

Title: The Shifting dynamics of Centre-State Realties

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Invite for the webinar

Department of Political Science, mLAC organized an online webinar on the topic **“The Shifting dynamics of Centre-State Realties”** on **27th July 2021**. Ms.Lakshmi.S, HoD, Political Science, mLAC welcomed the gathering and introduced the speaker to audience.

Dr.Veena K, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Government Arts College, Ambedkar Veedi prefaced her presentation with evolution of Federalism in India and highlighted the different factors to be looked at the federal structure.

Some of the key points in the presentation were as follows:

- Creating new states/ Union territories. That the state has been able to diminish a state into a UT, without its consent.
- Introduction of GST- it strained the relations between centre and states/union territories. Unequal distribution of funds.
- The speaker also highlighted on the implementation of the goods and Services Tax.
- Decision making during pandemic.
- The gap between Centre and state.

Dr. Veena, the speaker explained how politics is strong at centre. The re-election of the Bharatiya Janata Party in 2019 with an even bigger majority than what it had in 2014 signifies the emergence of a dominant political hegemony in India after a long time. She opined that while the signs of political centralization at the national level are unmistakable, we are also witnessing a discernible resistance towards similar centralization at the levels of the states. The Speaker concluded by saying that federalism is a strategy.



Dr. Veena K delivering the lecture



