

Vimarsh: The Reading Club Saraswati IKS Centre

SLC (University of Delhi)
Shyam Lal College

Report on Seminar on “Uniform Civil Code (UCC)”

Place: Board Room

Date: 3rd November 2023

Speaker: Mr. Vivekanand Motiram Nartam, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi.

Dignified Presence

- Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar (Principal, Shyam Lal College)
- Prof. Kusha Tiwari
- Dr. Gayatri Chaturvedi
- Dr. Seema Guglani
- Ms. Priyanka Yadav
- Dr. Romsa Shukla
- Dr. Neelam Dabas
- Dr. Gayatri Chaturvedi
- Mr. Vivekanand Nartam

Number of participants: 39 Students

A seminar on “Understanding the Uniform Civil Code” was organized by Vimarsh: The Reading Club, Saraswati IKS Centre of Shyam Lal College on 3rd November 2023 at 12:30 p.m. in the Board Room. The programme commenced with Dr. Ambedkar's famous statement - “*If I find the constitution being misused, I shall be the first to burn it.*” Then, anchors, Aditya Tripathi and Simran Chaudhary welcomed SLC's Principal, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, and all the professors and the speaker, Mr. Vivekanand Nartam. The program started with a beautiful and melodious Ganesh Vandana by Anushant Mishra.

Then, the speaker, Mr. Nartam started his lecture on UCC. He took the audience through the historical background of the Uniform Civil Code and also discussed what problems the government may face in implementing the Uniform Civil Code.

Firstly, he explained why a uniform civil code is important and how it will change the miserable condition of women in Indian society. He emphasized many historical aspects like polygamy, sati pratha, teen talak, etc. Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Lord William Bentinck abolished the Sati Pratha and Pandit Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar persuaded Lord Dalhousie to pass the Widow Remarriage Act, thereby, extending certain basic human rights to Indian women reeling under atrocious social practices.

He further highlighted the difference between Criminal Law and Civil Law and also discussed the issues on which there is controversy in Civil Law and explained that the Uniform Civil Code resonates with one country and endeavours to establish one rule, to be applied to all religious communities. The term, ‘Uniform Civil Code’ is explicitly mentioned

in Part IV, Article 44 of the Indian Constitution. Article 44 says, “The State shall endeavor to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India.” Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s vision in support of UCC as a human right was discussed. The seminar also touched upon landmark cases like Shah Bano and Sarala Mudgel showcasing perspectives on UCC.

The seminar aimed to create social awareness among college students, fostering active participation and engaging discussions. SLC's students from various courses attended the seminar and actively participated in it. This question-and-answer session addressed students’ queries and doubts about UCC and the speaker answered them with eloquence. Then, the program concluded with a group photograph of professors and all the participants, followed by refreshments for all attendees.

The seminar proved successful in educating students about the importance and complexities of UCC, fostering a spirit of inquiry and understanding among participants.











