

# **Institute of Social Sciences**

## **Legal-Lab of Governance**

### **Lecture Series:**

Legal-Lab of Governance is an effort for competence building in Constitutional Governance and legal framework of institutional procedures. Governance flows from the Constitution of India and functions within the frameworks provided within the Indian Penal Code 1860(IPC), Criminal Procedure Code 1973 (CrPC), Code of Civil Procedure 1908, Indian Evidence Act 1872 and many later Acts which have come to govern India. Every citizen ought to know the basic parameters of how these statutory structures affect our lives and constitutional functioning of institutions. Legal-Lab of Governance attempts to take up short courses in legal literacy to generate aware citizenry, holistic research and sharp media analysis of governance and law.

We start with the first Module of lecture series bringing together five lectures by Prof. Amita Singh, Head of Legal-Lab of Governance at the ISS. This Series starts on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 as part of Module 1 on “Accountability, Transparency & Institutional Controls”.

From January 2024 onwards we plan to highlight key concerns of law and governance in our lecture series. Insightful institutional analysis triggering a gamut of new ideas, challenges and commitments of government forms the core of lecture series. [Coming up series include Urban Governance & Smart Cities, Corporate Governance, Contracts and force majeure clause, Disaster Management laws and South Asian Resilience Building Efforts, Laws for ‘Those who can’t speak for themselves’ (animals, rocks & plants), Who governs the grassroots? (Panchayats & Urban Local bodies), Revisiting Laws for Women and their Empowerment]. Participation for Lecture Series is purely on registration at the end of the page.

## **Lecture Series Module 1**

### **On-Line Competence Building in Research on**

### **“Accountability, Transparency & Institutional Controls”** **by**

(From Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. to Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm)

1. Institutional Relationships within the Constitution of India, Basic Structure, Representation of the People Act 1951.
2. Committed Bureaucracy and Judicial Independence, Departments vs. Agencies,
3. Access to Justice : Police-Magistrate Relationship, (FIRs, Investigations, Evidence, Delays) Framework of the Constitution, IPC, Evidence Act and CrPC
4. Accountability, Liability & Responsibility of Administration towards People, Flora & Fauna.
5. Right to Know, Transparency of Decision making/Implementation Procedures, RTI Act in operation

**Eligibility:**

1. A researcher of MA/LLM/MPhil/PhD/Media
2. Capacity Building in legal Literacy for journalistic and media blogs, articles, research papers, talk shows and decision making in governance.
3. Decision makers in government esp. researchers on Police
4. Applicants of judiciary/administration examination
5. Implementors in Projects of Corporate Social Responsibility

**Brief CV of Prof. Amita Singh:**

Amita Singh currently Senior Distinguished Professor at the National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, President of NDRG, an Asia Pacific Disaster Research Group and a Senior Professorial Fellow at the Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi. Formerly a Professor and Chairperson (thrice) of the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance at JNU & Founder Chairperson of the Special Centre for Disaster Research, Member Secretary of Institutional Ethics Review Board. The Asia-Pacific Governance Network called NAPSIPAG is being led by her as its Secretary General for many years. She is the only Indian member in the International Network for Disaster Studies located at the Crisis Research Centre, Harvard - Kennedy School, USA.

Prof. Singh is BSc (Bio) (St. John's College) & MA (Political Science with major in Public Administration) from RBS, PhD on the Political Philosophy of Bertrand Russell (BR Ambedkar University, Agra) and subsequently, completed LLB (MDU). She taught in Delhi University from 1983 to 2000 (LSR, KNC and collaboratively teaching in the University Department of Political Science). Her research collaborations on governance and administrative reforms have been with the Department of Administrative Reforms (DARPG), Global Innovators Network, at the Kennedy School, Harvard University (2008-10), IT for Women Initiative at Maryland University Baltimore (2004-2006), Adelaide University, Hawke Institute UniSA and several prime universities of Australia and South Asia. She has twice (in 2006-07 & in 2016) been awarded the Australia-India Council and Australian Government-Monash Fellowship. In 2017-18 she was invited to be a Visiting Professor at the American University at Washington DC. She is member of the Jury and Advisory Board of UNESCO-Netexplo International University at Paris and has presented Public Administration pro-poor research at the General Assembly UNO in 2005. Her list of national and international PhD students is 51, one of the highest at JNU..

She has authored and edited many books and several research papers in national and international journals on public administration, governance, vulnerable communities and disaster research. Her latest contributions to empowering research in governance includes the Palgrave-Macmillan Series, 'Global South Series on Disaster Management' with five books in a row (2019 onwards) and her recently concluded three encyclopedic volumes of Springer International Handbook on Disaster Research. She has also been a columnist on governance and administration issues in many newspapers such as the Hindustan times and The Daily Guardian where her popular Thursday column covered many aspects of challenging domains of law & governance.

She is recipient of many national awards, ie; National Legal Services Authority (NALSA 2007), International Lifetime Achievement Award, at the International Congress of Women, New Delhi 2009, NALSA's Millennium Award for Social Justice by Women in Public Service' (for SUDINALAYA a Senior Citizens Home), Odisha Government's e-Governance Award (2005), DARPG e-Governance award 2006.

Her international achievements/awards include, ie; Australian Government Australia India Council Fellow Award (2006-2007), Bangladesh's National Award 'Nawab Bahadur Syed Nawab Ali Chowdhury National Award 2014' Dhaka, Acknowledged for Karachi Prison Survey (2009), nominated scholar for UN General Assembly Presentation 2007, DARPG (Gol) Scholar for Collaborative Best Practices Research with the Government Innovators Network, Ash Centre for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard-Kennedy School, USA (2008-2011), Visiting Professorial Fellowship at the Public Affairs Department, American University, Washington DC

(2016), Australian Government-Monash DFAT Professorial Fellowship, Monash University, Melbourne (2017), Board Member of International Political Science Association Research Committee RC4 Fukuoka Meet 2007. Prof. Singh is an ardent campaigner for the habitat rights of nonhuman species and leads the Gurgaon based organization called "Walk for Animals and Habitat" since 2009.

**Register for the Course (Last date 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023)**

Name		
Occupation		
Address for Communication		
e-Mail address		
Mobile No.		
Basic qualifications		
Why do you want to join this course		
<p>On successful conclusion, participants would be awarded  <b><i>'Legal-Lab of Governance Competency in Research Certificate'</i></b></p>		