necessary components of free speech i.e., cognition, creation and communication. He explained as to how

the Right to Information and the Right to Freedom of Speech and Expression are the two sides of the same coin.

Prof. Dr K. C. Sunny, then moved to the concept of restriction of Freedom of Speech and Expression wherein he discussed various cases. While explicating the various standards for determining reasonable and unreasonable restrictions he included various cases like State of Madras v. V. G. Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Information V. Cricket Association of West Bengal. Further he talked about how the Supreme Court of India scrapped Section 66A of the Information Technology Act, 2000. He also touched upon some important topics like the role of media concerning the privacy of the citizens and the issue of fake news. While concluding his speech, he mentioned two countries namely, Australia and Singapore, who announced certain measures to control the spread of fake news.

Lastly, he addressed questions asked by the students and advised all to be a responsible citizen and help to prevent the spread of fake news by verifying before forwarding the same.



DME Law Webinar Series

A Webinar on

COVID-19 and Migrant Workers: Occupation and Urban Locations for a Rural Diaspora'

DME organized an online lecture under the aegis of Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer Memorial Lecture Series on 'COVID-19 and Migrant Workers: Occupation and Urban Locations for a Rural Diaspora' which was delivered by Prof. Susan Visvanathan, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The conference was open to all the students, faculty members and legal professionals not only from DME law school but from various other institutions as well, the conference received an overwhelming response of the participants, approximately 150 participants were in attendance. The conference was opened by Ms. Bedapriya Lahiri, Assistant Professor, DME Law School, she welcomed and introduced the Chief Guest to the participants attending the lecture.

Prof. Susan Visvanathan before coming onto the topic explained bureaucracy defined by Max Weber as a legitimate dominance, she explained the significant role of bureaucracy amid the corona virus pandemic. She introduced the participants with both the faces of the coin of bureaucracy saying that "the bureaucrat politician as robber barons has government employers as lawyers working for him and are capable of creating tremendous obstacles for real issues from surfacing". She emphasized upon the question as to why food distribution to people in camps or villages were not made possible and why millions of workers were forced to move back home, adding to this she said that "Robber Barons bureaucrats' politicians are well able to transfer the honest officials to a place from where the work of him or her becomes non-questionable". She then elucidated upon the discrimination and the difficulties poor people experiences in the society, they are being neglected and are treated as they as a class do not have a right to exist, these ideologies are the main cause behind poverty being ineradicable in India, the landless farmers, marginalized labors and crafts people from rural areas of India were also threatened by lack of education during the pandemic due to closing of the schools and universities. This certain neglect of the poor should be addressed by the people and the corrupt politicians rather than erecting statuesworth crores in

India should invest that amount in feeding and educating the poor for their social, economical and educational upliftment.

Prof. Visvanathan enlightened the participants upon the philosophy which began to develop in India with the increase in poverty, the philosophy of believing that 'certain people are replaceable' this ideology is applied to the people who belongs to the weaker section of the society, which not only encompasses poor but also tribal people, lower class community, minorities, third gender individuals and women. She stated that the migrant workers were the most affected people during the hard-hitting times of the pandemic, she mentioned the Aziz Premji University survey

which showed that 5 million workers moved to their villages during the first wave of the covid-19 pandemic. She praised the work of the media and enhanced upon the active role played by media in surfacing the problems faced by the workers related to food, water and transportation.

At the end of the session participants were free to ask questions to Prof. Visvanathan, one of the questions asked was whether we need some special legislations except for the one's existing particularly to improve the status of the laborers in the country? To which she replied that it is the duty of the individuals to ask for better and

pertinent amendments in the existing laws with time, prima facie things appear to be non-negotiable and rigid until and unless the individuals ask for upward mobility.

The lecture ended with Ms. Bedapriya Lahiri, Assistant Professor, DME Law School, giving a vote-of-thanks to our distinguished guest for gracing us all with her auspicious presence, and thanked her for sharing her insightful thoughts upon the topic with the participants.



DME Cyber Cell Online Open Discussion on Internet Shutdowns

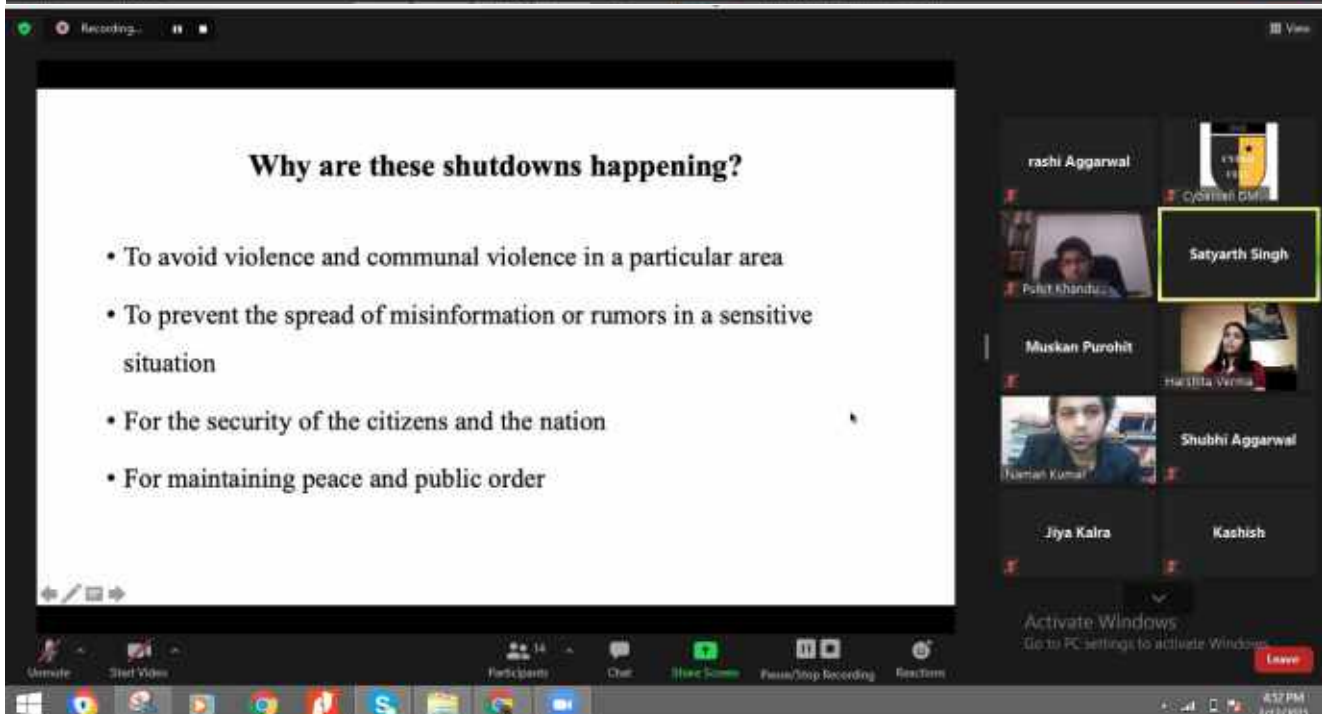
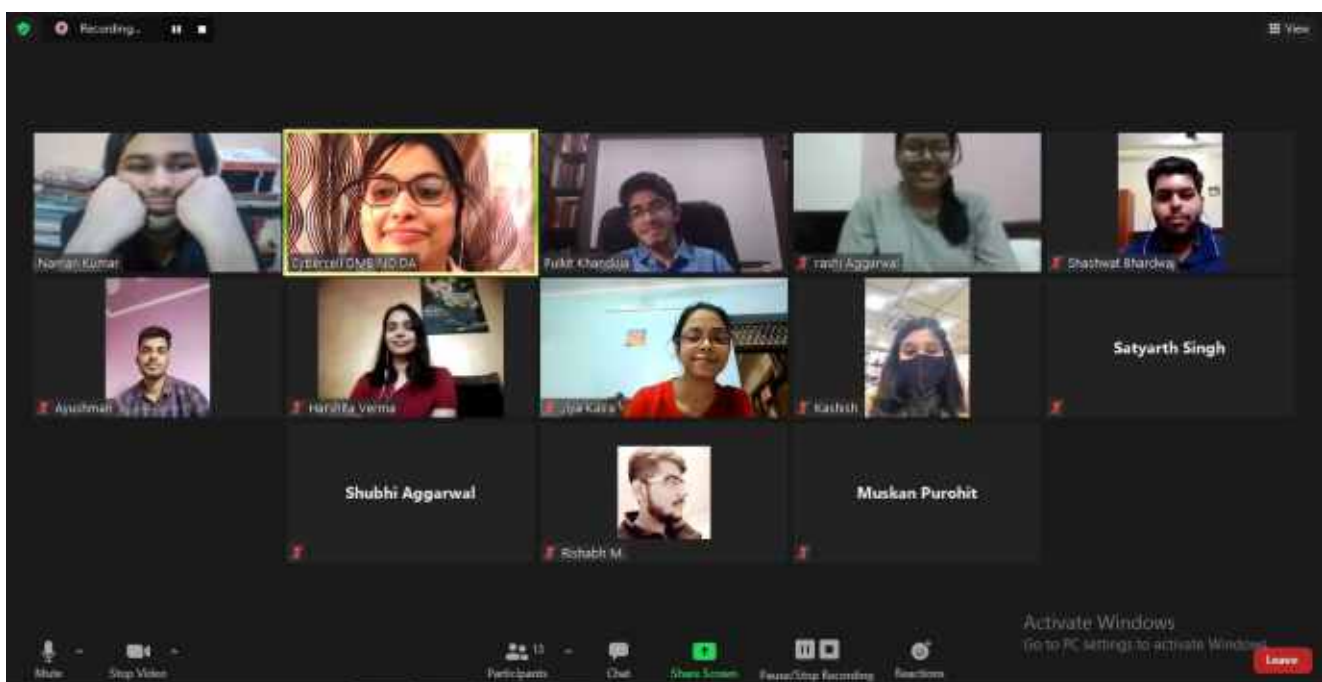
14th-18th December, 2020

The Cyber Cell of Delhi Metropolitan Education, Noida has been conducting online discussions with an aim to provide students with a mutually-beneficial platform where they can exchange ideas and discourse on the issues pertaining to the cyber world. The topic of this discussion was "Internet Shutdowns: Breach of Rights or an Obligation of the State to Maintain Law and Order". The discussion was moderated by Pulkit Khanduja, 3rd-year B.A. LL.B and Harshita Verma, 2nd year, B.A. LL.B and attended by a heartfelt number of enthusiastic students.

The Discussion marked off by examining the interpretation of the term 'Internet Shutdown'. The second-year student displayed their insight by speaking on the one such important issue on Jammu and Kashmir restoration of 4G internet. The participants then ventured further to a comparative analysis of the Internet

Shutdown scenario in India with nations around the world. Then discussion further dealt with complex issues such as the nature of the right to access the Internet, Section 69A of Information Technology Act, 2000, Sec 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973 in juxtaposition with the multiple decisions by the Supreme Court and the various High Courts.

In conclusion, each participant reflected upon how the discussion enhanced their knowledge and understanding of the topic and provided them with a healthy environment to boost up their confidence by sharing their thoughts with their fellows. Cyber Cell expresses its gratitude towards every participant whose participation contributed to this discussion.



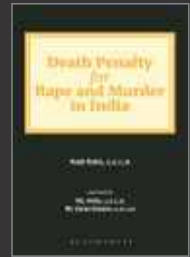
Faculty Achievement

Kush Kalra

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Supreme court bar association felicitated Mr. Kush kalra on law day 2020 for his book titled death penalty for rape and murder.

The felicitation was done by hon'ble Chief Justice of India.

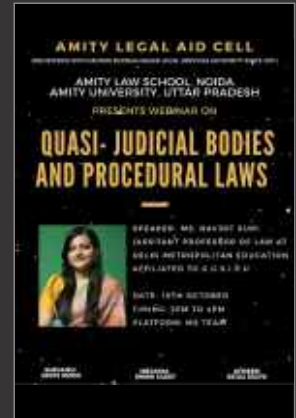


Navjot Suri

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Amity Legal Aid Cell, Amity Law School, Noida organized a series of Guest Lectures on the subject of Law and Development in India and invited me to grace the event with my presence as a guest speaker on the topic "Quasi- Judicial Bodies and Procedural Laws" on 10th October 2020.

National Service Scheme unit of ARSD College, University of Delhi organized a series of Guest Lectures on the subject of "Emerging Aspects of Law in India" and invited her to grace the event as a guest speaker on the topic "Section 377 - A long battle fought by LGBTQ + community" on 13th February 2021.



Student Achievement

Soumya Singh

DME Noida

It is an immense pleasure to inform you that I have served as a Legal Content writer for "LEGAL FOXES" for the period of 4th May 2020 to 30th January 2021. During this period I have written various articles for them. A few of them are titled 'Procedure for hearing and deciding claims: The minimum Wages Act 1948', "David Ricardo Comparative Advantage Theory" and so on.

I have also served as a campus ambassador for LEGAL FOXES during the same period.

During the period 11th May to 20th May 2020, I have completed the Advanced Certificate Course on BASICS OF CONTRACT DRAFTING.



Tanya Sharma

DME Noida

I am pleased to inform you that, my Manuscript titled "Hate speech should be included in freedom of speech and expressions or not?" has been Selected for Publication for Justice Dipak Misra National Call for Chapters 2020. And my Submission has made it into one of the Top 100 Entries of the Edition out of 3900 Registration and 2050 Entries.

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