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Revamping Talk: "Harmonising Democracy: One Nation, One Election"

Date: 7th March, 2025 (Friday)

Time: 11:45 A.M. onwards

Venue: Auditorium 1, Atal Kalam Research Park, Gujarat University

The Centre of Excellence, School of Law, Gujarat University, organized a thought-provoking talk on "*Harmonising Democracy: One Nation, One Election*" under the guidance of **Dr. Bhavesh Bharad, Coordinator, Centre of Excellence**. The event aimed to analyze the feasibility and impact of synchronized elections on governance, policy implementation, and democracy.

The session commenced with **Prof. (Dr.) Prateek Kanchan, Director (I/c.), School of Law, Gujarat University**, introducing and felicitating the guests. **Prof. (Dr.) Neerja Gupta, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University**, welcomed the **Chief Guest, Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha**, and emphasized how frequent elections disrupt governance.

Dr. Trivedi, in his keynote address, traced the concept of *One Nation, One Election* back to **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** and highlighted India's unique electoral fragmentation. He structured his argument into four perspectives:

1. **Functional:** Suggested **4.5 years of governance and six months for elections** to minimize disruptions.
2. **Political:** Highlighted governance instability due to inconsistent **Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha results**.
3. **Constitutional:** Explained that **India followed a unified electoral process until 1957**, later disrupted post-1962.
4. **Social:** Criticized frequent elections for fostering **regional and linguistic divides**.

He praised **PM Narendra Modi's leadership**, citing India's achievements such as becoming the **5th largest economy** and **1st nation to land on the South Pole of the Moon**. He emphasized synchronization across sectors for national efficiency and governance stability.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks from the **Centre of Excellence, School of Law**, marking a significant discussion on democratic reforms and electoral efficiency.



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Prof. (Dr.) Neerja Gupta, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University, honored the Chief Guest, Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha



Opening Ceremony



Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha described elections as the "heartbeat and festival of democracy" (लोकतंत्रकीथड़कन, लोकतंत्रकापर्व)



Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha explained that elements of One Nation, One Election are already embedded within India's governance framework, citing MLA and MP tenure structures.



Vote of Thanks



Audience



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Engaging Session



Vote of Thanks



Dr. Bhavesh Bharad, Coordinator, Centre of Excellence, University school of Law, Gujarat University, Passing Vote of Thanks

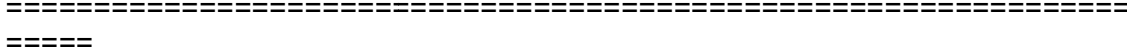


Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Prof. (Dr.) Neerja Gupta, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University Dr. Bhavesh Bharad, Coordinator, Centre of Excellence, University school of Law, Gujarat University, Faculties



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