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Report of student exchange

The lecture on *Awareness Regarding Fundamental Rights* was conducted at Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of law aimed to highlight the importance of understanding and protecting fundamental rights, with an emphasis on their role in ensuring justice, equality, and freedom within society. The lecture was attended by 33 students of Anand Vishwa Gurukul College of Law. The speaker, Dr. Amar Salve, guided the students through the core principles of fundamental rights, discussing both their significance and the challenges involved in enforcing them. The session was interactive, featuring practical examples, case studies, and detailed explanations, with a focus on how individuals can protect and assert their rights.

Dr. Salve began with an introduction to the concept of fundamental rights, which are the basic human rights guaranteed by the constitution of a nation. These rights are essential for the dignity and well-being of every individual and are universally recognized. In India, fundamental rights are enshrined in Part III of the Constitution, and the speaker made a comparison to international frameworks like the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)**. Fundamental rights serve as the backbone of a democracy, ensuring that all citizens, regardless of their background, can enjoy basic freedoms and protections. He elaborated on the specific rights guaranteed by the Indian Constitution, which include six primary categories: the Right to Equality, the Right to Freedom, the Right Against Exploitation, the Right to Freedom of Religion, Cultural and Educational Rights, and the Right to Constitutional Remedies. Each of these rights was discussed in detail, with explanations on how they protect citizens from discrimination, exploitation, and violations by the state or other entities. For instance, the Right to Equality (Articles 14–18) ensures that all citizens are treated equally before the law, while the Right to Freedom (Articles 19–22) guarantees fundamental freedoms such as speech, assembly, and the right to life and personal liberty. The speaker also emphasized that while these rights are fundamental, they are not absolute and can be subjected to reasonable restrictions in certain cases, such as concerns for public safety or national security.

To illustrate the power and significance of fundamental rights, Dr. Salve referenced several landmark cases in Indian legal history. For example, in the case of **Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India (1978)**, the Supreme Court expanded the scope of the *Right to Life and Personal Liberty* under Article 21, ruling that the right is not just limited to mere survival but extends to living with human dignity. The **Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala (1973)** case established the *Basic Structure Doctrine*, which protects the core principles of the Constitution, including fundamental rights, from being altered by Parliament. Another significant case, **Navtej Singh Johar v. Union of India (2018)**, led to the decriminalization of consensual homosexual acts, marking a monumental step toward equality for the LGBTQ+ community. These cases highlighted the judiciary's role in interpreting and expanding the scope of fundamental rights to adapt to changing societal needs.

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In conclusion, the lecture reinforced the idea that awareness is the first step toward empowerment in the fight for fundamental rights. When individuals are informed about their rights, they are better equipped to seek justice, hold violators accountable, and contribute to a more just and equitable society. The lecture ended with a lively Q&A session, where Dr. Salve addressed questions regarding the practical challenges of enforcing rights in a corrupt system, the potential for reform, and the role of youth in spreading awareness. The session concluded with a call to action for everyone to be informed, engaged, and proactive in safeguarding fundamental rights.

Photos of the lecture




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The lecture on “Changing Approach towards Human Rights” was conducted at Anand Vishwa Gurukul College of Law, Thane on 23rd February 2024. The lecture was conducted by Prof. Dr. Sushama Satpute. It was attended by 29 students of Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of law. It was an insightful exploration of how global perspectives and practices regarding human rights have evolved over time. She began the lecture by outlining the historical context of human rights. She highlighted key milestones, such as the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in 1948, which laid the foundation for contemporary human rights discourse. The lecture then transitioned to discussing significant shifts in the human rights paradigm. She explained the gradual movement from state obligations to individual agency, reflecting increased recognition of the role individuals and civil society play in advocating for rights. She also highlighted the growing importance of intersectionality, which considers how overlapping identities—such as race, gender, class, and disability—affect access to rights.

Globalization was another central theme. Prof. Dr. Sushama discussed how transnational issues such as climate change, migration, and digital privacy have broadened the scope of human rights. These challenges require collaborative solutions beyond national boundaries. She identified several challenges facing human rights today. Among these is the rise of authoritarianism, where many governments have curtailed freedoms under the guise of national security, posing a threat to democratic principles. She also pointed to digital rights, noting how the rise of artificial intelligence and surveillance has redefined the boundaries of privacy and freedom of expression. Climate justice emerged as a pressing issue, with environmental degradation disproportionately affecting vulnerable communities

The lecture concluded with a forward-looking perspective. Prof. Dr. Sushama emphasized the need for enhanced education to promote human rights awareness and foster empathy. The Q&A session that followed was highly engaging, with questions ranging from the role of non-governmental organizations in advancing human rights to the ethical implications of emerging technologies.




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