

REPORT

WEBINAR SESSION ON TRANSFORMATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISM-VISION OF DR.B.R AMBEDKAR-ORGANISED BY CENTRE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES-HELD ON 14 TH APRIL 2021

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The Centre For Constitutional Studies of Mar Gregorios College Of Law, Trivandrum conducted a webinar session on “TRANSFORMATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISM-VISION OF DR.BR AMBEDKAR” on 14th April 2021(Wednesday) to mark the 130th birth anniversary of Dr.B.R Ambedkar. The resource person of the webinar was Prof.Dr.K.C Sunny, the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor NUALS, Kochi. He is a well-known professor who has 30 years of experience as a teacher at the University Of Kerala and the Central University of Kerala. He was the international observer to Nepal Constituent Assembly Election 2006 and Bangladesh Parliament Election 2007. He had delivered Lectures in 16 Foreign Universities and had interactive sessions in 6 Foreign Universities including Harvard Law School. He served as the Programme Chair of the International Conference on Law and Public Policy held in Singapore, for 7 Years. Moreover, he was instrumental in establishing Dr.BR Ambedkar's chair at the University Of Kerala.

.Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, fondly remembered as the Father of the Constitution of India played a crucial role in shaping the vibrant democratic structure that India prides itself upon. His birthday is celebrated as Ambedkar Jayanti or Bhim Jayanti on April 14 every year. The day is also commemorated as Equality Day across the country. The webinar was conducted as a part of Ambedkar day celebrations and its main objective is to create awareness regarding the vision of Dr. Ambedkar about the concept of Transformative Constitutionalism. The webinar witnessed participation from students of all batches, faculty members and director of the college.

The compere of the session was Ms. Sneha Achan kunju student of Mar Gregorios College Of Law. The webinar started with the welcome address by Ms.Abhaya.B.K, Asst.Prof Mar Gregorios College Of Law on behalf of the center for constitutional studies.

The resource person initially addressed the topic by explaining its meaning and by quoting several authors. He further added that the doctrine of transformational constitutionalism confers a duty on the state to ensure and maintain the supremacy of the constitution. The basic objective of the constitution is to transform society for the

better ie progressive and inclusive and this is the basis of transformative constitutionalism. If there is a synergy between social evils and the constitution then the society has to change. He also explained the relevance of the topic in a caste-based closed hierarchical society by citing real-life social issues making it interesting and contemporary. He also mentioned the vision of Dr.BR Ambedkar regarding this topic. Finally, the discussion was routed to a question and answer session wherein questions were asked and the questions were extensively deliberated upon. The session ended with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms.Haira student representative of the Centre for constitutional studies. she thanked all the participants who joined the webinar. The resource person also offered his thanks to all participants in this webinar.



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