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Profile

Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT), a registered trust, founded by concerned citizens, mobilises public opinion, increases public participation and activism towards promoting honesty, transparency and accountability in governance.

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To strive for good governance, contain corruption, uphold and inculcate values and enhance Sadbhavna in the citizens.

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SIXTH LATE NARAYAN VARMA MEMORIAL LECTURE

“We all are chosen by God to serve Humanity!”

The 6th Late Shri Narayan Varma Lecture Series and Award function was held online on 24th August, 2021, in collaboration with Bombay Chartered Accountants' Society (BCAS) Foundation, Dharma

Bharathi Mission (DBM) India and PCGT. The keynote speaker was Mr. Iqbal Singh Chahal, IAS, Commissioner BMC. It was a privilege to listen to the experience of the BMC Commissioner on how he and his team dealt with the Covid 19 Pandemic in Mumbai.



Mr. Iqbal Chahal with the Memento

Among the first actions that Mr. Chahal took as Mumbai's newly-appointed Municipal Commissioner on May 8, 2020, was to review the civic body's COVID-19 war room set up two months earlier. Being from an engineering background Mr. Chahal explained how he used technology to develop this Mumbai Model. He thought of engaging Election Commissioners' Cars as ambulances, taking help of Uber to connect those ambulances with the common man, creating a separate dashboard for separate wards with separate teams of doctors for each ward. Multi-layered monitoring of the vital parameters of critically ill patients was done 24x7 through a war room within the Jumbo COVID Centres. He took so many risks but all proved to be the perfect ones and that helped him and his team to save lives. The linking of public and private sector hospitals and making jumbo Covid Centres were one of the most appreciated ideas.

Although he was appointed at the most critical times when Covid cases were extremely high in Mumbai, he told his team at the very first meeting that “We all are chosen by God to serve Humanity!” Mr. Chahal emphasized that the civic authorities are looking ahead and have begun preparing for a potential third wave by building three additional Jumbo COVID Centres in the eastern and western suburbs of Mumbai, which will add 5300 more beds, with 70% oxygen beds to the existing inventory. The aggressive testing policy continues to track super spreaders and conduct random sample collection at malls, gardens and public places.

The 6th Late Narayan Varma awards were presented to Shri Maharashi Dave of Sparsh Foundation nominated by BCAS, Shri Ranga Rao (RTI Activist) nominated by Public Concern for Governance Trust and Shri Ravi Singh (Khalsa International) nominated by DBM for their outstanding work and the efforts made by these individuals for the betterment of Humanity.

The lecture ended with a vote of thanks by Mr. Abhay Mehta, President of BCAS.

EDITORIAL



ADIEU DARA GANDHY

Dara Gandhi, our Managing Trustee since the inception, died peacefully at his home in Bandra on the night of 28th July, 2021! Dara had a premonition of the end that was coming. A week before he breathed his last he phoned our Administrative Manager, Rashna Master, and dictated a letter to all of us, Trustees, Staff and students who interact with the P.C.G.T. Below I reproduce the letter :

“By human span of life I am nearing the end of my life and as a parting statement I want to warmly thank all Trustees for having me as a co-trustee, which I deeply cherish.

PCGT, under the leadership of Julio Ribeiro, my oldest friend, has acquired a status of absolute integrity and impartiality in all matters, making it impossible for it to be harmed in any way. Hence trustees should be fearless in dealings at highest level, e.g. even with the Prime Minister who should be vigorously and publicly supported if he acts in a manner beneficial countrywide and by the same token if he contemplates action detrimental countrywide, then do your utmost to prevent him doing so.

God bless you all forever,

Dara Gandhi”

Dara and I were classmates in Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics from June 1944, when we joined till April, 1948, when we sat for the Final B.Com. Examination. In College we had a different set of friends, but we claimed friendship or acquaintanceship if you wish to term

it. Dara was a good soul, very gentle, very fair in his dealings, never loud and never one to draw attention to himself. Very dignified even in his youth!

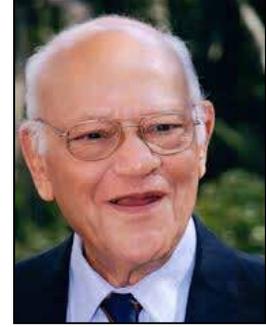
Dara joined the corporate world, I joined the Indian Police Services. Our paths crossed again only after 46 years in 1994 after I retired from government service and he the private sector. His cousin, Kekoo Gandhi, brought us together again at “Kumaram”, M.R.A.’s Mumbai address on Worli Sea Face. Dara was an active member of the M.R.A and I was in search of an opening in the field of social work.

With the help of Kekoo and another M.R.A. activist, Sushobha Barve, the then Police Commissioner Satish Sahney and I started the Mohalla Committee Movement Trust (MCMT) in Mumbai. Dara as an M.R.A. activist was interested in the work we were doing in the slums to promote communal harmony but he was not directly involved. It was only when we established PCGT in 2002 that Dara came into his own.

Dara took charge of the administration of the NGO and all legal matters. He was an invaluable asset which we will miss. Whenever he spoke he did so with sincerity, clarity and passion. His voice, firm and distinct at all times, was heard with respect and attention by all. The true measure of the man is in that last letter to us, which I quoted earlier.

Rest in Peace, dear Dara. Your memory will linger for as long as we ourselves, who have known you, live on the face of this earth. And one more thing – we promise to propagate the values that were always close to you!

In the Quarter just ended on 30th September we fielded three sets of Interns, one batch every month. One girl intern, Mitee Agarwal, from Surat, a senior school student, introduced the recital of the Preamble to the Constitution in her School’s Morning Assembly. Our staffer, Ruchi Bhagat, had initiated the concept of a basic knowledge of rights and duties



envisaged in the Constitution that the people of this ancient land had given to themselves in 1950, soon after gaining Independence. A small booklet was prepared by Ruchi, vetted by experts. The booklet is being distributed to students of Schools and Colleges in vernacular languages so that they are schooled in Constitutional values. This was a gap in their education which P.C.G.T is attempting to fill.

Another girl intern, Uzma Fatima, a student of law residing in Patna, wrote to our Mr. Ranga Rao, thanking him for introducing her to the practical use of the R.T.I. Act because she has secured a part-time assignment in an N.G.O that makes use of the Act to carry out its core mandate. We in the P.C.G.T are thankful to our Interns who appreciate the sincere efforts we put in to mould them into good and caring citizens and human beings. We count them as our success in our treasures.

Our staffer for two years, Shivam Jain Kakadia, was a former Intern himself when he was studying Law in Mumbai’s Government Law College. Shivam left us at the end of September to move on in his chosen career.

Shivam took charge of our Leadership programmes, initiated many new projects like P.C.G.T. Campus Ambassadors in our affiliated Colleges and the Youth Parliament open to students from across the country. Those who organized the Parliaments have developed much confidence in themselves and qualities of leadership that were commented on by Justices Srikrishna, Madan Lokur and Ajit Shah who presided over the concluding sessions of the successive Parliaments.

– Julio Ribeiro

KUCHH AUR

Value-based Education promotes effective learning and underpins continuous improvement of personal, social, moral and economic well-being. It is considered as a valuable investment in individual capability promoting responsibility for self and others. It gives a positive direction to the students in shaping their present, future and even helps them to know their purpose in life. Value education is the process through which an individual develops abilities, attitude, values as well as other forms of behaviour depending on the society he or she lives in.

KUCHH AUR conducted online sessions every week in Schools and Communities. These sessions were done daily from August to October 2021 on different values. The sessions were appreciated by students, teachers, principals and community staff of many schools. We did a lot of interactive sessions in which we touched values like family, love, emotions, acceptance, relationship, peace, honesty, gratitude, and happiness. In some Kuchh Aur sessions with the students we shared about personalities, role models and stories of feeling our personal experiences.

On 15th August 2021, a session on "India I Care" was conducted by our Trustee Mrs. Rekha Shahani. In this session the main objective was to make everyone aware about their own responsibilities towards our nation. For the topic the students were asked the following questions:

- What is the role I need to play?
- Am I a part of the problem or am I contributing to the solutions in my country?

Some of the responses were : We need to follow the rules, save water, electricity by avoiding wastage and looking after our health.

Dr. Archana Shukla, a government school teacher from Madhya Pradesh spoke about her experiences during the lockdown

and how she utilized her time and thoughts during the period. She reached out to the under-privileged children and taught them from home. Her survey of the necessities got her to distribute sanitary napkins to women labourers and migrants who had no access to sanitary pads during the lockdown. She also started a Program called "Collecting Local Fruit Seeds" and encouraged students to throw those seeds around in their area and hope that they would bloom into trees. Lastly, she explained about "Saving Sparrows" and encouraged the students to make little sparrow houses from boxes and feed them.

Constitution Literacy Program

This program under Kuchh Aur was started to help spread the knowledge of the subject in schools, communities & working professionals. They were made aware about the foundations of the Constitution. This social literacy initiative was held in the wake of caste discrimination, superstitions and religious extremism gaining ground despite the progress on the education front.

We believe that the Constitution is not something that should only be studied by law students. At the end of the day, as citizens of this country, we should know the law of the land. Ms. Ruchi Bhagat, Programme Manager, Youth For Governance (YFG) had conducted these sessions with more than 300 students in Schools & Communities.

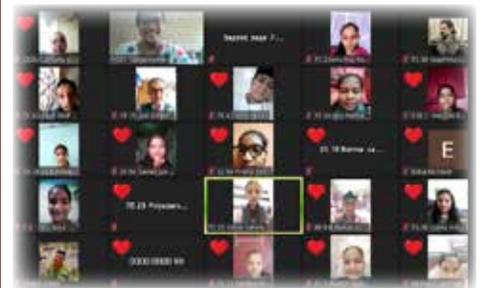
SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

KUCHH AUR also started a Programme called "School Ambassadors". The objective of this programme is to create awareness about PCGT's work of values in the schools and communities, to motivate other students to join Kuchh Aur, to create awareness of compassionate responsible citizens. RTI, POCSO, Traffic rules, current affairs like Covid-19, take feedback from students and develop new values to conduct sessions with students.

SESSIONS WITH SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

Purshottam High School (PHS)

Kuchh Aur had weekly sessions with PHS. Our Trustee Mrs. Rekha Shahani took sessions every week on various topics like Peace, Teachers, Teachers Everywhere, Respect, Sharing, Discipline, Self Confidence, Value of time, and Gratitude. More than 90 students attended these sessions every week. We thank Ms. Prema Kotian and her staff for these sessions.



Session with Purshottam High School

Pragnya Bodhini High School (PBHS)

A series of weekly webinars were held for the students of Pragnya Bodhini High School, which included values in our day-to-day life. Each session was attended by more than 60 students. Most of these students have been a part of our Mentorship programme since October 2020. Students have been a part of the School Ambassadors programme and have been actively attending and interacting with all.

We thank Ms. Jyoti Tanna for taking a session with the interns and students of PBHS. She shared her experiences about how she started her NGO 'Each One Teach One (EOTO) with just four students for the purpose of educating the underprivileged children. She also spoke about the hardships she faced during her journey from Pakistan to India.

We thank Ms. Seema Shaikh and Mr. Sunil Patel for the sessions with the students of PBHS.

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Podar High School (PHS)

Our Trustee Mrs. Rekha Shahani took a session with Podar High School on the value of "Happiness". She said that the actual meaning of happiness is Joy. It is our choice to accept or reject it. We should laugh without hesitation and share happiness with others. She further explained that one needs to be grateful every day of our life in order to have happiness as a way of life. She also advised not to worry about the future but to enjoy the present. We thank Ms. Ophelia Barreto for this session.

K. G. Seksaria Sarvodaya High School

We thank Ms. Latha Venkat who gave us an opportunity to conduct 2 sessions on Constitution Literacy Program for Std. VIII and IX, by Ms. Ruchi Bhagat, Program Manager, YFG and a Kuchh Aur session on 'Happiness' for Std. VIII, in her school. 200 girls attended the Constitution Literacy Program. 100 students attended the Kuchh Aur session

conducted by Mrs. Yashasweeta, Program Manager, Kuchh Aur.

Communities

Community sessions are conducted by Kuchh Aur on every Wednesday & Friday. Each session is attended by more than 50 students. In communities we focus on the value of Honesty, Compassion, Self-love and Importance of Education. In a month we touched more than 500 students.



Session with Nerul Community

Interns at PCGT are part of the Kuchh Aur sessions. We encourage them to get involved and share their expertise

with the students. The Younger students connected with them. Interns had to select a value and make a presentation of the same. Some of the presentations were on women empowerment, unity in diversity, self confidence, positive thinking, importance of respect, gender equality, human values, honesty, courage and kindness.

We thank Mr. Suresh Khatri and Mr. Sunny Mawiong of Initiatives of Change (India) for sharing their expertise and experiences with the Interns.

Personal follow up

In Kuchh Aur a personal follow up is done via phone to reach out to children who don't attend the sessions due to their demographic, economic and situational factors. As part of the program we interact with these students to understand the issues faced by them. Students were happy to share their problems and we were able to build up their confidence by being good listeners and counselling them.

INTERNS SHARE

The concept of money was not new for any of the interns or the children present there. However, the way ma'am made us familiar with different aspects of it was very new. Her habit of inculcating every value makes it easier for us to realize the examples used to explain those aspects.

The noteworthy thing that I learned from this Session, was that

"We must always learn to differentiate between our needs and wants and always try not to let our wants dominate over needs."

Sarvesh Nayak
Government Law College

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"Kuchh Aur sessions have made a complete change in my daily routine because it's the little things that matter, whether it's about a namaskar or being

silent for a minute - these are the kind of things we miss in our daily schedule. Listening to Rekha Ma'am's stories of her journey inspired us a lot kept us engaged.

Listening to Yashasweeta Didi teaching the students about values through stories was really interesting and it just kind of made our day. I chose a value and made a PPT on it to present it to the students who were very keen to learn everything. In community the children answered our questions and even shared their talents, which was really amazing."

Shraddha Joshi
NMIMS

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The Kuchh Aur initiative helped me by freeing my mind and I explored a different aspect of life. Meeting

the children and conversing with them gave me peace that I had not experienced before and listening to their thoughts made me satisfied and calm. Also, when I gave my presentation on Gratitude, I taught and learned through my own presentation. It taught me to be grateful for what I have and appreciate everything around me. Right from learning to take responsibility to learning self love, these sessions enhanced and evolved my values towards life. Also, one of the most important take back from these sessions is the value of taking a pause. Even if you are running around and busy the entire day you should take a pause for 5 minutes and reflect on yourself and your day. These sessions resulted in me becoming a changed person.

LAVANYA MALANI
Jindal Global Law School

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I feel really happy and blessed to be a part of PCGT and of course a part of Kuchh Aur sessions. The Kuchh Aur sessions were very interactive and it was fun as an intern to have an opportunity to interact with children and share the thoughts. The concept of sharing of love that was taught really motivated me to give unconditional love to others. I was not an interactive person in my past, but I don't know how I feel myself to be interactive during the sessions in PCGT, especially in the Kuchh Aur sessions. Some of the key takeaways that I have from those sessions are :

1. The concept of STOP – Smile, Time, Optimism and Pause
2. The Principle of CCD – Connect, Correct and Direct

3. Importance of prayer in our lives and that the prayer is the way to connect to God.

Rahul Mandapati
NMIMS –
Kirit P. Mehta School of Law

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KUCHH AUR sessions helped me inculcate the values of honesty, punctuality, unity, peace, appreciation, compassion, and happiness in me. As I mentioned in my presentation, we had a guest Mr. Sunny Mawiong who shared his personal story of how he was once addicted to Alcohol and Drugs, but one fine day he decided to totally abstain from alcohol and drugs and now he is a completely different person. His story also made me quit

smoking and I can proudly say that it has been 15-20 days and I have not even smoked a single cigarette.

In my presentation I decided to spread awareness on Dowry and how it should be prohibited as it is against the law to ask or give dowry.

KUCHH AUR sessions helped me understand why values are important in our life and we should always look after those who need our help and assistance.

“Children must be taught how to think and not what to think.”

- MARGARET MEAD

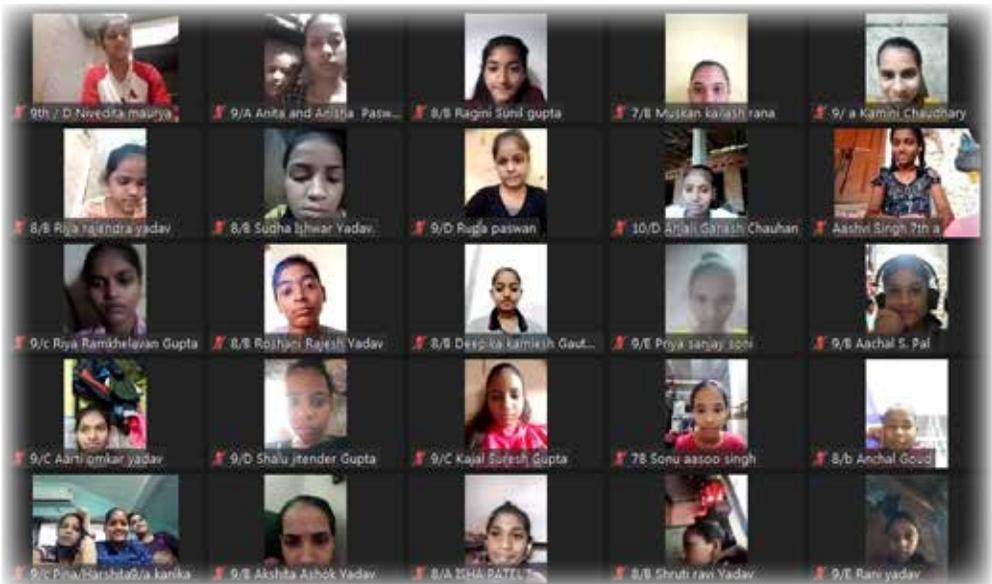
Saksham Arya
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Patiala



Mr. Suresh Khatri addressing the Interns



Dr. Archana Shukla conducting a session with PBHS School



Session with K.G. Seksaria Sarvodaya High School



Session with Mr. Suresh Khatri & Mr. Sunny Mawiong

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Projects with interns

JULY 2021

Child Safety – Six interns from the July batch did a research on POCSO and the Juvenile Justice Act which deals with women and child safety.

Casteism in Prison – 14 interns did an extensive research on the topic 'Casteism in Prisons of India'. In the course of their research, they studied jail manuals of all the Indian states and Union Territories and found casteist provisions in jail manuals of 5 states, namely, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana.

Cyber Watch – The interns carried out research on matters related to Cyber

security and Cyber abuse. They made posts and reels for a social media campaign on cyber watch, which was posted on the PCGT's Instagram and Facebook handles.

AUGUST 2021

UAPA Research – 12 interns from the August batch carried out a research on the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act to have a better understanding as to why such laws exist in a democracy like India and how it can be misused. They studied various aspects of the law and did a comparative analysis with similar laws in other countries across the globe.

Manual Scavenging – 6 interns carried out research to find out the

schemes and benefits given by the Govt. of India for the manual scavengers and *safai karmacharis*. They found out eligibility criteria, benefits and procedures for registration offered by the Govt. This information will be utilized later in the further stages of the project with the help of NSS volunteers.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Electoral Reforms – The September batch of interns studied various laws and regulations related to electoral reforms. On the basis of their comprehension, they have made social media posts to make the citizens aware about the electoral laws and parameters to look for while voting for their ideal candidate.

Webinars organized by our Campus Ambassadors

Constitution Literacy Program

Inaugural session of the Constitution Literacy Program – 9th July, 2021 : PCGT organized an inaugural session to mark the beginning of our new project on "Constitutional Literacy". The Guest of Honour for the event was Prof. Homer Pithawalla, Senior Advocate at the Supreme Court of India, Bombay High Court as well as Solicitor of the Bombay High Court, Supreme Court of England and Supreme Court of Hong Kong. He shared his experience and shed light on the provisions that make the Indian Constitution the best amongst democracies in the world. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Julio Ribeiro, Mr. V. P. Raja and other esteemed Trustees of PCGT and attended by the PCGT interns, Campus Ambassadors, Lead Ambassadors and students from various colleges.

PCGT also organized the following webinars under the Constitution Literacy Programme in collaboration with colleges across Mumbai. Ms. Ruchi Bhagat, an Advocate by qualification and Program Manager

of YFG at PCGT, highlighted on the history and importance of the Indian Constitution and the rights that the Indian citizens are entitled to.

Sr. No.	Date	College	Total No. of Attendees
1	20th July, 2021	B. K. Birla College	200+
2	30th July, 2021	St. Andrews' College	60
3	14th August, 2021	V. G. Vaze College	80
4	20th August, 2021	H. R. College	120

"Safety of Women - A Legal Perspective" – 31st July, 2021 : PCGT in collaboration with Dr. M.I.J. Girls' High School and Jr. College (Anjuman Islam) organized a webinar on "Safety of Women – A legal perspective" by Adv. Sonali Shelar of PCGT. The speaker emphasized on various women protection laws and

their application. She also discussed how to report a crime against women and ways to prevent such crimes. The webinar received more than 1700 views on Youtube.

"Ethics In Governance" – 12th August, 2021 : A webinar on "Ethics in Governance" was organized by PCGT in collaboration with B. K. Birla College where PCGT Chairman Mr. V. P. Raja spoke on the importance of Ethics and Values in governance. He shared his views and past experiences to demonstrate good governance. The event was attended by over 150 participants.

A webinar on the above topic was also organized on 20th August, 2021, in collaboration with H.R. College of Commerce and Economics where 120 students participated.

"Communal Harmony" – 28th August, 2021 : PCGT in collaboration with B. K. Birla College, Kalyan, organized a webinar on 'Communal Harmony'. The guest speaker Dr. R. K. Anand spoke on the importance of Communal Harmony for the prosperity of the nation. He shared his

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experiences about what he had to deal with in the post partition era. More than 120 students attended the programme.

Panel Discussion on “Preventive Detention Laws” – 8th September, 2021 : A panel discussion on the topic “Preventive Detention Laws” was organized by PCGT in collaboration with Government Law College, Mumbai. The objective was to understand the pros and cons of the Preventive Detention laws that exist in India. The guest panelists were Mr. V. P. Raja (Ex IAS), Adv. Colin Gonsalves (founder, HRLN) and Mr. M. N. Singh (Ex IPS). They discussed various aspects of the preventive detention laws and its use and misuse

in a democracy such as India. More than 400 students participated in the discussions.

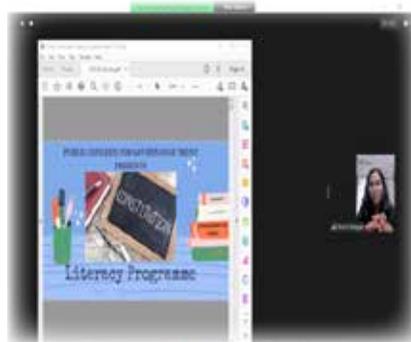
“RTI and its application for Civil Justice” – 18th September, 2021 : PCGT organized a webinar on “RTI and its Application for Civil Justice” in collaboration with Dr. M.I.J. Girls’ High School and Junior College (Anjuman Islam). The guest speaker was Adv. Arjun Kadam who is a lawyer at the Bombay High Court. He spoke on the importance of RTI and the history of its existence. He also demonstrated on how to use RTI as a tool to promote transparency and good governance. The event was streamed live on Youtube and has over 700 views.

Other events organized by YFG

Team Building and Leadership in Civil Services – 17th July, 2021 : A webinar on “Team Building and Leadership in Civil Services” was organized by PCGT in collaboration with the NSS unit of Atharva College, Mumbai. The guest speakers, Mr. V. P. Raja (Ex IAS, Chairman, PCGT) and Mr. Julio Ribeiro (Ex IPS, Chairman Emeritus, PCGT), shed light upon the importance of leadership and team building required to become a successful Civil Servant, by sharing their invaluable experiences. The event was attended by 165 participants.



Webinar on “Leadership and Team Building in Civil Services” by Mr. V. P. Raja and Mr. Julio Ribeiro



“Constitution Literacy Programme”



Ms. Ruchi Bhagat conducting the “Constitution Literacy Program”



“Communal Harmony” Dr. R. K. Anand with students of B. K. Birla College.



Panel discussion on “Preventive Detention” by Mr. V. P. Raja (Ex IAS), Mr. M. N. Singh (Ex IPS), Adv. Colin Gonsalves with Government Law College.

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Virtual Courts : Comparative Study and PIL

We are in an era where every sphere of our lives is, willingly or unwillingly, shaped or at least touched by technology. As the new norm, technology sets the boundaries for the concept of “normal.” Unavoidably, every profession had to revisit, transform, and technologize its traditional practices and rules to some extent in order to catch up with this new normal. Judiciary, with its long-standing traditional practices and historic roots, is one of the most conservative fields which have resisted to implement the new normal in. Conversely, judiciary has also always had to answer the growing demands of a dynamic society for swift and equal access to justice anytime and anywhere.

India has an existing high rate of judicial pendency and huge backlog

of cases in court. Former Central Information Commissioner Mr. Shailesh Gandhi has highlighted the benefits of adapting to a hybrid court model which includes virtual hearings. His letter to the former Chief Justice of India Shri S. A. Bobde enlists a point-by-point rebuttal to all arguments against such hearings. The interns at PCGT (July and September 2021 batch) rendered their valuable assistance to Mr. Gandhi’s endeavours to make virtual courts a reality. This has been done by studying the status of virtual courts and pendency of cases in different regions of the world and taking note of their best practices and prevalent pendency rates. The interns have concluded that a hybrid model of courts, i.e., a combination of physical and

virtual hearings, provides for more versatility, and that there must be an immediate action to ensure a workable hybrid model of courts in India.

A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has also been filed in the apex court in September 2021 (National Federation of Societies for Fast Justice & Ors. v. High Court of Uttarakhand & Ors.). The PIL seeks to have the right of access to justice through Virtual Courts (Hybrid Model) as a guaranteed Fundamental Right under Part III of the Constitution of India. The PIL also prays for implementing the uninhibited, unimpeded access to Virtual Courts to the constitutional and superior courts of the country, viz. the High Courts and the Supreme Court.

PCGT National Youth Parliament 2022 : Training Sessions

The Organizing Committee for the 4th edition of PCGT National Youth Parliament 2022 was formulated in August 2021 after a rigorous application and interview process in two stages. The Training sessions for all Organizing Committee members commenced from 13th September, 2021.

CONSTITUTION LITERACY PROGRAMME

On 9th of July 2021 PCGT started a new initiative with a thought to educate the future citizens and the common man about the law of the land - The Constitution of India. This initiative was inaugurated by Prof. Homer Pithawala and now in the span of 3 months has conducted 10 Programs in different colleges and schools. So far we were able to approach more than 800 students who were made aware of their rights and duties along with the history of the Indian Constitution. By way of this program we try to inculcate constitutional values in children and citizens. The importance of equality not only amongst men and women but also amongst the third gender, the importance of freedom of speech and the proper way to use it, the existence of Article 21 and small instances showing how it is violated in our day to day life, are discussed in this program. While discussing Fundamental Duties with College and School children, they promise us that they will follow traffic rules, abide by the Constitution and the school children had taken a vow not to use Crackers this Diwali, instead, rather buy a new plant and help the environment. This is the outcome of this Constitution Literacy Program. Now these programs will be conducted not only in Mumbai but also in Raigad, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurga and Palghar Districts in Marathi Language.



Prof. Homer Pithawala at the inauguration of the programme.



The programme conducted by Ms. Ruchi Bhagat (inset) with children of Rabale community.



The programme shown on screen.

POCSO

The POCSO Team took charge of informing interns about the legislations that focus on safety of women and children. In this process, we trained -----(total number of interns between Jul-Oct 2021) interns about the safety protocols that authorities such as Police, school management, Child Welfare Committees, etc. that are engaged in the judicial process as well as the custody and upbringing of minors are have to follow, the flaws in the legislative interpretation by the courts, gaps in the implementation of guidelines, responsibility and pro-activeness of the judiciary in seeing through the cases with child friendly mechanisms in mind, etc.

On 28th September 2021, after months of discussions and deliberations with the Pune Education Department, the permissions for Phase III of the Teachers' Training Programme for Pune Municipal Commission were sanctioned. The training starts in October 2021.

The team also engaged with Dr. M I Jamkhanawala Girls' High School and Jr. College to enlighten the students on

the topic of Safety of Women: A Legal Perspective on 31st July 2021.



Adv. Sonali Shelar conducting a session with Dr. M I Jamkhanawala Girls' High School and Jr. College on 'Safety of Women : A Legal Perspective'

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