

Report of the State level Seminar on changing dimensions of Right to shelter & Law

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For leading dignified life certain basic needs and requirements need to be fulfilled and one amongst them is right to shelter. With the changing times major changes have been introduced in Indian laws where by habitability, availability of infrastructural and services facilities, affordability of prices, security to the tenure, entitlements of purchasers of houses and properties is taken care of by law. Paradigm shift in the system is seen whereby protection of interests of people living in slums, tenants, and people intending to purchase flats and houses seems to be protected.

However, due to growing complexities in the situations, inadequate provisions and lack of effective implementation of existing legal provisions litigations relating to housing and shelter are increasing day by day. So as to overcome this serious issue dialogs, discussions & deliberations of academicians, advocates, government authorities, NGOs and people in construction of buildings and vigilant citizenry stands necessary. With the same objective of discussions & deliberations, this state level seminar was organised by the Avishkar Research club of the college in collaboration with Dist. Bar association, Aurangabad.

190 Participants consisting of students, teachers, advocates and research scholars participated in this seminar. 20 research Papers were presented with various subthemes .

The seminar was inaugurated at the hands of Shri. Arun Deshpande, Chairman Maharashtra Consumer Council, Adv. Shri Bhaskarrao Avhad, Pune was the guest of Honour, who delivered the Key Note on the theme Right to shelter the multidimensional human rights perspective and legal remedies. Adv. Shri Bhaskarrao Avhad, in his key note address covered almost all areas of law pertaining to shelter. Giving pre constitutional references Sir further elaborated how the law on shelter has slowly and gradually evolved. The Inaugural session was presided over by Adv. J.K Wasadikar, President, ML&GE Society, Aurangabad. Adv. J.K Wasadikar in his presidential address, congratulated Research club of the college for successfully conducting various activities including Workshop and seminars continuously for seven years. The guests were Introduced by Akshay Akat & Rucha Kulkarni. Dr. Aparna Kottapalle, Coordinator of the seminar introduced the objective of organising this seminar . Ms. Anagha Pedgaonkar conducted the session.

For the II Session Dr. B.V. Paranjape, Vice principal, M.P. Law College, Aurangabad was Resource Person . She addressed participants with her PPT on Judicial Approach towards protection of Right to shelter. Giving references to milestone judgements on the issues of shelter, madam expressed the need and utility of judicial activism in protecting human rights. Renuka Hatolkar introduced the resource person and this session was coordinated by Prof. Abhay Jadhav.

Third session had two subthemes Maha RERA and Slum development. Shri Bhaskarrao Avhad, Pune was the resource person on the theme Implementation of Maharashtra Real estate regulation Act 2016 and its impact on right to shelter. Adv. Avhad while addressing on RERA also referred to the rain of complaints before the authorities under the law and guided on how best the implementation of the Act can be. Mr. Subhash Lomte, Social Activist was the resource person on the theme Slum clearance and slum development: Challenges and strategies in rural and urban areas. Being activist Mr. Lomte also referred to various issues of govt. Schemes giving very meger monitory support to people with which in real sence marginalised group of people cannot have right to shelter. Prof. D.B. Kolte & Prof. Pratibha Girbane conducted this session. Ms. Amruta Kaur Johar introduced the resource persons.

Iv Session consisted of two sub themes. In this session, Adv. Pramod Patni, Aurangabad addressed the participants on the theme Rights of Flat owners under the Law. Adv. Syed Raziuddin Nahri , Aurangabad was the resource person on the theme Rights of tenants under the Maharashtra Rent Control Act, 2000. Both the sessions were very lively and interactive. Niceties and technicalities involved in both the enactments were expressed by both of them in very lucid language. Ms. Sonam Agarwal and Akanksha Tiwari introduced the resource persons respectively. The session was conducted by Prof. S.N. Morey and Prof. Amol D. Chavan

V session was the Paper presentation Session. This session was presided over by Hon'ble J. Ambadas Joshi, Chairman MAT, Mumbai. The session was conducted by Prof S.G. Shirsath and Prof Anju Sigh , Total 20 papers received and presented during the session. College students also presented papers in this session .The session was open for the discussions after the presentations.

Last session was the valedictory session Hon'ble Shri. Justice Ambadas Joshi, Chairman MAT, Aurangabad was the Guest of Honour for this session. Adv. Dr. Kalpalata Patil

Bharaswadkar, Secretary, M.L & GE Society, Aurangabad presided over the function. Dr. Aparna Kottapalle coordinator of the seminar presented the report of the seminar. Hon'ble Justice Ambadas Joshi in his valedictory speech expressed satisfaction with the discussion and deliberations throughout the day on the important theme of the right to shelter. Dr Kalpalata Patil Bharaswadkar, delivered the presidential address in which madam referred to recent cases relating to right to shelter and expressed her concern about the need to sensitise people and authorities as well on the issues of shelter.. In her address madam referred to many judgements of the supreme court and high courts Ms. Prashasthi Shrivasthav introduced and the valedictory session was Anchored by Mr. Saurabh Munot and Ms. Sanyukta Suryawanshi. The session ended with the national anthem.

From the feedback forms it reveals that the workshop has sensitised the participants on human right to shelter, very informative about laws and judicial contribution towards protecting right to shelter.