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C Raj Kumar, VC, OP Jindal Global University moderated the discussion on the festschrift by Bibek Debroy and Sameer Kochhar (eds)
At the Intersection of Law & Life:
Essays in Honour of Justice M N Venkatachaliah
Justice M N Venkatachaliah and Justice Chittatosh Mookerjee were present

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Former Police
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Recommendations on Gaming

A national consultation on "Online Gaming" was organised during India Law Forum.It drew from a discussion paper published by SKOCH Group. Key recommendations were unanimous from the panel and the house full of civil society, distinguished lawyers and government functionaries:

Read Discussion Paper

Taxation

- Money-based gaming needs to be discouraged as demerit goods through high taxation. There is no need to ban it.
- Instead of reviewing the current tax rate, a cap of Rs 50-100 should be introduced on the bet amount to protect people from major harm.

Skill vs Chance

- It is only an attempt at obsfucation—no implication on the tax rate. The result of both games of skill and chance is betting and wagering, therefore, must be appropriately dealt with.
- Any benchmark trying to differentiate skill and chance must have full disclosure on the developer, the process followed and the source code should be in the public domain for scrutiny and audit.

Regulator and Jurisdiction

- Self-regulation structures do not work. Direct government regulation is a must.
- Gambling/Gaming is a state subject.
- The relevant central regulator should be the Ministry of Home Affairs, not the Ministry of Electronics & IT.
- MeitY's role is only advisory and assistance in action under the IT Act.

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