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## Centre for Constitutional and Administrative Law inaugurates WE THE PEOPLE Lecture Series

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from GNLU!

GNLU Centre for Constitutional and Administrative Law today inaugurated its WE THE PEOPLE lecture series. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Dr. Shubhash C. Kashyap, a Padma Bhushan awardee. The topic of the lecture was "Realizing Dr. Ambedkar's dream of Social Justice through the Indian Constitution". The lecture was organized in celebration of 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in collaboration with the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Gujarat.

Mr. Avinash Bhagi, Director, Centre for Constitutional & Administrative Law gave a brief introduction about the centre and its various activities. "Lex Populi" publication was launched on this occasion. He also highlighted the activities carried out by CCAL in celebration of 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R.Ambedkar.

**Prof.** (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, Director, Gujarat National Law University delivered the welcome address and informed the students about the relevance of the expression 'We the People' in India and USA. Thereafter, he invited Dr. Kashyap to share few anecdotes.

**Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap** initiated the lecture by complementing the title of the lecture series as "We The People". He said that there is a fundamental difference in the meaning of the phrase "We The People" as used in the American Constitution and the Indian Constitution.

He elaborated on Dr. Ambedkar's views on non-viability of reservation in perpetuity, viability of Uniform Civil Code, preference of Hindi as a national language and growing competition amongst castes for more backward status.

After the question answer session, **Dr. Thomas Mathew, Registrar, Gujarat National Law University** delivered the vote of thanks thus ending the lecture.

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