

## REPORT OF TODAY'S ONLINE GUEST LECTURE

MATS law school has organized a webinar on "Basic structure doctrine" in collaboration with Res Publication Law and Society, Delhi which is a 17 years old Society initiated by Dr. Pyali Chatterjee, Assistant Professor of Law Department, MLS at zoom platform on 28th May 2021. The respected speaker for the lecture was Senior Advocate MR. Ashok Panda, who is a renowned senior advocate in the Supreme Court in the field of Public Interest Litigation and was a close associate of Justice V.M. Tarkunde. Sir has witnessed many defining moments in the history of the Supreme Court of India, which encouraged him to summarize his experience to write this book. As a close associate of Justice V.M. Tarkunde, he has been part of the human rights movement since the mid-seventies. Along with the late Ashok Srivastava, he was appointed as Court Commissioner in the famous Bandhua Mukti Morcha case by the Supreme Court. He has also assisted the Supreme Court in the Jain Hawala Case. More than 80 students and faculty members of the Mats Law School were present and attended the lecture. Following with an interactive session of 20 minutes was also held where BA/BBA.LLB and LLB students actively participated in the discussion and students like Shana Hoffman, Mr. Hari Sharan Dwivedi, Akash Sharma, Mohit Parihar, and Vedprakash interacted with the learned guests and asked questions regarding the evolution of the basic structure doctrine throughout the years and the impact of the landmark judgments related to the same.

Miss. Kumud L Das, AOR, Supreme Court, and General Secretary of RPLS gave an introduction to the topic and moderated the event successfully. She also made the collaboration possible with her kind consent. Mr. Manish Mohan, Advocate and treasurer, RPLS gave the closing remarks with a vote of thanks from Ms. Anita Pandey, Advocate, Jt. Secretary and Asst Treasurer, RPLS. All the faculty members of MATS Law School were also present and actively participated in the discussion with the honorable guests and members of RPLS. The lecture was a learning experience for all the students and faculty during this crisis also more guest lectures in collaboration with RPLS are planned for the coming semester.

