



धर्मसंस्थापनार्थाय

Lead Counsel, World Bank Mr. Vikram Raghavan at RMLNLU

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It was our pleasure to host Mr. Vikram Raghavan, Lead Counsel at the World Bank and a Constitutional Historian, at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow on the 8th and 9th of January, 2019. He is also the founder of the famous and insightful blog “Law and Other Things” (<https://lawandotherthings.com>). Mr. Raghavan delivered a series of lectures during his two days stay in the University campus.



The main topics on which he spoke comprised of:

Why Constituent Assembly Debates Matter?

- ❖ In the following lecture Mr. Raghavan walked us through the constituent assembly debates and how their use for interpreting constitutional

provisions is ambiguous. Earlier, these debates were held by the Courts in India to be not relevant for constitutional interpretation. However, today they are being used as one of the important tools for the constitutional interpretation. From *Kesavanand Bharti* to *Justice Puttuswamy* and *Sabrimala* judgements, its importance as a tool for understanding the constitutional text in the context is very significant.

Career Opportunities in International Law, Diplomacy and Policy

- ❖ In the second lecture Mr. Raghavan made the students familiar with the emerging careers in international law. He presented diverse fields where law student can move forward for a bright future. He started with his own journey from being a NLSIU, Bengaluru law graduate to World Bank. He spoke about the international law firms, international tribunals, different organizations of the United Nations, other international organization which are hiring law students across the globe. He also presented examples of several former National Law School students who are successfully working in these places including the ones in the field of academia doing teaching and research in the field of International Law.

World Bank

- ❖ In the third lecture he walked us through the role of IMF and World Bank in the world economy and the need for which these institutions were set up in Bretton Woods Conference and how they have impacted the world. He spoke about how the World Bank played a vital role in reconstruction and development post the World War II in European countries, especially France. He also made the students aware of the regional banking institutions which have come up in the different continents.

Students of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow benefitted immensely from his lively talks and discussions.