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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.

Vision

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

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EXPOSURE VISIT TO RAJGURUNAGAR



PCGT Team and Bombay Mothers and Children Welfare Society Team at Rajgurunagar



Session conducted on Cyber Safety and Women Safety at Trimurti Vidyalaya

PCGT organized an exposure visit for the urban youth in the rural area of Rajgurunagar in Khed Taluka, Dist. Pune. The Bombay Mothers and Children Welfare Society hosted 10 people from PCGT. Following are the activities conducted by PCGT at Rajgurunagar :

Session on Cyber Security and Women and Child Safety at Trimurti Vidyalaya. This session was conducted to raise awareness about cyber security and safety, specifically targeting women and children. It was attended by around 170 students at Trimurti Vidyalaya. The same session was conducted for community adult members at the Bombay Mothers and Children Welfare Society office. More than 35 people attended the session.

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EDITORIAL



The Quarter
Ending
September
2023

Do take a moment to peruse the reports of our three verticals – the Kuchh Aur, the Youth For Governance and the Leadership Programme. Specially, read the views of the young people who participated in those programmes. If they think they have gained in knowledge and, more pertinently, in confidence, then the Trustees and Staff of the P.C.G.T. will be assured that their time and energy spent on pursuing the goals of the organization have not been wasted.

Our Chairman, V.P.Raja, was away for four months touching base with his daughter and his son, settled in the United States. In his absence I interacted with the Interns and our Staff more regularly than before. I was happy to note that the interns were participating in the discussions and learning how government offices and the police stations function and deliver justice to the citizens.

P.C.G.T. arranged for the young interns to visit and interact with the “Right to Service” Commissioner, who spoke to them about the State’s law on the disposal of files in State government offices, the right of supplicants to speedy disposal of their grievances, and channels available for complaints. Most grass-roots corruption is based on delays in disposing of files. If our interns spread the knowledge about this new Act it will help citizens to get their dues more easily. Even Government officials who should be in the know about this Act and be in dread of it, are not aware of its provisions and the consequences of not disposing of files within the prescribed time. If the R.T.S. Commissioner wants PCGT’s help to make this Act as well known as the

R.T.I. is today, our students can be involved in the task. We are available and ready.

The interns also visited a Police Station and police offices fighting Cyber crime and protecting women and children from molestation. Activists and experts in different disciplines spoke to our Interns and interacted with them in the P.C.G.T. office. An intern in the last batch sprang a pleasant surprise on us by presenting us with a cheque of INR 2000/- from his father. This is the Second such instance of appreciation shown by interns, the first being a cheque for INR 10,000/- from the father of a young girl who interned with us a few years ago. These are small gestures of appreciation of our work which help us to measure success.

The former interns who volunteered to visit Rajgurunagar, where a N.G.O., of which I am incidentally the Chairman, has been working for the past 25 years or more trying to ameliorate the standard of education and living of our rural citizens, addressed the school children on the benefits of the R.T.I Act, the purport of the POCSO Act and the need of Cyber security. The Secretary of the NGO, Dr. Madhav Sathe, a committed social worker, told me that the Adivasi students with whom our interns interacted were truly enlightened and benefitted from their contact with the urban youth. Our students were equally happy.

Because of our precarious financial situation we may find it difficult to continue with these rural visits without some financial contribution from our interns. I have broached the suggestion to prepare them for this possible eventuality. It is only the hiring charges of the transport that may have to be met from the contribution of the students. The Bombay Mothers and Children Society will accommodate and feed our students.

Our Kuchh Aur programme across different schools and communities

goes on apace. Just read the reaction of some of our interns who have been exposed to our endeavours. Many interns are so enthused on noticing the interest with which school kids participate in our values-addition exercise to their prescribed curriculum that they themselves take the podium and speak to the kids about their own experiences while pursuing that particular value that is being discussed.

Our Annual “National Youth Parliament” was held in this Quarter on August 19 and 20 at the Pravin Gandhi College of Law, our oldest and most consistent partner. Some 200 students from across the country participated in this project. A brain-child of our Consultant, Advocate Shivam Jain Kakadia, it has an in-house Student’s Organizing Committee. Members of this Committee gain in confidence and develop leadership qualities of a high order because of the responsibilities cast on them individually. A Retired Judge of the Bombay High Court, Justice S. C. Gupte, presided. P.C.G.T. Trustee Gulam A. Vahanvati was our representative and the College was represented by its Principal, Dr. Navashikha Duara.

Consultant Kakadia was also successful in cementing an M.O.U. between P.C.G.T. and the Maharashtra National Law University (M.N.L.U.). The Vice-Chancellor, Prof (Dr.) Dilip Ukey signed the M.O.U. for M.N.L.U. while Adv. Kakadia signed on behalf of our Chairman, V.P. Raja, IAS (Retd.), as he was travelling abroad.

A new batch of Lead Ambassadors and Campus Ambassadors took charge on 20th August. They will organize a series of talks by experts in their respective Colleges. The subject of the talks is chosen by the students of each college. If the students approach PCGT to arrange for experts to speak on the chosen topic, PCGT Trustees are always available to help.

– Julio Ribeiro

KUCHH AUR

In the vibrant span from July to September 2023, our journey has revolved around nurturing essential values and their profound significance across diverse schools and communities. The commencement of the new academic year marked a fresh start for the VII and VIII standard batch of Purushottam High School, Anjuman-I-Islam's (Dr. MIJ Girl's High School), and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Vividhalaxi Vidyalaya. Our voyage delved into an array of captivating themes, from the introductory session with Ice Breaking Activities to values of Kindness, Never Give Up, the Power of Healthy Life, Emotions and Feelings and Unity in Diversity.



Introductory session with Ice Breaking Activities at Purushottam High School, Anjuman-I-Islam's (Dr. MIJ Girl's High School), and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Vividhalaxi Vidyalaya

An impactful session was conducted for the students on the theme of 'Kindness', focusing on its significance and profound impact in our lives.

This included an engaging discussion on the potential of three enchanting words — *Thank You, Sorry and Please* — to enhance daily interactions. Additionally, heartfelt thank-you letters were composed during the session by students for their parents, friends, cousins or anyone deserving of gratitude.



Session on 'Kindness' in the Mankhurd Community

'Hindi Diwas' was celebrated with the students at Anjuman-I-Islam's (Dr. MIJ Girls' High School). During the session, the importance of Hindi and the rationale behind observing this day were discussed. Emphasis was placed on the significance of the Hindi language, and a Charades activity was organized to acquaint the students with Hindi words commonly replaced by English in daily conversations. This session provided a meaningful means of commemorating Hindi Diwas, while also promoting language awareness and fostering interaction among the students and interns.



Celebration of Hindi Diwas at Anjuman-I-Islam's (Dr. MIJ Girl's High School)

A session on 'Unity in Diversity' was conducted at Purushottam High School. The importance of the value of Unity was explored, accompanied by real-life examples. An engaging activity was conducted, followed by sharing of key takeaways including the significance of trust, teamwork and

effective collaboration with partners, holding different perspectives.



Session on Unity in Diversity at Purushottam High School

To celebrate International Peace Day, a session was conducted at Anjuman-I-Islam's (Dr. MIJ Girls' High School). The importance of peace in our daily lives was discussed, drawing connections to the legacy of Raja Ram Mohan Roy. An engaging activity was also organized, where students created drawings or expressed their thoughts on what peace means to them.



Celebration of International Peace Day at Anjuman-I-Islam's (Dr. MIJ Girls High School)

The profound value of 'Never Give Up' was explored during a captivating session with approximately 25 enthusiastic students in the Mankhurd community. Insights on the art of tenacity and its undeniable connection to achieving one's dreams were shared. Throughout the discussion, the importance of not only exerting effort but also embracing patience as a vital companion on the journey to success was emphasized.



Session on 'Never Give Up' in the Mankhurd Community

KUCHH AUR

In the session on the Power of Healthy Life, the spotlight was placed on various dimensions of well-being, encompassing physical, mental, social and environmental health, all vividly illustrated through practical day-to-day life examples. The session had the objective of knowledge dissemination and the promotion of awareness regarding the importance of embracing a holistic approach to health.



Session on the Power of Healthy Life in the Mankhurd Community

In the Mankhurd community, a session on "Emotions & Feelings" was conducted by PCGT Interns. During this session, a spotlight was placed on emotions, such as sadness, happiness, fear, anger, surprise, and disgust. The interactive format of the session facilitated open dialogues among the students about their emotions.



Session on Emotions & Feelings by Interns in the Mankhurd Community

Mrs. Renu Raut, CEO of 'Each One Teach One Foundation,' conducted an insightful session on Personality Development for interns, emphasizing personal motivations, emotional well-being, time management, hormonal imbalances, and self-awareness. The session provided valuable tools for personal growth and effective emotion management in both professional and personal life.



Session on Personality Development by Mrs. Renu Raut at PCGT office

Collaboration with Government Law College, Mumbai

As part of the Second Prof. V. S. Mallar Memorial Legal Aid Competition,

2023, Ms. Mukta Zingade and her team from Government Law College (GLC), Mumbai, in partnership with Public Concern for Governance Trust, conducted an engaging session at Anjuman-I-Islam's (Dr. MIJ Girls High School) to raise awareness about child abuse and child sexual harassment. Through interactive games, students expressed their thoughts on hypothetical abuse situations, followed by guidance on handling such sensitive issues. Furthermore, the GLC Team also educated the children at Purushottam High School about their fundamental right to education under the Right to Education Act, 2009. A simplified understanding of the Act, constitutional rights, and the significance of education as a fundamental right was also provided.



Session on Legal Aid at Purushottam High School and Anjuman-I-Islam's (Dr. MIJ Girls High School)

INTERNS SHARE

Harshal Furia - September 23

Kuchh Aur has taught me the values of connecting with all human beings, all communities and all religions. On the first day I visited a session conducted by Rekha Ma'am, and she shared a heart-touching story about how our parents teach us life lessons throughout our lives, but as they become senior citizens, we tend to walk fast and ignore them. I believe this is wrong, and we should cherish their company in their old age. Kuchh Aur has also taught me the value of time; thanks to PCGT, I have learned to be punctual for every session. Hemangi ma'am has put in great effort to enhance children's thought processes. Rekha ma'am has instilled in me the value of treating

everyone equally. Sayali ma'am and Hemangi ma'am guided us with great focus in every session. I am eager to contribute my time and services to PCGT from now on. I have learned from all the trustees that we should think about our nation and serve it for the betterment of future generations. It was a fantastic session with PCGT and Kuchh Aur.

Shweta Joshi - September 23

The 'Kuchh Aur' sessions have been truly enriching. I derived immense joy and imbibed numerous values that hold significant importance in our daily lives. Often, we tend to overlook the importance of gratitude, appreciation, and the act of apologizing in our routines. These sessions have also

emphasized the idea that life is about savoring moments and enhancing its beauty, rather than being bogged down by stress. They have underscored the notion that happiness is tucked away in the little things, awaiting our recognition. Personally, I believe that aiding others is the noblest deed one can perform in a lifetime. The sessions have highlighted that spreading gratitude is a pathway to happiness, and extending a helping hand brings true joy. In essence, I have a deep fondness for 'Kuchh Aur' sessions for their ability to shed light on aspects we may know but often overlook in our daily lives. They serve as a valuable reminder of these essential values. I eagerly look forward to being a part of future 'Kuchh Aur' sessions.

YOUTH FOR GOVERNANCE

In this quarter, PCGT had interns from Dr. D. Y. Patil School of Law, Government Law College, Maharashtra National Law University, Jindal Global Law School and KES' Shri Jayantilal H. Patel Law College. They got an opportunity to attend talks by eminent professionals and visit various government agencies. They acquired both practical and theoretical knowledge regarding pressing social issues throughout their one-month internship programme.



PCGT Interns with Trustees

Interns visited the Deputy Commissioner of Police Office Anti Narcotics Cell at Cuffe Parade. They understood the operations of Anti Narcotics Cells, which helped them understand the scale and complexity of the drug problem in Mumbai and the challenges faced by the police officials.



PCGT Interns with Mr. Shrikant Karkar at Anti Narcotics Cell, Cuffe Parade

Mr. Shivam Jain Kakadia, Consultant - Youth For Governance (YFG), PCGT, interacted with the interns on the topic of Centre-State Relations, Rule of Law and Importance of Role Models where he discussed the powers of parliament to amend the constitution through timeline of various case laws, the three principles of A.V. Dicey and the basic structure of the constitution.

Mrs. Renu Kapoor, a practicing Chartered Accountant inspired the interns to Act whenever they see

anybody's rights being violated. She spoke about portals and toll-free lines that people can call to raise their concerns to the government authorities. She pointed out the need to turn our emotions into actions and highlighted her own experiences with initiatives she had taken to bring about social change.

PCGT Trustee and Former Director General of Police, Maharashtra, Mr. D. Sivanandhan (IPS Retd.) spoke to the interns on Cyber Safety, Safety of Women in Modern Times and Do Epic Things. In his session on 'Safety of Women in Modern Times', he emphasized on gender-based violence, laws that protect women and safety tips. During his 'Cyber Safety' session, he spoke about various cyber crimes committed and provided tips on how to stay safe online, safeguarding personal information and digital well-being in this digital world. Mr. Sivanandhan shared Seven Secrets of Success in his session on 'Do Epic Things'. He quoted Lou Holtz "Without Self-Discipline, Success is Impossible, Period." and shared his experiences during his postings in Indian Police Service.



PCGT Interns with Mr. D. Sivanandhan

RTI Activist Mr. Shailesh Gandhi, Former Chief Information Commissioner conducted a session with PCGT Interns on 'Time-bound Justice'. He raised his concerns regarding the delays in the Justice System in India and its reasons. Further, he shared possible solutions for Timely Justice Delivery.

Interns got an opportunity to meet Mr. Julio Ribeiro (IPS Retd.), Founder Trustee of PCGT and Former Director General of Police, State of Gujarat and

Punjab. Mr. Ribeiro and the interns had a meaningful discussion on the Uniform Civil Code, Police Reforms and Tensions between India & Canada.



Mr. Julio Ribeiro interacting with the Interns

Interns had a chance to visit Roti Bank, a non-profit, hunger relief organization initiated by Roti Foundation, Mumbai. They observed the food being made by the automated kitchen equipment at the Roti Bank Kitchen. They also served the food outside KEM Hospital, Parel.



Interns serving food outside KEM Hospital

Ms. Sayali Kadam, Programme Manager, Youth For Governance, conducted sessions on Tribal Rights and Introduction to Human Rights. She even spoke about the plight of Manual Scavengers in India.



Ms. Sayali Kadam conducting session on Tribal Rights

PCGT interns got an opportunity to visit the Maharashtra Right to Public Services Commission. Mr. Manu Kumar Srivastava (IAS Retd.), Chief Commissioner, Maharashtra State Commission for Right to Services and

YOUTH FOR GOVERNANCE

Mr. Baldev Singh (IAS Retd.), State Commissioner for Right to Services, Konkan Revenue Division interacted with the interns about the 'Maharashtra Right to Public Service Act, 2015' and the 'Aaple Sarkar Portal'.



PCGT interns at Maharashtra Right to Public Services Commission

Mrs. Ana Saldanha, Trustee, PCGT, spoke with the interns about Leadership and the qualities a leader should possess. Further, she emphasized on the importance of Time Management.



Mrs. Ana Saldanha interacting with the interns

PCGT interns also visited the Crime Against Women Unit at N. M. Joshi Marg Police Station. Head Constable Unnati Thakkar conducted the session. She spoke about different units and the procedures they follow in the Unit. She gave a holistic view of the functioning of the Unit. Further, she shared about Nirbhaya Squad, One

Stop Centre, Manodhairya Scheme and POCSSO Act.



PCGT Interns at Crime Against Women Unit at N. M. Joshi Marg Police Station

Mr. Prasad Chandran, Trustee, PCGT, and former Chairman & Managing Director of BASF conducted a session on 'Values create Values'. He also spoke about types of corruption and how it can be prevented.



Mr. Prasad Chandran with the interns

The founder of Delta Scientific, Mr. Amar Madnani interacted with them about Bail as an instrument of protection of the Fundamental Rights of a citizen.



PCGT interns with Mr. Amar Madnani post his session on 'Bail'

Interns also got an opportunity to visit L. T. Marg Police Station. PI Sheetal Munde spoke about the functioning and roles of various departments in police stations (Admin, Law & Order, Crime, Public Relations) in detail. Sr. PI Dnyaneshwar Wagh interacted with the interns. The visit was concluded by a question and answer round.



PCGT interns with Sr. PI Dnyaneshwar Wagh and PI Sheetal Munde at L. T. Marg Police Station

Dr. R. K Anand, Founder Trustee, PCGT along with Mrs. Rekha Shahani, Trustee, took a session with the interns on 'Harmony of Religions' and 'How to Have a Purposeful Speech'



Dr. R. K. Anand with PCGT interns

INTERNS SHARE

I learned about PCGT via one of my seniors, and after learning more about it, I became really interested in interning with them. During my tenure with PCGT, I discovered many new things and underwent some personal growth. For example, I used to feel worried while hearing about other people's accomplishments, but thanks to PCGT, I was given the chance to work on my flaws, which I now see as opportunities for personality development. Mr. D. Sivanandhan, Mr. J. F. Ribeiro, taught us how to be

reasonable and truthful in regard to your job. I was left with unparalleled knowledge from Sir's insightful session, along with his inspirational quotes like "A leader is not born, he is made". I became aware of how crucial it is for every citizen to be informed, to be aware of their rights, and to speak up against injustice, thanks to Ranga Rao Sir, who taught us about RTI. I also had the chance to hear Justice Gautam S. Patel through PCGT, and his statement on how we can't expect the police to change without

changing ourselves, struck a chord with me. I learned a great deal from each renowned dignitary, which is not possible to sum up in a few lines. Finally, I would like to thank Ms. Sayali Kadam, Ms. Hemangi Sawant, Mrs. Rashna Master and Mrs. Rudabeh Dinshaw for their cooperation and support throughout the internship.

• **Pragyansha Verma, September 2023 Intern**

KES Shri Jayantilal H. Patel Law College

VISIT TO RAJGURUNAGAR

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Session conducted on Cyber Safety and Women Safety at Bombay Mothers and Children Welfare Society office

Session with school children at Jaidwadi Zilla Parishad Prathamik School. In this session, the value of Honesty was depicted through songs and stories with 30 primary school children.



VISIT TO RAJGURUNAGAR

Orientation of The Bombay Mothers and Children Welfare Society. The orientation successfully familiarized youth with the operations of the NGO, 'The Bombay Mothers and Children Welfare Society', which works in rural and tribal areas.



Adv. Jinal Sanghvi conducting a session on the Right to Information Act

Right to Information Session with community adults was conducted by Adv. Jinal Sanghvi. This session successfully created awareness among community members about the Right to Information Act and assisted them in filing RTI requests.



PCGT Team at Thakarwadi tribal hamlet

Visit to the tribal areas of Thakarwadi and Shivwadi. The visit provided youth with exposure to rural life and culture, fostering an understanding of the realities of living in tribal areas and encouraging community engagement.

These activities were also conducted in the past with the aim of educating and engaging various groups, including students, community members and youth, on important topics such as cyber security, ethical values, the functioning of NGO, and the Right to Information Act, while also providing exposure to rural and tribal life.

INTERNS SHARE

In the beautiful mesmerizing mountains of Sahyadris, we see these dark problems which we collectively are trying to resolve. We are diligently trying to throw light towards these

sensitive issues. I am glad to be a part of PCGT and thankful to the whole team for making me a part of this. Being a part of the change is like playing a vital role in building the

nation and mankind. Once again thank you PCGT for choosing us budding lawyers for this task.

• Preet Bare

PCGT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Police Reforms Day

Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT) and Common Cause (NGO) supported the Indian Police Foundation (IPF) in organizing the IPF Foundation Day / Police Reforms Day Programme on Friday, September 22, 2023 from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Hall of Culture, Nehru Centre, Worli, Mumbai.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gautam Shirish Patel (Judge, Bombay High Court) presided as the Chief Guest for this programme and shared his views on the landmark verdict of Prakash Singh v. Union of India (decided on September 22, 2006), in which the Hon'ble Supreme Court issued seven binding directions on police reforms

in India. Other keynote speakers including Mr. Vipul Mudgal (Director, Common Cause), Mr. Prakash Singh (Patron, IPF; IPS Retd.) and eminent Senior Advocate Mr. Mihir Desai also opined on the aforesaid verdict on police reforms with special emphasis on the status of its implementation.

A special highlight of the event was the felicitation of our Chairman Emeritus, Mr. Julio F. Ribeiro. Recognising his exceptional contributions to law enforcement, a citation was presented to Mr. Ribeiro on behalf of the IPF and the entire Indian Police fraternity. Mr. Deepak Parekh, former Chairman HDFC & Member of the IPF Executive Committee, read out and presented the

citation to Mr. Ribeiro.

"After observing the political shenanigans from within the police and outside, I am convinced that all the governments in the country only pay lip service to the Supreme Court's directions on police reforms (in Prakash Singh v. Union of India)" Mr. Ribeiro said while thanking the IPF for the honour. He added that citizens should "publish the names" of the officers who are "honest, efficient and whom they trust to ensure the safety of the people and security of the property." The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Satish Sahney (Former Commissioner of Police, Mumbai).



Citation being presented to Mr. Ribeiro by Mr. Deepak Parekh, Hon'ble Justice G. S. Patel and Mr. Prakash Singh



Hon'ble Mr. Justice G. S. Patel addressing the audience at Police Reforms Day

PCGT NATIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT 2023

The fifth edition of the National Youth Parliament (NYP) was organized by PCGT in association with Pravin Gandhi College of Law, Mumbai (PGCL) in offline mode on August 19 and 20, 2023.

Nearly 200 students from across the country participated in five mock committees, making it the largest offline edition so far. The mock committees simulated and agendas discussed in each committee are as follows:

1. Lok Sabha: Review of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958

2. Rajya Sabha: Discussion and Deliberation on the Mediation Bill 2021

3. Maharashtra Legislative Assembly: Discussing the state's infrastructure needs

4. All India Political Parties Meet: Deliberation upon Reformation of Criminal Laws in India

5. Press (consisting of reporters and photographers in the above committees)

The Closing Ceremony of the NYP was graced by the presence of the **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. C. Gupte**

(Former Judge, Bombay High Court) as the Chief Guest, who addressed the students on **"Rule of Law and Role of Courts"**.

The winners of all college committees received cash prizes along with an opportunity to intern with PCGT for one month so as to broaden their perspective about good governance. The NYP therefore served as an ideal platform for students to understand the legislative process and functioning of the Parliament as well as to analyze and further research upon the issues that are current and relevant from a socio-legal perspective.



Lok Sabha at PCGT NYP 2023



Maharashtra Legislative Assembly at PCGT NYP 2023

PCGT – GLC WEBINAR SERIES

Five Webinars were jointly organized by the Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT) and the Government Law College Model United Nations Society (GLCMUN Soc) in the month of July 2023, on Zoom Meetings platform. Each Webinar was attended by more than 50 students from different institutions as well as PCGT Interns, Campus Ambassadors and Members of GLCMUN Soc, and touched upon an important socio-legal issue, as outlined below:

Topic	Speaker	Day and Date
Police Reforms in India with special emphasis on the State of Maharashtra	Mr. J. F. Ribeiro (Chairman Emeritus PCGT, IPS Retd.)	Monday, July 3, 2023
Role of Central Agencies and Constitutional Bodies in India	Mr. D. Sivanandhan (Trustee PCGT, IPS Retd.)	Thursday, July 6, 2023
Addressing the Tax Challenges arising out of the Digitalization of the Economy	Ashish Abraham (Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan) and Ravi Sawana (Associate Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan)	Friday, July 7, 2023
Regulating the use of Surveillance Technology	Mr. Mahesh Zagade (Trustee PCGT, IAS Retd.)	Saturday, July 8, 2023
The Situation in Afghanistan with special reference to the recognition of the Taliban's Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan under International Law	Dr. Navashikha Duara (Principal, SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law)	Wednesday, July 12, 2023



Mr. J. F. Ribeiro delivering Police Reforms Webinar



Ravi Sawana (Associate Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan) addressing on Tax Challenges arising out of the Digitalization of the Economy



Mr. D. Sivanandhan talking about the role of Central Agencies in India

MOU BETWEEN PCGT AND MNLU

A Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) was signed between Public Concern for Governance Trust, Mumbai (“PCGT”) and Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai (“MNLU”) on Friday, September 8, 2023 at 3:30 pm at MNLU Campus, Powai. The MoU formalizes the long standing association between the two organizations and it was signed by the Vice Chancellor of MNLU, Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey and Adv. Shivam Jain Kakadia on behalf of the Chairman of PCGT, Mr. V. P. Raja.

After the MoU signing ceremony, the Centre for Clinical Legal Education (“CCLE”) of MNLU in collaboration with the Mumbai Suburban District Legal

Service Authority (“DLSA”) and PCGT observed the International Literacy Day from 4 pm to 5 pm at MNLU Campus. This day holds immense significance as it underscores the fundamental importance of literacy as a human right and an essential tool for individual and societal advancement. The programme had speakers from above organizations, including Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Prof. (Dr.) Anil Variath (Registrar, MLNU), Adv. Shivam Jain Kakadia and Ms. Mahvish Kazmi (Centre Coordinator, CCLE), talking about the challenges that persist in ensuring universal access to quality education and the need to address these issues collectively.



MoU Signing Ceremony – PCGT and MNLU



Prof. Dr. Anil Variath conducting an activity with students as a part of International Literacy Day Programme organized by MNLU, PCGT and DLSA

INAUGURAL MEETING & ORIENTATION FOR PCGT LAs AND CAs

The Inaugural Meeting & Orientation for PCGT Lead Ambassadors (LAs) and Campus Ambassadors (CAs) for the year 2023-24 was held on Thursday, July 13, 2023 between 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in online mode.

The welcome address was delivered by Ms. Sayali Kadam (Programme Manager - YFG), who gave a background about PCGT and its verticals to the CAs and LAs. This was followed by an address by Mrs. Ana Saldanha (Trustee Incharge - YFG), who explained the importance of CAs and LAs in strengthening the Youth for Governance programme and also in taking forward the mission of good governance. Thereafter, the new LAs and CAs introduced themselves.

Adv. Shivam Jain Kakadia (Consultant - YFG) delivered the Orientation for CAs and



LAs, explaining their roles and responsibilities to them in detail. He also addressed the queries and doubts of the CAs and LAs regarding the programme and their respective mandate. The concluding remarks were delivered by Mr. V. P. Raja (Chairman, PCGT), who appreciated the work done by PCGT CAs and LAs in the past and encouraged

the newly inducted CAs and LAs to carry forward the mission and values endorsed by PCGT.

In total, PCGT has inducted 30 CAs and 5 LAs for the year 2023-24 (as on August 20, 2023), and they will take lead in organizing several events and projects for PCGT in their respective institutions and beyond.

DONATIONS TO PCGT

All activities of PCGT are undertaken from the funds received from the donors. People who want to donate any amount of ₹ 1,000/- and above may please issue cheques in favour of 'Public Concern For Governance Trust'.

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