

REPORT
CENTRE FOR GOVERNANCE

I. *Panel Discussion on “SEBI’s Consultative Paper on Review of Corporate Governance Norms in India”*

A panel discussion with eminent stalwarts like Padmabhushan Shri D.R. Mehta (Founder Chairman, SEBI), and Ms. Usha Narayanan (Former Executive Director, SEBI, and currently partner, Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A Shroff & Co.), as panellists, was held on 16 March 2013. Most contemporary issues of corporate governance were discussed and debated by the panellists.

II. *International Lecture Programme (“ILP”) held by Herbert Smith Freehills and Oxford University*

ILP- a one week course was conducted by **Chris Parsons** (Chairman, India Practice, Herbert Smith Freehills) and **Professor Timothy Endicott** (Dean of the Law Faculty, University of Oxford) covering Cross-border M&A and English Public Law and Common Law. The 2013 edition of ILP (the fourth edition) was held at NLU Jodhpur from 4-8 February 2013.

In its earlier editions, ILP was restricted to students of the hosting law school. However, this time three meritorious students from top laws schools were allowed to participate in it. It was attended by more than 100 law students (including students from GNLU, Jindal Global Law School, NALSAR, NLU Delhi, NLSIU and NUJS) along with a few NLUJ faculty members and alumni.

Chris conducted the sessions on Cross-border M&A. In these sessions, students undertook mock due diligence exercises and negotiations, understanding concepts like ring-fencing, warranties, indemnities, earn-outs, etc. He also emphasised on learning soft skills to understand the cultural differences and negotiating courtesies, particularly in the international scenario.

Professor Endicott conducted the sessions on English Public Law and Common Law, which included critically analysing the scope of judicial review and extensive deliberations on the 2G spectrum allocation case, amongst others. This was followed by a moot exercise on the 2G spectrum case.

III. *Journal on Governance Vol. 1 Issue 6 released*

This issue of Journal on Governance offered a forum for critical research on interplay of contemporary corporate governance issues with other disciplines, including, *inter alia*, law, management and societal studies. The Journal included contributions from some leading academicians and practitioners, and has received acclaim from various readers.

IV. *Essay Competition on “The Public Interest Disclosure and Protection to Persons Making the Disclosures Bill, 2010”*

The Centre for Governance in association with Mindspright Legal conducted its 1st National Essay Competition on the theme ‘The Public Interest Disclosure and Protection to Persons Making the Disclosures Bill, 2010’.

V. *Journal on Governance Vol 1 Issue 7 call for papers has been undertaken*

Article contributions are expected to reach the Centre by mid of August.

VI. *Proposed seminar on the Companies Bill 2012 by Amarchand&Mangaldas& Suresh A Shroff& Co*

Discussions are ongoing with Mr. Inder Mohan, Partner, New Delhi regarding a seminar on the proposed changes and red flags of the Companies Bill 2012 to be scheduled in summer semester 2013.