

WEBINAR ON
**Are fair trials feasible in today's world of Social Media: Its
influence on Judiciary**
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The Centre for Legal Studies, Gitarattan International Business School, organised a Webinar on the topic: “Are fair trials feasible in today's world of Social Media: Its influence on Judiciary” on 20th June 2020 for students. An eminent guest was invited for the webinar: Hon'ble Justice Shri G.S. Singhvi. Sir has served as Chief Justice of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh and is a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India.



The purpose of the webinar was to analyse the impact of social media on today's society, impact of social media on the judiciary and consequences of media trials. Hon'ble Justice Shri G. S. Singhvi started the session by talking about our constitution and told the students that they should not only read the constitution but also read about the making of our constitution and be aware of the debates that took place in the constituent assembly while framing the constitution. Justice Singhvi emphasised that along with the fundamental rights, the directive principles of state policy and fundamental duties should also be given the same importance and students should be aware of them. Sir revealed the problems in the criminal justice system of our country by talking about the corruption in recruitment of the police force, overburdening of the courts with cases due to less number of courts and judges in comparison with the population.

Sir emphasised that social media has a great impact on our society; media trials also take place but said that these media trials should be taken to a conclusive end or else they have zero effect and impact as the memory of the masses is very short. He said that there is no need for laws

curbing the social media, while social media should itself become more mature and refined. He advised that all should plant a tree in their lifetime and educate a child this will truly bring a change in our country and society. He ended the session by emphasizing that one should become bhartiya by inculcating respect for our language, culture, heritage and history. After the speech many questions were raised by the attendees whose answers were given very nicely, patiently and accurately by Honorable Justice Singhvi. All thoroughly enjoyed the session which was highly informative and encouraging.

The session ended with the vote of thanks given by Director Prof. (Dr.) B.S. Hothi to our eminent guest speaker.

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