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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR



Dear Readers,

I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to you for the second edition of our newsletter “Sandarshan” at the School of Law, SVKM’s Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS) Deemed to be University, Indore Campus. The purpose of this publication is to provide a platform for acknowledging the exceptional accomplishments of our students and highlighting their invaluable contributions in the field of legal opinion and advocacy.

The students within our institution have continually exhibited a steadfast dedication to achieving high standards of performance, as seen by the notable achievements highlighted in this edition. Our institution takes great pride in the accomplishments of our students, who have continuously demonstrated remarkable advocacy skills at both national and international contests. Our students have demonstrated their academic excellence by actively engaging in the provision of legal advice, undertaking research on crucial matters, and provision of pro bono services. These endeavors not only serve to increase their comprehension of legal principles but also afford students the chance to exert a beneficial influence on society. I extend an invitation to peruse the contents of this newsletter, wherein one may delve into the multifaceted abilities and achievements exhibited by our student body. The success narratives of these individuals serve as a wellspring of motivation, and we eagerly anticipate observing their forthcoming accomplishments as they commence their professional journeys in the field of law.

Dr. Anshuman Jaswal

Director

SVKM’s Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Indore Campus

FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to unveil the second edition of SVKM's NMIMS School of Law Newsletter, "Sandarshan." The School of Law, Indore, has always stood as a beacon of knowledge, fostering a community of dedicated individuals who are not only passionate about the law but also committed to serving society. As we continue to evolve in the dynamic world of legal education, our commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment in the legal field remains unwavering.



The legal profession thrives when it embraces a multitude of perspectives, and our student community actively engages in conversations that broaden our understanding of the issues at hand. Our students' achievements continue to reflect the caliber of excellence we strive for at the School of Law. Through this newsletter, we are sharing students' achievements, insightful articles, and legal updates from our students over the last six months. Through this newsletter, we wish to stimulate intellectual curiosity and foster a deeper understanding of the multifaceted world of law amongst the student community. I hope that this edition of the newsletter is received by everyone to be enlightening as well as inspiring.

Best Wishes!

Dr. Ashutosh Hajela
Associate Dean, School of Law
SVKM's Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Indore Campus

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRAGYAN EDITORS

Dear Readers,

We are delighted to present the release of our second edition of the newsletter, a platform that brings together the diverse legal minds within our student community. This initiative has been in the works for some time now, and it brings us great joy to see it come to fruition.

Our legal newsletter aims to be a valuable resource for all law students, providing insightful articles, updates on relevant legal developments, and thought-provoking commentary on issues shaping our industry. As we navigate the complex and ever-changing landscape of the legal world, we hope this newsletter will serve as a beacon of knowledge, keeping us informed and connected. We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated team of student editors who have worked tirelessly on this newsletter. Their commitment to excellence is evident on every page, and we are confident that our newsletter will quickly become a go-to source for legal insights within our organization. To our contributors, thank you for sharing your expertise and contributing to the richness of our content. Your diverse perspectives will undoubtedly enrich the discussions within our legal community.

Looking forward to the exciting journey ahead!



Dr. Sachin Bhardwaj
Assistant Professor



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Assistant Professor

INTERNATIONAL E-CONFERENCE

The International E-Conference on the theme of “Interplay of Law and Society.” was organized by SVKM’s NMIMS School of Law, Indore on January 27, 2024; with the objective of examining how society and law are evolving through the perspectives of socioeconomic, political, and legal issues. The main aim of this conference was to bring together leading academicians, researchers, technocrats, practitioners, and students to exchange and share their experiences and research outputs on all aspects of law and society. The conference delved into a wide range of sub-themes, including global political crises, public policy, gender and caste diversity, geopolitics, socio-economic justice, legal technology, environmental sustainability, corporate governance, and more.

More than 125 abstracts covering a wide range of multidisciplinary issues were submitted by participants from various universities, like NLU Ranchi, GNLU Gandhinagar, CNLU, O.P. Jindal, and various others. The conference maintained a high-quality peer-review process for all the manuscripts submitted, starting with a primary evaluation of the abstract. Due to multidisciplinary sub-themes, presenters were able to submit papers on various topics. In response to the event, which received a great deal of enthusiasm. More than 75 papers were chosen for presentation at the conference following an extensive evaluation procedure. These studies covered a wide range of topics and provided novel insights into how the law and societal issues interact. Participants further discussed the challenges and opportunities facing legal systems in the modern world, particularly focusing on themes such as societal needs, values, and aspirations.



An impressive inauguration ceremony started the conference and set a thoughtful and positive tone for the day. A traditional Saraswati Vandana was performed to invoke the goddess of knowledge's blessings before the event got underway. In his introductory remarks, Dr. Ashutosh Hajela, Associate Dean of SVKM's NMIMS School of Law, greeted the guests and underlined the value of interdisciplinary legal debate. In the provocative lecture delivered by, Dr. Anshuman Jaswal, the Director of SVKM's NMIMS Indore Campus, emphasised the necessity for legal scholars and students to bridge the gap between legal theory and societal demands and the critical role that law plays in tackling socio-economic imbalances.



Two distinguished chief guests, Prof. (Dr.) Poonam Pradhan Saxena, a former vice-chancellor of NLU Jodhpur, and Prof. (Dr.) Shilpa Khatri Babbar of the University of Iceland added more value to the conference. The two dignitaries gave powerful addresses that discussed the complex ways that society forces influence law and how law is shaped by them. In their speeches, they emphasised the importance of this interaction and the necessity for legal systems to change and advance in step with shifting social dynamics. Dr. Babbar provided historical examples, reflecting on how societies that adapt their legal systems to current socio-political realities have flourished. She elaborated on how universal legal principles often require modification to reflect the values and traditions of different societies, advocating for a more inclusive and culturally sensitive legal system. The Guest of Honour was Dr. Durgambini Patel, Dean of SVKM's NMIMS Kirit P. Mehta School of Law, who also gave closing remarks at the inaugural session. She commended the conference for promoting important scholarly conversations that are relevant to contemporary issues.

After the enlightening keynote session, the conference proceeded with 12 parallel technical sessions. Expert chairpersons and co-chairpersons from a variety of esteemed institutions attended each session. This well-selected team of judges guaranteed the calibre of the talks and presentations, encouraging fruitful exchanges amongst contestants. Expert Chairpersons with a total of twelve Co-Chairpersons provided their instrumental support in the competition of the technical sessions. The technical sessions served as a forum for rich discussions and critiques on various legal issues ranging from human rights, environmental law, gender justice, criminal law, and many more.

The conference concluded with a valedictory ceremony, three eminent keynote speakers shared their knowledge on the changing dynamic between law and society: Dr. Daniel Stein, Assistant Professor at O.P. Jindal Global University; Dr. Christine Richardson, Associate Professor at Jagannath University in Dhaka, Bangladesh; and Dr. Rachna Chaudhary, Associate Professor at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University in Delhi. Their insightful comments gave the thought-provoking event an appropriate conclusion. Their contributions enriched the discussions and broadened the understanding of the interplay between law and society in different contexts. Scholars from various other countries participated and contributed to the discussions, fostering a global exchange of ideas.

During the valedictory session of the conference, the winners of the Best Paper Awards were revealed in honour of their academic achievements. To honour the presenters' accomplishments, prizes were given to the top three papers, which showed outstanding research quality and uniqueness.

The international virtual conference on "Interplay of Law and Society" proved to be an outstanding accomplishment, providing an invaluable forum for scholarly communication and interdisciplinary cooperation. This conference helped attendees better comprehend the connections between law, society, and culture, laying the groundwork for future legal reforms that take global requirements into account.



UNIVERSITY DAY CELEBRATION

On January 20, 2024, the student council of NMIMS, Indore, orchestrated the inaugural edition of University Day, a one-of-a-kind occasion that united students from diverse schools in a celebration of unity and camaraderie. This event was a vibrant tapestry of lively music, savoury dishes and an array of engaging activities, creating a joyful atmosphere that elevated the enthusiasm of all the participants.

In a remarkable display of collaboration, all the clubs at NMIMS, Indore came together to host a myriad of activities for the entire college commune. This initiative was ground-breaking, marking the very first instance in which every club participated alongside one another. The foremost purpose was to involve the students in nurturing and learning experiences, scrupulously designed to amplify their horizons. This initiative sought to spark academic intrigue and ignite a passion for knowledge, all while offering a bracing and transformative journey through eclectic, hands-on activities.

The palpable spirit of both competition and cooperation infused the atmosphere as each club endeavoured to attract participants and engage the crowd, vibrant stalls bustled with energy, showcasing the creativity and enthusiasm of the students. The variety of offerings at the event ranged from games to culinary delights ensuring that there was something for everyone, enhancing the sense of community and collaboration amongst students.



Among the various clubs, STME's Alphaete Club emerged as the triumphant winner in the aforesaid competition, successfully generating the highest profit through their innovative strategies and meticulous planning. Their dedication and unique approach to engaging with the audience set them apart, allowing them to secure the top position in this friendly yet competitive environment. Their success not only underscored their hard work but also inspired other clubs to aspire for excellence in future events.

University Day beyond the competitive aspect was fundamentally about fostering a sense of belonging and celebration among the students, as the sun set on this remarkable day, students shared laughter, forged new friendships, and deepened existing bonds. The event served as a poignant reminder of the vibrant community at NMIMS, Indore, where collaboration and creativity flourish.



The attendees reflecting on the event expressed their delight in the experience, highlighting the significance of coming together to celebrate their shared identity as members of the NMIMS community. The success of University Day has set a promising precedent for future events, suggesting that such initiatives could become a cherished tradition at the university. The University Day not only strengthened the ties among students but also guided the student body toward future endeavours that promote connection and creativity within the vibrant tapestry of NMIMS, Indore.

BIDDING FAREWELL

On March 21st, 2024, the fifth-year students of our Law School celebrated the culmination of their exciting academic journey, marking the conclusion of five years of undergraduate study, with a magnificent goodbye event planned by the penultimate-year students. The farewell event was a celebration of academic achievements, personal growth, and lasting friendships that have defined the journey of our students. An evening filled with memories was held in the college auditorium as the senior students exchanged warm greetings and joyful smiles. Senior students received a warm welcome from their juniors with red roses and beautiful smiles. The colourful attire of the attendees enhanced the beauty of the event.

The evening was graced by the kind words of Director, Dr. Anshuman Jaswal, who addressed the gathering with wisdom and encouragement. He urged the students to carry forward the spirit of ethics and excellence in their professional endeavours and emphasized the significance of upholding the ideals imparted during their time at NMIMS. Our esteemed Associate Dean, Dr. Ashutosh Hajela, gave a heartfelt speech, praising the graduating class for their dedication and perseverance during their time at the School of Law. He added a personal touch by sharing some of his favourite memories of the first batch. The closing words of the Dean reflected a deep sense of confidence in the abilities of the graduating class. The ceremony also included heartening words from faculty members. One such address was given by our professor, Mr. Aman Deep Singh, who beautifully summarised the journey of the last five years in a poem. He also reminded the students that while their academic chapter may be ending, their learning would continue as they step into the legal world.





The event was filled with seamlessly coordinated dance and musical performances by fourth-year students. After the performances, fifth-year students were felicitated with different titles. Mr. Abhishek Nema and Ms. Shaily Soman were crowned Mr. Farewell and Ms. Farewell, respectively, while Mr. Lavesh Saraswat was titled Mr. Eve, with Ms. Yashi Patni being named Ms. Eve. Finally, the auditorium was energized by a DJ, creating lasting memories. Farewell 2024 thus added another beautiful day to the unforgettable memories of the first graduating School of Law batch, 2018–2024.



5th Freshers Moot Court Competition: *Cultivating Future Mooters*

The Moot Court and Trial Advocacy Society at SVKM's NMIMS School of Law, Indore, recently concluded its 5th Annual Fresher's Moot Court Competition. The event provided a platform for the first-year students to showcase their legal acumen and gain courtroom experience. The primary aim of the competition was to introduce students to the complexities of legal advocacy and offer them an opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge in a real-world setting.

The competition drew participation from a total of 32 teams, each comprising enthusiastic first-year students eager to showcase their legal acumen. These aspiring lawyers were engaged in thrilling rounds and subsequently presented compelling arguments, demonstrating a profound understanding of legal principles. The level of preparation and dedication exhibited by the participants was impressive, and reflective of the high standards of education and mentorship at the School of Law, NMIMS.



Esteemed legal professionals, including *Adv. Aditya Trivedi, Yash Bhargava, Poorva Mahajan, Rishi Shrivastava, and Pranshu Holkar*, served as judges for the competition. Their insights and feedback were instrumental in providing participants with a glimpse into the realities of legal practice. The judges not only evaluated the performances but also offered invaluable advice, aiding students to refine their arguments and advocacy techniques.

The rigorous questioning at the instance of judges further tested the participant's ability to think on their feet and defend their arguments effectively. This dynamic exchange was an attestation to the quality of legal education at NMIMS, as students rose to the challenge with poise and professionalism.

The event served as a bridge to the gap between classroom learnings and pragmatic realities. The Competition was not just an academic exercise, rather it was envisaged to play a crucial role in shaping the future of our budding law students by instilling confidence, critical thinking, and persuasive skills that are vital in the legal profession.

The 5th Annual Fresher's Moot Court Competition was not just a contest rather it was the celebration of legal education and advocacy. The dedication shown by both participants and organizers exemplifies the ethos of SVKM's NMIMS School of Law. The Moot Court and Trial Advocacy Society continues to champion opportunities for experiential learning, it thrives to play a pivotal role in nurturing the next generation of legal professionals.



NATIONAL LAW FEST, 2024

The National Law Fest 2024, organized by SVKM NMIMS Indore, has emerged as a distinguished event within the legal community, attracting participants from premier law colleges across the nation. Held from April 12 to April 14, 2024, this three-day festival showcased a wide array of legal competitions and activities. The event was a tremendous success, drawing students from prestigious law schools throughout India who eagerly participated in the various contests. The involvement of esteemed judges and legal professionals, who offered valuable insights and feedback, greatly enriched the overall experience. With a focus on addressing pressing legal issues impacting marginalized communities and environmental challenges, the fest encouraged collaboration and innovative approaches to complex legal problems. The contributions of renowned legal figures further enhanced the significance of the National Law Fest 2024.



The inaugural ceremony of Law Fest'24 was graced by Mrs. Snehlata Srivastava, a Retired IAS officer and Former Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha and Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice, who attended as the Chief Guest. Mrs. Srivastava captivated the audience with her insightful words, offering wisdom gathered from her illustrious career in public service. She shared her personal journey, inspiring the students with stories from her time as a civil servant and highlighting the importance of integrity, dedication, and hard work in shaping a meaningful career. Her presence set an encouraging tone for the fest, as she emphasized the significance of legal professionals in building a just and equitable society. The students were inspired by her achievements and were encouraged to pursue their own legal aspirations with passion and commitment.

The valedictory ceremony marked the fitting conclusion of Law Fest'24, with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijay Kumar Shukla as the Chief Guest. Justice Shukla delivered an insightful and motivational address, sharing his vast experiences from the judiciary and offering valuable reflections on the life of lawyers and judicial officers. His speech provided profound guidance on the ethical responsibilities and challenges that come with a legal career, encouraging the budding legal minds in the audience to strive for excellence and uphold justice in their future endeavors. Justice Shukla's words were not only a source of inspiration but also a reminder of the critical role legal professionals play in safeguarding the principles of law. His address left a lasting impression on the audience, motivating the participants to embrace their future roles as advocates of justice and contributors to the legal fraternity.



2ND NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Moot Court and Trial Advocacy Society successfully organised the 2nd National Moot Court Competition in April 2024. The competition centred around a case that explored Marriage and Adoption Rights of Transgender Persons in India.

The competition began with a total of 15 teams from various institutions across the country, including Symbiosis Law School Pune, UPES Dehradun, and Sastra University, Tamil Nadu. The plethora in the pool of participants showcased their exceptional advocacy skills in the preliminary rounds of the competition, held online on the 6th of April, 2024.

The Preliminary rounds commenced with an orientation session, followed by online memorial submissions, the preliminary rounds were concluded by a presentation of oral arguments featuring echo of reasoned and intellectually stimulating arguments and counter-arguments from both sides. Following the preliminary rounds, 8 teams qualified for the subsequent rounds which were held on campus from 12th to 14th April 2024. The inaugural ceremony was followed by the Draw of Lots and the Researcher's Test.

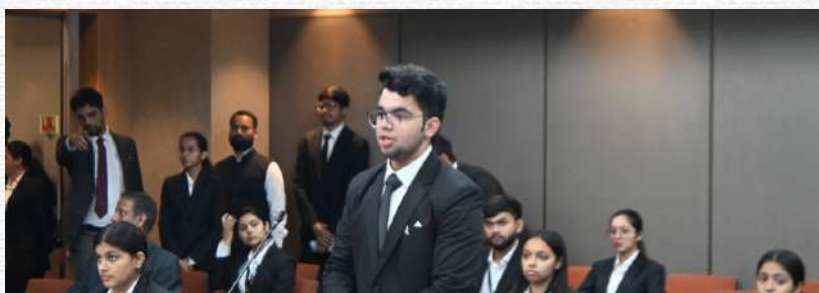
The second day commenced with the Quarter-Final rounds, where the teams demonstrated exemplary skills during the oral arguments. The panel of judges included distinguished personalities such as Mr. Akshay Pathak, Principal Associate at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Noida, Mr. Ashutosh Chugh, Associate at Satram Das B & Co., Ms. Bhavinee Mishra, Legal Consultant, Directorate of Enforcement, Kolkata, among others.



The Quarter-Finals were followed by the Semi-Finals, where the 4 winning teams from the previous round competed against each other for a spot in the Final Round. The panel of judges for the Semi-Finals included legal luminaries such as Mr. Ayush Jain, Founding Partner at Advik Law Partners, Mr. Biplab Lenin, Partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Mr. Deepak Awasthi, Advocate at Madhya Pradesh High Court (Jabalpur Bench), and Mr. Priyvrat Singh, Partner at Advik Law Partners.

On the final day, the Final Round took place between the participants from Government New Law College, Indore, and Symbiosis Law School, Pune. The participants engaged in an intensive legal battle, judged by the esteemed sitting Judges of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil Verma and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pranay Verma.

All the participants were subsequently applauded for their exemplary advocacy skills. Government New Law College, Indore, was adjudged the winner of the competition, with Symbiosis Law School, Pune, and ILS Law College, Pune, securing the 1st and 2nd Runner-Up positions, respectively. The Best Memorial Award was presented to Symbiosis Law School, Pune, while Brindalakshmi from Sastra University, Tamil Nadu, was named as Best Advocate. The Best Researcher Award was presented to Anshika Tripathy from Government New Law College, Indore. The competition was a resounding success owing to the unwavering dedication exhibited by the toil of Committee Members, Faculties, and the Participants.



1ST NATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION

The First National Mediation Competition, organized by SAMADHAN—The Alternative Dispute Resolution Cell—in collaboration with Associate Partners Nishith Desai Associates, Singhanian & Partners, and Economic Laws Practice, along with Knowledge Partners YCM, Lawctopus, MIAMC, and MediateGuru, and Media Partners Lawctopus and Legal Tech Partners Manupatra, was a comprehensive event that explored key aspects of mediation.

The competition commenced on the 12th of April, 2024, with an Inaugural Ceremony. Participants from institutions including RGNUL Patiala, DNLU Jabalpur, O.P. Jindal Global Law School Haryana, Symbiosis Nagpur, and various others showcased their negotiation and compromise skills, highlighting that the legal profession extends beyond litigation to finding mutually beneficial solutions.



The competition consisted of four rounds: a preliminary round and quarter-final round of 45 minutes each, followed by semi-finals and finals of 60 minutes each. The judging panel included esteemed figures such as Ms. Rukmani Menon (Partner at Menon & Menon Associates and Director at CAMP, Bangalore), Mr. Vikas Goyal (Senior Partner, Singhanian & Partners LLP), Ms. Pushp Gupta (International Mediator & Legal Advisor to the Indian Medical Association), and other distinguished legal experts.

The judges' panel comprised seasoned legal experts from various fields. Mr. Jeevan Ballav Panda (Khaitan & Co.) brought 16 years of arbitration experience, while Mr. Nachiketa Goyal (Kochhar & Co.) contributed his expertise in corporate litigation. Ms. Ritu Bhalla (Luthra & Luthra) and Ms. Surabhi Khattar (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas) offered decades of experience in dispute resolution and corporate matters.



Esteemed judges, including Ms. Rukmani Menon, Director at CAMP; Mr. Vikas Goel, Senior Partner at Singhania & Partners LLP; Ms. Pushp Gupta, International Mediator; Mr. Jeevan Ballav Panda, Partner at Khaitan & Co.; and Ms. Ritu Bhalla, Partner at Luthra & Luthra, contributed to the event, adding depth and expertise to the proceedings.

At the end of the competition, the Best Client-Counsel Pair award went to OP Jindal Global University, with Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, securing the Runner-Up position in the same category. The title of Best Mediator was awarded to Jagran Lake City University, while Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, finished as the Runner-Up in the Mediator category.

The judges praised OP Jindal Global University's team for their strong advocacy and case preparation, earning them first place in the Client-Counsel category. Jagran Lake City University's mediator was recognized for exceptional conflict resolution skills, winning the Mediation category. MNLU Nagpur's team was commended for their legal acumen, securing the Runner-Up position in the Client-Counsel category, while Symbiosis Nagpur's mediator was recognized for effective communication and negotiation, taking the Runner-Up position in Mediation.

1ST NATIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Samvaad-The Debating Society's 1st National Youth Parliament, Samvaadik, was a huge success, attracting over 70 participants from 35 prestigious institutions. The three-day event, held from April 12-14, 2024, featured two committees: The Lok Sabha and The All India Political Party Meet (AIPPM). Participants stepped into the shoes of various prominent political leaders as they braced through the competition.

The competition started with the Executive Board Members, including Mr. Aditya Bhatt and Mr. Aman Khan (Lok Sabha) and Mr. Pahal Teware and Ms. Jahnvi Jain (AIPPM), addressing the participants and specifying the rules of the events, later focussing on their specific agendas for the competition.



LOK SABHA

The Lok Sabha focused on addressing Relocation with special emphasis on Rehabilitation Policy for Kashmiri Pandits. The session began with opening statements from delegates, including Mr. Narendra Modi and Mr. Rahul Gandhi, followed by debates and discussions supported by statistical evidence. The committee unanimously passed a motion to discuss economic and social infrastructure in Jammu & Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370. The closing arguments were given by Smt. Sonia Gandhi.

AIPPM & PRESS RELEASE

The AIPPM committee critically assessed the policies during the NDA government's term. Delegates passionately presented arguments, with positive arguments highlighting improvements in defence and security measures, while critics argued that the NDA's promises lacked clarity. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the session, highlighting his government's achievements.

Later the Press Release of the Committee Meetings was held wherein the reporters covered the highlights of the session, where leaders of national parties faced heated questions from the press.

During the valedictory ceremony, participants were awarded for their exceptional skills. Shri Mithun Reddy was adjudged the Best Parliamentarian, and Kunwar Danish Ali emerged as the High Commendation in the Lok Sabha committee. Shri Manoj Kumar Jha was declared the Best Delegate, and Shri Bhagwat Mann as the High Commendation in the AIPPM committee. The event's success was attributed to the dedication of committee members, faculties, and participants.



1ST NATIONAL LEGAL AID POLICY DRAFTING COMPETITION

The 1st National Legal Aid Policy Drafting Competition, themed "Equal Justice, Accessible Paths: Legal Aid Policy-Making Competition for Divyaangjan," was a landmark event organised by SAMATVA—The Legal Aid Society of NMIMS Indore. Held on April 14, 2024, the competition aimed to address the unique challenges faced by the differently-abled community and sought innovative policy solutions to ensure equal access to justice. The event was a significant step towards fostering inclusivity and accessibility within India's legal framework.

It not only underscored the importance of inclusivity and accessibility in the legal aid ecosystem but also provided a platform for young legal minds to showcase their talents and contribute to meaningful change. The competition attracted participation from various prestigious institutions across the country. The diversity of participants brought a wide range of perspectives and ideas, enriching the quality of the policy drafts submitted.

Participants were required to submit their policy drafts, ensuring the drafts were comprehensive, practical, and innovative. The submissions underwent a rigorous review process by an external panel of anonymous judges to maintain impartiality and fairness. Out of the 24 submissions received, five were shortlisted for the presentation round based on originality, feasibility, and potential impact.



The presentation round was the highlight of the competition, with the shortlisted teams presenting their policy drafts in detail. Each team was allotted 20 minutes for their presentation, which included a 15-minute policy deliberation followed by a 5-minute Q&A session with the judges. The presentations were evaluated on various criteria, including clarity, depth of analysis, and practicality of the proposed solutions.

The judging panel comprised esteemed professionals and academicians who provided valuable insights and feedback. The panel included: Dr. Victor John Cordeiro: An expert in disability rights and advocacy, Dr. Cordeiro emphasised the need for societal sensitization toward the issues faced by the people with disabilities, Shri Rajesh Dandotiya: A renowned legal scholar, Shri Dandotiya highlighted the importance of changing societal perspectives toward the specially-abled and called for more inclusive policies. Mr. Tapas Bhardwaj: An advocate for disability rights, Bhardwaj pointed out gaps in the current legal system and stressed the need for policies that ensure accessibility and inclusivity, Mr. Dipendu Das: A policy expert, Mr. Das focused on the importance of accessibility, recognition, and livelihood in policy drafting, urging participants to consider these aspects in their proposals.

The judges provided critical feedback and insights that were invaluable to the participants. Dr. Cordeiro stressed the importance of societal awareness and the role of education in changing perceptions of the specially-abled. Tapas Bhardwaj highlighted the need for a robust legal framework to address the specific needs of the specially-abled community. Mr. Dipendu Das emphasised the importance of creating policies that are both inclusive and practical. Shri Rajesh Dandotiya called for a paradigm shift in how society views and interacts with the specially-abled, advocating for policies that promote dignity and respect.

The announcement of the winners. Team, comprising Ms. Chehak Gandhi and Ms. Ananya Tiwari from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Sonapat, secured first place for their innovative and comprehensive policy draft. Their proposal was praised for its originality, feasibility, and potential impact. The 1st runner-up was awarded to Team, represented by Ms. Lavanya Bhatt and Mr. Subramanyam H. from Delhi Metropolitan Education College, whose policy draft was noted for its thorough analysis and practical approach.

GREEN PEN - ADVOCATING FOR CLEAN EARTH

Green Pen: a unique competition of Pragyan, organised under the umbrella of Law Fest '2024 was a resounding success that showcased the institution's commitment to fostering legal research and nurturing intellectual discourse. The event featured two major competitions: The Second National Essay Writing Competition and the First National Legal Blog Writing Competition. The theme, "Green Pen: Advocating for Clean Earth," was chosen to emphasise the importance of environmental issues and to encourage students to engage in meaningful research and writing on contemporary environmental challenges.

The vision behind the event was to ignite curiosity and a lifelong commitment to environmental stewardship and legal advocacy among students. By promoting research habits, the competition sought to develop participants into creative voices and informed advocates capable of enacting meaningful change in their communities and beyond. The competitions attracted over 25 entries from students across various top universities and colleges, including Dharmashastra National Law University, Asian Law College, Integral University, and Karnavati University. Participants were not limited to law backgrounds; students from schools and other non-law colleges, including IIM, also took part. This diversity enriched the competition, bringing a wide range of perspectives and insights into the discussion on environmental issues.

The Second National Legal Essay Writing Competition and the First Legal Blog Writing Competition, organized by Pragyan, centred around contemporary environmental challenges. The event provided a platform for profound insights and scholarly analysis, highlighting the vital interplay of law, society, and the environment. More than 20 universities, including Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal, and IITM, Gwalior, participated, showcasing their flair for writing and commitment to environmental advocacy. The diversity of participants and the high quality of submissions underscored the importance of such events in promoting legal research and advocacy.

A two-tier judgement panel was established to ensure the quality and originality of the submissions. Initially, the student organising committee checked the originality of each entry. This step was crucial in maintaining the integrity of the competition and ensuring that all submissions were the original work of the participants. Subsequently, each submission was forwarded to a tier-two panel comprising faculty members. The panel evaluated the entries based on several criteria, including creativity, contemporary relevance, organisation and formatting, and writing quality. This rigorous evaluation process ensured that the best and most insightful entries were recognized and rewarded.

In the Second National Essay Writing Competition, Ms. Ditya Luthra secured the first position, while Ms. Yashi Gautam secured the second position. In the First National Blog Writing Competition, Ms. Pressha Vaswani won the first position, followed by Ms. Manya Verma. Additionally, all winners were offered an opportunity to undertake an online research-based internship with Jus Corpus, providing them with further opportunities to develop their research skills and contribute to the field of legal studies.



The Law Fest'24 was a resounding success, fulfilling its primary objective of promoting research and writing among students while simultaneously raising awareness about pressing environmental issues. Through their participation, students not only showcased their creativity and critical thinking but also emerged as informed and empowered advocates for environmental protection. Equipped with enhanced knowledge and deep insights, they demonstrated a strong commitment to driving meaningful change in addressing environmental challenges. The event highlighted the essential role that legal advocacy plays in tackling the complexities of environmental issues, fostering a sense of responsibility among the future generation of legal professionals. By inspiring a growing cohort of environmentally conscious lawyers, Law Fest'24 not only contributed to academic growth but also to a broader societal impact, setting the stage for continued efforts in environmental preservation and legal intervention for a sustainable future.

“BRIDGING THE CLASSROOM TO CORPORATE GAP: CAREER OPPORTUNITIES VIZ-A-VIZ ROLE OF IN-HOUSE COUNSELS”

The Career Guidance & Placement Cell at NMIMS Indore hosted Mr. Vineet Vij, Global General Counsel at Tech Mahindra, for a session titled “Bridging the Classroom to Corporate Gap: Career Opportunities viz-a-viz role of In-House Counsels” on 18th April 2024. The event drew a large number of law students eager to learn about the evolving role of in-house counsels in the contemporary corporate landscape/ ecosystem.

Mr. Vineet Vij, who is a seasoned legal expert with extensive experience in corporate law, captivated the audience with an engaging narrative of his career journey. He delved into the multifaceted responsibilities that in-house counsels hold within organisations, highlighting their strategic importance in proactively managing legal risks, navigating through the complexities of regulatory compliances, and aligning legal mechanisms at an organisation along with its comprehensive business objectives.

One of the key themes of Mr. Vij's address was the transformative impact of technology on the legal profession. He posited that the advent of digital tools and innovations necessitates a shift in how legal services are delivered. In-house counsels, he noted, must embrace these changes, adapting their skill sets to leverage technology for enhanced efficiency and effectiveness.



Furthermore, Mr. Vij elaborated on the essential qualities that aspiring in-house counsels should cultivate. He emphasised that beyond a robust understanding of legal principles, professionals in this domain must exhibit strategic thinking and effective communication skills. The ability to negotiate deftly and navigate complex interpersonal dynamics within corporate settings is critical. Mr. Vij's insights served as a clarion call for students to hone these competencies, which are vital for thriving in the competitive landscape of corporate law.

The session also addressed the evolving career trajectories for legal professionals in the corporate sector. Mr. Vij provided invaluable guidance on career progression, emphasising the importance of mentorship and networking in building a successful legal career. He encouraged students to seek out opportunities for internships and practical experiences that would allow them to immerse themselves in the realities of corporate law, thereby bridging the gap between their academic training and the demands of the workplace.

An engaging Q&A segment followed Mr. Vij's presentation, during which he addressed a variety of questions posed by the students. Inquiries ranged from specific aspects of career advancement to broader concerns about the future of the legal profession in an increasingly digital world. Mr. Vij's thoughtful responses not only clarified student queries but also provided practical strategies for preparing for a successful career in corporate law. He reiterated the importance of continuous learning and adaptation, encouraging students to stay abreast of legal developments and industry trends.

The session with Mr. Vineet Vij was not merely a corporate exercise, rather it was a vital engagement that effectively bridged the gap between theoretical learning and practical application in the corporate world by equipping students with the knowledge and informing them about skills required for their professional journey. This event underscored the commitment of NMIMS, Indore to fostering a generation of well-prepared legal professionals equipped with the abilities to navigate through the complexities of the present-day professional landscape. These initiatives play a crucial role in shaping the future of law graduates, ensuring they emerge not only as competent practitioners but also as strategic partners in the businesses they will serve.

INVICTUS'24

The INVICTUS- Intra Sports Event at SVKM's NMIMS, Indore, held from March 18 to March 20, 2024, was a lively celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and school spirit. This eagerly awaited annual event drew participation from students across all departments, including the School of Law (SOL). It provided a platform for emerging athletes to display their talents in a setting that balanced competition with camaraderie. Organised by the ALPHALETE- Sports Committee, the event aimed to promote physical fitness and strengthen student bonds through sportsmanship. The event featured a diverse range of sports. Each sport saw enthusiastic participation, with teams and individuals competing for top honors.



In badminton, the women's singles event was won by the SOL. The mixed doubles matches were highly competitive, with the SOL ultimately securing the victory. In table tennis, the doubles title was won by the SOL in the women's category. Basketball was another major highlight, with the SOL taking home the championships in the women's category. The volleyball championship was claimed by the SOL, demonstrating their strength and strategy. Indoor games also featured intense competition. Chess saw the SOL triumph in both the men's and the women's category, highlighting their strategic skills.



The event was well-organized, with the Sports Committee ensuring smooth execution through careful planning. The event concluded with a grand closing ceremony where winners and runners-up were awarded medals and certificates. INVICTUS was more than just a competition; it fostered a sense of community. The enthusiastic support from students, faculty, and staff added to the event's vibrant atmosphere. The camaraderie and mutual respect displayed during the competitions exemplified true sportsmanship. It achieved its goals of promoting sports and physical fitness while strengthening the college community.

STUDENT LAURELS

NMIMS INDORE LAW STUDENTS TRIUMPH IN THE NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY & MOOT COURT COMPETITION

In a landmark achievement, NMIMS Indore's 3rd-year law students, Mr. Aalekh Lahari, Ms. Ojal Jain, and Mr. Vinamra Daga, secured the 2nd (Runner-up) position in the prestigious 19th 'Kshan' National Trial Advocacy and Appellate Moot Court Competition. Their commendable performance also earned them the Best Memorial Award and a Special Mention and Appreciation for Mr. Lahari's exceptional speaking and arguing skills. NMIMS Indore's team showcased exceptional talent and determination.



The Hon'ble judges of the final round lauded the exemplary performance of our students, recognizing their outstanding legal skills and professionalism. This achievement underscores NMIMS Indore's commitment to nurturing legal excellence and practical skills among its students. The success in the 19th 'Kshan' National Trial Advocacy and Appellate Moot Court Competition serves as a testament to the institution's ongoing pursuit of academic and professional excellence.

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Jan'24 - May'24

MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS

- Sarthak Bobade, National Moot Court Competition, 12-13 January'24 by Amity Law School in collaboration with Akhil Bhartiya Adhikvakta Parishad, Gwalior
- Esha Jain, National Moot Court Competition, 12-13 January'24 by Amity Law School in collaboration with Akhil Bhartiya Adhikvakta Parishad, Gwalior
- Kashish Pherwani, National Moot Court Competition, 12-13 January'24 by Amity Law School in collaboration with Akhil Bhartiya Adhikvakta Parishad, Gwalior
- Soumya Khandelwal, National Moot Court Competition, 1-2 March'24 by Chanderprabhu Jain College of Higher Studies & School of Law, Delhi
- Shashank Shekhar, Semi-Finalist, National Moot Court Competition, 1-2 March'24 by Chanderprabhu Jain College of Higher Studies & School of Law, Delhi
- Vinamra Daga, 19th "KSHAN" National Moot Court Competition, 15-17 March'24 by G.H. RaiSoni Law College, Nagpur
- Gourvi Gupta, 12th National Moot Court Competitions, 4-6 April'24 by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab
- Disha Sutti, 3rd NALSAR-CCI Antitrust Moot, 22nd-24th March, 2024, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
- Monika Dixit, 3rd NALSAR-CCI Antitrust Moot, 22nd-24th March, 2024, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
- Ateebha Singh Choudhary, 3rd NALSAR-CCI Antitrust Moot, 22nd-24th March, 2024, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
- Gopal Mishra, Semi-finalist, National Moot Court Competition, 1-2 March'24 by Chanderprabhu Jain College of Higher Studies & School of Law, Delhi
- Savyasachi Khare, Semi-Finalist, National Moot Court Competition, 1-2 March'24 by Chanderprabhu Jain College of Higher Studies & School of Law, Delhi
- Harsha Shah, 3rd National Moot Court Competition, 2-4 March'24 by Frontiers Welfare Society, a pan-India legal NGO
- Ojal Jain, 19th "KSHAN" National Moot Court Competition, 15-17 March'24 by G.H. RaiSoni Law College, Nagpur
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- Shreya Chandrakar (2024), Menstrual Leave and Workplace Equity: Non-Complementary To Each Other, Legal Lock Journal3(3) ISSN,2583-0384
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- Tanima Tewari (2024), The Practice Of 'Untouchability' in India: Norm of Seven Decades and Still Counting, International Journal of Law Management and Humanities7(2), 2319-2335
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- Asmita Shrivastava (2024), Need and Purpose Of Interpretation Of Status, Law Foyer International Journal Of Doctrinal Legal Research 2(1), ISSN, 2583-7753
- Asmita Shrivastava (2024), Dying Declaration under the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, International Journal of Law Management and Humanities7(2), 125-133
- Nupur (2024), Analysing the Advent and Growth of Ed-Tech Industry During and Post Pandemic, Emerald Publishing

DEBATING COMPETITIONS

- Mohd Hasnain Sheikh,4th Justice JS Verma Memorial National ADR And Client Counselling Competition, Judgement Writing Competition, 1-2 March'24, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Delhi
- Tanima Tewari,4th Justice JS Verma Memorial National ADR And Client Counselling Competition, Judgement Writing Competition, 1-2 March'24, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Delhi

DEBATING COMPETITIONS

- Dhruv Saxena, Hon'ble Mention, SANSAD- The National Youth Parliament, 24-25 February'24
- Dhruv Saxena, Loktantra- National Youth Parliament, 5-7 January'24 by Federation of World Youth Affairs.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES

- Disha Suty, Beyond the Boardroom: Fostering Female Leadership in Decision-making and Business, International Conference on “Unfolding Gender Equity through Inclusivity: Challenges and Way Forward”, Centre for Women and Child Rights, National Law University, Tripura [March 08-09, 2024]
- Disha Suty, From Challenges To Opportunities: Transformative Approaches To WTO Disputes Settlement: The Transition From DSS to GATT Era To The WTO Era, International Conference On Crises And Solutions To Dispute Settlement System Under WTO, Centre For WTO Studies, NALSAR University Of Law, Hyderabad [April 13-14, 2024]
- Priyanshi Bhawalpuri, International Conference on Right to Equality (ICRE) on The Political Representation of Non-Binary Individuals in India: An Exploraory Study, Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahemdabad [March 15-16, 2024]
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MEMORIAL DRAFTING COMPETITIONS

- Ojal Jain, Winner, Memorial Drafting Competition (2024), 1st National Fest by University of Lucknow.
- Gautam Jha, Winner, Memorial Drafting Competition (2024), 1st National Fest by University of Lucknow.

CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITIONS

- Tanima Tewari, Quarter Finalist, Client Counselling Competition, 18-21 January'24, MediateGuru
- Mohd Hasnain Sheikh, Social And Welfare Laws: Emerging Challenges And Solutions, 1-2 March'24, Chandraprabhu Jain College Of Higher Studies and School Of Law, Delhi
- Sarthak Bobade, 4th Justice JS Verma Memorial National ADR And Client Counselling Competition, 11-12 March'24, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Delhi
- Kashish Pherwani, 4th Justice JS Verma Memorial National ADR And Client Counselling Competition, 11-12 March'24, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Delhi
- Somya Khandelwal, Runner Up, Client Counselling Competition, 3-7 April'24 by University Of Lucknow
- Harshi Shah, Runner Up, Client Counselling Competition, 3-7 April'24 by University Of Lucknow

OTHER COMPETITIONS

- Nupur, Poster Presentation, Analysing the Advent and Growth of Ed-Tech Industry During And Post Pandemic, 16th March'24, NMIMS Mumbai
- Ansh Garg, First National AOA & MOA Drafting Competition by The School of Law, CHRIST University, Lavasa
- Anushka Singh, First National AOA & MOA Drafting Competition by The School of Law, CHRIST University, Lavasa
- Dushyant Singh, First National AOA & MOA Drafting Competition by The School of Law, CHRIST University, Lavasa
- Manasvi Jain, Runner Up, Use of Technology or Artificial Intelligence in enforcing Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, 10 March'24 by Christ Univrsity, Bangalore
- Nupur, 5th Rank, Touch Their Heart Policy Drafting Competition, by National Law Institute University, Bhopal
- Priyanshi Bhawalpuri, National Legal Opinion Writing Competition by Aligarh Muslim University, Murshidabad
- Priyanshi Bhawalpuri, First National AOA & MOA Drafting Competition by The School of Law, CHRIST University, Lavasa

IN CONVERSATION WITH LEGAL PIONEERS

MEET OUR ESTEEMED GUEST

Advocate Harsh Pratap, founder of HP Law Advocates, a leading Indian law firm specialising in Maritime Law, with a strong record of accomplishment of working with clients from India and abroad. Advocate Harsh Pratap has been practising law since 2001 and has completed LLM in Maritime Law from the Institute of Maritime Law, University of Southampton in 2005.



During the academic interview with Pragyan, Advocate Harsh Pratap made familiarizations around the technicalities involved in pursuing Maritime Law as a legal career, he was generous enough to guide us through the following major questions.

Interviewer: Could you discuss what Maritime Law is and how it differs from Admiralty Law?

Advocate Harsh Pratap detailed that, Maritime law is a wider concept in itself concerning a ship, the water, the sea, these are mainly all-encompassing maritime law. He further explained that Maritime law is a legal framework which covers under its ambit activities on the sea and various aspects of shipping, contracts, cross-border transactions and disputes. Admiralty Law is a subset dealing specifically with ships and waters, while Maritime Law covers broader civil matters, including contracts, piracy laws, and insurance. He noted that India has admiralty laws dating back to 1861 from the British colonial period, but the scope of Maritime Law is much wider and more internationally oriented. Well India, does not have many laws concerning maritime but there is a wide branch such as we have the marine insurance act, Indian ports act 1908 and more.

Interviewer: What is the scope of Maritime Law in India, given the relatively limited number of laws under the ambit, also is there a positive or a negative improvement in comparison to countries like United Kingdom and United States of America?

In his opinion, the scope in India is definitely big but comparatively, UK is a much larger country because UK sees cases from all over the world. He further exemplifies that if you have a case between a Spanish and a German, it is very much possible that the contract might be governed by the states and the states obviously need to go to a negotiation level. In that sense, unfortunately, but India is not a maritime hub when it comes to the issues. It is a practice that is taking up. At this stage, he added that we are not in a position to compete ourselves or compare ourselves with the UK system. Certainly, UK is far more robust and far more developed, and we should still look for guidance to the UK cases because they are the ones that are cited by most other jurisdictions. Even governments in Singapore, Hong Kong, etc. would be citing UK based law cases.

Additionally, he exclaimed, that America has a slightly different maritime system to an extent, but it is not vastly different in all aspects. India is becoming more of a global hub in terms of, exporting goods, it is observing a lot of foreign companies also one of the beneficial points could be the extremely large port lines.

Interviewer: How would you describe your journey as a maritime lawyer? How much time is needed to be a well-established maritime lawyer?

His journey as a maritime lawyer could be precisely described as slow and a steady process. Maritime law was always a calling for him as being influenced by his father's career as a sailor. Early on in his legal career he gained valuable experience by interning and working under a renowned shipping lawyer for a tenure of 11 years. After gaining practical experience he pursued LLM in Maritime Law from one of the top universities in the world, University of Southampton in 2005. According to him, it is advisable to consider gaining practical experience before starting out own independent practice as a maritime lawyer, taking time to develop your skills and learning through the legal process is essential as maritime legal market is highly competitive. Also, he guided that when a student consider master's for maritime law, they should do it from a common law country like the UK or Singapore. The reason being, India follows a lot of British laws and is a common law country itself. Not only maritime, but even in matters concerning contracts.

He further added that if you would want to continue your journey as a Maritime Law aspirant in India itself it could be considered but it would be a slow and steady process.

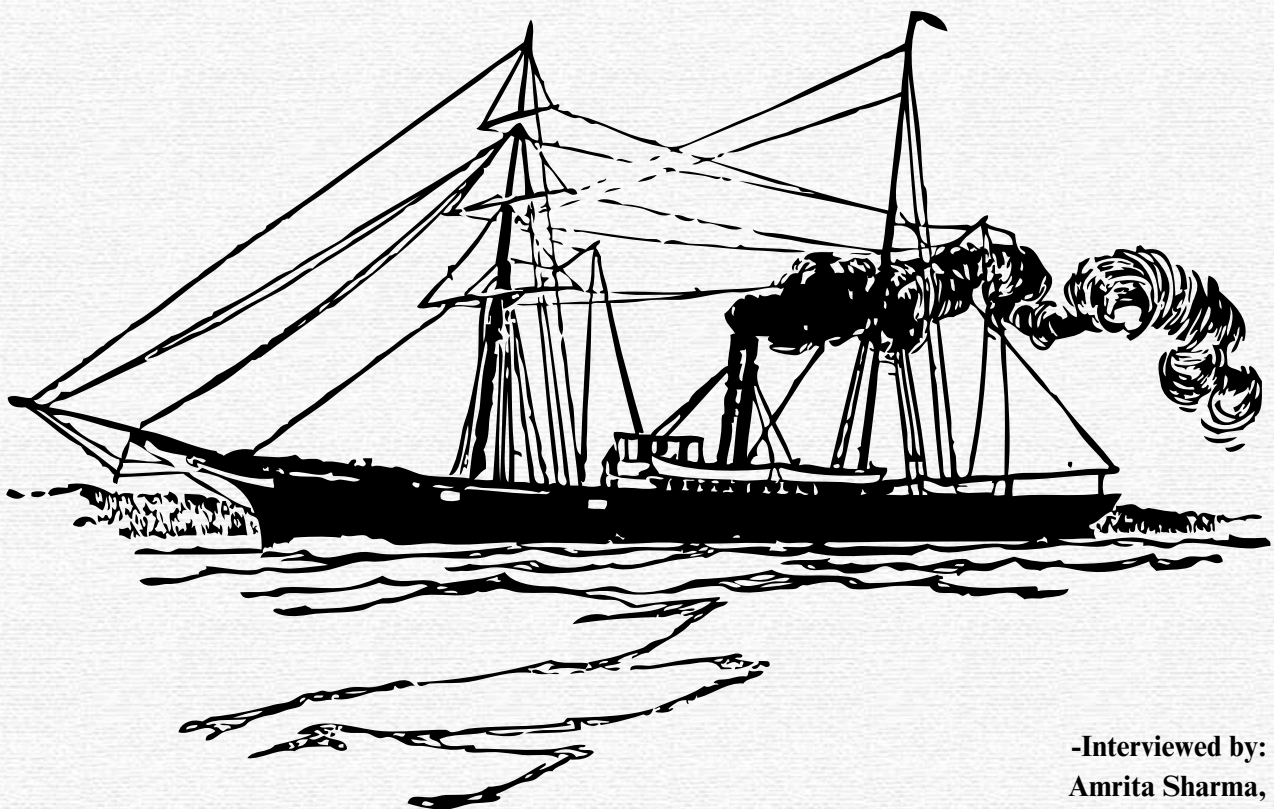
Furthermore, if one wants to become a well-established maritime lawyer, they would need at least 5 years of practice under a reputable lawyer to further start practice independently.

Interviewer: What are some major skills required to excel in the field?

He addressed this query by stating that Patience is one of the most important skills. Maritime law is a specialised field which might be in some cases be unfamiliar to the judges as well, which makes it imperative to be prepared and correct any misconceptions and pursue a deep understanding of Maritime Law principles. Therefore, a maritime lawyer according to him to excel in his field would require patience as one of his/her attributes.

Furthermore, he claimed that it is also a profession where long hours would be required.

One of the reasons for that as stated by him were because it is international in its operation, and one might be having an international client therefore sincere punctuality would be needed whenever the client might need the lawyer. The third skill which he exclaims was reading. There will be a lot of reading in the field. The vastness of this field according to him requires rigorous research and reading so conclusively it would be another imperative skill to pursue.



-Interviewed by:
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STUDENTS OPINION

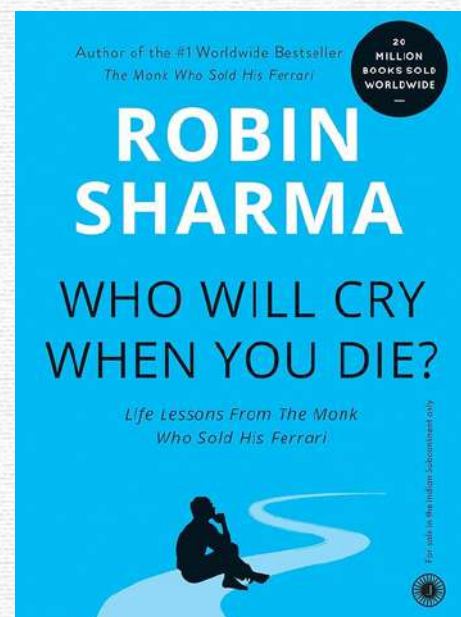
BOOK REVIEW OF ROBIN SHARMA'S WHO WILL CRY WHEN YOU DIE?

- Jahnvi Mishra BA.LL.B.(H)- I SEM

Who Will Cry When You Die? is another masterpiece by Robin Sharma, a litigator-turned-author who has also penned titles such as *The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari*, which also happens to be amongst the best-sellers in the literary marketplaces. His writings include meticulous and vivid expressions of subjects pertaining to self-help and didactic fiction.

This book presents simple yet highly effective ways to change one's perspective on life and teaches one how to become the best version of oneself. The author's central argument is that humankind aspires and is in continuous hustle to leave a legacy which is cherished upon their demise and continues to hold a significant impact even in their absence. However, the same raises some serious and thought-provoking questions, namely: will we anyway matter after our death? will our anecdotes, knowledge, and values not be divided across perceptions? Will people actually feel any sorrow at our funeral? These are some questions Robin Sharma explores throughout the book.

The book is divided into 101 chapters, each offering different methods to enrich our lives with peace, happiness, balance, success, abundance, and fulfilment. The author shares his personal experiences and life lessons. In one chapter, he refers to the first thirty minutes after waking up as '*The Platinum 30*,' emphasizing that this point of time in one's life is quite crucial for focusing on oneself. In another chapter, he encourages readers to become more proactive and view themselves as the CEO of their own destiny—the CEO of their life.



I firmly believe that through the practice of principles laid-down in the book, we can become the captains of our own ships, rather than mere passengers. Sharma argues you don't need to wait until your deathbed to realize the meaning of life. He states simply, "*The purpose of life is a life for a purpose.*" As you progress through the book, you'll discover ways to live meaningfully, set high goals, and achieve them, all of which contribute to a positive attitude toward yourself.

No self-help book is complete without motivational quotes, and Robin Sharma has included plenty of those from much eminent personalities such as Norman Cousins, Thoreau, Mother Teresa, Sophocles, and others. My personal favourite is by Norman Cousins: "*The tragedy of life is not death, but what we let die inside of us while we are alive.*"

Sharma's use of effective, straightforward language makes the book easy to understand. He emphasizes that while physical life is temporary, the legacy we leave can serve as an example for future generations. Our values and achievements will be remembered, and render us to immortality. I believe that embracing such a mindset can help in personal growth and reaching greater heights. The book concludes in a way that it does not impose its opinions on the readers and thereby does not strictly fall as didactic fiction, as the author asks, "*The only question is, will you choose to do so?*"

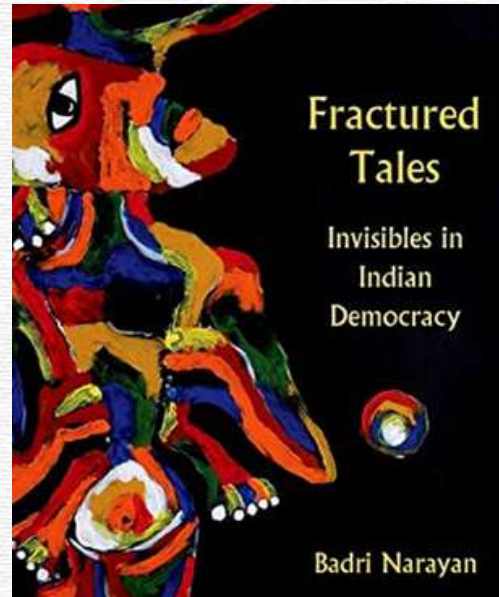
The book's practical advice and relatable examples make it a worthwhile read for anyone who wants to leave their mark after death. It's likely that you'll gain a fresh perspective and a renewed purpose for living your life to its fullest. This is not just a self-help book—it's a *manual for living life*.



BOOK REVIEW ON 'FRACTURED TALES INVISIBLES IN INDIAN DEMOCRACY'

- Swarnim Priya Tripathy BA.LL.B.(H)- VII SEM

Fractured Tales documents the narratives of the voiceless and invisible Dalit castes that have been left out in the 60 years of state-led Indian democracy. Exploring the deepening of democracy among the Dalits of Uttar Pradesh, it argues that the process of democratization of these communities overrepresents some groups, such as the Chamars and Pasis, while neglecting others like the Musahar, Bansphor, and Sapera communities. In this book, the author examines 'how' and 'why' the process of dem-



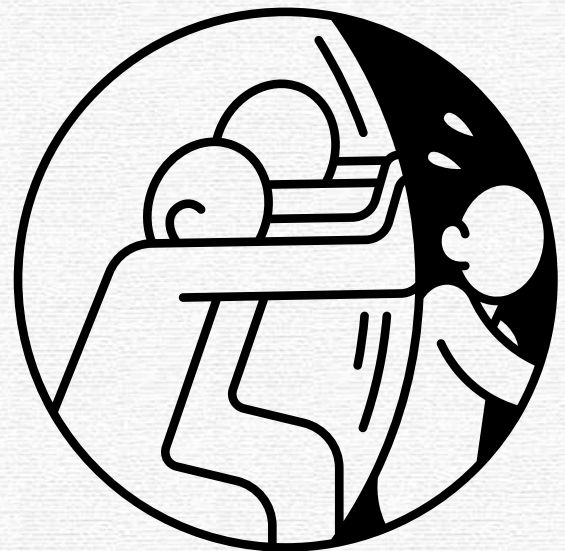
cracy among the Dalits of Uttar Pradesh, it argues that the process of democratization of these communities overrepresents some groups, such as the Chamars and Pasis, while neglecting others like the Musahar, Bansphor, and Sapera communities. In this book, the author examines 'how' and 'why' the process of democracy reached a small, select group amongst the Dalits in UP, like the Chamar and Pasi castes, while several other castes like Musahar, Bansphor, Sapera, Nat, and so on, did not even get a small glimpse of democratic empowerment. The author creatively captures their growing sense of exclusion from democracy and representation, and their cry for inclusion, which is yet to transform into an assertion in the domains of the nation, state, democracy, and society.

The author has prepared ground for the narrative of investigating the workings of democracy in North India, especially in the context of Dalit empowerment in UP, and has tried to discuss invisibility and voicelessness in the context of democracy. The story takes place in Uttar Pradesh, India. The author started working on Dalit issues in Uttar Pradesh in the 1990s, around twenty to twenty-five years ago, at the time when the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) emerged on the political scene and was gradually gaining ground in UP. There are various instances mentioned in the book that describe the setting of the story.

The author talks about the emergence of the Bahujan Samaj Party, documenting BSP politics and being filled with enthusiasm and expectations for a bright future for Dalits. The emergence of BSP was a harbinger of good tidings—the hopes that the party had instilled in the hearts of long-suffering Dalits did come true to some extent, as they had begun to occupy center stage in the political scenario of both UP and the country and could aspire to a better life due to their political empowerment.

The main conflict of the story is ‘how’ and ‘why’ a few dalit castes have succeeded in becoming politically empowered and visible while the rest of the dalit castes are lagging behind in the state-led democracy and did not even get a briefest glimpse of democratic empowerment. In this celebration of democracy it is often overlooked that the dalits comprise a large number of castes and communities and of these only a few castes that make up a small section of the total dalit population have acquired visibility, while a huge cluster of dalit communities are still very far from the door of democracy. The state led democracy has not only created empowerment but also triggered its opposite, disempowerment.

This book focuses on dalit castes that are voiceless, invisible and have been left out in the almost 60 year discourse of state-led Indian democracy. It presents a catalogue of the dalits, that is of the most marginalized among them who were left out from the discourse of democracy even during the chief ministership of leader of the BSP Mayawati, who claims to work for the uplift of the oppressed and the marginalized (dabe-kuchle log) through democratic power.




It documents that on one hand, democracy that includes the assertive castes on the margins of politics and governance, while on the other hand excluding many non-assertive and small castes existing on the margins among the margin, as a byproduct of its functional character.








IN THE OCEAN OF MY HEART

- Hasnain Sheikh BBA.LL.B.(H)- V SEM




Deep down,
In the ocean of my heart!
There's a graveyard of my thoughts!
Up there,
You might only see the daylight on my face!
The bucket of some cheerful Ace!
Look down,
There's something you may find!
Now there's nothing that may hide!



EMBRACE THE EVENING

- Diksha Tripathi BA.LL.B.(H)- VII SEM




When shadows fall and silence sings,
Arise from slumber, let joy take wings.
Warm coffee brews in the tender glow,
A comforting sip, let the worries go.

Soft melodies dance through the air,
Notes of serenity, free from despair.
Gaze through the window, where nature unfolds,
The canvas of twilight, in hues of gold.

As the sun dips low, painting skies so bright,
Embrace the moment, let your heart take flight.
With every sunset, a promise anew,
In the stillness of the evening, find solace true.

So take a breath, let the world slow down,
In this gentle pause, wear your peace like a crown.
For life's fleeting moments, both tender and sweet,
Are woven together, where hearts and nature meet.

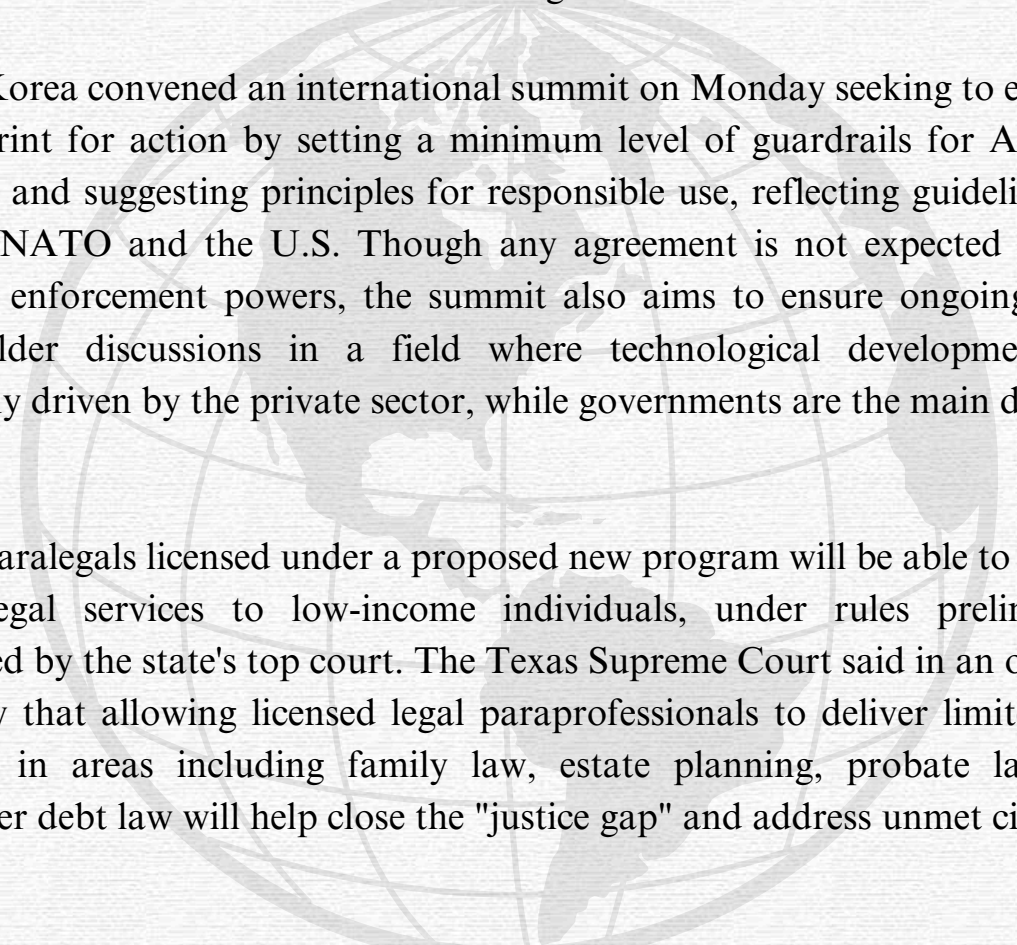


LEGAL HORIZONS

Legal insights around the globe

- The Paris Agreement, an international treaty on climate change, has set its objective to keep the global temperature below 2 degrees Celsius, most preferably at 1.5 degrees Celsius. This must be followed by a decline in global emissions by 45% by 2030 and reaching net zero by 2050. To leverage its commitment toward this objective, India is taking active steps in introducing policies such as the “National Action Plan for Climate Change” (NAPCC), the “*State Action Plan for Climate Change*” (SAPCC), and “India’s Long-Term Low Carbon Development Strategy” (LT-LEDS). Furthermore, India is leading a mass movement towards environmental protection in respect to national determination contributions set by the Paris Agreement by including LiFE (*Lifestyle for Environment*) as a mission to incorporate into protecting and preserving the environment. India is the first country to adopt such an initiative, reflecting its enthusiasm and commitment to the objective.
- On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Hon’ble Supreme Court, President Droupadi Murmu unveiled a new insignia of the Supreme Court. The notable event was graced by presence of Hon’ble Minister of Law & Justice, Mr. Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon’ble Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, and other dignitaries. The new flag featured the Sanskrit shloka, “Yato Dharmastato Jayah,” which means “where there is Dharma, there is victory,” portraying the objective of the judiciary to embark on a new era of modernized and simplified ways to provide justice.
- On August 2, 2024, Brazil approved a bill that sets up the legal framework for low-carbon hydrogen emissions, creating the National Low-Carbon Hydrogen Policy. This policy will further be introduced as part of the country’s National Energy Policy. The law introduces the Brazilian Hydrogen Certificate System; the certificate will inform the intensity of emissions related to the hydrogen production chain, making it viable for officials to keep track of hydrogen production. The law allows the country to eliminate actions that allow unnecessary emissions and wastage of energy, which could further impact the globe. Such initiatives could be a potential inspiration for other countries to take action towards climate change and environmental concerns.

- Adopted on May 17, 2024, the world's first legally binding global treaty on artificial intelligence, "*FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY, AND RULE OF LAW*," marks a historic milestone in global AI regulations. Initiated by the Council of Europe, it will set new international standards to align artificial intelligence systems with democratic values, human rights, and the rule of law. It also has the potential to establish a legal framework that will regulate and align every initial stage of the AI system. The convention also appends the world's first extensive AI regulation, the EU AI Act. The treaty introduces itself in alignment with the EU AI Act and assimilates elements such as fostering safe innovation and focusing on a human-centric AI system.
- On March 23, 2024, Hong Kong announced new security laws which have faced widespread international criticism for their repressive nature. The law introduces itself under Article 23, which allows for "closed-door trials" and permits police officials to detain suspects for up to 16 days without any charge. The law also allows for banning organizations and companies that are suspected of being allies with foreign forces. The jurisdiction of the article broadens itself with the "Beijing-imposed National Security Law," which involves criminalizing secession, subversion, terrorism, and collusion with foreign forces.
- The 23rd Law Commission has been established by the government of India, which will commence its operation from September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2027, for a span of three years. Its aim is to investigate and suggest potential reforms and actions needed for the smooth and orderly functioning of the judicial system of the country. The commission will be headed and guided by a full-time chairperson, four full-time members, the Secretaries of the Legal Affairs and Legislative Departments as ex-officio members, and up to five part-time members. The legal framework will be analysed and evaluated in accordance with the objectives set out by the Preamble of the Indian Constitution and in light of the Directive Principles of State Policy.
- China and Norway agreed to set up green transition talks every two years. The talks will aim to foster connections and cooperation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect and restore biodiversity, and create new green industries and jobs.

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- ▶ The Biden Administration on Monday, September 9, said it had finalized regulations to help ensure the 175 million Americans with private health insurance have access to affordable mental health services. The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, 2008 already requires insurers and corporate-backed health plans to provide access and payment structures for mental health care services on par with other medical services. The final rule, proposed last summer, is aimed at closing the gaps by requiring health insurers to evaluate which mental health providers' services are covered by their plans, how much those providers are paid, and how often they require or deny prior authorizations for coverage. Where needed, such requirements may push health plans to add mental health providers to networks, according to a senior administration official. Most of the new regulation will take effect in 2026.
 - ▶ South Korea convened an international summit on Monday seeking to establish a blueprint for action by setting a minimum level of guardrails for AI in the military and suggesting principles for responsible use, reflecting guidelines laid out by NATO and the U.S. Though any agreement is not expected to have binding enforcement powers, the summit also aims to ensure ongoing multi-stakeholder discussions in a field where technological developments are primarily driven by the private sector, while governments are the main decision-makers.
 - ▶ Texas paralegals licensed under a proposed new program will be able to provide some legal services to low-income individuals, under rules preliminarily approved by the state's top court. The Texas Supreme Court said in an order on Tuesday that allowing licensed legal paraprofessionals to deliver limited legal services in areas including family law, estate planning, probate law, and consumer debt law will help close the "justice gap" and address unmet civil legal needs.
 - ▶ Law firms are capitalizing on client uncertainty sparked by a flurry of new U.S. Supreme Court rulings that favoured opponents of federal agency powers, even as lawyers themselves differ on the decisions' immediate and long-term effects. Within hours of the rulings, major U.S. law firms began sending out client-focused emails and webinar invitations to discuss the cases and showcase their expertise, a marketing strategy that often follows major legal developments.

An old Kentucky law is making rounds in the WhatsApp groups of School of Law boys. It is rumored to require one to take a bath at least once a year.

You are not alone in battling against the disgust of food fusion reels. The President of Iceland was a little short of being determined to ban pineapples on pizza.

The US Supreme Court, after barging into the wombs and personal lives of women, has now literally taken to deciding whether tomatoes are fruits or vegetables.

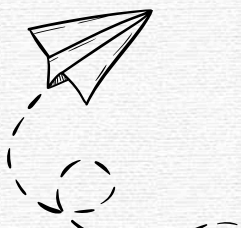
It almost sounds bizarre that one is not allowed to die inside Westminster Palace, better known as the British Parliament. The Queen, lying down in the abbey, murmurs that this is absolutely not ironic.



OBJECTION, IT'S INTERESTING!

Our writers have been creeped out while writing this; you may also feel like puking (reader discretion is strictly advised). In France, one can legally marry a dead person. We guess necrophilia is a thing in France.

Uncle Sam has some serious trust issues! A legitimate Alabama law prohibits putting ice cream in back pockets for fear of luring horses for theft.



Canadians are in awe of the newly legislated Apologies Act. They can now apologize to their partners without the fear of it being used against them in a court of law. However, their apologies are still not immune from absurd, middle-of-the-night recalls.



LEXERCISE

The Legal Games

LEGAL SCRAMBLE

1. CTITISOMLUIASNONT

2. IULAIUJDASCQI

3. NSOIOPSRVI

4. DIAJCUDRTYOA

5. ARRLVUSETI

WHO SAID IT?

1. *"The Preamble to our Constitution is a key to the minds of the makers of the Constitution."*

2. *"The soul of India resides in pluralism and secularism."*

3. *"The basic structure doctrine is the soul of the Constitution."*

4. *"Justice delayed is justice denied."*

5. *"The law must be stable, but it must not stand still."*



BRIEFS, BOOKS & BINGE

The Lincoln Lawyer (Netflix)

Criminal Justice (Disney+ Hotstar)

Mamla Legal Hai (Netflix)

Delhi Crime (Netflix)

How to get away with a Murder (Netflix)

Law & Order (Amazon Prime)

Mind Hunter (Netflix)

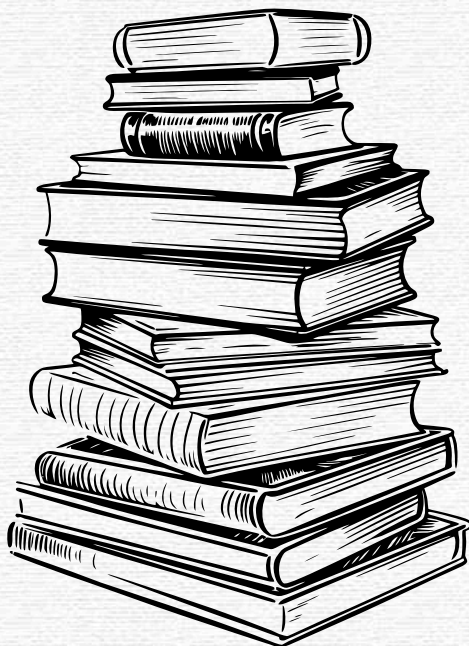
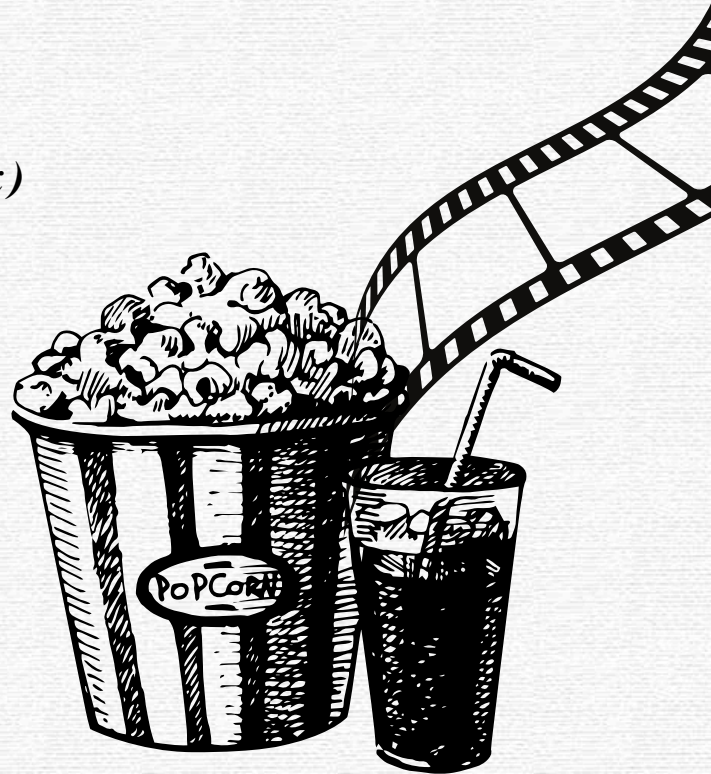
Pink (2016)

No one killed Jessica (2011)

Airlift (2011)

Judgement at Nuremberg (1961)

A time to kill (1996)

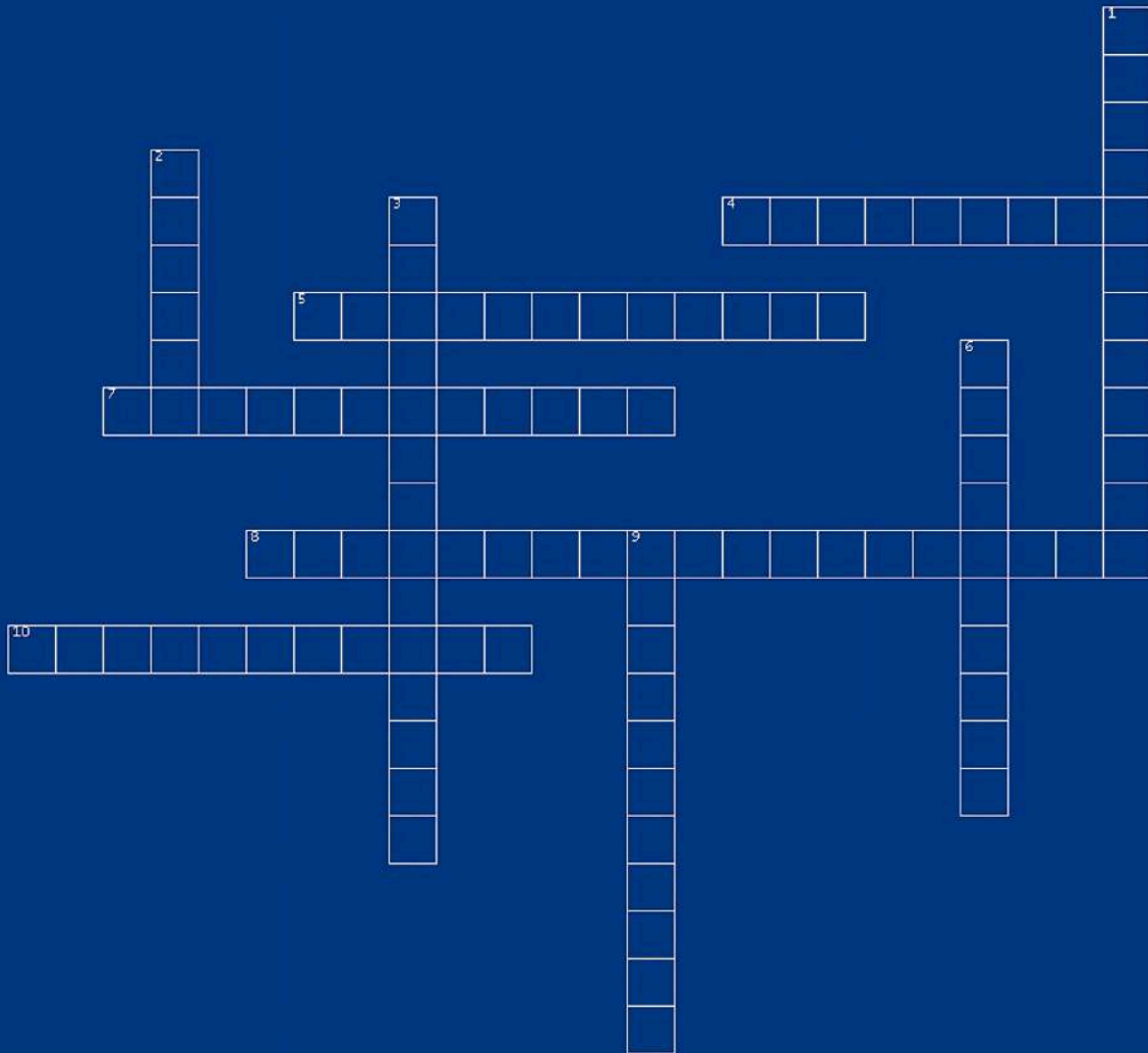


“10 Judgements that Changed India” by Zia Mody.

“We, The People: The Constitution of India” by Nani Palkhivala

“Before Memory Fades: An Autobiography” by Fali S. Nariman

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

2. Doctrine preventing the same issue from being litigated again
4. Landmark case establishing doctrine of non-arbitrariness under Article 14
6. Writ protecting personal liberty from arbitrary detention
7. Principle of interpreting statutes in a manner that avoids absurd results
8. Extraterritorial Application / Foreign Jurisdiction Act (1947), International legal doctrine allowing states to regulate conduct beyond their borders
9. Legal concept ensuring non-retroactivity of criminal laws
10. Concept of separating religion from state matters in India

DOWN

1. Landmark ruling on reservation in private institutions
3. Landmark case establishing “creamy layer” in reservations
5. Indian doctrine establishing the supremacy of the Constitution



ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

1. *ExPostFacto*

2. *Extraterritoriality*

3. *Res Judicata*

4. *Habeas Corpus*

5. *EP Royappa*

6. *Basic Structure*

7. *Mischief Rule*

8. *Indra Sawhney*

9. *Secularism*

10. *Ashoka Kumar*

LEGAL SCRAMBLE

1. *Constitutionalism*

2. *QuasiJudicial*

3. *Provisions*

4. *Adjudicatory*

5. *UltraVires*

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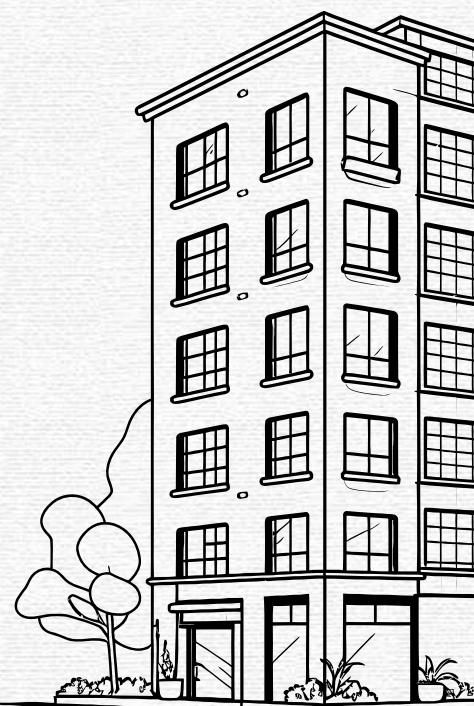
1. *K.M. Munshi*

2. *Atal Bihari Vajpayee*

3. *Justice K.S. Hegde (Kesavananda Bharati Case)*

4. *William E. Gladstone*

5. *Roscoe Pound*



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