# NSS Cell, CNLU organises a National Webinar on "Constitutional Law in the Digital Age" in collaboration with The Society For Constitutional Law Discussion: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

As a part of the Constitution Day celebration, NSS Cell, CNLU, is organising a national webinar on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 on the theme "Constitutional Law in the Digital Age" in collaboration with The Society For Constitutional Law Discussion.

# About CNLU

Chanakya National Law University is a public law school and a National Law University in Patna, Bihar, India. It was established in 2006 by the Government of Bihar as a public university dedicated to the field of legal education. The Chief Justice of Patna High Court is the ex officio chancellor of the university.

## About The Society For Constitutional Law Discussion

The Society For Constitutional Law Discussion (TSCLD) was established by the students of Chanakya National Law University, Patna, with a vision to provide a platform for public discourse and deliberation vis-à-vis Constitutional Law. The Society, through its E-Magazine and Blogs, intends to serve as a platform for students, academicians, and practitioners to engage in Constitutional law discussion and writing. The Constitution gives us the first and last hope for rights, liabilities, and justice. TSCLD provides a platform where you can write and express your opinion on different issues related to Constitutional Law fearlessly.

## **Concept Note**

The Constitution Day marks a significant milestone in the history of India, commemorating the adoption of the Constitution. In honour of this occasion, the NSS Cell of CNLU, in collaboration with The Society For Constitutional Law Discussion, is organising a webinar that delves into the contemporary challenges and opportunities posed by the digital age to constitutional law.

The rapid advancements in technology have ushered in a new era, bringing with it a myriad of legal and constitutional implications. The theme of this webinar, **"Constitutional Law in the Digital Age,"** aims to explore the intersection of constitutional principles with the challenges and opportunities presented by the digital landscape.

## **Sub-Themes**

- **Privacy and Data Protection in the Digital Era**: In an age where data is a critical asset, the right to privacy faces unprecedented challenges. This sub-theme will examine the evolving landscape of privacy rights, data protection laws, and the balance between individual privacy and technological advancements.
- Free Speech and Expression Online: The digital realm has become a powerful platform for expression, but it also raises questions about the boundaries of free speech. This sub-theme will analyse the constitutional dimensions of free speech in the online space, addressing issues such as online censorship, misinformation, and the role of social media. The analysis of the constitutional aspect of free speech on virtual platforms also extends to emerging challenges such as that of deepfakes, underscoring the need for how evolving technology puts strain on the enforcement of our existing fundamental rights.
- Judicial Perspective on Digital Constitutionalism: This sub-theme will explore the role of the judiciary in the digital age. It examines how constitutional principles are interpreted and applied in the context of digital rights and responsibilities. The focus is on understanding the judiciary's role in shaping the discourse around digital constitutionalism and how it can ensure a balance between individual rights and societal interests in the digital realm.

## **Objectives:**

- To analyse the impact of digital technologies on constitutional principles.
- To foster a dialogue on the evolving nature of constitutional rights in the digital age.
- To provide a platform for legal scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to exchange insights and experiences.

## Webinar Details

- Format: The webinar will consist of discussions, keynote addresses, and interactive Q&A sessions towards the end. Distinguished speakers from academia and legal practice will share their perspectives on the sub-themes, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities presented by the digital age.
- Target Audience: Students, Legal professionals, Academicians, researchers, Policymakers, and enthusiasts of constitutional law
- Venue: Online (on Microsoft Teams)

• Date & Time: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 [Time to be notified later]

#### **Speakers' Details**

- Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh (Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Law, National Law University, Tripura): Prof. Yogesh Pratap Singh received his LL.M. from National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore, and LL.B. from the University of Allahabad. His doctoral thesis entitled "Contribution of Dissenting Opinions of Indian Supreme Court Judges to the Indian Legal System: A Critical Evaluation" is recognised as a significant contribution to the understanding of the voting patterns of judges in the Supreme Court of India. Dr. Singh served as Deputy Registrar of Research in the Supreme Court of India (on deputation) from May 2016 to October 2018. Dr. Yogesh participated in the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Session on International Human Rights Law organised by the International Institute of Human Rights (IIHR) in Strasbourg, France. Dr. Yogesh was also part of the Ciedhu program in France conducted for University Teachers. Prior to joining as the Vice-Chancellor of the National Law University, Tripura, he was Professor of Law and Registrar at NLU Odisha. He was part of the founding team of KIIT Law School, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar. He constantly writes in the field of law in reputed law Chronicles and national and international law journals.
- 2. Mr. Nishant Verma: Mr. Verma is a practising Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India (qualified in July 2022 in 1st attempt) with a demonstrated history of working in the law practice industry. He is skilled in Drafting, Argument, Legal Advice, Client Relations, Legal Research, Vetting, Due diligence, and Legal Writing. Sir is a strong legal professional with a Bachelor of Laws - LLB focused in Civil, Criminal, Constitutional and Commercial matters and other subjects.
- 3. Mr. Kumar Gaurav (Assistant Professor of Law and Program Officer, NSS, Chanakya National Law University, Patna): Kumar Gaurav is an Assistant Professor of Law at Chanakya National Law University, Patna. He completed his LL.B. and LL.M. from Law School, BHU. He also obtained the degree of Master of Science in Cyber Law and Information Security from IIIT, Allahabad. He qualified for UGC-NET in 2013. He teaches both at the Undergraduate and Post Graduate levels. His area of interest includes Cyber Law, Medical Jurisprudence & Forensics and Criminology, Penology and Victimology. He delivered various lectures as a Resource Person in governmental and non-governmental forums on cyber law and cyber security.

# **Registration Details**

Registration for this webinar is free of cost. Interested participants can register using the online registration form <u>available here</u>.

## Certificate

An e-certificate of participation will be provided to all the registered participants who attend the session. Attendance will be marked during the session.

# **Contact Details**

In case of any queries or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned: Ms. Ishita Singh, Event Coordinator, at +91 96504 32228 or <u>articles@tscld.com</u>.

# **Official Communication**

The official notification for this event is available here.