

Report
National Webinar on
Criminal Justice System
during the Pandemic
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Challenges before the Criminal Justice System in India during Covid-19 Pandemic

Organized by –Surenranath Law College, Kolkata

Date – 30th May, 2021

(Through Zoom Online Platform)

Chairperson: Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum

Convener: Dr. Caesar Roy

About the College & Programme

Surenranath Law College is an esteemed Law college, affiliated with Calcutta University in 1885, imparting UG education since 1885. Being one of the oldest Law colleges in the country, this college organizes various programs throughout the year. The college today aspires to provide quality education to students of all sections of the society without any kind of discrimination and to enable them to stand up to the challenges of the new millennium with courage and conviction.

Surenranath Law College, Kolkata organized a National Webinar on "**Challenges before the Criminal Justice System in India during Covid-19 Pandemic**" on 30th May, 2021 (Sunday) through Zoon Online Platform. Near about 200 students, Research Scholars and Faculty Members from the various Colleges and University across the country participated in this National Webinar.

Criminal Justice System is established to maintain law and order and control crime. But the virus outbreak has affected the criminal justice system in India and facing various challenges in this regard. The object of this webinar was to discuss the various issues relating to the challenges before the Criminal Justice System in India during COVID-19 Pandemic. The various subthemes of the webinar was as follows –

- Virtual Court – A New Trend in Access to Justice (Future of Litigation and Court Practice in India)
- Pandemic and Its Effect on Domestic Violence
- Correctional Administration and the Rights of the Arrested Persons and Under Trial Prisoners

- Bail and the Rights of the Arrested Person during Pandemic
- Pandemic and Use of Epidemic Diseases Act as well as Disaster Management Act
- Human Rights of Vulnerable During Pandemic
- Any Other Related Issues

Objectives of this National Webinar

1. To discuss the various issues relating to the challenges before the Criminal Justice System in India during COVID-19 Pandemic.
2. The themes of the webinar not only address issues gripping in India at the moment but also give a comprehensive understanding of the global issues surrounding the Pandemic.
3. The themes are relevant to a broad spectrum of academic learning, giving enough intellectual space to share ideas from diverse fields.
4. The webinar will highlight the various issues pertaining to different facets of the Pandemic.

Details of the Programme

The webinar was mainly divided in three parts – inaugural session, lecture session and technical session followed by vote of thanks.

The event was cheerfully commenced by the moderator of this National Webinar, Ms. **Susmita Sarkar**, a student of 3rd year of this College, with a brief introduction about Surendranath Law College at 11 A.M.

In the inaugural session, distinguished faculty member of Surendranath Law College, **Dr. Rajarsi Das** introduced **Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum**, Vice-Principal of Surendranath Law College & Chair-person of this Webinar, **Dr. Indranil Kar**, Principal, Surendranath College, keynote speaker **Prof. Dr. Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti** Honourable Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), Kolkata and the Chief Guest, **Honourable Mr. Justice Bibek Chaudhuri**, High Court at Calcutta.

The programme was inaugurated by introducing the theme of Webinar and welcomed all the dignitaries in inaugural session by **Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum**, Vice-Principal of Surendranath Law College & Chair-person of this National Webinar. She showered a deep welcome to one and all connected virtually in the event. Her warm welcome spanned to one and all present who graced the occasion. She greeted the august gathering and assured for an enlightening experience through the upcoming deliberations from the illuminated speakers.

After this welcome address, a speech was delivered by **Dr. Indranil Kar**, Principal, Surendranath College, Kolkata.

The key speaker for the webinar was **Prof. Dr. Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti** Honourable Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), Kolkata. He delivered his speech on "Challenges before the Criminal Justice System in India during COVID-19 Pandemic."

Later the Chief Guest, Honourable Mr. Justice Bibek **Chaudhuri**, High Court at Calcutta shared his concern about the various issues relating to the challenges before the Criminal Justice System in India during COVID-19 Pandemic.

After the inaugural session, the four eminent Resource persons delivered their important speech on theme of webinar and related aspects. It was followed by interaction session.

Dr. Caesar Roy distinguished faculty member of Surendranath Law College and also Convenor of this National Webinar Introduced the first two Resource persons, **Prof. (Dr.) Bharti**, Professor of Law at National Law University, Delhi and **Prof. (Dr.) Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan**, Faculty Member of West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata.

The first Resource person Prof. (Dr.) Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan, Faculty Member of West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, gave a detailed presentation on "COVID 19 Pandemic and the Consequential Regulatory Framework in India." The presentation was quite detailed and covered many details of regulatory framework in India to tackle this Pandemic issues.

The second Resource person **Prof. (Dr.) Bharti**, Professor of Law at National Law University, Delhi, delivered her lecture on "*Gender Related Offences in the time of Pandemic.*" Various genders related issues and offences during this Pandemic were nicely discussed by the speaker.

The last two Resource persons, **Dr. Sathish Gowda**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Studies in Law & University Law College, Bangalore University and **Dr. Aneesh V. Pillai**, Assistant Professor of Law, School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala, were introduced by **Ms. Subashna Tamang**, distinguished faculty member of Surendranath Law College.

Dr. Sathish Gowda, Associate Professor, Dept. of Studies in Law & University Law College, Bangalore University, delivered his lecture on "*Compensation to COVID Victims under Criminal Justice System in India – A Human Rights Perspective.*" Various schemes and plans of compensation under the laws and policies of the Government to the COVID victims in the human rights perspective were placed by the speaker.

The last Resource person **Dr. Aneesh V. Pillai**, Assistant Professor of Law, School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala, delivered his lecture on "*Pandemic and Legal Framework in India.*" Laws and regulations during this Pandemic were discussed by the last speaker.

After completion of the lecture of each Resource person there was question and answer session. The question and answer session was productive as all the participants asked very relevant and thought provoking question and all the Resource person answered the questions passionately and provided valuable insights.

The technical session was chaired by **Prof. (Dr.) Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan**, Faculty Member of West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences. In this session papers were presented by the various students, scholars and Faculty on various aspects of the sub themes of the webinar.

The entire technical session of this webinar was coordinated by **Ms. Sanhita Mukherjee**, distinguished faculty member of Surendranath Law College.

At first, **Dr. Kalpana Bharadwaj**, Assistant Professor (Law), Government Law College Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh, presented paper entitled "*Pandemic and Its effects on Domestic Violence.*"

Dr. Vatsla Sharma, Assistant Professor, School of Legal Studies, Babu Banarasi Das University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh presented paper entitled "*COVID- 19 Pandemic: its Effect on Domestic Violence.*"

Ms. Moumala Bhattacharjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Juridical Sciences, JIS University, Agarpara, Kolkata, West Bengal presented paper entitled *"Revisiting the Situation of Uncounted and Invisible Vulnerable Group in the Covid-19 Pandemic: the Sex Workers."*

Dr. Prayag Dutt Pandey, Assistant Public Prosecutor, Directorate of Prosecution Government of NCT of Delhi & **Ms. Katyayani Shukla**, LL.B 2nd Year Student, Avadh Law College, Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh jointly presented paper entitled *"Study of Section 167(2) of Criminal Procedure Code 1973 in light of protection of basic fundamental rights of accused persons during prevalent Pandemic situation."*

Ms. Reena Dangal, Research Scholar in Law, Department of Law, Coochbehar Panchanan Barma, University, West Bengal presented paper entitled *"Gender-based Violence during COVID- 19 Lockdown: An overview."*

Mr. Aniruddha Karmakar, Kolkata Police Law Institute, & Ms. Sunanda **Mondal**, Bikash Bharati Law College jointly presented paper entitled *"The COVID-19 Narrates a New Gateway for Criminal."*

Mr. S. Sankar Ganesh, student, School of Excellence in Law, The Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University, Chennai presented paper entitled *"Bail and the Rights of Arrested Persons During this COVID Pandemic."*

Ms. Atufa Shagufa & **Mr. Abhishek Shaw**, Student, Surendranath Law College, Kolkata, West Bengal jointly presented paper entitled *"Human Rights of Vulnerable during Pandemic."*

Ms. Sinjini Sanyal & **Mr. Sayan Pramanik**, S.K. Acharya Institute of Law, Kalyani, West Bengal jointly presented paper entitled *"Media Explosion during Pandemic and Overburdened Criminal Justice System."*

Ms. Maria Sharwari & **Ms. Debanjana Paul**, Student, Surendranath Law College, Kolkata, West Bengal jointly presented paper entitled *"The Novel Coronavirus has led a pathway to increasing Domestic Violence."*

Mr. Kiran Choubey, B.com LLB Student of Banasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan presented paper entitled *"Virtual Court – A New Trend in Access to Justice (Future of Litigation and Court Practise in India)."*

Lastly, **Ms. Manisha Das**, Heritage Law College, Kolkata, West Bengal by faculty member presented paper entitled "*Domestic violence against Humanity during covid-19 Pandemic: A Pandemic within another Pandemic.*"

After the paper presentation, **Prof. (Dr.) Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan**, who chaired this session summed up all the presentations and also gave his concluding remarks.

The programme clinched with proposing Votes of Thanks by **Dr. Caesar Roy**, distinguished faculty member of Surendranath Law College and also Convenor of this National Webinar. He explicably thanked one and all for their presence and support in drawing out the success of the Webinar.

Feedback link was given in the chat box to all the participants for due fill in and submission. Certificate dispatch was assured to be emailed to all the participants within fifteen days from the completion of the event.

Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum, Vice-Principal of Surendranath Law College & Chairperson of this National Webinar formally closed the event with best wishes and hopes of meeting for such extended academic gathering in the days to come.

Outcomes of this Class Webinar

1. This webinar served as a platform to disseminate knowledge of different facets of criminal justice system during pandemic.
2. The participants who participated in this programme would understand the various threats under criminal justice system during pandemic and also various remedies to overcome these.
3. To identify the main procedural and substantive lapses that have an impact on criminal justice system during pandemic.

Number of Students participated

Approx 175 students

**List of Paper Presenters for the National Webinar to be held on
30th May, 2021, Organised by Surendranath Law College, Kolkata**

Technical Session

Respected Chair-person - Prof. (Dr.) Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan

**Coordinator of this session – Ms. Sanhita Mukhejee, Faculty of
Surendranath Law College**

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Title
1	Dr.Kalpana Bharadwaj Assistant Professor (Law) Government Law College Hoshangabad (PPT Presentation)	Pandemic and Its effects on Domestic Violence
2.	Dr. Vatsla Sharma Assistant Professor, School of Legal Studies, Babu Banarssi Das University Lucknow (PPT Presentation / Oral Presentation)	COVID- 19 Pandemic: its Effect on Domestic Violence
3.	Moumala Bhattacharjee Assistant Professor, Department of Juridical Sciences, JIS University (Oral Presentation)	Revisiting the Situation of Uncounted and Invisible Vulnerable Group in the Covid-19 Pandemic: the Sex Workers
4.	Dr. Prayag Dutt Pandey& Katyayani Shukla, Assistant Public Prosecutor, Directorate of Prosecution Government of NCT of Delhi & Katyayani Shukla LL.B 2nd Year Student Avadh Law College Barabanki UP. (Oral Presentation with one slide)	Study of Section 167(2) of Criminal Procedure Code 1973 in light of protection of basic fundamental rights of accused persons during prevalent Pandemic situation.
5.	Reena Dangal, Research Scholar in Law, Department of Law, Coochbehar Panchanan Barma University	Gender-based Violence during COVID- 19 Lockdown: An overview


	(PPT Presentation)	
6.	Avinash Kushwaha Student of LL.M., Institute of Legal Studies (Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur) (PPT Presentation)	A New Trend in Access to Justice (Future of Litigation and Court Practice in India)
7.	Aniruddha Karmakar Student of LLM, Kolkata Police Law Institute & Sunanda Mondal Student of 6 th semester, BA LLB, Bikash Bharati Law College (Oral Presentation)	The COVID-19 Narrates a New Gateway for Criminal
8.	S. Sankar Ganesh, Student of 4 th Semester, School of Excellence in Law, The Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University, Chennai (Oral Presentation)	Bail and the Rights of Arrested Persons During this COVID Pandemic
9.	Atufa Shagufa & Abhishek Shaw, Both are students of 2 nd semester, BA LLB Surendranath Law College, Kolkata (PPT Presentation)	Human Rights of Vulnerable during Pandemic.
10.	Sinjini Sanyal Student of 8 th Semester & Sayam Pramanik Student of 6 th Semester S.K. Acharya Institute of Law (Oral Presentation)	Media Explosion During Pandemic and Overburdened Criminal Justice System
11.	Maria Sharwari & Debanjana Paul, Both are students of 2 nd Semester Surendranath Law College, Kolkata (Oral Presentation)	The Novel Coronavirus has led a pathway to increasing Domestic Violence.


12.	Kiran Choubey Student of 4 th Semester, B.com LLB, Banasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan (Oral Presentation)	Virtual Court – A New Trend in Access to Justice (Future of Litigation and Court Practise in India)
13.	Manisha Das, Student of 6 th Semester, B.A. LL.B Heritage Law College, Kolkata (Oral Presentation)	Domestic violence against Humanity during covid-19 Pandemic: A Pandemic within another Pandemic


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 **Time - 11 a.m. Onwards**

 **Venue - ZOOM**

Free REGISTRATION



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