



# DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, PRAYAGRAJ



## DEBATE & DISCUSSION CLUB

### *Weekly Debate & Discussion*

Debate and Discussion Club of Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj initiated a weekly round-table Debate and Discussion on 24th October 2024 on the advice and under the distinguished leadership of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Sr. Prof. (Dr.) Usha Tandon. It is an open and inclusive platform for students to engage in debates and discussions on present and past legal developments and their possible outcomes on the framework of Club. This initiative is designed to be conversational and participatory aiming to foster critical thinking and active engagement from the students. The session is held every Thursday, with each topic being carefully selected through a defined process. The final approval and selection of the topics are graciously done by our Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Ma'am, whose vision and guidance continue to inspire the academic spirit of this initiative.

While grounded in the study of law, these discussions are designed to transcend disciplinary boundaries—inviting perspectives from sociology, technology, politics, and international affairs—to reflect how law constantly interacts with and responds to the broader forces shaping our world. This interdisciplinary approach encourages students to see the law not as a static rulebook but as a dynamic force that interacts with every domain of public life. By creating a space for informed discussions, the initiative pushes students to move beyond passive learning and become intellectually engaged participants in civic life. Held every Thursday, the initiative urges the students to transition from the theoretical learnings of the day into the critical and analytical discourse and it is expected to benefit the students on an academic and personal level nurturing their public speaking and collaborative dialogue : skills indispensable for their career paths.

Most importantly, this will provide students a stage to question and understand the dynamic nature of law as it changes through the course of time. By encouraging students to speak, question, and respectfully disagree, it offers a unique platform where students are not mere observers but active contributors to knowledge.







## WEEKLY DEBATE AND DISCUSSION

### TOPIC

#### **SUPREME COURT'S RECENT JUDGMENT OF THE VALIDITY OF SECTION 6(A) OF THE CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955 – ASSAM ACCORD**

On the **24th October 2024**, the inaugural GD session was held on the topic of **ASSAM ACCORD** wherein the discussion focused on the challenges faced and benefits incurred by Indian Citizens due to the judgment made by the Supreme Court upholding the Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, 1955.



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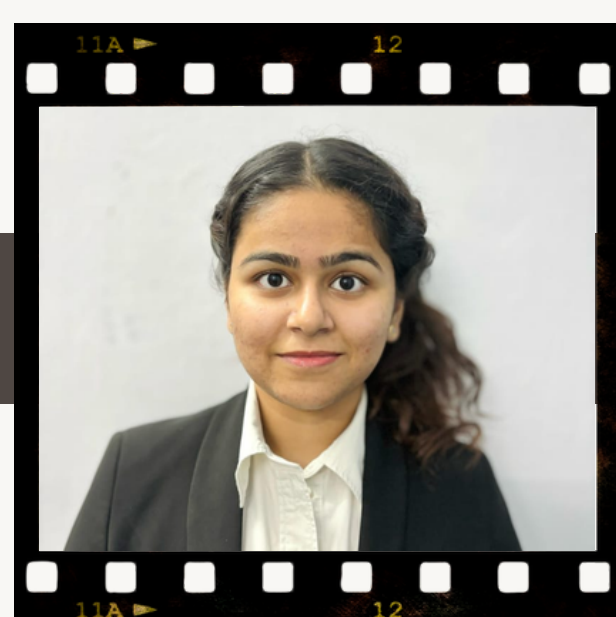
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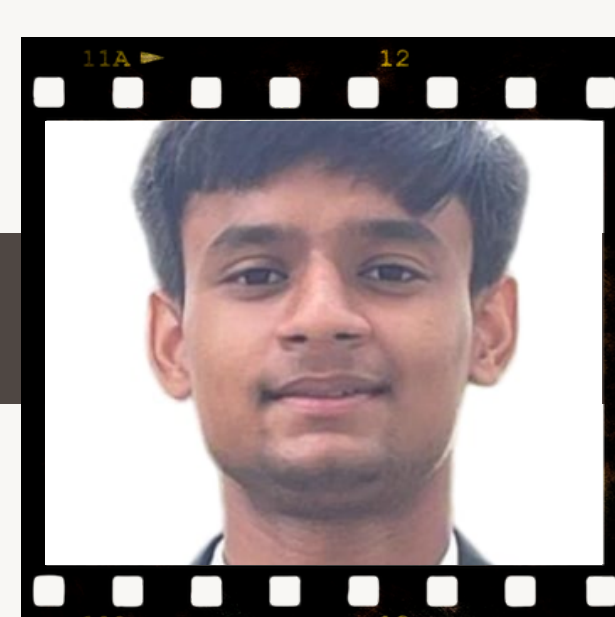
### TOPIC

#### **NEW 'LADY JUSTICE' STATUE UNVEILED BY SUPREME COURT : A MODERN REPRESENTATION OF INDIAN JUSTICE**

On the **7th of November 2024**, the GD had its second installment on the subject of the unveiling of the statue of **Lady Justice** and further discussions were held on a possible threat to the historical integrity of the Indian Justice System. The legal and social implications this would have in the future, were also pondered upon



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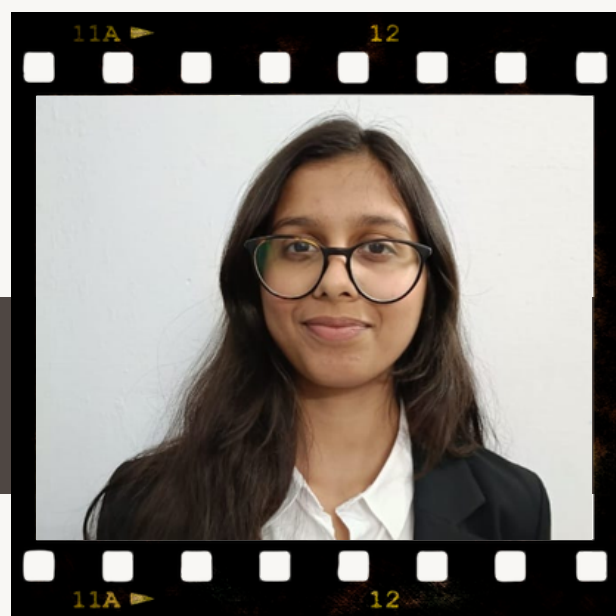
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#### **US IMMIGRATION POLICY – ENDING THE BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP OF INDIVIDUALS BORN TO UNDOCUMENTED OR TEMPORARY VISA IMMIGRANTS?**

On the **13th of February 2025**, the weekly sessions resumed after the winter internship break, on the **new immigration policy, introduced by the U.S.** The policy ended the birthright citizenship of undocumented or temporary visa migrants thus, becoming a headline for intervention in human rights. In the GD, the possible impact it could have on Indo-US relationship was also discussed.

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### TOPIC

#### **CAN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BE INCORPORATED INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM OR WILL IT END UP BEING A RECIEPE FOR UNFAIR CONVICTIONS**

On the **18th of February 2025**, the weekly GD session was held on a techno-legal and futuristic topic discussing whether **Artificial Intelligence can be incorporated into the criminal justice system** or would it lead to unfair trials and convictions. The week's session also saw the introduction of a new section dedicated to dispense knowledge on the life journey and landmark contributions of a renowned personality from the field of Law.

**MS. VANYA SIDANA**  
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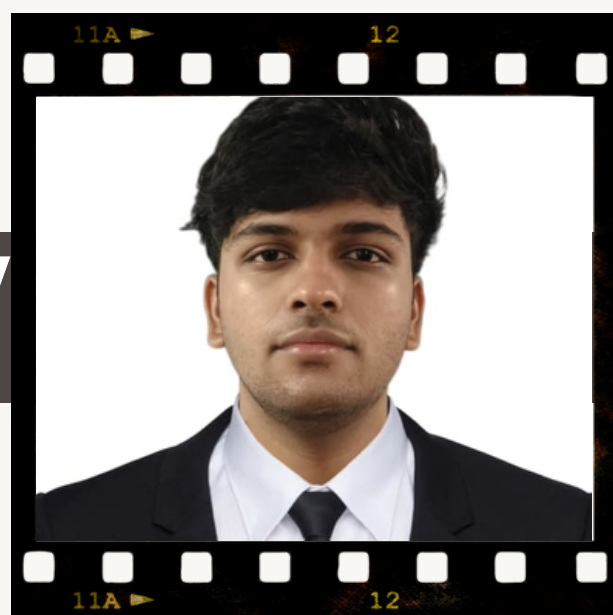
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#### **DOES THE UCC CONTRADICT INDIA'S SECULAR ETHOS OR STRENGTHEN IT?**

On the **24th of February 2025**, the weekly GD session took place on the subject of conflict and chaos rising from the debate over the **UCC** and whether the country can balance its secular ideals and ethos with the application of this bill or would it favour one community over the others.

**MR. DURGESH YADAV**  
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#### **DOES THE NEW LOKPAL ORDER WHICH BRINGS HC JUDGES UNDER IT'S JURISDICTION, STRENGTHEN ACCOUNTABILITY OR DOES IT UNDERMINE JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM?**

The session on **20th March 2025**, discussed the new **Lokpal order**, which brought High Court judges under its jurisdiction, and discussions were held on whether this order would strengthen accountability on the part of judges, or undermine judicial independence and freedom.

**MS. SAMRADDHI JAIN**  
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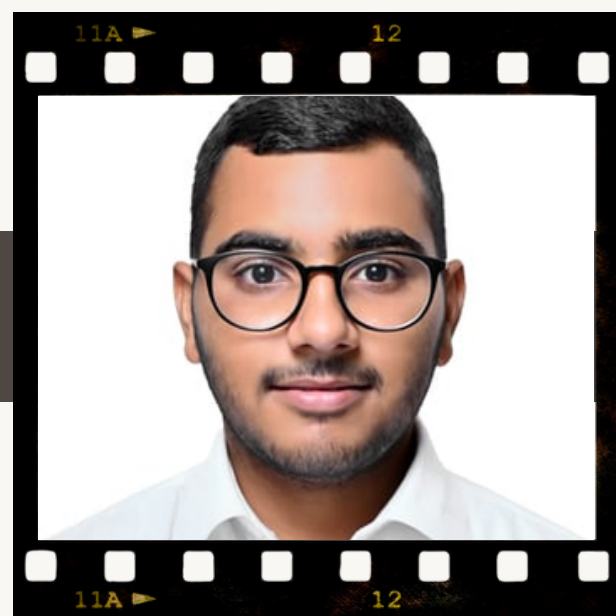
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**DOES DELIMITATION UNFAIRLY BENEFIT NORTHERN STATES AND PENALISE PROGRESSIVE SOUTHERN STATES AND WILL THIS CREATE A DEEPER NORTH-SOUTH DIVIDE IN INDIAN POLITICS?**

On the **3rd of April 2025**, the group discussion revolved around the topic of **Delimitation** and the contrasting opinions of the different sections of the country. Further, if it was to be applied, would it create a deeper North-South divide and benefit one part of the country while penalizing the other, was the focus of the debate.

**MR.NIHAR DUGGAL**  
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### TOPIC

**DOES SUPREME COURT'S STANCE ON GOVERNORS DELAYING STATES BILLS PROTECT LEGISLATIVE SOVEREIGNTY OR RISK TRIGGERING FRESH CONSTITUTIONAL POWER STRUGGLES?**

On the **17th of April 2025**, the group discussion revolved around the Supreme Court's recent decision on Governors delaying the bills. Legislative powers and the Judicial Activism was the focus of the debate with both the sides having a healthy discussion on the doctrine of separation of power.

**MS. TEJASWI SHARMA**  
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#### **SUPREME COURT'S ELECTORAL BONDS VERDICT: STEP TOWARDS TRANSPARENCY OR EXPOSURE OF DEEPER FLAWS IN CAMPAIGN FINANCE?**

On the **24<sup>th</sup> April 2025**, the Weekly Debate and Discussion was held on the topic of the Supreme Court's Verdict on Electoral Bonds. The points of discussion and contention were whether this decision would lead us to more transparent elections or would this open floodgates for worse fraudulent activities.

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### TOPIC

#### **LIVE TELECAST OF COURT PROCEEDINGS: A NEW ERA OF TRANSPARENCY OR A THREAT TO JUDICIAL SANCTITY?**

On the **1<sup>st</sup> of May 2025**, the Penultimate Weekly Round-table Debate and Discussion was held on the subject of Live Telecast of Court Proceedings. The session included points for and against this idea. Some suggesting this would usher us into a new era of openness while the others called it a threat to judicial sanctity.

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PRISON REFORMS IN INDIA: IS REHABILITATION JUST A MYTH?

The Weekly Debate and Discussion session held on the **15<sup>th</sup> of May 2025** was the final instalment for the 1<sup>st</sup> academic year. The topic put forth for the table to present their thoughts on was whether the prison reforms in India actually act as rehabilitative in nature and practice, or are they simply a myth

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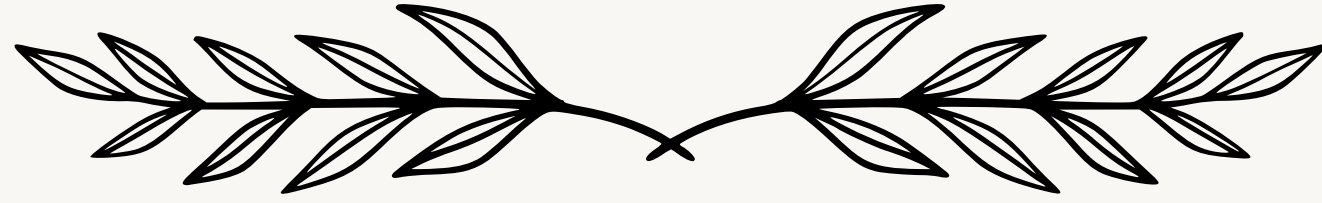




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