

“The Colloquium- An International Conference”

Those who develop the ability to continuously acquire new and various forms of knowledge will be the movers and shakers in our society of law for the indefinite future.

“The Colloquium” was an International Conference organized by SOL, NMIMS Navi Mumbai on 6th March, 2021 from 11am to 4 pm, partnering up with Mushq Foundation in an attempt to discuss and express the panelists’ understanding of the theme of the conference “Civil and Social Rights.” This International platform not only provided the audience with a wonderful opportunity to gain knowledge from across the globe but also helped the attendees in being a part of the series of insightful discussions that took place as the conference proceeded.

Since time immemorial, Global conventions and domestic constitutions have, for long, provided many evolving Civil and Social Rights. However, any sort of violation of such rights has been a bone of contention in political, legal and social discourse. It has been a long-standing struggle of the civil society to guarantee these basic rights to every citizen.

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The second keynote speaker of the event was Prof. (Dr.) Gary Lilienthal who is currently working as a Professor at the Tashkent State University of Law, Uzbekistan. Firstly, he put forth his views on structure and nature of Fundamental Rights and very lucidly drew a parallel between gender discourse and its relation with human rights. Then, he moved on to explain the correlating axiom and the three components of rights. While addressing the concept of correlativity, he said, “Once a right loses its correlativity, the subject loses his juridical personality.” Prof. Gary further emphasized on the legal maxim “Damnum Absque Injuria” which literally means a tort law in which a person causes damage or loss to another, but does not injure them thereby stressing on the fact that there are only some things that you can litigate in the court of law. According to him, human rights is an ethical and legal obligation which requires deliberation of both morality and justice. From the traditional view to the modern perspective of human rights, he bestowed his thoughtful views upon the audience in every minute of his speech. The Q and A session that followed his speech was quite enlightening. Dean Sir (Dr.) Sourabh Chaturvedi’s thoughts on the future of human rights and his posing of a question to Prof. Gary made the event much more interesting and valuable.

Our third panelist was Dr. Alok Mishra, an eminent scholar of constitutional law and a former associate member at Amnesty International. Dr. Mishra accentuated on the fact that in the arena of human rights, the real issue before the courts is to strike a balance between individual rights and social issues. He talked about the landmark case of Golakhnath Vs. State of Punjab wherein the issue of whether parliament has the power to amend the fundamental rights was addressed. As a concerned citizen, he conveyed that we, as a society should try to protect and promote rights of collectivity. Overall, his speech revolved around

the fact that human rights are those minimal rights which every individual must have against the State or other public authority by virtue of his being a 'member of the human family', irrespective of any other consideration. At the end, he concluded by saying that some efforts, if made in the right direction with the right perspective could help us set an example of humanity by giving due importance to human and civil rights.