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Report of Distinguished Lecture Series - Lecture 3 on The Constitution as a Living Document

30th January, 2021

Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur had launched the 'Distinguished Lecture Series' on the theme "Constitutional Law" on 16th December, 2020. The Lecture series is conceptualized by Research and Publication Cell and Website, PR & Media Cell of the institute. The third lecture of the series was delivered by Dr. Amita Dhanda, Professor of Law, NALSAR University of Law on 30th January, 2021 on an online platform on the topic "The Constitution as a Living Document". The programme began at 11 am with the introduction of the guest speaker. Thereafter, Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur welcomed the guest and briefly expressed the need of a dynamic Constitution to meet the changing times.

Dr. Amita Dhanda enlightened the audience of the juxtaposition of Originalism and Living Constitution. Dr. Dhanda not only dealt with the different ways of interpreting the Constitution but also shed light on the necessity of dynamic reading of the Constitution. At the same time the speaker also emphasized on the threats of unilaterally following Originalism which will likely result in perpetuating the mistakes of the founders and on the other hand aligning with unbounded dynamism could give free reign to our prejudices. Dr. Dhanda stressed on drawing a balance between Originalism and the Constitution as a live document.

The session was moderated by Ms. Sayalee Surjuse, Assistant Professor & Faculty-in charge of Research and Publication Cell. The lecture was followed by a question answer session in which the speaker enthusiastically dealt with the questions raised by the attendees. The lecture was attended by the students and faculties from various institutions and members of the general

public. Total number of participants was 110. Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. Sachin Tripathi, Assistant Professor, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur.







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