

1st KG Kannabiran National Moot on Transformative Constitutionalism

Council for Social Development, Hyderabad is pleased to announce the First K.G. Kannabiran National Moot Court Competition on Transformative Constitutionalism to be held on the 30th and 31st of August, 2014.

Background

Transformative constitutionalism connotes an enterprise of inducing change through nonviolent political processes grounded in law. It necessitates enactment, interpretation and enforcement of the Constitution to transform the country's political and social institutions and power relationships in a democratic, participatory, and egalitarian direction. The moot court competition celebrates the work of K.G. Kannabiran (1929-2010) noted civil liberties advocate whose relentless mission was getting justice delivered to people using the constitutional framework for crafting an innovative jurisprudence of rights.

With the purpose of raising awareness on adivasi issues within the legal community, this year's moot problem will entail engaging in research on contemporary issues related to the tribal/indigenous/adivasi communities, who are the most vulnerable and marginalized in our society today. The issues of adivasi rights- relating to Schedules V & VI; land alienation; displacement; autonomy-were at the heart of K.G. Kannabiran's work. The first Moot Court Competition will carry this concern forward.

Show of Interest

The Competition is open to all law schools across India and you are invited to send a team of three members, including two speakers and one researcher. Each institution may send only one team for representation. The Competition will be held at Council for Social Development, Hyderabad. Please note that an e-mail confirmation of your institution's participation in the Competition must be sent by 15th April, 2014. Kindly direct all mails to [csdmoot\[at\] gmail \[dot\] com](mailto:csdmoot@gmail.com).

Time Schedule

Release of Proposition and Rules	: 1 st July, 2014
Registration Deadline	: 21 st July, 2014
Last date for electronic submission	: 12 th August, 2014
Researcher's Test	: 30 th August, 2014
Competition	: 30 th & 31 st August, 2014

Prizes

Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh Award for Winners Team	: Rs 15,000
Dr. C.D. Deshmukh Award for 1 st Runners Up	: Rs 10,000
Komuram Bhim Award for Best Memorial	: Rs 5,000
Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Award for Best Speaker:	Rs 5,000
Dakshayani Velayudhan Award for Best Researcher	: Rs 5,000

Top eight teams will be selected for adivasi rights and advocacy workshop, to be conducted at CSD, Hyderabad by eminent lawyers and academicians from across the country working on various adivasi issues.

About CSD

Council for Social Development, Hyderabad (<http://www.csdhyd.org/>), a think tank founded by Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh in 1967, focuses on social sciences and law, with an aim to provide a context for the exploration of the intellectual histories of different disciplines and interdisciplinary areas. The present director of CSD, Hyderabad is Dr. Kalpana Kannabiran, an eminent sociologist and legal scholar, also recipient of Amartya Sen Award for Distinguished Social Scientists, 2012.