



**SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES
CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR**



**in collaboration with
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organises

a

NATIONAL WEBINAR

on

**COVID-19 & JUSTICE DELIVERY SYSTEM IN INDIA:
ISSUES AND CHALLENGES**

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Our Patrons



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About the School of Legal Studies

The School of Legal Studies at the Central University of Kashmir started functioning in the year 2011 with the first batch of Integrated B.A.LL.B Programme. Subsequently, in 2012, LL.M was started and PhD in 2014. At present, the school has only one department. That is the Department of Law. For now, all academic programmes are offered solely through this department. However, the school also plans to introduce new departments soon. Each year, admissions to all the academic programmes offered at school, take place through the Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CUCET). The school in the recent past also facilitated Post Doctoral Research in the department.

Introduction to Webinar

The present social world in the scenario of COVID-19 is crossing through another phase of transformation. It is the academic endeavours that perpetuate the substance of all such situation. Moreover, such circumstances do not stop the provision of justice in the world. Indian judiciary took a serious note of the spreading of the COVID-19. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India notified for the safety of lawyers in the Court while simultaneously disseminating justice in society. However, there are events of confronting the obstacles and complexities in dispensing fairness in society. These confrontations do not necessarily come from natural calamities. These are also a product of social distress. The orders and disorders of the social world are responsible for the functioning and dysfunctioning of its judicial system. If delay in justice is another form of injustice, then the meaning of judicial exercise is inadequate in a specific social context. There is a need to look profoundly into the operations of the Indian legal system. The judicial pronouncements in India are the most often subject matter of debate.

The justice delivery system in India is as contested as the concept of justice itself. Can these contestations be resolved? Even the jurisprudential groundwork of the entire world legal system strives to find answers for the uncertainties. Philosophical enterprises are struggling to address the questions of justice in society as well as the judiciary system. Is justice delivery system only an institutional undertaking? There is no final answer to this question. In a social or political setup, all elements are inseparable from each other. The set of things that create institutions are concurrently affecting each other. Moreover, in result, the institutional mechanism also affects its source. During COVID-19, it is, in Foucauldian sense, another form of the order of things in society.

Alternative, as well as conventional, agencies, advise improvements for the difficulties encountered by the legal system in India. To what extent, such improvements have been taken into account by the judiciary? If the present state of the justice delivery system in India is unsatisfactory, what alternatives do we have? Moreover, positively, if it has the potential of delivering justice, what hurdles are preventing to bridge the gap between the judicial system and obligations of society in India?

In light of the above introduction, the Webinar seeks to discuss the crucial issues and challenges revolving around the justice delivery system in India during the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE			
Inaugural Session			
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM			
S.No.	Time	Event	Speaker
1.	10:30-10:35	Introduction to the Webinar	Dr. Anil Kumar Assistant Professor, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir
2.	10:35-10:45	Welcome Address	Prof. Mehraj Uddin Mir Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir
3.	10:45-10:55	Address by the Guest of Honour	Prof. Ranbir Singh Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi
4.	10:55-11:30	Inaugural Address of the Chief Guest	Prof. (Dr.) Balram K. Gupta Senior Advocate and Director (Academics), Chandigarh Judicial Academy
6.	11:30 AM	Vote of Thanks and closing of the Session	Mrs. Gulafroz Jan Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir
PROGRAMME SCHEDULE			
Plenary Session I			
11:45 AM – 01:00 PM			
Chair: Mr. Manmohan Lal Sarin			
S.No.	Time	Event	Speaker
1.	11:45-12:05	Talk on “COVID-19: What and Why?”	Prof. Ali Mohammad Matta Principal, Vitasta Law College, Srinagar
2.	12:05-12:25	Talk on “Role of Subordinate Courts in Administration of Justice during COVID-19”	Prof. Rattan Singh University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh

3.	12:25-12:45	Talk on “Justice to the COVID-19 Patients v. Injustice to the Non-COVID Patients”	Prof. Sudarshan Verma Head and Dean, Faculty of Law, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow
4.	12:45-01:00	Special Remarks	Mr. Manmohan Lal Sarin Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India
5.	01:00 PM	Vote of Thanks and closing of the Session	Mr. Bilal Ahmad Ganai Assistant Professor, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

**Plenary Session II
02:00 PM – 03:15 PM
Session Chair: Prof. M. Afzal Wani**

S.No.	Time	Event	Speaker
1.	02:00-02:20	Talk on “Dilution of Labour Rights during COVID-19”	Prof. B.T. Kaul Formerly Chairperson, Delhi Judicial Academy
2.	02:20-02:40	Talk on “Migrant Labour during COVID-19”	Prof. S. Surya Prakash Vice-Chancellor, Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Visakhapatnam
3.	02:40-03:00	Talk on “E-Courts and COVID-19”	Prof. Mohammad Hussain School of Law, University of Kashmir
	03:00-03:15	Special Remarks	Prof. M. Afzal Wani University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGS Indraprastha University, Dwarka, New Delhi
4.	03:15 PM	Vote of Thanks and closing of the Session	Dr. Rehana Shawl Assistant Professor, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

**Valedictory Session
03:45 – 04:30 PM**

S.No.	Time	Event	Speaker
1.	03:45-03:55	Presentation of Report	Dr. Anil Kumar Assistant Professor, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir
2.	03:55-04:25	Valedictory Address	Prof. Mehraj Uddin Mir Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir
3.	04:25-04:30	Vote of Thanks and closing of the Webinar	Dr. Mudasir Bhat Assistant Professor, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir