

Constitutional Law Lecture Series

Topic: - Constitutional Jurisprudence in India

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Speaker: - Professor Dr. MP Singh

A constitution is the social contract by which the people in a country are governed. Unlike the Hobbes concept of Levithan, where ever one surrenders their right to an individual who becomes the all supreme, In India we give to ourselves the constitution. This means that under the philosophy of Indian Constitution, the sovereignty rests with the people. The Constitution is a politico-legal document, unlike ordinary statutes, which are purely legal documents. A constitution is the fundamental law of the land, and therefore it prevails over all the other laws in the legal hierarchy, including statutes made by the legislature. The judiciary is also supposed to interpret the constitution and declared void any law which goes against the constitutional philosophies. Hence a clear understanding of the Constitutional Philosophies and jurisprudence is very important for any law student.

Lloyd Law College organized a guest lecture on constitutional jurisprudence for their students. The lecture was specially organised for students who had constitutional law in their semester subject. Lloyd Law College believes in teaching beyond classrooms and hence such guest lectures are provided to the students to make them understand the various aspects of the legal topics. The lecture was taken by the famous expert of constitutional law Professor Dr. MP Singh.



Mahendra Pal Singh, BA, LLB (Agra), LLM (Columbia), LLM, LLD (Lucknow) Currently, Chancellor, Central University of Haryana & Chair Professor, Centre for Comparative Law, NLU, Delhi was until recently visiting the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg. Before that he was the Chairperson of Delhi Judicial Academy, New Delhi. Earlier he was the Vice-chancellor, National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata. Before that he taught at the University of Delhi from 1970 to 2005 where he was also Head and Dean Faculty of Law from 1994 to 1997. Before moving to Delhi he taught at Meerut from 1964 to 1970. He has been a fellow and visiting professor at several institutions and universities of international repute. In 1980-1982 and again in 1985 he was Alexander von Humboldt Fellow at the University of Heidelberg. He was visiting professor and Head of Law Division at the South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg in 1987-88 and visiting professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Heidelberg in 1991-92. In 1999-2000 and 2001 he was fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg. He was a visiting professor at the University of Hong Kong and the City University of Hong Kong in 1993, 94, 95, 98, 2000 and 2005, Kansai University, Osaka in 2002, National University of Singapore in 2005 and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in 2006. In 2002-03 he was fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies Berlin and in 2004 at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. He was also Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi in 1997. In 2008 Renmin University of China, Beijing honoured him as Visiting Professor for three years. He has delivered prestigious endowment and other lectures at several universities and academic institutions in India and abroad.

In just a few hours, the students could get a fair idea of all the important features of Indian Constitution. Concepts like federalism, judicial review, secularism, parliamentary form of government were discussed with the students and the students widely participated.

