



**SRI GURU NANAK DEV KHALSA COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**



Civil Society

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

in collaboration with

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

invites staff and students to a webinar on

PARLIAMENT IN DEMOCRACY AND THE ROLE OF AN INDIVIDUAL PARLIAMENTARIAN

SPEAKER



**MS. MRIDHULA RAGHAVAN
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Link for the event- <https://meet.google.com/gfb-suvt-eyv>

Date - October 19, 2020 | Time - 11 am | Platform - Google Meet

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(OFTG. PRINCIPAL)**

**DR. DEEPAK SHARMA
(IQAC CO-ORDINATOR)
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WEBINAR REPORT

The academic society of the Political Science department which is the 'Civil society', in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance cell (IQAC), organised a webinar on 19th Of October, 2020 , through the platform of Google Meet. The theme of the webinar was, 'Parliament In Democracy And The Role of An Individual Parliamentarian'. The speaker invited for the webinar was Dr Mridula Raghavan from the Praja Foundation. The Webinar started with the introductory address given by Dr Pillai who is the convenor of the Civil Society. He emphasised on the much integral aspect of our socio political existence, which is 'Indian Democracy' and how it is going through a critical phase as far as the Indian political system is concerned. He very consciously tried to explain what he referred to as the steady decline in the parliamentary culture in India and mentioned some of the factors which have led to it. Indiscipline of the parliamentarians , failure of the 24/7 information and communication centre, growing absenteeism, dysfunctional opposition, criminalisation of politics where many parliamentarians have criminal backgrounds , failure of the parliamentary committees ,inconsistent and deficient functioning of the presiding officer ,were some of the burning issues which he mentioned , as had been instrumental in the parliament's deterioration . This was followed by the keynote address given by the principal Dr Gurmohinder Singh. He too emphasised on how the parliamentarians need to be more engaged, more accessible, more accountable and more transparent as far as their role and responsibility towards the public is concerned and which would truly make for a healthy and representative democracy. Post this, the head of the department of Political Science Dr Deepak Sharma gave his much valued keynote address. He introduced the audience to a very salient dimension of 'good governance' and how democracy and good governance need to work in tandem in order to make for a sustainable democracy with a balanced development scenario. The speaker, Dr Mridula Raghavan from the Praja Foundation, eventually took over with her dense and methodical presentation .Her vantage point with regard to the presentation was the recently concluded monsoon session of parliament. She started with the introduction to the role of the parliament as envisaged in the constitution , followed by ,what the parliament is ,what is its mandate ,how are the bills passed ,what is the role of the parliamentarians. Gradually she moved to the parliament's power to convene itself ,which has been particularly significant as far as the recently concluded monsoon session is concerned. Related to it was discussed that, what are the number of sitting days of the parliament .She explained what is the nature and types of parliamentary questions that are asked and how many changes in it have taken place

currently, where she informed about the suspension of the question hour from this year onwards. To acquaint the students with the internal functioning of parliament, she explained how a typical day in the parliament is scheduled and programmes planned. Other important domains which she dealt with were, importance of zero hour and how the citizens can check the parliamentary performance of various members of parliaments, in what matters they had been involved and the debates they raised. As far as the legislation aspect was concerned, she explained the role of ordinances in times which require prompt action as far as law making is concerned and also provided data of promulgated ordinances from 2010-2020. The nature and types of parliamentary committees were discussed and what had been the percentage of bills referred to the committees in the last few Lok Sabha sessions and how have they dealt with them. Private members business was another aspect discussed, where it was emphasised how a member of Parliament can introduce a piece of legislation, to draw the attention of government to some serious issues. A critical understanding of assessing parliament's performance was discussed to see how parliament performed during the monsoon session keeping in context both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha along with the state legislatures. She concluded her presentation by explaining how legislative power is distributed between the centre and the states, here particular emphasis was put on the latest news about the three agriculture related ordinances which later became bill, and how the tension which exists between the centre and the state was brought to the surface and how does the constitution deal with it.

Post the presentation was an exhaustive and interactive question answer session which catered to the curiosity and doubts of the students, which revolved around Indian democracy itself. The webinar eventually concluded with a thanksgiving and vote of thanks by Mrs Neeta Dhingra, who is an IQAC member of the college, thus marking the end of the session.

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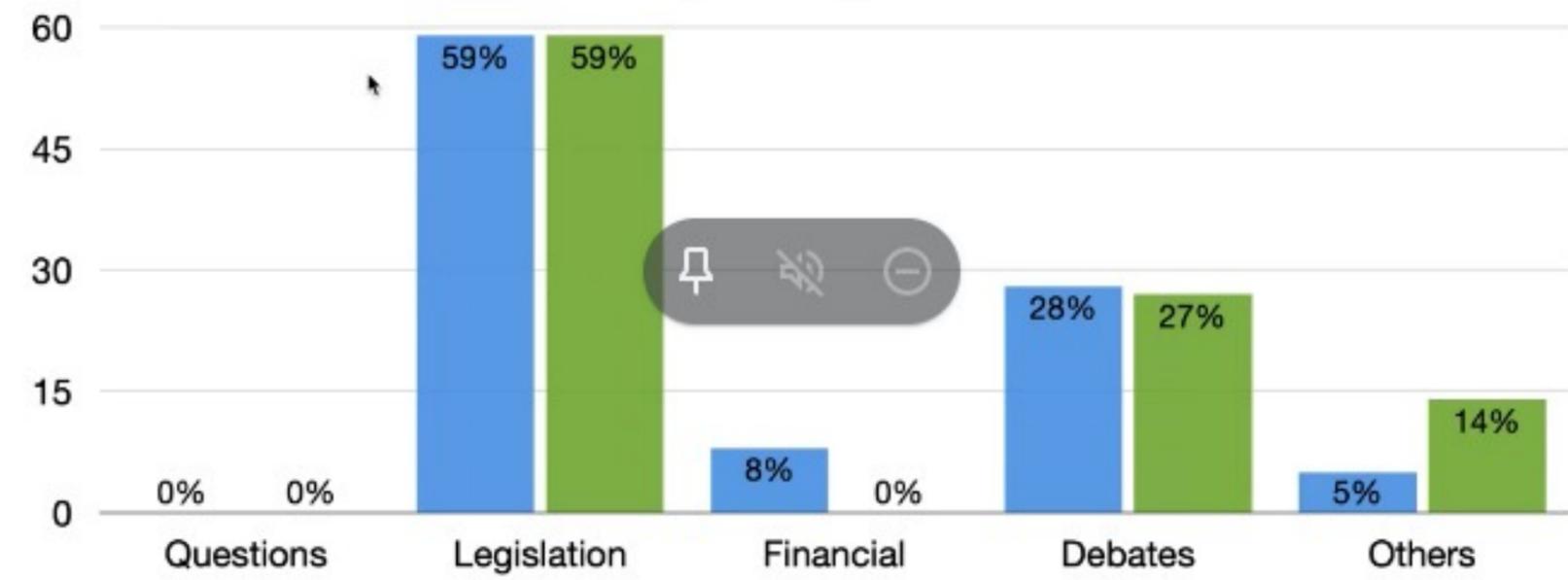
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