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Organised

Seminar on “Philosophy of the Constitution and Liberal Democratic Order: Emerging Challenges”

Date: March 26, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Mode: Online (Microsoft Teams)

Organized by: Department of Law, BVIMR, New Delhi

Organizing Team: Dr. Neha Garg and Mr. Gaurav Gupta

Theme: Philosophy of the Constitution and Liberal Democratic Order: Emerging Challenges

Guest – Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh and Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha

The Department of Law (Off-Campus), Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Institute of Management and Research (BVIMR), New Delhi, successfully organized an enriching seminar on the theme “Philosophy of the Constitution and Liberal Democratic Order: Emerging Challenges” on March 26, 2025. The seminar was conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams and was attended by faculty members, students, and legal enthusiasts from various institutions.

The seminar was graced by two eminent legal luminaries as guest speakers:

Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, U.P., and

Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Vice Chancellor, Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur, M.P.

The event commenced with a warm welcome and an introductory address by Dr. Neha Garg, Head of the Department of Law. She set the tone for the session by highlighting the significance of constitutional philosophy in today's evolving democratic frameworks and the importance of critical discourse on emerging legal challenges.

Following the introduction, the guest speakers delivered highly insightful sessions that explored the philosophical underpinnings of the Indian Constitution and the role of liberal democratic ideals in shaping contemporary governance. Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh shed light on the foundational values enshrined in the Constitution and the continuing relevance of constitutional morality in the Indian context. Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha elaborated on the challenges faced by liberal democracies in modern times and the legal measures required to safeguard constitutionalism in an increasingly complex global order.

The session was highly interactive, with students posing thought-provoking questions to the guest speakers. Both speakers graciously addressed these queries, providing well-reasoned and comprehensive responses that added immense value to the discussion.

The seminar also featured an interactive session where students raised compelling questions on topics such as constitutional interpretation, federalism, and judicial activism. The guest speakers responded with clarity and depth, further enriching the learning experience for all attendees.

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	1. DR. NEHA GARG 2. MR. GAURAV GUPTA	1.Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh 2.Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha	Students of law	To understand the philosophical underpinnings of the Indian Constitution and how these ideas shape governance and law making. To explore the concept of liberal democracy, its core principles, and its significance in the Indian legal and political framework. To identify emerging constitutional challenges in the current socio-political environment, including issues of federalism, judicial activism, and the balance of powers.

Event Objectives:

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2. To explore the concept of liberal democracy, its core principles, and its significance in the Indian legal and political framework.
3. To identify emerging constitutional challenges in the current socio-political environment, including issues of federalism, judicial activism, and the balance of powers.
4. To encourage critical thinking and academic dialogue among students about the intersection of law, philosophy, and democratic governance.
5. To provide exposure to expert insights from distinguished legal scholars and encourage student engagement through Q&A and interaction.

Learning outcomes:

1. Demonstrate a deeper understanding of the foundational philosophy behind the Indian Constitution, including concepts such as justice, liberty, equality, and constitutional morality.
2. Critically analyse the principles of liberal democracy and evaluate their application and challenges in the Indian constitutional framework.
3. Identify contemporary constitutional issues and their impact on democratic governance, including those related to federal structure, rights jurisprudence, and institutional accountability.
4. Appreciate the role of legal scholarship and judiciary in shaping and interpreting constitutional values in response to emerging societal needs.

Vote of Thanks

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Gaurav Gupta, Assistant Professor, who expressed sincere appreciation to the distinguished speakers for their time, insights, and valuable contributions. He also acknowledged the organizing committee and the participants for their enthusiasm and support.

The seminar served as a vital platform for academic discussion and reflection, successfully fulfilling its objective of deepening the understanding of constitutional philosophy and the challenges confronting liberal democratic orders in the modern era.