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## Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Mr Najeed Naved Siddiqui, Registration Number: 2170127, PhD Scholar at the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) will defend his PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Tuesday, 05 May 2026 at 02.00 pm in Discussion Room, 2nd Floor, A Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR Off-Campus, Ghaziabad - 201003, Uttar Pradesh, India.

<b>Title of the Thesis</b>	:	<b>Understanding Food Security and Right to Food in India: A Study of the National Food Security Act, 2013 with Special Reference to NCT of Delhi</b>
<b>Discipline</b>	:	<b>Law</b>
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The members of the Research Advisory Committee of the Scholar, the faculty members of the Department and the School, interested experts and research scholars of all the branches of research are cordially invited to attend this open viva-voce examination.

**Place:** Bengaluru  
**Date:** 27 April 2026

  
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## ABSTRACT

Food security intersects with national security, economy, employment, and public health. The United Nations defines food security as a condition in which all individuals have consistent access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food. In India, food security remains a critical issue despite significant progress since the Green Revolution. The National Food Security Act 2013 (NFSA) was enacted to resolve these challenges by ensuring access to subsidized food grains. This thesis examines the evolution of food security both in India and at a global level, and subsequent policy interventions, including the Public Distribution System (PDS). The study is rooted in India's concerning Global Hunger Index rankings and the persistent issues of malnutrition, poverty, and implementation inefficiencies in food distribution. Judicial activism played a crucial role in expanding food-related entitlements in India establishing a justiciable Right to Food under Article 21 and holding the government accountable for effective food distribution. Despite its noble objectives, the Act faces several implementation challenges, including targeting errors, leakages in the PDS, and inadequate grievance redressal mechanisms. The thesis critically evaluates the structural deficiencies in the food security legal framework, particularly in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi, where urban food insecurity is a growing concern.

**Keywords:** Food Security, Right to Food, Article 21, PUCL, Delhi, NFSA, PDS

### **Publications:**

1. **Najeed Naved Siddiqui, Nabeela Siddiqui & Vinaya Tari, *Towards a Sustainable Future: An In-depth Analysis of Food and Water Security in the Context of the Sustainable Development Goals*, 66 J. Xi'an Shiyu Univ., Nat. Sci. Ed. (2023).**
2. **Najeed Naved Siddiqui, Rituraj Sinha & Vikalp Srivastava, *Leveraging Demographic Data for Comprehensive Analysis of the National Food Security Act 2013: Implementation Assessment and Policy Defects in NCT of Delhi*, 11 Int'l J. Env't Sci. 1 (2025).**



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## Corrigendum Notice

### PhD Viva Voce Examination

PhD Viva Voce Examination of Mr Najeed Naved Siddiqui, Registration Number: 2170127, PhD Scholar in Law, communicated vide Notification dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, is rescheduled for Tuesday, 05 May 2026 at 10.00 am, in Discussion Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, A Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR Off-Campus, Ghaziabad - 201003, Uttar Pradesh.

All other details remain unchanged.

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