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**Centre for Legal Studies
Gitarattan International Business School
Presents**

**3rd NATIONAL INTER COLLEGE
ONLINE DEBATE COMPETITION
ON
4th & 5th DECEMBER, 2020**

**CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT LAW:
IS IT CONSTITUTIONALLY VALID OR A THREAT
TO SECULAR NATURE OF THE CONSTITUTION**



INTRODUCTION

On December 12, 2019, a Legislature was passed on one of the Debateable Laws of India that is **Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)**. This ignited widespread protests and violent clashes between public and police all across the nation. The government repeatedly assured the minority population not to feel threatened or anxious about their constitutionally mandated rights, as well as citizenship of India. There were people who defended the Act by stating it as Constitutional.

By analysing the situation closely, one can reach at a conclusion that two central questions have emerged with proportion to the CAA. First being that whether the act is constitutional or not (whether it infringes Article-14 of the constitution along with others) and secondly, its consequences on the minority community.

The arguments given by the government in favour of CAA were largely based on the doctrine of 'reasonable classification' as Article-14 allows the government to classify class of people who deserve special treatment (refugees in this case). The opposition to the CAA has been on exactly the same grounds that Article-14 which provides for Equality, is inclined towards government decision in supporting the Act. Further, the opposition is raising the point of Fear of Persecution and religious persecution ignoring the rights of Muslim communities. As per the opposition, this new law ring fences Muslim identity by declaring India a welcome refuge to all other religious communities. It seeks to legally establish Muslims as second-class citizens of India by providing preferential treatment to other groups. This violates the Constitution's Article 14, the fundamental right to equality to all persons. This basic structure of the Constitution cannot be reshaped by any Parliament. And yet, the government maintains that it does not discriminate or violate the right to equality. And this concept of Constitutionality of CAA opens the debate and we at CLS-GIBS encourage healthy discussion and exchange of ideas among students and provide them the platform to voice out their opinions on current National and Global issues and exploring various solutions to the crisis.

OBJECTIVES

1. To improve and demonstrate debating & public speaking skills of Law Students
2. To promote the exchange of ideas and thoughts among students.
3. To spread maximum legal awareness among Law Students.
4. To give exposure to the current Legal issues.
5. To provide a platform for students to voice out their opinions on current global issues and exploring various solutions to the crisis

ELIGIBILITY

Students pursuing any law course of 3 years or 5 years duration from any University / Institute / College approved by Bar Council of India are eligible to take part in this event. Both the team members must belong to same University / Institute / College.

REGISTRATION

Last date for the Registration in the Virtual Inter College Debate Competition is 25th November, 2020 with Registration fee of Rs 300/- per team. For any clarification mail at debate@gitarattan.edu.in

Teams can register themselves by clicking at the following Link:

<https://rzp.io/1/21eEv0Gc6>

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 1) There will be Two Rounds: Preliminary and Final. All the Teams will be placed under different groups in the Preliminary Round. From every group best two Teams will be selected for Final Round.
- 2) The Team Score will be calculated by adding both the team members' individual score.
- 3) For Best Speaker award, individual participant's score at any level will be considered.
- 4) Every Participant has the liability to make himself/herself present in the Webinarjam Platform. For that software and hardware issues are the responsibility of the participant as well as the team. Both the members of a team must be present for the competition at all stages.
- 5) The language for the debate competition shall be English only.
- 6) The total time allotted for each team is 8 minutes. Team shall decide the time limit of the speaker 1 and speaker 2 but the minimum time for a speaker is two minutes
- 7) Team shall decide speaker 1 and speaker 2. Speaker 1 will debate 'For the Motion' and speaker 2 will debate on 'Against the Motion'.
- 8) The Competition shall be conducted on Webinarjam platform and the Link will be shared to the teams 30 minutes before the debate.
- 9) Formal Attire (white shirt and black pant- for both male and female participants) is compulsory.
- 10) Use of Webcam/Face Camera (device used by participant) while speaking is mandatory.
- 11) Reading from any written Document is prohibited. If it is observed by the Judges/organizer, the teams will be disqualified.
- 12) Usage of any abusive language/Obscene language shall implicate immediate disqualification of candidature.
- 13) Every participant has to make sure that they have a proper internet connection with Camera and Microphone. In case of poor signals or black out from participants, they will not be given any additional time or any other compensation. And it shall be deemed that the participant is done with the debate. CLS GIBS shall not be held responsible for connectivity issues of any kind.
- 14) Once Registrations are done, no changes in names shall be allowed and the amount paid shall be non-refundable.
- 15) CLS GIBS reserves the right to alter or change the rules or the procedure of the competition.
- 16) CLS GIBS shall have sole discretion to assess penalties or to disqualify teams for any failure in abiding by any of the foregoing Rules.
- 17) Team Codes will be allotted to each team after the formal registration and they should represent themselves throughout the competition with the allotted Team Code. All

team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time and in any manner during the entire competition. Non-compliance with this Rule shall result in immediate disqualification of the team. The decision of CLS GIBS in this regard shall be final and binding.

Note: The decision of the Judges and the Institution on any issue arising during the competition shall be final and binding.

AWARD AND CERTIFICATES

Best Team Award: Rs. 11000/- along with e-certificate of merit.

Runners-Up Team Award: Rs. 5000/- along with the e-certificate of merit

Best Speaker Award: Rs. 5000/- along with the certificate of merit

In addition to the above, E-Certificate of Participation will be awarded to all the participants.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Last date of Registration: 25th November, 2020

Date of Event: 4th December 2020 (Preliminary Round)

5th December, 2020 (Final Round)

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ABOUT CLS GIBS

Centre for Legal Studies has been set up by Gitarattan International Business School in the year 2016 for imparting legal education. CLS-GIBS has been emerging as one of the prominent law schools of the country providing 5 years integrated programmes in BA LLB and BBALLB.

Gitarattan International Business School (GIBS) was established in the year 2004. GIBS is affiliated to Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi and is approved by Bar Council of India for Law programmes and All India Council for Technical Education for Management programmes. GIBS is currently offering programmes viz. MBA, MBA-IB, MCA(I), BBALLB(I), BALLB(I) BBA (1st & 2nd Shift).

GIBS has been graded 'A' by National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2nd Cycle. GIBS has been rated 'A+' by State Fee Regulatory Committee, a fee committee of Govt. of NCT of Delhi & rated highest grading 'A' by Joint Inspection Committee of Govt. of NCT of Delhi & GGSIP University. GIBS has been rated Grade 'A' by Academic Audit Cell of GGSIP University consecutively from past 8 Years. Also, GIBS has been rated as no. 2 PAN INDIA by Times Business School Survey, consecutively for the year 2018 & 2019.



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