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CCLG organises lecture on 'Dynamics of National Food Security Act, 2013'

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The Centre for Constitutional Law and Governance (CCLG), RGNUL organised a lecture titled "Dynamics of National Food Security Act, 2013". Dr. Ashwani Kumar Gaur, Additional Director (Retd.), Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Government of Haryana, was the Resource Person. In this lecture he referred to Bengal Famine as disastrous phase in Indian history. Dr. Gaur elaborated that Indian Government was committed to the security of foodgrains. He said that for a long time, in the early decades of Indian Independence, foodgrains had to be imported to feed the population. He observed that Green Revolution catalyzed production spectrum to an unprecedented level and made India self-sufficient. He further added that Public Distribution System had to be established. Dr. Gaur highlighted that several commissions were constituted for providing suggestions regarding 'extension of agricultural base'. An introduction of remunerative prices for procurement in the form of MSPs to enhance farmer's income was also a salient feature. "Having achieved storage facilities, effective procurement, stable market, and wide scale production, India was ready for the National Food Security Act which guaranteed food as a right to the people across the nation, said Dr Gaur. He shared his personal experiences about the challenge in identifying the beneficiaries. The list of beneficiaries had to be prepared by the State governments and Haryana became one of the first states to come up with the same. He also discussed practical challenges that were faced by the administrators in tackling the problems of false claimants, misuse of the title of beneficiary, and several other societal confrontations. RGNUL faculty and students attended the lecture.