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Dear friends, colleagues and students,

The wait for the monsoon seems to be increasing. The oppressive heat may have been inducing the dreams of mountains and valleys, but let us be cautious while planning any vacation. Following COVID protocols properly becomes our essential duty as citizens. Our collective process of healing has started and it is of utmost importance to pay great attention to our overall health, physical and emotional. This edition of newsletter is dedicated to our teachers and educationists who have ensured that the process of teaching and imparting of knowledge is not broken as much as possible.

The teachers in rural areas and places where network connectivity is a big issue devised many methods to reach out to their students. We all might be quite sulky when it comes to online classes. As teachers we do realise that the online class format has been extremely tiring and confusing for many young academics. Maybe the stories of online classes in the direst situations will help us feel a little motivated towards the future of our classrooms.

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JUSTICE V. R. KRISHNA IYER LECTURE SERIES

Gender Sensitivity and Judiciary in India

Prof V.S. Elizabeth

DME Law School organized an online lecture under the aegis of the Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer Memorial Lecture series, on 'Gender Sensitivity and the Judiciary in India: Is it necessary for administration of justice?'. This Lecture was conducted on 9th June 2021, at 1.30pm. The lecture was delivered by Prof. V. S. Elizabeth, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu National Law University. The lecture was held on the online meeting platform, Zoom. The lecture was attended by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhanwar Singh- Director General, Delhi Metropolitan Education, Prof. (Dr.) Ravikant Swami, Director, DME, Prof. (Dr.) Bhavish Gupta- Head of Academics, DME Law School. The purpose of the lecture was to understand the importance and need of Gender Sensitization in Judiciary and analyze its role in justice. Prof Elizabeth elucidated that the entry of women judges is a positive step in the direction of judiciary. Women judges enhance the legitimacy of courts, sending a powerful signal that they are open and accessible to those who seek recourse to justice. Adjudication is enhanced by the presence of women who bring to the fore considerations that would not have been taken into account in their absence and the scope of the discussion is hence enlarged, possibly preventing ill-considered or improper decisions. By understanding how laws and rulings can be based on

gender stereotypes, or how they might have a different impact on women and men, a gender perspective enhances the fairness of adjudication, which ultimately benefits both men and women.

She critically analysed the latest observation by the Supreme Court where the bench comprising Justices AM Khanwilkar and S. Ravindra Bhat also observed that each High Court should formulate a module on judicial sensitivity to sexual offences to be tested in the Judicial Service Examination. The Supreme Court had recently addressed an issue of a Madhya Pradesh (MP) High Court judge allegedly trivialising the condition of bail to a molester. Imposing a condition whereby the accused must go to the complainant's house during Raksha Bandhan and ask her to tie a Rakhi around his wrist with the "promise to protect her to the best of her ability for all times to come" results in the survivor being further abused in her own house.

Prof Elizabeth stressed on the fact that blindness to the gender based discrimination stems from the privileged position of the judges and therefore there should be some mechanism set to train and hone the members of judiciary to recognise their subject positions.



Emerging Paradigms of Victim Justice

Guest Lecture by Prof. Dr. Balraj Chauhan

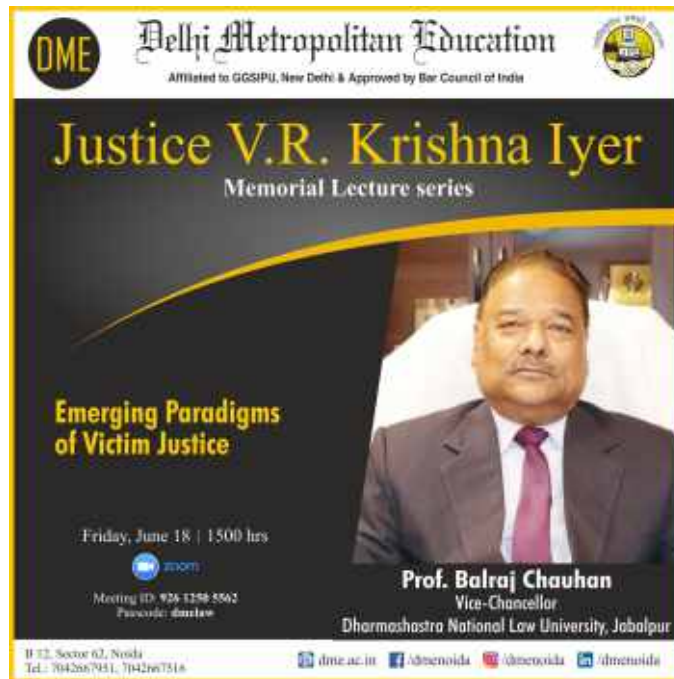
Delhi Metropolitan Education organized an online lecture under the aegis of the Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer Memorial Lecture Series, on 'Emerging Paradigms of Victim Justice' which was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Balraj Chauhan, Vice-Chancellor, Dharmashashtra National Law University, Jabalpur. The conference 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. Sreedurga, Assistant Professor, DME Law School, she welcomed and introduced the Chief Guest, to the participants attending the lecture.

Prof. (Dr.) Balraj Chauhan before beginning with the lecture primarily offered tribute to Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer, he asked the students attending the lecture to gather and research as much as possible upon Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer and his immense contributions not only in the legal industry but in other spheres as well. Prof. Balraj Chauhan initially referred to the observation made by the report of the Malimath committee in the year 2003, for criminal justice reforms which majorly emphasized upon the plight of victims, the report said that victims play an imperative role in the criminal justice system yet it is pertinent to state that rights and the interests of the offender disregards the rights of the victims. Prof. Balraj subsequently introduced the concept of victimology to the attendees in detail, so that they could grasp upon the topic

better. He further focused upon the four major components of the rights of victims of crime recognized by the United Nations. He afterwards drew an analogy between the Indian legal system and the Criminal Justice System and pointed out at an interesting fact that the principles of Victimology can be spotted in the Constitution of India. Thenceforth, he addressed the landmark judgements which helped the students in understanding the topic better.

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.

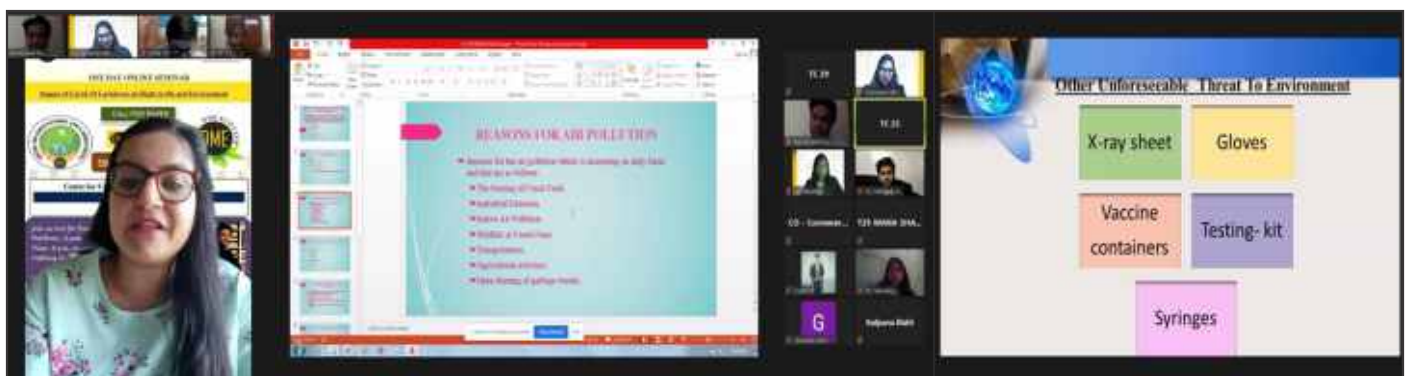


Research Day Activity

Online Seminar on “Impact of Covid 19 Lockdown on Right To Life And Environment”

CCHR and Research cell DME in collaboration with DME Eco Club, organised an online seminar on “Impact of Covid 19 Lockdown on Right To Life And Environment”. It was conducted with full zest and zeal by the faculties and students. We received an overwhelming response from over 25 students who had presented really informative and well researched papers. The event turned

out to be a great success. In the end, the Ms. Navjot Suri, Assistant Professor Law gave the vote of thanks to the chief guest, faculties, the student team and concluded the session. Students from DME law school participated with enthusiasm and spirit and put their best foot forward.



Research Day Activity

Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion on “Role of Women in Social Movements with Special Reference to the Farmer's Protest”

On 25th June 2021, Research and Innovation in Media Studies along with Centre for Laws on Gender and Sexuality conducted their joint Research Day Activity: a panel discussion on the in-house documentary produced and created by the faculty members and students of DME Media school and the working paper by the students of DME Law school. Due to the second COVID wave and the succeeding lockdown both the documentary and the working paper could not be completed, yet ample research through on site interviews and archived data material had been undertaken by the faculty members and students. This event intended to showcase our preliminary research and have an open house discussion on the issue of women's role in social and political movements.

Joining with us as our esteemed panellist were Ms Reshma Suresh, a Research Scholar in the field of criminal justice and Feminist Jurisprudence and Prof. Dr. Ambrish Saxena, Dean, DME Media School. The virtual dais was also graced by Prof. Dr. Sushmita Bala, HoD, DME Media School.



The event opened with a very poignant byte from the documentary of a lady who had been sitting in protest at the Tikri border for three weeks. Opening comments were invited from Prof. Saxena, who gave a backdrop of the making and outlining of the project. He also went on to stress on the fact that women's participation in such movements and otherwise political presence requires representation and reservation in equal measures.

Ms Reshma raised some extremely wonderful points with respect to the divide of public and private in gender politics. The feminine, she asserted, has historically and culturally understood to belong to the private sphere of domestic patriarchal households and thus it is

extremely difficult to visualise a woman in dissent.

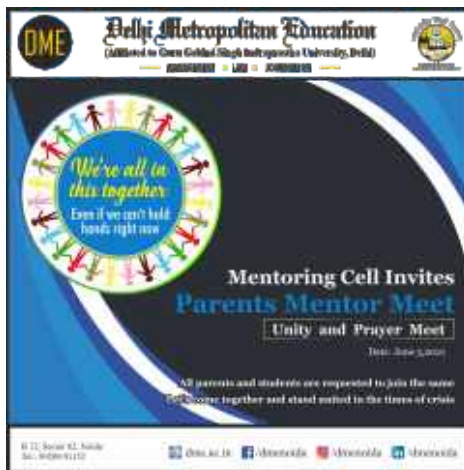
Few interviews were then screened for the august gathering for deliberations and the floor was then opened for a question and answer round with our panellists. The event ended with a vote of thanks by Ms Shambhavi Mishra.



Unity and Prayer Meet

5th June, 2021

The second Covid wave brought devastating news from all corners of our lives. Losing loved ones is the most unimaginable pain one could suffer from. Coupled with multiple uncertainties and apprehensions the month of may was one of the most difficult times we as a community have experienced in the recent years. The pandemic is not only affecting us at an individual level, but collectively as well. The personal process of healing is going to be a mountainous effort on all



of our parts, but at least we can start our collective healing. With this thought in mind, Mentoring Cell, DME organised a Unity and Prayer Meet on 5th June, 2021 to bring mentors, students and their family members on a common platform as a free and accessible space to grieve, embrace our trauma and look forward to our survival.

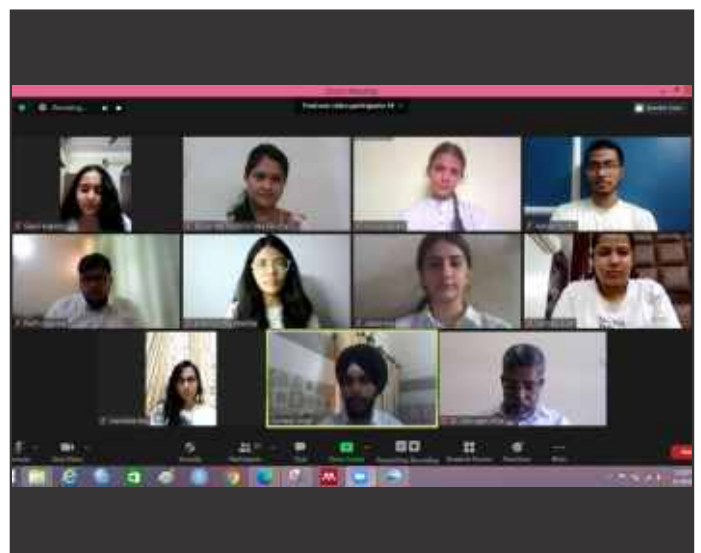
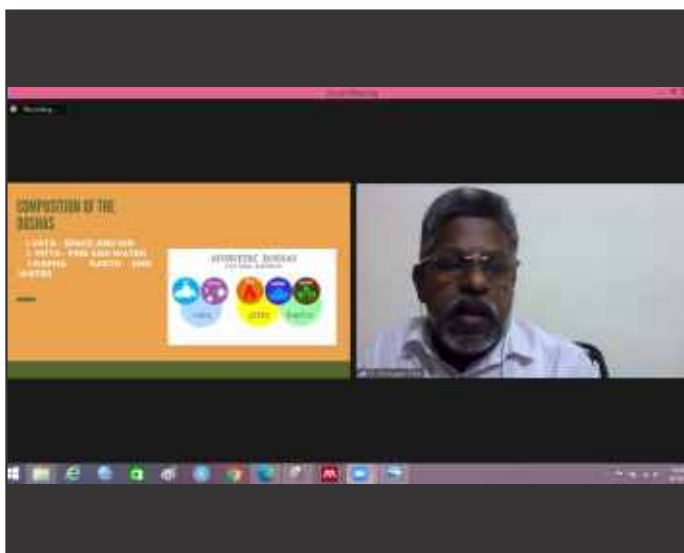
"We shall overcome, someday..."



SHAKTI OF YOGA AND AYURVEDA (International Day for Yoga, June 21, 2021)

NSS Cell at Delhi Metropolitan Education organized a Virtual Session on Shakti of Ayurveda & Yoga on June 19, 2021, at 12:00 PM on account of International Yoga Day. The keynote speaker for the session was Dr. Murugan Pillai, an expert in Ayurveda and Medicine. It was an eye-opening session as Dr. Pillai reiterated the fact that every cure is within our body only. He made the young

audience aware of the Tridosha in Ayurveda; Vata, Pitta, and Kapha, and how our day-to-day activities cause imbalances in our body's natural defense systems. Students and faculty benefitted from the session and many students asked questions regarding various ailments



Poetic Tribute To Nature

On account of World Environment Day

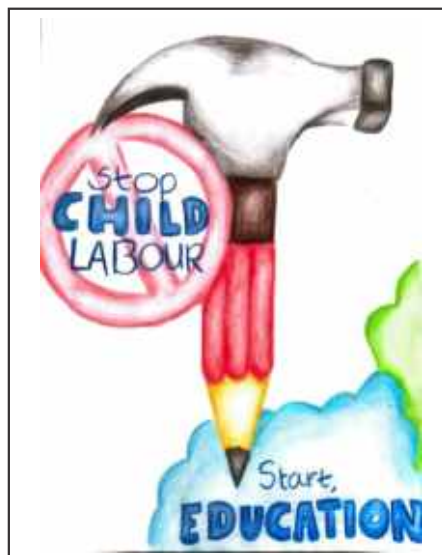
On account of World Environment Day a virtual event 'Poetic Tribute to Nature' was organized by DME NSS Cell on June 4, 2021 with the objective to express gratitude and reverence to Mother Earth. We also intended to raise awareness regarding protection of environment and take every plausible measure to contribute in preserving and nurturing it. Since the history of human civilization, poems are a way to express feelings, emotions and a means to appreciate natural beauty as well. Faculty and students of DME gathered virtually and recited their favourite nature poems, verses, couplets etc. and shared the fervour that environment has to be protected and appreciated. The

event saw the gracious presence of Prof. (Dr.) Ravikant Swami (Director, DME), Prof. (Dr.) Ambrish Saxena (Dean, DME Media School), Prof. (Dr.) Susmita Bala (Head, DME Media School). A small video capturing the beautiful moments spent with the environment by our faculty members and NSS student volunteers was also screened. There was an open house discussion as well as to how we can collectively contribute in preserving and nurturing nature. We believe that all of us together can bring a change and inculcate gratitude for all that we have received from Mother Earth.



POSTER MAKING : WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

World revolves around Children and Children's future revolves around education. With this thought DME NSS cell held a poster making event where 54 students participated. Everyone presented their ideas by making different types of posters. Some were handmade and some were digitally made. Out of which The top 3 contributors are ; 1. Heena Sharma (BALLB 1st Yr) 2. Vikhayat Singh Kathait (BALLB 1st Yr) 3. Naiteek Bhatt (BJMC 1st Yr)





Educating Rural India sans Classrooms

The digital disruption in education ushered in with the onset of COVID-19 pandemic. The methodology which till now was only used in distant-learning programmes soon became the new normal of instruction and learning throughout the world. Teachers and students alike were apprehensive about this transition, but digitalization was the only way possible to continue educating our students.

On one hand it was easier for the developed India to acclimatize to this way of learning, the developing India however faced immense hardships. With teachers and students of rural India not accustomed to digitalization in their everyday learning process, for them it became a herculean task to match pace with their counter-parts in urbanised locations. There have been heart-warming narratives of teachers and students going out of their way to continue with learning.

Teachers climbing tree-tops to receive better internet connectivity to conduct their class, students travelling far from their homes for internet and parents meeting needs such like cellphone, laptop and data recharges provide a testimony as to

how important education is in Indian society. The hardships that parents, teachers and students are going through testify that education in India is not only a medium of personal development but it also acts as an equaliser in society.

Digital learning cannot be a substitute for classroom learning which has been practiced and developed over the years. Students come to college and schools not just to learn a subject but also for interaction with their friends, teachers, taking part in extra co-curricular which leads to their holistic development. Digital learning is only an alternative till the better old times are resumed, till then efforts have to be channelised that our students living in villages continue with their education. Years of hard work has gone in bringing rural India to school and colleges, technological privileges should not become the new divide.

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