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Centre for Constitutional Law and Governance (CCLG) organises lecture on 'Historical Survey of Child Rights Law in India'

The Centre for Constitutional Law and Governance (CCLG), RGNUL in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), RGNUL organized an online lecture on the topic 'Historical Survey of Child Rights Law in India' on 2nd October 2021. The lecture was delivered by Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Shri Anant Kumar Asthana, Advocate, Delhi High Court and Member, Core Group on Children, National Human Rights Commission. They highlighted the comparatively distinct position of India as a civilization in the matters of child rights. Mr. Priyank said, "India has not many instances of Child Rights violation because of her culture and traditions. Indian laws and legislations are much more advanced than UN Convention on Rights of Children. Chandragupta, a slave child, was rescued by a teacher Chanakya who freed him from slavery and set a precedent." While talking about child marriage, he referred to Rajasthan Government's decision regarding registration of child marriages and said that there was a need to criticize and repeal such law. He further said, "There was no such concept of orphanage in ancient India but missionaries who brought it." He informed that NCPCR conducted social audit of such orphanages and other welfare measures adopted to curb maltreatment of children. He suggested that lawyers should dedicate at least one weekday for free legal aid in the matters concerning child rights. Mr. Anant Asthana said, "There is a great need to research on Ancient Indian texts like Arthashastra to know about the ancient Indian governance." Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats, Registrar, RGNUL also shared his views and insights on the theme.