

## **Centre for Constitutional Law and Governance (CCLG)**

### **“Implications of the Fall of the National Government of Afghanistan”**

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

The Centre for Constitutional Law and Governance (CCLG), RGNUL organised an online lecture via Cisco Webex on the topic “Implications of the Fall of the National Government of Afghanistan” on 6 September 2021. The lecture was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Manish, Dean of School of International Studies and Chairperson and Professor of the Centre for International Politics, School of International Studies, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar. He discussed five main issues: (i) the current state of affairs in Afghanistan created by the complete withdrawal of the US military personnel, (ii) the history of the war-torn nation from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, (iii) the origin of the Taliban that for the second time has captured power there, (iv) the role of neighbouring countries – China, Russia, Iran and Pakistan, and (v) the strategic options of India.

RGNUL faculty members, Dr. Sangeeta Taak, Siddhartha Fuller and Saurav Samrah participated in the discussion. 120 students attended the lecture. Prof. Manish deliberated on Afghan crisis, the dubious role of the US, status of India’s approx. \$3 billion investments for the Afghan people, possible international recognition of the terrorist regime of Taliban, the feasibility of resistance from the Panjshir valley and response of Afghan civil society to Taliban rule. “The weakening resolve of the American society to support the Afghan government and inability to bear any more expense or casualty for the purpose had made it expedient for the Biden administration to withdraw, but it was done too hastily and in an inefficient manner,” he commented. He reflected on the investments made by India in Afghanistan, infrastructure projects like building the Salma Dam and the Parliament Building and renovation of the Stor Palace were to improve India’s soft power, rather than for economic profit. Dr. Manish talked about atrocities committed by the Taliban and the plight of the people.

The lecture was live streamed on [YouTube](#).

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