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EDITOR IN CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Starting its journey way back in 2001, University School of Law and Legal Studies was the first public institution to commence a five-year law programme in the National Capital Region. The mandate was the advancement of legal learning, research and education by augmenting academic and professional excellence, developing critical and relentless engagement with legal theory and practice synergizing law, legal research, legal education and action to further the quest for justice. Today the legal landscape in Delhi NCR region is dotted with 100s of legal learning institutions imparting five year legal education, however the University school of law and legal studies as an affiliating institution, having over a dozen law colleges affiliated to it, aspires to open new vistas in the arena of law, legal studies, theoretical and clinical legal education through an incessant endeavor towards developing academic potential, critical analytical ability, advocacy, legal aid skills, counselling and mediation skills so as to fully equip the students with learning which is intellectually stimulating, socially vital and professionally enriching. It is this awakened community of young legal learners which has made a mark in an increasingly competitive world of legal academics, by figuring in major Moot court, Arbitration and Conciliation, Mediation, Negotiation, Client Counselling, National Youth Parliament and several such other competitions across the country and abroad. It is this drive and energy of our students that kindles hope in us and assures us that we shall establish ourselves as the leading law school in Delhi and NCR region guiding the path of innovative approaches towards law, legal

education, training and legal processes through capacity building of the faculty and facilitating access to advanced academic courses. Keeping in mind the fast-changing career landscape wherein a legal professional is expected to hit the moving target, we have overtaken a massive exercise of revamping and redesigning the course curriculum in which the opinions of all stakeholders are being incorporated for the purpose of making the curriculum not only a useful tool for evolving a set of legal skills amongst learners but also to create a benchmark in legal learning and research processes.



Expansion of facilities for advanced research in law, introduction of new and vibrant courses for augmenting the capacity to undertake consultancies and projects with State, National and International agencies remain some of our targets in the days to come. I am confident that the hardworking community of University School of Law and Legal Studies with

enormous amounts of young energy to excel in every walk of life shall enable us in proving to be a beacon in the legal learning and research processes not only in Delhi and NCR region but across the country and the world.

I trust and hope that all the readers of this Newsletter must be keeping happy and healthy. The impact of the pandemic has been devastating to lot of friends, colleagues and especially the people belonging to the lower strata of our society, to whom all of us owe a definite duty. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have fallen ill and families of all those affected. The second Edition of “Buzz Legalis” is there before you and the team of students and teacher colleagues of University School of Law and Legal Studies, has really worked hard to put things together to ensure that we get all

necessary information that keep us connected, invigorated and enthused. While we have seen devastating pandemic during last 2 years, we have also seen the daunting courage of teachers and students who had not allowed the pale of gloom to overshadow our efforts in the learning process. There have been several memorable events during last 2 years, from Webinars to Moot competitions to Youth Parliament, the buzz of learning has been on. During these troubled times, we have shown as to how adaptable the GGSIP University family has been. The Team USLLS is looking ahead with lot of enthuse and hope to continue the academic activities and continue supporting the student community in future times. As we move towards a new normal, our continued focus would be to ensure a better academic coordination and better services to the student community.

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GUEST CORNER

Rape? - Sexual Intercourse on the pretext of Promise of Marriage

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In the age where conversations about consent have become common with the emergence of movies such as “Pink” and global movements in the vein of #MeToo, one must ask oneself whether the Indian society is willing to have the uncomfortable conversation about the intersection of consent and the promise of marriage.

While consent, generally speaking, is not defined under the Indian Penal Code; Section 90 of the IPC does provide for circumstances that do not qualify as free consent. Amongst these circumstances, the one that stands out the most is consent given under misconception of facts. What constitutes a misconception of fact has been dealt with in various judgments of the Hon’ble Courts of India. However, consent, when it comes to sexual intercourse is defined very clearly under Explanation 2 of Section 375 IPC as “*an unequivocal voluntary agreement when the woman by words, gestures or any form of verbal or non-verbal communication, communicates willingness to participate in the sexual act.*” Thus, the controversy arises when both sections are read together. Would consent for sexual intercourse that is provided on the basis of misconception of fact, constitute rape? Would it truly be fair to penalize a lie? Or to deem sexual intercourse on the basis of such lie as something as heinous as rape?

A more pertinent question is brought up in the context of marriage. We understand that that Indian society continues to remain fairly traditional and orthodox, giving marriage a special status in society. So, what happens when a man lies to a woman claiming that he wishes to marry her and

has sexual intercourse with the said woman? Should that constitute rape? The answer may be considered both a boon and a bane, depending on where one falls on the criminal justice spectrum. While initially the Hon’ble Supreme Court had held that false promise to marry would not constitute a “*misconception of fact*” as such misconceptions under section 90 require the person consenting to not understand the nature and consequence of act committed and the same cannot apply to sexual intercourse as any person who consents to sexual intercourse is well within the state of mind to understand its consequences. (**Uday v. State of Karnataka, AIR 2003 SC 1639**). However, this position was soon reversed by the Apex court holding that “*misconception of fact is broad enough to include all forms of representation.*” (**Deelip Singh v. State of Bihar, AIR 2005 SC 203**) This continues to remain the prevalent position of law dealing with consent sought on the basis of false promise of marriage. In simpler terms, if a woman gives her consent to allow a man to engage in sexual intercourse with her and the consent so acquired was on the basis of a promise to marry which the man never intended on fulfilling, the same would constitute rape under the law in India.

The law laid down by the Hon’ble Supreme Court going beyond what is provided for within section 375 IPC had indeed opened a pandoras box. The primary issue that springs from such a legal position is that the Police/Prosecution often use a broad-brush approach where any form of sexual intercourse that takes place between the parties where even the topic of marriage is broached is incorrectly deemed to be

covered by this law. This often leads to some perplexing situations. What if the man had initially intended to marry the woman when she gave consent and then later changed his mind? Would a breach of a promise be considered a false promise? What if the two parties were in a long-term relationship and had plans to get married but they ended the relationship? What if the parties were in an adulterous relationship? And worst of all, how can one prove if such a promise was ever made?

From a jurisprudential point of view, one must critique the legal position laid down herein. It is pertinent to note that section 375 and section 376 are both exhaustive and subsequent to the 2013 amendment (**Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013**), they have only become more detailed. If it were the intention of the Legislature to include “false promise of marriage” as a ground for rape, the same would have already been done. It would not be difficult to argue that the decision of the Hon’ble Courts of reading section 90 and the section 375 harmoniously may have been an act of judicial overreach when the term consent vis-à-vis sexual intercourse is already well defined under the Explanation No. 2 of Section 375.

While the said legal position continues to be marred in controversy, the Hon’ble Supreme Court has laid down in its various judgments certain clarifications which have eased the manner in which such a law is to be understood. The Hon’ble Courts have held in recent years that age and the level of education of the prosecutrix is indeed a vital component to determine if there was truly a misconception of fact (**Nirmal Vaid v. State of NCT of Delhi, 2013 III AD (Delhi) 170**) Further, the Supreme Court has also held that if the parties were in an adulterous relationship wherein both parties

were married or where the woman was married, even if there was some promise of marriage made by the accused, the same would not be deemed to be misconception of fact as it is assumed that the prosecutrix would be aware of the fact that such a possible marriage between the parties could never take place. (**Prashant Bharti vs. State of NCT of Delhi, 2013 (3) RCR (Criminal) 399**). However, the greatest clarification that the Hon’ble Supreme Court had made with regards to such cases is by distinguishing between a breach of promise and a false promise. The Supreme Court has held that where sexual intercourse takes place and the former occurs, the same would not amount to rape i.e., every broken promise to marry does not amount to rape. The court has held that “*To establish a false promise, the maker of the promise should have had no intention of upholding his word at the time of giving it*” (**Pramod Suryabhan Pawar vs The State of Maharashtra, AIR 2019 SC 4010**). Thus, the intention at the time of making such a promise is paramount. Perhaps this position alone where the intention is given importance is enough for the law to continue, however, as the facts of each case are different, one cannot solely depend on the same.

It appears that in order to punish those who have truly committed an act of fraud/misrepresentation and in order to avoid malicious and spiteful prosecution, multiplicity of cases and overall criminality being attached to a relationship gone sour, the law must be laid down in clear and unambiguous terms either by the legislature or by the Hon’ble Court, the latter providing guidelines as to when such an allegation would not find footing or detailing all the mitigating factors regarding the same.

FACULTIES' ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards/ Recognition/ Appreciation

Prof. Lisa P Lukose

- Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award - 2021(Academic Brand Awards- EET CRS)
- Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Distinguished Professor Award 2021 in Intellectual Property Rights Law
- Outstanding Women Researcher in Law Award (2021) from Venus International Foundation
- Higher Education Department, Government of Delhi nominated Prof (Dr.) Lisa P Lukose, USLLS as Expert

Member in the conceptualisation and Formation of New Law University- New Delhi Law University -2021

Prof. Shivani Goswami

- Received woman's empowerment Award 2021 on International women's day 8th March, 2021 by Bhagidari Jan Sahyog Samiti for work on Women related issues

Dr. Kavita Solanki

- Paul Harris Fellow by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International 2021.

Publications

Prof. Shivani Goswami

- Family Law II by Central Law Publication, (2021), ISBN 978-93-90735-43-3
- The Ghastly Act of Rape, Aftermaths, Delayed and Tardy Issues Involved in India with Respect to Nirbhaya's Case, International Journal of Law, Education, Social and Sports Studies, ISSN 2455-0418

Dr. Upma Gautam

- Knowledge, Attitude, and Practices (KAP) about Sexual Harassment at Workplace: A Roadmap for Sustainable Workplaces, European Journal of Sustainable Development, Special Issue, Volume 10, Issue 4

Dr. Ravinder Kumar

- Fundamentality of Fundamental Duties published in book Aatam Nir Bhar Bharat Shrestha Bharat, (ed) by Vandana Singh & Zubair Khan, Paragoan International Publisher (ISSBN 978-93-83154-90-6)
- Critical Analysis of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Expenditure in India, jointly published in CPJ Global Review, Vol XIII, No. 1
- My Speech, My Right-Analysis of Freedom of Speech and Expression" published in CPJ Law Journal, Issue XI, 75-84, ISSN 0976-3562, Peer Reviewed/Refereed Journal (UGC Care Listed)

Dr. Kavita Solanki

- "Acquisition of Affordable health care through generic medicines: An Empirical Study in Dwarka, Delhi "in ILI Law

Review (Indian Law Institute) winter Issue, A Peer Reviewed Referred Journal e-ISSN-0976-1489(2021) P.224-251

- “Exploring the differences between Socio-economic groups to know their perspective and mind set about generic medicines “in International Journal of Health Sciences, 6(S3), special Issue III (Peer Review Article).
- Merger and Acquisition in Indian Telecom Industry: A strategic Tool for Market Consolidation and Restructuring “in Ideal Journal of Legal studies

Dr. Neelu Mehra

- Neelu Mehra and Vani Prakash (May 2021) “Identity Politics and Marginalization in Feminism: A Social Justice Perspective” (ed.) Dr. Puneet Pathak, Human Rights of Women: New Challenges, ABS books. ISBN: 978-93-91002-15-2.
- Neelu Mehra and Aditi Singh (May 2021), “PPP Based Electronic Universal Databank: A Solution to Curb Unregulated Artificial Reproductive Technology Centres, (ed.) Vandana Singh and Zubair Ahmed Khan, Atma nirbhar Bharat- Shrestha Bharat Paragon International Publishers. ISBN: 978-93-83154-90-65 Ansari Road, Darya Ganj, New Delhi

Dr. Anuradha Jha

- Article in DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology, Vol.42 No. 3, pp 201-207, DOI: 10.14429/djlit.42.3.17869 @2022 DESIDOC 'Data Encryption Dispute Resolutions under Intermediary Guidelines of Information Technology Act: Challenges and Future Framework

- Paper published Jha. A, Scope of Value Creation for Delhi Farmers Ways and Approaches to double Farmers' Income in Delhi, IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science, 26(9),01-04, e-ISSN-2279-0837, p-ISSN:2279-0845
- A Chapter in edited book titled Gender Justice: A South Asian Perspective ISBN: 978-93-91340-29-2 on 'Economic Gender Justice in South Asia: A reflection on the last half decade". (Thomas Reuters, Legal)

Dr. Zubair Ahmed Khan

- Singh Vandana & Khan, Z.A.(Eds.) (2021), Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Shrestha Bharat, Paragon International Publishers, ISBN: 978-93-83154-90-6
- Khan, Z.A & Rizvi Asma (2021). AI Based Facial Recognition Technology and Criminal Justice: Issues and Challenges, Turkish Journal of Computer and Mathematics Education, Vol. 12 No. 14, e-ISSN 1309-4653.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar Handa

- "Prisons and pandemics: special reference to prison system reforms", Pal Arch's Journal of Archaeology of Egypt and Egyptology, Pal Arch Journals, ISSN 1567-214X (Scopus)
- "Emerging Trends in Corporate Crime(s): An Indian Legal Perspective" Journal of Positive School Psychology, ASR Research India ISSN 2717-7564 (Scopus)
- 3 "E-Governance in Higher Education" I.C.T Practices in Teaching Learning, Writers Choice Publications Pvt. Ltd. 9789390965113

Dr. Vani Prakash

- “Corporate Frauds” in Journal of positive school psychology (Scopus)

- “Prisons and pandemics: special reference to prison system reforms” in Pal arch journal (Scopus)
- “Emerging Trends in Corporate Crime(s): An Indian Legal Perspective” in Journal of Positive School Psychology (Scopus)

Programme Coordinated/ Attended/ Invited Lectures/ Participation

Dr. Lisa P Lukose

- Chaired technical session on 'AI and Health care: Legal and other Aspects,' at the National Conference on Artificial Intelligence- A Close Interface organised by DME Law School, Noida on 25.02.21

Dr. Shivani Goswami

- Invited as a judge in Justice JS Verma ADR & Client counselling Competition and Navitas- MAIMS 1st Law Fest in Association with NALSA 17th- 21st March 2021

Dr. Ravinder Kumar

- Awarded a certificate of participation in the one weeks Online Faculty Development Program on “Beyond the Boundaries: Re-Inventing Higher Education Paradigm” from March 08-12, 2021 organised by University School of Management Studies, GGSIPU, Dwarka

Dr. Kavita Solanki

- Participated in the e-FDP on “Beyond the Boundaries: Re-Inventing Higher Education Paradigm from 08–12 March,2021, GGSIPUNIVERSITY, University School of Management Studies.

Dr. Neelu Mehra

- Participated in the “Industrial Design Protection in India” Workshop on June 26, 2021 as a part of the Intellectual Property Workshop Series.

Dr. Anuradha Jha

- Successfully completed a two-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled " Developing Academic Leaders for Future: The Way Forward " from 15th April 2021 - 27th April 2021 Organized by University School of Mass Communication (USMC), IIQAC-NAAC, MOOCs -IPU, GGSIPU.
- Participated and attended IPR Lecture Series on Patenting System in India (15th June ,2021), Copyright Law and Academic Institutions (19th June,2021), Trademark Registration System in India (21st June,2021), Design Protection in India (26th June, 2021), Geographical Indications Registration System in India (28th June, 2021)

Dr. Zubair Ahmed Khan

- National Webinar on Law and Economics, Mar 6, 2022
- National Webinar on the occasion of World Environment Day by USLLS and South-West Delhi Legal Services Authority- 6th June 2021.

Grants received

Dr. Deepshikha Agarwal

- Grant for International Conference on “The Unrooted Identities of Nomadic People: The Issues of Structural Marginalization and Struggle for Legal Status”- **Rs. 75,000** Anthropological Survey of India

Dr. Upma Gautam

- Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice in the year 2021-2022. Principal Investigator, Project titled “Access to Justice through Plea Bargaining as an

alternative model to traditional Criminal Trial in India: A Case Study of Select Indian States” under Scheme for Action Research and Studies on Judicial Reforms. Research Grant: **Rs. 17,00,000.**

- Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) in the year 2021-2022. Principal Investigator, Project titled “Measuring the spatial dynamics of Women’s Safety in Public Areas in Metropolitan Cities: A Safety Audits Analysis of Rajasthan. ” Under the Major Research Project Scheme. Research Grant: **Rs. 8,00,000.**

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ORGANISED AND COORDINATED BY USLLS

Mediation Workshop

The **Alternative Dispute Resolution Cell** of University School of Law and Legal Studies organized a virtual 'Mediation Workshop' on **9th & 10th January, 2021**. Special Trainers from Samadhan - Delhi High Court Mediation and Conciliation Centre- **Ms. Veena Ralli** - Advocate and Organizing Secretary, Samadhan and **Mr. J.P. Sengh** - Senior Advocate and Member, Overseeing Committee, Samadhan conducted this workshop. The event was open to all the interested students, scholars, lawyers and teachers. Certificates were provided to all those who successfully completed the workshop.

National Webinar on Why is the Constitution Important

The webinar was organized by the ADR Cell of USLLS on the occasion of **Republic Day**. The Chief Guest for the event was **Sriram Panchu**, a senior advocate and a distinguished mediator. The webinar was



also graced by Prof (Dr.) Mahesh Verma, Vice-Chancellor, GGSIPU and Patron in chief who gave the Presidential address along with Prof (Dr.)

A.P. Singh, Dean, USLLS who gave the welcome address and was also the event director. An insightful session from Dr. Panchu was followed by a Question & Answers session after which a vote of thanks was given by **Dr. Vandana Singh**, Faculty Coordinator, ADR Cell.

Debate Competition & Panel discussion on Future of Online Dispute Resolution in the Indian Landscape organised by ADR Cell



This two-day event was inaugurated with the **Debate Competition "Vimarsh"** which was organized on **20th May** on the topic of "Judicial intervention in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) - a boon or a bane?" The initiative was to bring together the best pieces of ideas by college students to invoke thought provoking discourse on issues of importance, instilling a greater understanding of such a multi-faceted modern world.



This was followed by **panel discussion** which was held under the aegis of Prof. A. P. Singh, Dean, USLLS on **21st May**. The notable speakers of the panel were **Devashish Bharuka**, Advocate-On-

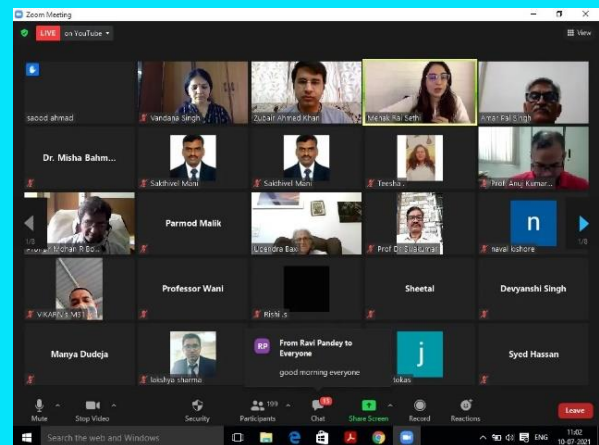
Record, Supreme Court of India; **Shruti Sabharwal**, Partner, Disputes Resolution Team, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas and **Iram Majid**, Director, Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation. The theme covered in the panel discussed “How the pace of globalization has transformed the nature of disputes and ODR is much more than e-ADR”. The concluding remarks were given by Dr. Vandana Singh and Dr. Zubair Ahmed Khan.



Intellectual Property Lecture Series

In order to minimize the gap between education and industries and to enlighten the students about latest trends in the industry, USLLS organized an online lecture series on various aspects of intellectual property from **15th June to 28th June, 2021**. The webinars, which were conducted on 6 days, saw 6 speakers from various departments speaking on different aspects of Intellectual property-

- **Mr. G. R. Raghavendra**, Joint Secretary – Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, India on Copyright Law and Academic Institutions,
 - **Ms. Prem Lata Mitra**, Assistant Registrar of Trade Marks, Government of India on Trademark Registration System in India,
 - **Shri Pankaj P. Borkar**, Dy Controller of Patents & Designs, Government of India on Design Protection in India
 - **Dr. W.M. Dhumane**, IPR Chair Professor, MNLU, Mumbai, Former Senior Joint Controller of Patents and Designs, Government of India on Design Protection in India and
 - **Shri Prashanth Kumar S. Bhairappanavar**, Examiner of Trade Marks and GI; Designated under RTI: Central Public Information Office on Geographical Indications Registration System in India.
- **Dr. K. S. Kardam**, Former Senior Joint Controller of Patents and Designs, Indian Patent Office on Patenting System in India,



MOOT COURT ACHIEVEMENTS

Mooting is an art of argument “understanding this notion USLLS since its inception has long striven to develop the tradition of Mooting amongst students. Furthering this effort, the Indraprastha Moot Court society has been able to organise six editions of Indraprastha National Moot Court Competition. Other significant endeavours include Organization of state level moot court competition for first year law students and three editions of Grand Intra moot court competitions. Various faculty convenor has successfully led these efforts in the past including Prof. M. Afzal Wani, Dr Rakesh Kumar, Dr. Upma Gautam, Dr. Sakthivel, Dr. Zubair A Khan and Dr Rakesh Handa. Presently the moot court committee is headed by Dr. Rakesh Kumar.

Inter College Moot Court Competition Organised by South-West Delhi State Legal Services Authority, 2021

Runner-up

Team: Shruti (3rd year), Shubhit Shokeen (3rd year), Yashdeep Lakra (4th year)



Lex Communique National Moot Court Competition organised by TRCL, University of Mumbai, 2021

Runner-up

Team: Stuti Singh (3rd year), Yashdeep Lakra (4th year), Shreyanshi Panjla (3rd year)

Col. Dr. Jeppiaar 2nd Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2021

Semi-finalist

Team: Manvi Raj (3rd year)

9th RC Chopra Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2021

Semi-finalist

Team: Chetan Nagpal (3rd year)

1st NLUO-PHFI Public Health Moot Court Competition, 2021

Octa-finalist

Team: Archi Aggarwal (3rd year), Stuti Singh (3rd year), Nishant Anshul (3rd year)



17th K.K. Luthra Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2021

Quarter-finalist

Team: Tanya Sharma (3rd year)

National moot competition by law informants, 2021

Quarter-finalist

Team: Khyati Jain (2nd year), Manya Dudeja (2nd Year), Akshita Rohatgi (2nd Year)

2nd National Moot Court Competition, NMIMS Bengaluru, 2021

Quarter-finalist

Team: Arnav Mishra (3rd year), Jai Singh (3rd year),

**XIV NLS-Trilegal International
Arbitration Moot Court Competition,
2021**

Memorial Qualified

Team: Rishika Rishabh (4th year), Vallari
Gokhale (4th year), Dev Sareen (4th year)

**2nd NALSAR PIL Moot Court
Competition, 2021**

Memorial Qualified

Team: Apekshit Kalra (3rd year)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

**1st Client Counselling Competition by
KLE Law College, Navi Mumbai, 2021**

Runner Up & Best Counsel

Team: Manvi Raj (3rd year)

**1st International Arbitration
Competition, Institute of Law, Nirma
University, 2021**

Quarter-finalist

Team: Manvi Raj (3rd year)

**Trial Advocacy Competition by S.
Bhambri and Associates**

Under Top 3

Akshita Rohatgi (2nd year)

PLACEMENT AND INTERNSHIP

PLACEMENT RECORDS

(BATCH OF 2016-2021)

The University School of Law & Legal Studies has, since its origin, sought to confirm that students obtain an insight into, and are provided highest exposure to the workplace by mandating students to take internships with judges, senior advocates, law firms, international organizations, NGOs, PSUs, corporate houses, commissions, ministries, state departments etc.

Our students participated in the moot competitions, debates, arbitration, mediation and other workshops in the Legal Aid. They attend many national and international conferences, seminars, workshops in diverse areas, ranging from the environment to commercial laws, constitutional matters, etc. Many students contribute research papers, published with various student journals and legal research institutions.

The students are focused, and they have clarity about their plans of action. They have been pursuing certificate courses to buttress their qualification in the specialized areas of law that they wish to do. The students of USLLS are conscientious citizens, dedicated individuals and most important hardworking students who have sound knowledge in field of law.

This progress has been facilitated by brilliant former students of this law school who have made a mark for themselves in their respective domain and are doing remarkably well today making us immensely proud of our alumni. Our students have proven to be indispensable asset to any organization that they are absorbed and shall strive towards contributing positively and fruitfully to the growth of that establishment as well as legal industry at large.

| Name | Firm Joined |
|----------------------------|--|
| Akshat Khanna | Chambers of Senior Adv. Pramod Kumar Dubey |
| Anindita Gupta | Kashyap & Associates |
| Ankit Raturi | Kay & Partners |
| Devangini Rai | Mason & Associates |
| Ishmeet Singh Ahuja | Juris Legal & Financial Services |
| Muskaan Gupta | Just Juris |
| Nitin Sharma | Taxmann |
| Nitish Kumar Singh | Vidhi Law Firm |
| Srijan Pandey | Chambers of Raghav Dwivedi |
| Srishti Tiwari | KPMG |

INTERNSHIP RECORDS

Advocates, Firms and NGOs Associated

Advocates

1. Adv. Anil Dutt Sharma Delhi high court
2. Adv. Amish Aggarwal
3. Adv. Ravi Ghakhar
4. Adv. Anil Chauhan
5. Adv. Sofia Bhambri
6. Adv. Wajahat Ansari
7. Adv. Nikhil Kharbanda
8. Adv. Dharam Raj Chandal
9. Adv. Satyajeet Karale Patil
10. Adv. Ninad Laud
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12. Chambers of Senior Advocate Manoj Singh Rajput
13. Chambers of Senior Advocate Mohan Lal Sharma
14. Adv. Hasmita Sharma
15. Adv. Manish Garg
16. Adv. Harpreet Singh

17. Adv. on Record Priya Puri
18. Chambers of Adish Aggarwala
19. Adv. Nitish Banka
20. Adv. Abhishek Khanna
21. Chambers of Mr. Siddharth Luthra,
Senior Advocate

Firms

1. Dinesh D. Tiwari and Associates
2. BSK Legal
3. SRG law firm
4. Lexclaim
5. Hitesh Soni and advocates
6. Kuldeep Pathak and associates
7. S. Bhambri Associates
8. Taneja and Taneja Associates
9. Parashurami Legal
10. Critlegal
11. Sankhla & Associates
12. APLO Law Offices
13. Dr. Vikrant Narayan Vasudeva Law
Office
14. Singh and Associates
15. Arimus Law
16. Khanna and Khanna Associates
17. Kulshrestha & Associates, Tax
Consultants
18. Nitesh Mehra & Associates,
19. Sarthak Maggon Law Offices
20. JS Law Chambers
21. AZB & Partners
22. Saikrishna & Associates.
23. R.K Kaushik & Advocates
24. Wadhwa Law Chambers

NGOs and Other Organizations

1. Advocates pedia
2. AIHRA
3. All India Legal Forum
4. Amikus Qriac
5. Asghar Khan Foundation
6. Black n white Journal
7. Centre for research in criminal
justice, MNLU Mumbai
8. Food Corporation of India
Headquarters
9. Gurugram Police Cyber Cell
10. Hariyali NGO
11. Hello Counsel
12. Indeseva
13. IPleaders
14. Kartavyam
15. Law Bhoomi
16. Law Insider
17. Law Mentoring
18. LawDocs
19. Lawyers Club India
20. Legalvise
21. Leo Cussen Centre for Law
22. Lexlife India
23. Lex peeps
24. Niti Manthan
25. ProBono India
26. Project Eklavya – Think Tank
27. Reedlaw Publishers
28. Social Nexus Foundation
29. Stambh Foundation
30. Stellato Techno Legal LLP's cyber
blog India
31. The Critegal legal blog
32. The Radicals
33. The Rising Youth, E paper
34. Think India
35. Youth Empowerment Foundation

ALUMNI CORNER

Mohit Tanwar [Batch of 2015-2020 BA.LL.B(H)]



“For me ,USLLS emerged to be the greatest shrine, The lecturers being the idols, hard work to be the secular religion,

And at the most important, success to be the holiest sacrament.

To be honest, it will not be wrong to relate the entire law school journey with a roller coaster ride. It was the greatest challenge of life to start this journey with a 38.5% in twelfth standard pre-board and inability to understand and converse in English language. Coming from a middle-class family and economically weaker section often creates great hardship for you but may be only at the initial levels. For the 1st two semesters, life appeared to be really hard and I always thought to abort this journey in the middle itself but may be the luck was carrying a different fortune for me.

It is pertinent to mention here that what Guru Dronacharya meant for Eklavya, the similar role was played by Dr. Zubair Khan Ahmed Sir in my life. It is necessary to always have a guided, motivational cum directional approach in such a 5-year long journey. He is the person who always got me focussed by not only helping me in my academic career but also kept me hyper busy to develop my personality for the upcoming life competitions and challenges. From the person who appeared to be suffering from a phobia of speaking, stage fear and another hundred things of alike nature, Dr. Zubair did not only prepared me

but he gifted a new life and a broader approach altogether.

From being an expressed underdog till my twelfth standard, USLLS gave me everything that I did not have even desired for. With the blessings of the Supreme Power, all my worthy lecturers, parents, office staffs and especially my mentors for life i.e., Rohit Rohilla and Kashish Aneja I have earned a lot in this journey. The credit must be given to the elder brothers i.e., Digvijay Singh,

Vikrant Sarwan and Jatin Kumar for always standing by my side whenever I needed them the most. Their relevance in my life is highly incomparable as they are always a call away. These people will always be considered to be the major architects of my life and I will be duty bound towards them till my last breath. I have never considered myself to be very hard working as I always believed that it is just because of their blessings and faith in me that has always kept me going on and on. Most importantly, it is pertinent to mention about the 3 closest friends and brothers for life i.e.

Digant Dhar, Varun Yadav and Rohan Goel. They completed my USLLS family to the utmost extent. Whether it is about the good time or hard time, their presence was always with me. If one would like to consider my personal opinion towards USLLS, then I can proudly defend my view that this law school is the best among all other law schools because here you get immense time to explore the law field. At the end of the day, it is always upon you, to work on yourself sincerely or wasting your precious time and efforts after so called things. I was always fortunate enough to have the best guidance every time to get myself on the very right track. Not even a

single lecturer of USLLS would deny you, in case if you visit them for any endeavour. But the problem usually lies that whether you are that much passionate enough or not, in order to reach out to them.

As a matter of fact, the work ethics learned by working under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Kanwal DP Singh Ji for the Ministry of Law and Justice Projects polished my personality to the greatest extent and I am very much thankful towards them for believing in me. Getting the first trophy for your institution in a specified sub-branch of law means a lot, as plenty of emotions are attached to those feelings. After achieving the much-awaited trophy for the Legal Aid Cell at the National Level got my entire motive of law school journey completed, this dream got completed only and only with the never-ending efforts of Prof. Dr. M. Afzal Wani Ji, Dr. Vandana Singh Ji and Dr. Zubair Khan Ahmed Sir. For me USLLS, will always be considered to be my family and I will always have time for it.

At last, but not the least I would like to quote a teaching provided by our beloved Hon'ble Dean, Prof. Dr. Amar Pal Singh Ji to me when I was in my very Ist semester of the law school,

"God has only provided us only 24 hours a day. So, it is always upon us that how to utilise these precious hours of life. Among your batch, many will become civil servants, many will become judges, many will be becoming great lawyers and some may become clerks as well. Therefore, the choice is always yours. God Bless you"

After receiving these motivational words from such a learned and down to earth personality, I can't believe that someone will not get his life on the right track. USLLS has gifted me a new life and it is okay to admit that, "part of the journey is the end". Thankful and duty bound towards USLLS for the life and beyond."

STUDENT'S CORNER

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: Resolving for an indigenous judicial system

Samarth Luthra (V Year BBA LLB)



Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav is a yearlong initiative which not only sets out to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence from British Imperialism but also provides a sacred occasion for all Indians to shape our resolutions for the development of the country in the next 25 years. So, as we rejoice in the beautiful years of our great independence, we must not lose sight of what is ahead of us. We must plan for the future with a purpose of adjoining the term 'independence' with the term 'self-reliance', because it is only then that India will be able to truly grow into a 'Vishwa guru' and earn its rightful place in global affairs. The most important resolution therefore, in my opinion, is the creation of an India which includes all and benefits all – An India which is strong and self-reliant.

For India to self-actualize, every citizen must have the best possible opportunity to grow and prosper. In order to achieve this, we ought to find the best governance mechanism for the Indian population rather than importing these procedures from other countries. To put it simply, India should be Indian. One cannot overlook the fact that the current justice delivery mechanism that we swear by, is a creation of the erstwhile British empire and is still considerably influenced by their old beliefs and practices. A large portion of the Indian judicial system is structured in a manner which suited the colonizers to exert control and effectuate their laws. This situation of the judicial system was also recently

flagged by CJI Ramana. Justice Ramana emphasized the challenges faced by a common man approaching the courts. He acknowledged that the present justice delivery system in the country poses "multiple barriers for the common people" and that the "workings of the courts do not sit well with the complexities of India." For example, parties from a rural place fighting a family dispute are usually made to feel out of place in the Court. They do not understand the arguments or pleadings which are mostly in English, a language alien to them.

Another case in point is the development of ADR. ADR is now being recognized as a vital element in settling disputes especially in a large and highly populated country like India, but introduction of ADR in the current judicial mechanism is relatively new. In pre-colonized times however, mediations and conciliations were commonplace and formed an integral part of the society. Even in Mahabharat, Bhagwaan Sri Krishna had invoked Duryodhan to settle the dispute between Pandavs and Kauravs to ensure harmony between the clans and to avoid the immense costs which come with war. Instances like this are frequent in Indian culture and they go on to evince that had us Indians been left to our faculties in forming our own judicial system, then perhaps we would have come up with formal ADR institutions and mechanisms long ago. Our legal system would have currently been in better health

with regard to the satisfaction of disputing parties as well as judicial pendency.

Since litigants are the ultimate beneficiaries, our courts need to be litigant centric. The simplification of justice delivery should be our pressing concern. It is crucial to make justice delivery more transparent, accessible and effective. Procedural barriers often undermine access to justice. With 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat' as our ultimate goal, an inclusive justice

system becomes all the more important. CJI Ramana's clarion call for Indianizing the judicial system by localizing our courts and adapting the practical realities into the system is certainly one such resolution that we, as the legal community, should passionately work towards achieving. I sincerely hope that in the coming years, we are able to reclaim what our society has lost to colonialism.

Jai Hind!



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FACULTIES' ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards/ Recognition/ Appreciation

Prof. Lisa P Lukose

- Certificate of Appreciation awarded from Indraprastha University Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IIQAC) December 2021

Prof. Shivani Goswami

- Certificate of Appreciation awarded from Indraprastha University Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IIQAC) December 2021

Dr. Neelu Mehra

- Received a Letter of appreciation from Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs for conducting Youth Parliament Competition, consecutively for 3 years

Dr. Vandana Singh

- Certificate of appreciation for Covid Warrior given by Honourable Vice-Chancellor of GGSIPU on 15th August,2021.

Dr Anuradha Jha

- News Makers Award 2021 given by Alert Citizen Welfare Society in October 2021

Dr. M. Shaktivel

- Certificate of Appreciation awarded from Indraprastha University Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IIQAC) December 2021

Dr. Zubair Ahmed Khan

- Certificate of appreciation for Covid Warrior given by Honourable Vice-Chancellor of GGSIPU on 15th August,2021.

Publications

Prof. Lisa P Lukose

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- E Governance in higher education, I.C.T Practices in Teaching Learning, 978-93-90965-11-3
- The paradox of defences in international criminal law, The concepts of international law, 978-81-953268-3-9

Programme Coordinated/ Attended/ Invited Lectures/ Participation

Prof. Lisa P Lukose

- Co- Chaired technical session in the webinar on “Social, Legal and Historical Perspectives on the status of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities in India” jointly organized by University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGS Indraprastha University, New Delhi and Indian Anthropological Association, Delhi on 31-Aug2021 and 1-Sept-2021.
- Prof Lisa P Lukose, USLLS - Keynote Speaker in Faculty Development Program on Intellectual Property Rights’ (Advance Learning) organised by DPIIT-IPR Chair and CIPR at MNLU, Nagpur on 13.12.21.
- Prof. Lisa P Lukose, USLLS - Invited Speaker in ‘Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights: Role and Responsibilities of Criminal Justice Functionaries’ to speak on ‘Infringement of Patent Rights and Remedies’ in National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science, on 7th Sept, 2021.
- Prof. Lisa P Lukose, USLLS- Invited Speaker to deliver lecture in Faculty Development Program organised by Gitaratnan International Business School, (02 – 16 Aug, 2021) on the topic “Research Report Writing: Procedural and Ethical Consideration” on 11th August, 2021
- Prof. Lisa P Lukose, USLLS- Invited Speaker to deliver lecture in Faculty Development Program organised by School of Law, Galgotias University (25 – 31 July 2021) on the topic “Importance of Jurisprudence in Teaching Laws” on 29th July, 2021.

- Prof. Lisa P Lukose, USLLS- Invited Speaker to deliver lecture on ‘Qualities of Researcher’- in CLEA-MILAT Research Mentoring Programme’ on 07.07.21 organised by Government Law College, Villupuram, Tamil Nadu in association with The Directorate of Legal Studies, The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) and Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy and Training (MILAT)

Prof. Shivani Goswami

- Invited as a Resource Person in UGC Sponsored Refresher Course in Human Rights (Interdisciplinary) by the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, University of Kashmir on 27th December, 2021
- Chaired a session in 2-day webinar on Historical Perspectives on the Status of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi- Nomadic Communities in India organized by University School of Law and Legal studies in association with India Anthropological Association, Delhi, held on 31st August- 1st September, 2021

Dr. Upma Gautam

- Presented a paper titled “Anaemia and Nutritional Status of Adolescent Girls and Policy Interventions in India: A Roadblock for Sustainable Development” in International Conference on Food, Water and Nutritional Security for Health and Wellbeing organized by Department of Geography, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi, New Delhi – 13-14th December 2021.

- Presented a paper titled “Health and Wellbeing of Adolescent Mothers and Mortality Status of Infants in India: Mapping the Socio-Economic Correlates” in International Conference on Food, Water and Nutritional Security for Health and Wellbeing organized by Department of Geography, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi, New Delhi – 13-14th December 2021.
- Presented a paper titled “Understanding the conundrum of domestic power relation, control, attitudes of wife beating and intimate partner violence in India: An exploratory study” in National webinar on Socio Legal and Political Issues of Women in India: Contemporary Challenges organized by Department of Laws, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

Dr. Ravinder Kumar

- Awarded a certificate of participation in the National Webinar on Cyber Utopianism, Digital Militarism & Cyber Gangs: A New Terrain for Social & Legal Studies held on 10th July 2021 organised by USLLS, GGSIPU.

Dr. Neelu Mehra

- Participation in the Webinar on “Legal Entrepreneurship in New India” held by Legal Entrepreneurship & Incubation Cell, USLLS on July 28, 2021.

Dr. Anuradha Jha

- Participated and attended webinar on Cyber Utopianism, Digital Militarism and

Cyber Gangs: A Terrain for Social and Legal Studies on 10th July ,2021

- Participated and attended webinar on Social, Legal and Historical Perspectives on the status of De- notified, Nomadic and Semi- Nomadic Communities in India

Dr. Zubair Ahmed Khan

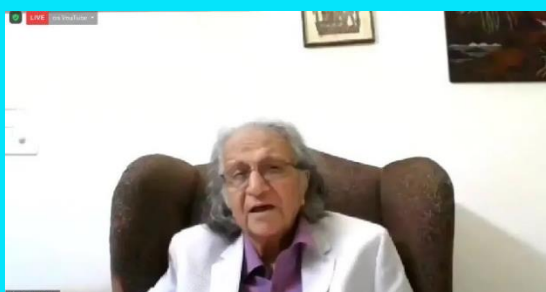
- National Webinar on the topic “Cyber Utopianism, Digital Militarism And Cyber Gangs: A New Terrain For Social And Legal Studies.” by Padma Shri Awardee Honourable Professor Dr. Upendra Baxi - 10th July 2021
- National Webinar on Legal Entrepreneurship in New India on 28th July, 2021 where Our Esteemed Speakers were Dr. Pavan Duggal, Dr. Meenal Sharma Jagtap and Mr. Tanuj Kalia
- Alumni Talk on Legal Starts-up on 2nd October, 2021
- International Webinar on the topic ‘ICA- Would it ever go ‘greener? Diversity, inclusiveness, sustainability, and cultural latitude in and through ICA’ by Prof. Jair Gevaerd, FCI Arb: 10th October 2021
- A Two – Day Online Workshop on Mediation”- 18th-19th October 2021
- Madhyastha 1.0- 1st Intra Indraprastha Mediation Competition, 2021 - 3rd-4th December 2021
- Webinar on Anti-Ragging Awareness Drive by Justice Chander Jit Singh, Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, Patiala House Court, New Delhi: 17th December, 2021

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

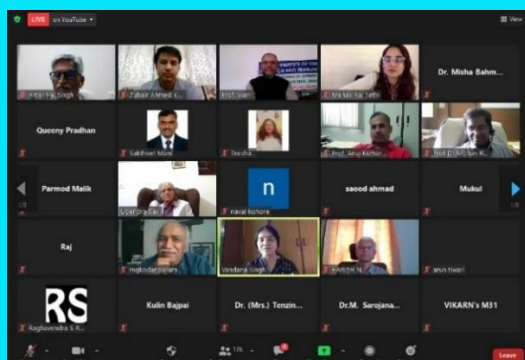
ORGANISED AND COORDINATED BY USLLS

Webinar on Cyber Utopianism, Digital Militarism and Cyber Gangs

The national webinar organized by University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU on **10th July, 2021** focused on a New Terrain for Social and Legal Studies. The event was graced by Padma Shri Awardee Hon'ble **Professor Upendra Baxi** Professor Emeritus, University of Warwick, United Kingdom Formerly Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi and University of South Gujarat, who was the Chief Guest and keynote speaker.



Professor Baxi, has taught various courses in law and science, comparative constitutionalism, legal theory, and comparative social theory of human rights at the University of Sydney, Duke University, Washington College of Law, The American University; the Global Law Program at New York University Law School, and the University of Toronto.



Webinar on Legal Entrepreneurship in New India

The Legal Entrepreneurship & Incubation Cell, with an aim to fill the gap between planning and implementation of the entrepreneurial training of law students organized a webinar on “Legal Entrepreneurship in New India” on **28th July, 2021**.

The keynote speakers for the event were **Dr. Pavan Duggal** - International Cyber Law Expert, Founder & Chairman of International Commission on Cyber Security Law, **Dr. Meenal Sharma Jagtap** – Joint Director at NILERD, NITI Aayog and. **Mr. Tanuj Kalia** - Entrepreneur; Founder, CEO & Publishing Editor at Lawctopus, Founding CEO at NoticeBard. They provided valuable insights on the Skills necessary for becoming an Entrepreneurial Lawyer and new avenues opening in the field.

National Webinar on Social, Legal and Historical Perspectives on the status of De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities in India

Launched on 27th March, the webinar, dedicated to **Late Professor Vinay Kumar Srivastava** was organized by USLLS in collaboration with Indian Anthropological Association. Both the days (**31st Aug and 01st Sep 2021**) of the webinar included 3 Technical sessions which had a chair and co-chair and 4 speakers each. While on the first day, the speakers who covered a wide variety of topics including contemporary socio- economic issues, Citizenship and marginalization, Right to belong, political participation, unique customs, media portrayal, welfare schemes and contemporary status of various De-Notified tribes, the second day saw discussion on more specific cases, such as tribes of West Bengal and nomadic tribes, highlighting their rights, the problems in their life along with solution, impact of COVID and child marriage on their life etc.

Chair: Prof. A. Chella Perumal, Dept of Anthropology, Pondicherry University, Puducherry

Panclists:

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| <p>Prof. A P Singh</p>  <p>Dean, USLLS, GGS Indraprastha University, Delhi</p> | <p>Prof. Siva Prasad Rambhalla</p>  <p>Honorary Professor, Centre for Digital Learning, Training and Resources (CDLTR), University of Hyderabad</p> |
| <p>Mr. Sandeep Chachra</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director, Action Aid Association, Co-Chair World Urban Campaign, Managing Editor Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy | <p>Mr. Balkrishna Sidram Renke</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson, Former Chairperson, National Commission on DNT (2005-2015) (Renke Commission); Founder of Social Development Research Institute |
| <p>Advocate, Ms. Pallavi Renke</p>  <p>Director ADVANTA GLOBAL MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED</p> | <p>Mr. Bhiku Ramji Idate</p>  <p>Former Chairperson, National Commission for the DNTs (2016-2018) (Idate Commission)</p> |
| <p>Mr. Dakshin Bajrange</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member, NAG- DNT, Activist Award winning Film Maker, Playwright and Director. | <p>Ms. Priyanka Jadhav</p>  <p>Member, NAG-DNT; Activist</p> |

The Day-2 sessions were followed by a panel discussion on the topic- “Human Rights Issues and Government Policies Related to Denotified Tribes of India”. The panel included eminent personalities such as **Mr. Bhiku Ramji Idate**, Former Chairperson, National Commission for the DNTs and Advocate, **Ms. Pallavi Renke**, Director -ADVANTA GLOBAL MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED. The day’s events ended with a valedictory session with the valedictory address by **Dr. Meena Radhakrishnan**.

Alumni Talk

Legal Entrepreneurship & Incubation Cell of USLLS organized an Alumni Talk, on **2nd October 2021**, specifically for USS & IPU affiliated students.



#AlumniTalk

In conversation with...

Mr. Rohan Shridhar
Co-founder, Terra Economics and Analytics Lab
LLM, International Business & Economic Law, Georgetown University, Washington DC

Mr. Ashish Bhardwaj
Business Legal Partner, Searce
PGPM, Marketing, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon

The 2 speakers for the event were **Mr. Ashish Bhardwaj**, Business Legal Partner, Searce and PGPM, Marketing, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon and **Mr. Rohan Sridhar**, Co-founder, Terra Economics and Analytics Lab and LLM, International Business & Economic Law, Georgetown University, Washington DC.

International Webinar on ICA- Would it ever go greener? Diversity, inclusiveness, sustainability, and cultural latitude in and through ICA

The ADR Cell, USLLS, GGSIPU organized an International Webinar on ICA on **10th October 2021**. The keynote speaker for the event was **Prof. Jair Gevaerd**,



FCI Arb, who is an Attorney, Arbitrator, Mediator. He is also a Master and Doctor of Laws (Ph.D.) and Founding Partner at Gevaerd & Associates along with Senior Research Advisor at South Ural University (Russia) and Straus Institute Ambassador (US).

Faculty Coordinators **Dr. Vandana Singh** and **Dr. Zubair Ahmad Khan** along with **Prof. Amar Pal Singh**, Dean, USLLS, GGSIPU, who was also the Event director made the webinar an interesting, fruitful and insightful one.

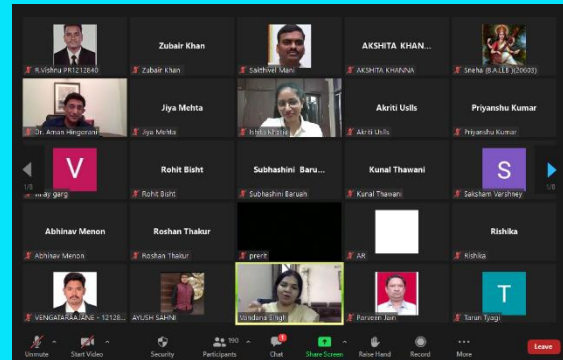
2- Day Mediation Workshop

The ADR cell of USLLS organized this workshop on **18th & 19th October, 2021** with **Dr. Aman Hingorani** as the keynote speaker. The areas covered were- Practical skills required for mediation,



Online Mediation and Mediation skills required for ease of doing business.

The event was conducted successfully with the contribution of Prof. A.P. Singh, Dean, USLLS who was also the event director and Dr. Vandana Singh and Dr. Zubair Ahmed Khan, faculty coordinators.



National Conference on Roadmap of Law in New India's Development

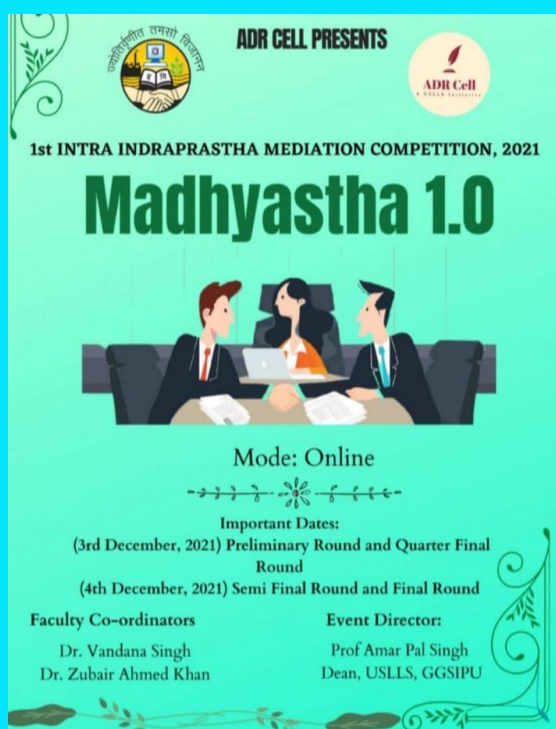
This conference was organized by USLLS on **22nd November, 2021** with an objective to provide a congenial forum for academicians, researchers, law students, and legal practitioners to engage in discussions and deliberations around developments in economics and law and how they can lead to the formation of a new India.



The judges for the conference were **Ms. Tanvi Nayar** and **Ms. Anmol Kaur** who asked questions from the paper presenters about the research they have done. The event, which saw a turn-out of 115 attendees, was successfully concluded with the assistance of **Dr. Anuradha Jha**, Faculty coordinator

Madhyastha 1.0 - 1st Intra Indraprastha Mediation Competition

The ADR Cell of the USLLS organized its maiden Indraprastha Intra Mediation Competition named “Madhyastha 1.0” on **3rd and 4th December 2021**. The event began with an inauguration session on 3rd December with the presence of the Hon’ble Dean of the University School of Law and Legal Studies, **Prof. Amar Pal Singh**.



The mega two-day event witnessed the gracious presence of esteemed legal luminaries like Retd. ADJ (Delhi) **Mr. R.P. Pandey**, **Adv. Mr. Anil Sethi**, **Adv. Mr. Syed Tamjeed Ahmed** and **Adv. Amish Aggarwal** for the final round that was held on the 4th of December. The event witnessed an active participation of over eighty plus students.

Value Development Workshop on Techniques of Communication, Client Interviewing, & Client Counselling

The four-day event (**26th-29th December 2021**) saw 14 speakers in total from myriad fields.

Speakers for the Day1 were **Mr. Ishaan Sharma**, **Mr. Avinash Sharma**, AOR, **Mr. Hemant Kumar**, and **Dr. Anuj Kumar Vaksha** who talked about Mediation, Communication Techniques in Litigation, Client Counselling and interaction and International Investment arbitration respectively.

For Day 2, **Adv. UdhayaKarthika**, **Adv. Neeti Shikha**, **Adv. Hrishika Pandit**, and **Dr. Vandana Singh** who covered Communication Skills, Court Etiquettes and Mooting, Client Counselling defined by Practice and Law and activities and assignments sessions respectively.

Day 3 saw **Dr. Vikrant Narayan Vasudeva**, **Adv. Aman Mohan**, and **Ms. Navneet Neel Sodhi** discussing Important Pointers of client counselling, Eliciting Information on Effective Learning and Leadership & Networking respectively.

On the last day, **Adv. Apoorva Thakur**, **Adv. Dhruv Suri**, **Adv. AlbeenaWali** and, **Adv. Harjeet Singh** indulged into practical aspects of the topics Advocacy & Client Counseling, Honing Negotiation Skills and Techniques of Client Counselling & Reviewing and Importance of Communication in Judiciary respectively.

The event ended with concluding remarks by **Mr. Afzal Wani**, Professor of Law, USLLS.

National Conference of Law Students



University School of Law and Legal Studies has represented the GGSIP University at the National Conference of Law Students and launch of "**Gen-Next Democratic Network**", an International Young Parliamentarians Programme under the auspices of Indian Parliamentary Group. The Conference was held on **25 November, 2021**, on the eve of Samvidhan Diwas at the Central Hall of the Indian Parliament, New Delhi. The event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha, **Sri Om Prakash Birla** and was graced by some Union Ministers of India

and foreign dignitaries from eight countries. **Ms. Manya Dudeja**, student of B.A.L.L.B (Batch 2020-2025) delivered a speech and shared her views on the topic, "**Separation of Powers as enshrined in the Constitution of India**" as a part of the Plenary Session which was chaired by the Chairpersons of the Parliament, Standing Committee on External Affairs and the Parliament, Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice. The event was coordinated by **Prof. Anuj Vaksha** and **Dr. Neelu Mehra**.



MOOT COURT ACHIEVEMENTS

Mooting is an art of argument “understanding this notion USLLS since its inception has long striven to develop the tradition of Mooting amongst students. Furthering this effort, the Indraprastha Moot Court society has been able to organise six editions of Indraprastha National Moot Court Competition. Other significant endeavours include Organization of state level moot court competition for first year law students and three editions of Grand Intra moot court competitions. Various faculty convenor has successfully led these efforts in the past including Prof. M. Afzal Wani, Dr Rakesh Kumar, Dr. Upma Gautam, Dr. Sakthivel, Dr. Zubair A Khan and Dr Rakesh Handa. Presently the moot court committee is headed by Dr. Rakesh Kumar.

RMLNLU SCCOnline International Media Law Moot Court Competition 2021

Winner

Team: Paridhi Gaur (4th year)

17th Nani Palkhivala National Virtual Memorial Tax Moot Court Competition, 2021

Runner-up

Team: Avar Lamba (3rd year), Shubhit Shokeen (3rd year), Hritik Kashyap (4th year)

SVKM'S NMIMS, Indore 1st National Moot Court Competition, 2021

2nd Runner-up

Team: Gracy Tanwar (2nd year), Gautam Chopra (2nd year), Mehul Kulshrestha (3rd year)

2nd Maharaja Agrasen Moot Court Competition, 2021

Quarter-finalist

Team: Vani Garg (2nd year), Kunishka Sharma (2nd year), Lavanya Gupta (2nd year)

4th Surana & Surana- RGNUL International Law Moot Court Competition, 2021

Octa-finalist

Team: Manvi Raj (3rd year), Shrishti Sachan (3rd year)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

JUSTITIA - The Virtual Lex Fiesta, 2021, Center for Legal Studies-Gitarattan International Business School, 2021

Best Mediator- Himani Jha (2nd year)

2nd National Mediation Competition, 2021 hosted by School of Law, IMS Unison University, Dehradun

Semi-finalist

Team: Brinda Kundu (2nd year), Ansh Gupta (2nd year)

1st National Client Counselling Competition organized by SNTD University's Law School

Semi-finalist

Team: Brinda Kundu (2nd year),

MAIMS ADR & Client Counselling Competition, 2021

Semi-finalist

Team: Aryan Malik (4th year)

1st National Client Counselling Competition Organized by Legal Zems, 2021

Semi-finalist, Best Counsel, (Kunishka Sharma)

Team: Lavanya Gupta (2nd year), Kunishka Sharma (2nd year)

PLACEMENT AND INTERNSHIP

The University School of Law & Legal Studies has, since its origin, sought to confirm that students obtain an insight into, and are provided highest exposure to the workplace by mandating students to take internships with judges, senior advocates, law firms, international organizations, NGOs, PSUs, corporate houses, commissions, ministries, state departments etc.

Our students participated in the moot competitions, debates, arbitration, mediation and other workshops in the Legal Aid. They attend many national and international conferences, seminars, workshops in diverse areas, ranging from the environment to commercial laws, constitutional matters, etc. Many students contribute research papers, published with various student journals and legal research institutions.

The students are focused, and they have clarity about their plans of action. They have been pursuing certificate courses to buttress their qualification in the specialized areas of law that they wish to do. The students of USLLS are conscientious citizens, dedicated individuals and most important hardworking students who have sound knowledge in field of law.

This progress has been facilitated by brilliant former students of this law school who have made a mark for themselves in their respective domain and are doing remarkably well today making us immensely proud of our alumni. Our students have proven to be indispensable asset to any organization that they are absorbed and shall strive towards contributing positively and fruitfully to the growth of that establishment as well as legal industry at large.

INTERNSHIP RECORDS

Advocates, Firms and NGOs Associated

Advocates

1. Adv Hemant Kumar
2. Adv. Ajesh Luthra
3. Adv. Ritu Rajkumari
4. Adv Rajiv Joshi
5. Adv. Dinesh Tiwari & Associates
6. Adv. Mohit Tyagi
7. Adv. Vandana Kumar
8. Adv. Yudhvir Singh Chauhan
9. Pawan Jeet Singh Bindra (AOR)
10. Chambers of Adv. Abhijat
11. Chambers of Adv. Manmeet Arora
12. Adv. Rituraj Kumar
13. Sr. Adv. Brij Bhushan Gupta
14. Adv. Manoj Kumar
15. Adv. Avnish Rana
16. Adv. S.K. Garg
17. Adv. R.K. Agnihotri
18. Dr. Rakesh Gosain
19. Adv. Ankit Jain
20. Adv. Ravindra Singh
21. Adv. Harshman Chavan
22. Adv. Ashok Agrawal
23. Adv. Rahul Verma
24. Adv. Avnish Rana
25. Chambers of Himanjali Gautam
26. Adv. Rakesh
27. Adv. Manisha Parmar
28. Amandeep Lamba
29. Adv. Praveen Mahajan
30. Adv. Rajiv Joshi
31. Adv. Rahul Gupta
32. Adv. Manu Sharma
33. Pradeep Kumar Arya,
34. Sr. Adv. Sanjoy Ghose

Firms

1. The Lexociates Solicitors & Advocates
2. Mandla and Singh law firm
3. SS Wani and Associates
4. Parashurami Legal
5. Mantavya Legal
6. Kay and partners
7. Sharma and associates
8. Singhania and Partners LLP
9. Mukesh Kumar & Associates
10. Justum Legal
11. Sondhi Law Chambers
12. GST Law Chambers
13. Asian Granito Limited.
14. KMNP Law Firm,
15. Khehar Law Associates
16. R Priani & Associates
17. L&L Partners
18. MG Consultants
19. Chaudhary Law Associates
20. B.S. Rana & Advocates
21. Anand & Associates
22. Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co

NGOs and Other Organizations

- 1) Aashman Foundation
- 2) Asian Granito Limited
- 3) CCRM, Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad
- 4) Child Rights and You (CRY)
- 5) Delhi State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission
- 6) DSLSA
- 7) Habitat for Humanity, Mumbai
- 8) Human Rights Law Network
- 9) Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law
- 10) International MUN
- 11) Justum Legal
- 12) Law Informants
- 13) Law insider
- 14) Law Rounder
- 15) Legal Education Awareness Foundation
- 16) Legis Nations
- 17) Lex speak legal
- 18) Muskurahat Foundation
- 19) Nanjil Anand Foundation
- 20) National Green Tribunal
- 21) Niti Yojak
- 22) Porsche India
- 23) Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre
- 24) Project Bodhan
- 25) Samagra Foundation
- 26) Sarkari School, NGO
- 27) Success Boat
- 28) Tare Zameen Foundation
- 29) The Law Gurukul
- 30) The Stambh, NGO
- 31) Think India
- 32) Umeed, A Drop of Hope
- 33) Vidhi Parivartan



ALUMNI CORNER

Gone with the wind: Five years at USLLS

Devangini Rai (Batch of 2016-21)

Five years does seem a long time to think of. Staying in a small hostel room, surrounded by a university campus, dealing with unsettling living and study experiences and not getting to spend the last year on campus-if not anything else, I can safely say it's been an eventful five years. As I sit and think about the days gone by, I find it remarkable how time can pass away in a blink of an eye.

I do not think I had a fair idea of how college life is until I went to one. My first week went in understanding how we are supposed to conduct ourselves in the law school curriculum. I recollect hearing abbreviations like SAM and CAM and other seemingly harmless words like “moot court” and “research papers”. I also funnily remember being baffled by an assignment on Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFPSA) being given to research on. As I progressed in my second year, our batch was the first to directly compete with senior batches in the Intra Moot Court Competition involving complex economic laws like the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. My first moot court was a harrowing failure. It seemed like we would get nowhere in the race of winning something for the University. However, things did gradually change for the better as we slowly grasped the nuances of memorial drafting and oral arguments. From then, there was no turning back. Mooting became my first love in law school and it continues to be one. The rush you get while speaking and the painstakingly rewarding journey of preparing for a moot is an unparalleled

experience. Third year of law school at USLLS brought some well-learned lessons in disguise. Being in the Indraprastha Moot Court Society and organizing the First Years Intra moot was a wholesome experience. It taught me multi-tasking and leading the team to a resounding success amongst disagreements. Another significant experience which went on to prove the most practical was on how to secure internships. As a first-generation lawyer with no prior contacts, securing internships with law firms does seem like a daunting task. By the end of my third year, I realized that only endurance and resilience are the constants to live by in a challenging university life.

While the second half of fourth year and my final year might have been lull, COVID-19 presented new opportunities to still make a mark. Staying at home can surprisingly grant you a lot of free time to think about your future and dabble with a new hobby-writing. In a way, 2020 became life-altering where I took some hard-hitting decisions on what career line to choose. It also became interesting when I discovered the joys of writing and reading intellectual and stimulating legal articles.

As I look behind, I find a journey replete with instances which taught me how to overcome failure and learn to live beyond it. No experience can be exactly counted as good or bad. Yet all experiences do seem to point towards the cliché adage: the sky is the limit. With renewed hopes of interesting times to come, I treasure the values and lessons that USLLS taught me.

Keep Hustling!

STUDENT'S CORNER

An Overview of the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022

Ishita Singh, 1st Year

Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022, is a futuristic and preventive legislative proposal, piloted by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, on the region which lies south of the 60°S latitude, the southernmost continent with no permanent human population. The Bill was drafted with two main objectives in mind, first, to preserve the pristine nature of the Southern Continent while regulating the significantly increasing human activities there and protecting the delicate ecosystems, and, second, to fulfill India's obligatory responsibilities and give effect to the Antarctic Treaty, 1959, the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, 1980 and the Protocol on Environment Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, 1991.

The bill has strict guidelines and heavy penalties showcasing the earnestness with which the government seeks to regulate the activities in the region. According to the bill, any individual visiting or remaining in Indian stations in Antarctica without a permit or the explicit authorization of another Party to the Protocol is prohibited. A striking feature of the Bill is that it provides for Designated Courts and their jurisdiction is extended to include Indian activities in Antarctica, earlier we had no recourse for the same. The provisions of the proposed legislation provide to establish the application of the Code of Criminal Procedure before the Designated Court, and to classify the person prosecuting a case before such a court as a Public Prosecutor. Chapter IV of the bill focuses on the constitution and responsibilities of the

Committee on Antarctic and Environmental Protection. The Committee forms the backbone of the regulating activities and is the one tasked with issuing permits and monitoring, implementing, ensuring compliance with international laws, etc.

Antarctica's biggest industry is tourism with over 56,000 visitors/year including 10,000 of them who would only cruise or fly without setting foot on land. The bill provides for Indian tour operators to be able to operate in Antarctica after acquiring a permit. India doesn't carry out commercial fishing but since every country has an allotted quota for the same and in the coming future, we can expect fishing activities in the region to increase, the Bill now provides for this activity under stringent guidelines. Re-affirming the laws laid down in the Antarctic Treaty, the Bill bans all nuclear activities and dumping of radioactive wastes in the region, extraction of the species endemic to Antarctica, the introduction of a new species, mining, dredging, etc. The Bill is uncompromising in punishing the violators of these environment-specific provisions, for example, the punishment for causing a nuclear explosion in the region can lead to an imprisonment of 20 years to a lifetime with a fine of fifty crore rupees. All in all, we see that this Bill provides a harmonious policy framework for India's Antarctic activities.

Antarctica is a very important Continent from the perspective of science and research, especially in the field of paleoclimatology. India, which has two

research stations in the region and has sent more than 40 expeditions to Antarctica, has proven itself to be a permanent, potent player in the region, and domestic laws to regulate the same are welcome, at home and abroad alike.



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GUEST CORNER

Same Sex Marriage

Article by Advocate Jayant Bhatt

Marriages in India are granted legal sanctity by way of codified or uncodified personal laws. The ramifications of that, problematically, are that in India, marriage, and all related aspects including succession, divorce, maintenance and rights flowing therefrom are recognized only in relationships between “biological” men and women.

While the landmark judgment of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in *Navtej Singh Johar v. Union of India [(2018) 10 SCC 1]* was a leap forward in the right direction, by way of decriminalizing sexual relationships between two consenting adults, our country still has a long way to go before it can boast of a more egalitarian society. Although our Constitution, by way of Article 14, mandates our Courts and leaders to ensure the equal protection of laws to all persons, many times the Legislature is slow to the directives given, be it for political/ administrative or even logistical reasons.

Looking at the validity of same- sex marriages globally, our Legislature ought to take inspiration from the 2015 ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States of America, in *Obergefell et al. v. Hodges, Director, Ohio Department of Health, et al.*, where the rights of same- sex couples to marry were upheld across the country. It was held that although certain states like

Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and Tennessee defined marriage as a union between a man and woman, the same was violative of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution that guarantees equal protection.

"Same-sex couples have the same right as opposite-sex couples to enjoy intimate association, a right extending beyond mere freedom from laws making same-sex intimacy a criminal offense"

Further, the Court recognized that protecting the right to marry had enormous positive ramifications for the children and respective families of same- sex couples- *"Without the recognition, stability, and predictability marriage offers, children suffer the stigma of knowing their families are somehow lesser. They also suffer the significant material costs of being raised by unmarried parents, relegated to a more difficult and uncertain family life."*

Even though it took a so-called Developed nation like the USA a long time to recognize the rights of same- sex couples to marry, certain benefits and rights were granted to same sex couples depending on the specific States they resided in, from 1999 itself.

At the same time, one cannot ignore the fact that there exist a majority of countries where same- sex marriages are prohibited, and where such relationships are still criminalized, including punishable with death.

Indian Society has traditionally accepted marriage to be only between two persons of the opposite gender, regardless of the acceptance of same- sex relationships from ancient times across different religions. Ancient Indian Art are testimony to the same, and a lot of our “society” can be garnered from studying such erotica. However, recent times, including the effects of colonization, have played a great role in morphing society to reflect the moralities of the time. None more so that the introduction of Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, to the extent of criminalizing consensual sexual relationships between adults. The recent decriminalization by the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India has been a most welcomed positive change.

Most recently, the Hon’ble High Court of Delhi issued notice in a petition seeking recognition of same sex marriages under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. The Petitioners sought a declaration to the effect that since Section 5 of the HMA, 1955 does not differentiate between heterosexual and homosexual relationships, same- sex marriages ought to be given legal recognition. However, the Central Government, in its counter- affidavit, has vehemently opposed the same, by allegedly seeking to differentiate the Navtej Singh Johar judgment on the ground that the judgment concerns the personal private domain of individuals and cannot include a

public right by way of recognition of same- sex marriage. The Centre has allegedly submitted that the recognition of same- sex marriage can be granted only by way of the legislature and not judicial adjudication. However, the matter being sub-judice, it remains to be seen the interpretation given to the provisions of our Constitution and codified marital laws as well as uncoded customs. The repercussions of denying recognition to same- sex marriages that have been conducted in foreign jurisdictions allowing the same, are wide qua the rights of such persons in India specifically in terms of spousal rights like inheritance, OCI registration etc., which is one of the contentions of the petitioners in the aforementioned case.

In conclusion, it seems that a good way to grant recognition to marriage irrespective of traditional gender identities, would be with the introduction of the Uniform Civil Code. Due to the diverse religious identities existing in India, expecting the Legislature to amend each and every personal law appears to be unrealistic, or even, if possible, would take an inordinate amount of time. While the purpose of law is to conduct society according to the moralistic expectations of people, such morals also need to evolve as all societies need to aspire to eradicating discrimination and ensuring equality across sex, caste, creed, race and economic class.

FACULTIES' ACHIEVEMENTS

Publications

Prof. Deepshikha Agarwal

- Sociology, Eastern Book Company, 2022

Dr. Lisa P Lukose

- Book titled, "Novel Dimensions in Copyright Law," (ed.) S Sivakumar and Lisa P Lukose, Thomson Reuters, ISBN: 9789392630996. (2022), Forwarded by Hon'ble Justice Ravindra Bhat, Supreme Court of India)
- Book titled, "Public Law and Good Governance" (ed.) S Sivakumar, Lisa P Lukose and Manohar Thairani, Thomson Reuters, ISBN: 9789391340216 (2022). Forwarded by Hon'ble Justice A M Khanwilkar, Supreme Court of India)
- Book titled, "Gender Justice: A South Asian Perspective" (ed.), S Sivakumar, Lisa P Lukose and Manohar Thairani, Thomson Reuters, ISBN: 9789391340292, (2022) Forwarded by Hon'ble Justice Indira Banerjee, Supreme Court of India)
- S. Sivakumar & Lisa P Lukose, "Copyright Consciousness for Academic Integrity in Research", pp (1- 11) in Novel Dimensions in Copyright Law, S Sivakumar and Lisa P Lukose (eds.), Thomson Reuters, ISBN: 9789392630996. (2022).
- S. Sivakumar & Lisa P Lukose, "Social Media and Copyright", pp (51- 73) in Novel Dimensions in Copyright Law, S Sivakumar and Lisa P Lukose (eds.), Thomson Reuters, ISBN: 9789392630996. (2022).
- S. Sivakumar & Lisa P Lukose, "Gender Justice and Women Empowerment in India", pp (1- 17) in Gender Justice: A

South Asian Perspective, (ed) by S Sivakumar, Lisa P Lukose and Manohar Thairani; Thomson Reuters, ISBN: 9789391340292, (2022).

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- S. Sivakumar & Lisa P Lukose, "Comparative Constitutional Law Teaching – Towards Good Governance", pp (39- 54) in Public Law and Good Governance (ed.) S Sivakumar, Lisa P Lukose and Manohar Thairani (eds.), Thomson Reuters, ISBN: 9789391340216 (2022).

Dr. Upma Gautam

- Environmental Literacy and Attitudes of self-efficacy in environmental education, Journal of Positive School Psychology, Vol.6, No.3, pp. 4133-4137.
- Self-Help Groups (SHGs) role of promotion in Women entrepreneur: A saga of Pandemic Era, Journal of Positive School Psychology, Vol.6, No.2, pp. 936-947, 2022.
- Socio-Legal Perspectives of Sexual Harassment at Workplace in South Asian Countries: A Case Study of Underlying Causes in India in a book titled Gender Justice: A South Asian Perspective, ISBN: 978-93-91340-29-2, Thomson Reuters, Legal.

Dr. Kavita Solanki

- “The Data Protection Bill,2021:A Critical Analysis “ in TRINITY LAW REVIEW,ISSN No. 2583-3588,pg 17-27,Vol.2 No.1(2022),(JUN),Double Blind Peer Review, Referred Journal.

Dr. Ravinder Kumar

- Overruling in the Digital era- Changing Precedents in Changing Times " published in CPJ Law Journal, Issue XII, July (2022), ISSN 0976-3562, Peer Reviewed/Refereed Journal (UGC Care Listed)

Dr. Neelu Mehra

- Neelu Mehra (March 2022), "law on force majeure during covid-19: with special reference to lease deed" published in 6th Edition of UPES Law Review

Dr. Anuradha Jha

- "Organic Farming Opportunity for Sustainable Development and need of technological usage and standardization " in edited book on Aatma Nirbhar Bharat - Shrestha Bharat. ISBN:978-93-83154-90-6 , Paragon Publishers (International)
- Edited Book on "Law & Economics " published by B.R. International Publishers, New Delhi . ISBN No. 978-81-89974-73-2.

- Paper published in CPJ Law Journal, Vol. XII , July 2022 Issue No.1, ISSN 0976-3562 (listed in UGC Care),” An Analysis of the Judicial Role in Investor Protection in India -Journey Till Date and the Road Ahead”, pp169- 182

Dr. Zubair Ahmed Khan

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Programme Coordinated/ Attended/ Invited Lectures/ Participation

Dr. Deepshikha Agarwal

- International Conference on "Anthropology in India: contemporary Debates and Future Possibilities", 25th to 26th March 2022, Organized by Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society and Indian Anthropological Association, Department of Sociology and Department of Anthropology, Lucknow University

Prof. Lisa P Lukose

- Lisa P Lukose, delivered Plenary Address in the International Conference on "Sustainability and Subsistence: Human Rights and Environmental Issues – 2022" on 5th June 2022 organised jointly by Indian Law Institute New Delhi, MILAT, Lloyd Law College, Noida and CLEA.
- Co-Chaired the technical session on 'Sustainability and Bio diversity' in the "International Conference Sustainability and Subsistence: Human Rights and Environmental Issues – 2022" on 6th June, 2022 organised jointly by Indian Law Institute New Delhi, MILAT, Lloyd Law College, Noida and CLEA.
- Presented a paper on "Geographical Indication: A Catalyst for Community and Sustainable Development" in 'International Conference Sustainability and Subsistence: Human Rights and Environmental Issues – 2022' on 5th June, 2022 organised jointly by Indian Law Institute New Delhi, MILAT, Lloyd Law College, Noida and CLEA.
- Moderator /Chair in International Human Rights Summer School's Open House on the Topic – 'Role Of Human Rights Commission in Promoting awareness of

Human Rights ' on 29th May, 22 , organised by the Indian Law Institute New Delhi, MILAT, Lloyd Law College and ELCOP, Bangladesh

- Moderator / Chair in International Human Rights Summer School Open House on the Topic – 'Freedom of Speech and Expression' - on 1st June, 22 organised by the Indian Law Institute New Delhi, MILAT, Lloyd Law college and ELCOP, Bangladesh
- Resource person to deliver lecture on "Copyright and Plagiarism" on 3th June, 2022 in the UGC-HRDC' STC on Intellectual Property Rights organized by HRDC DAVV Indore in collaboration with CIPR & DPIIT Chair, MNLU Nagpur from 27th June 2022 to 2nd July 2022 for University & College teachers.
- Prof Lisa P Lukose, USLLS – resource person in 17th 2-Week Refresher Course in Human Rights & Social Inclusion (ID) organised by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, , on 15-6-2022, on the topic: "IPR & Consumer Protection"
- Prof Lisa P Lukose, USLLS - Expert Lecture on 'Research Methodology : Referencing and Indexing in Legal Research' in School of Law, Forensic Justice and Policy Studies, National Forensic Science University on 23rd March 2022.
- Prof Lisa P Lukose, USLLS – Resource person in International Women's Day Programme - 2022 to speak on 'Women in Lega Education: Past, Present and Future', organised by Department of Law, Tespur University on 8th March, 2022 (Chief guest of the programme –

Hon'ble Justice Marli Vankung, the Gauhati High Court).

- Prof Lisa P Lukose, USLLS- Invited Guest Speaker to talk on "Ethics in Legal Research" in School of Law, Forensic Justice and Policy Studies, National Forensic Science University on 28 January, 2022.

Prof. Shivani Goswami

- Invited to chair a technical session at Ideal Institute of Management and Technology on Sustainability and Emerging Issues on 22nd January, 2022

Dr. Neelu Mehra

- Attended the Special Lecture delivered by Padma Shri Awardee Prof. Upendra Baxi, Professor Emeritus, University of Warwick & University of Delhi on the topic 'Towards an Environmental Rule of Law: Revisiting Just Sustainabilities' on April 09, 2022.

Dr. Zubair Ahmed Khan

- Debate Competition on Judicial Intervention in ADR : A boon or bane? on 20th May, 2022
- Panel Discussion on Future of Online Dispute Resolution in Indian Landscape. The panel included, Ms. Iram Majid, and Ms. Shruti Sabharwal, and Mr. Devashish Bharuka.
- Webinar with Dr. Pradeep Rai on the occasion of 73rd Republic Day- 26th January 2022

Grants received

Dr. Vandana Singh & Dr. Zubair Ahmed Khan

- Received grant from Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi for the project titled "A Critical Study of Laws, Procedure and actions related to Disposal Bio-medical Waste Management in Delhi: Current and Post Pandemic Challenges" of amount **Rs. 2,50,000**

Dr. Neelu Mehra

- Received grant from National Human Right Commission for the project titled "Study of Quality of Life Of The Elderly Persons Living In Old Age Homes With Special Reference To The North Region" of amount **Rs 13,76,100.**

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ORGANISED AND COORDINATED BY USLLS

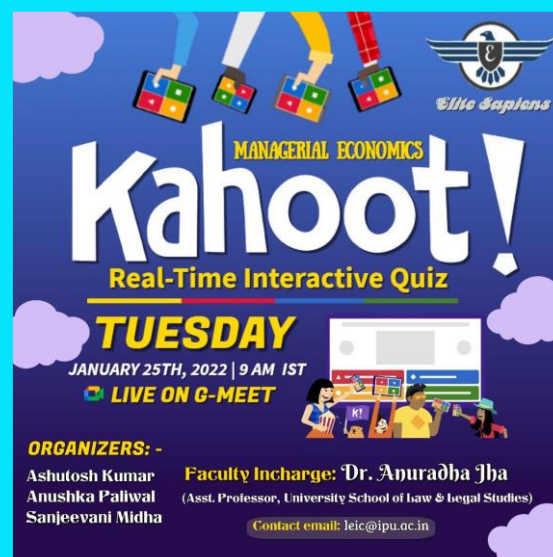
Interactive Session on Start-up eVU (25th January, 2022)

Five students of 1st year (Team Velocity), presented and pitched a startup idea in the under the guidance of **Dr. Anuradha Jha**, the faculty in-charge and coordinator. The students also prepared a logo and an app for their startup idea. The Startup Idea **eVU- eV and You** focused on providing self-driven cars at rental services on hourly and monthly subscription-based model to combat climate change and growing pollution levels in the country.

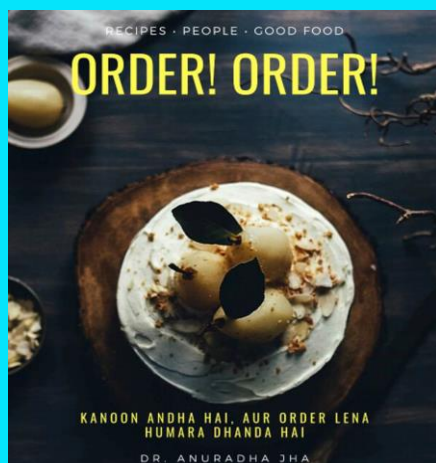


themselves to execute the business plan. “**Order! Order!**” was one of the successful start-up plans which was based on the concept of Cloud Kitchens. Our students chose **Old Rajinder Nagar**, hub of UPSC students as prime location to kickstart their plan. With the help of competitive pricing and right marketing soon the idea became successful. This practical approach helped students to think in a different dimension.

Real-time interactive quiz on Kahoot (25th January 2022)



Start-up Project Presentation named Order! (25th January 2022)

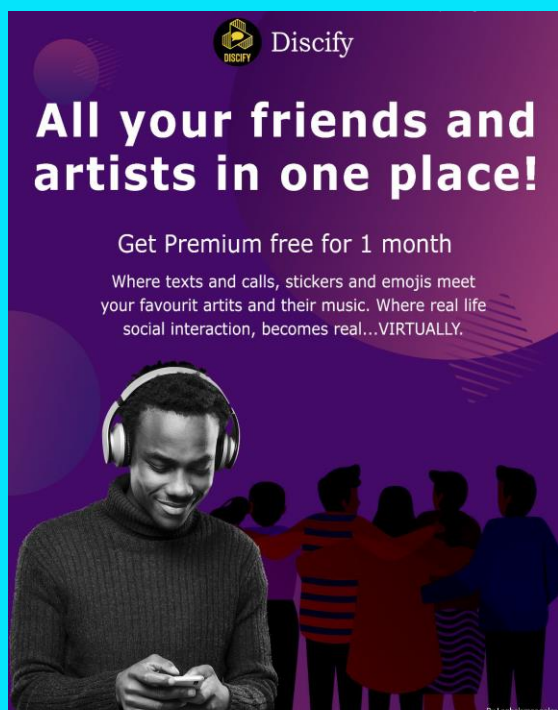


Under the guidance of **Dr. Anuradha Jha** and **Prof. A. P. Singh**, Dean, USLLS, students from USLLS came-up with different business ideas that enabled them to test their entrepreneurial skills. Main objective was to apply the principles of economics in practical life and test whether students are able to coordinate among

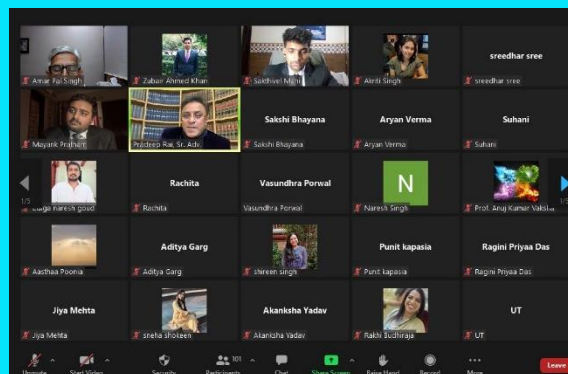
An interactive quiz session was organized under the aegis of **Prof. A. P. Singh**, Dean, USLLS. The event was coordinated by **Dr. Anuradha Jha**. This event was based on some of the basic concepts of Economics and included topics like factor of production. It was a great learning experience for the students where an interactive approach was followed to understand the nuances of Economics.

Start-up Project presentation named 'Discify'

On 25th January 2022, students from USLLS presented their business plan idea named Discify. This event was conducted under the guidance of **Dr. Anuradha Jha**, attended by **Prof. A. P. Singh**, Dean, USLLS. The idea was based on concept of an app which aims to bring together music streaming and social media, a new revolutionary way to listen music with friends and even support the artist in a more direct way. Students highlighted that the profit strategy of the app is based on ad-revenue with option for premium subscription for ad-free smooth experience. On 11th March 2022 official app was launched on the play store.



Webinar on the occasion of 73rd Republic Day



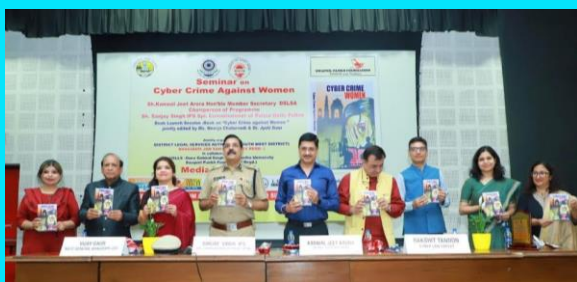
Constitutional Club, DSW in association with ADR Cell, USLLS organized a webinar on 26th January, 2022, in the esteemed presence of **Dr. Pradeep Rai**, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Vice- President SCBA; who was guest of honor. He delivered his talk on “**Fundamentality of Part-III & Part-IV A of the Indian Constitution**”. All faculty members & students of USS were invited to attend the occasion. Certificates were given to all the participants.

National Webinar on Law & Economics

Keeping in view the Industrial Revolution 4.0 and new skill set requirement, the Legal Entrepreneurship and Incubation Cell, USLLS organized a conference on ‘Law & Economics’ on 6th March, 2022. The objective of the webinar was to bring together various stakeholders of the subjects including both academia and practitioners together at a platform to facilitate thorough discussion on the **inter-disciplinary fields of law & economics**. It also presented an opportunity to the interested scholars, academicians, and students of different disciplines to present their research papers on any law or legal development from an economic point of view.

Seminar on Cyber Crime Against Women

A Seminar on Cyber Crime against Women was organized by USLLS in the C- Block Auditorium in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) and Bhagidari Jan Sahyog Samiti, on **1st April, 2022**. The Chief Guests for the event were **Sh. Kanwal Jeet Arora**, Hon'ble Member Secretary, Chairperson of Programme and **Sh. Sanjay Singh**, IPS Spl. Commissioner of Police Delhi Police. The seminar was open to all the faculty members and students of USS and a certificate was also given to all those who attended the event.



Interaction Event by Office of Minister of Health, GNCTD – April 12, 2022

Mr. Shaleen Mitra, OSD to the Minister of Health, GNCTD was welcomed for an Interaction Event, facilitated by the Internship & Placement cell of USLLS, to explore the possibility of Internships at the Ministry's School Health Clinic Project. The event was to familiarize students with the work profile at the Office of Minister of Health, GNCTD and the avenues open to students interested in policy and social fields. Mr. Mitra also interacted with students regarding the availability of legal interns and media interns.

Expert panel discussion on Access to Justice through Participatory Model of Criminal Justice System: An Insight

This online panel discussion was organized on **26th-27th March**, in relation to a project titled "Access to Justice through Plea Bargaining as an alternative model to traditional Criminal Trial in India: A case study of select Indian States" which was granted to the University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU by the **Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice** under its Scheme for Action Research and Studies on Judicial Reforms.



The objective of the project was to study the existing criminal justice system, its lacunae and therefore suggest a better approach which is in benefit of all the stakeholders. The discussion which included 15 speakers from various fields of law, was held in 3 panels organised on 2 days which discussed themes such as Crime and its reporting, early disposal mechanisms in criminal proceedings etc.



16th National Youth Parliament Competition, 2022



The competition, organised under the aegis of the **Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs** on **18th May, 2022**, gave an opportunity to students to present their views and opinions on relevant issues; who were assigned various ministerial and non-ministerial portfolios. **Thirteen issues** were covered in a proceeding which included the Russia-Ukraine war, the Chinese aggression at Galwan valley, India's Covid-19 response, the farmer's issue etc.



The parliamentary simulation was judged by three stalwarts of the field- **Mr. Brapin Sengupta**, former MP of the Rajya Sabha; **Mr. Dinesh Arora**, national coordinator of the National Youth Parliament and **Professor Sachidanand S**, an acclaimed academician and former Vice Chancellor of Dr. Ambedkar Law College, Chennai.



The panel of judges discussed the procedural rules and regulations of the Lok Sabha proceedings, and its further incorporation in National Youth Parliaments.



Dr. Mahesh Verma, Honourable Vice Chancellor, GGSIPU and **Shri Shailendra Singh Parihar**, Registrar, GGSIPU, graced the occasion by being the guests of honour. Six best speakers were given a certificate of appreciation from the ministry of parliamentary affairs and all the participants were presented with a participation certificate.



Lecture Series: Careers In Law

18th, 25th, 28th June and 3rd July 2022

The Internship & Placement Cell of USLLS organised a Lecture Series for the students of all law schools in June 2022. Through these talks, the Cell aimed to provide students with necessary information on the practicalities of various law careers, empowering students with knowledge gained through years of experience. The series involved sessions by a number of key legal professionals, who spoke on a variety of issues relevant for law school students and young professionals alike. The series included 4 speakers-

Ms. Divya Chaturvedi, a Partner at Khaitan & Co.,



Ms. Ritwika Verma, Assistant Manager (Legal), Office of General Counsel, KPMG India,



Mr. Raghenth Basant, an independent litigator practicing before the Supreme Court, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal, and the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission



Ms. Umika Sharma, a full-scholarship Graduate Scholar at the National University of Singapore with Tribunal Secretary appointments at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.



They spoke on Dispute Resolution Practice in Law Firms, Journey of an In-House Counsel, Nuances of Supreme Court Litigation: From Procedure to Court Craft and Higher Education Abroad & Careers in International Arbitration respectively.

Judicial intervention in ADR: A book or A Bane?



The ADR Cell of USLLS, GGSIPU conducted a debate competition and panel discussion on **20th & 21st May, 2022** in C-413, GGSIP University, Dwarka. On 20th May, 2022, **debate competition** was organized on the judicial intervention in ADR: A book or A Bane? The panel of the event was graced by highly notable individuals in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).



The panel included, **Ms. Iram Majid**, Executive Director, Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (APCAM) and **Ms. Shruti Sabharwal**, Partner at Disputes Resolution Team, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas and **Mr. Devashish Bharuka**, Advocate-On-Record, Supreme Court of India. The event was organized under the leadership of Prof. AP Singh, Dean USLLS, Dr. Vandana Singh & Dr. Zubair Ahmed Khan as faculty coordinators.

Conference on Women in Power and Decision Making



The students and the faculty coordinator faculty coordinator Prof. (Dr.) Shivani Goswami, Dr. Neelu Mehra and Dr Rakesh K Handa of the university school of law and legal studies have represented the university at the Conference on Women in Power and Decision Making organised by **PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry** the academic partner of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University on **July 23, 2022**. The event was graced by Hon'ble. **Justice S. Ravindra Bhat** of the Supreme Court of India, **Hon'ble Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva** of the High Court of Delhi, **Hon'ble Justice Anish Dayal**, Judge, High Court of Delhi, Additional Solicitor General of India, **Ms. Aishwarya Bhati**, **Dr. D.K. Aggarwal**, former president, PHDCCI.



MOOT COURT ACHIEVEMENTS

Mooting is an art of argument “understanding this notion USLLS since its inception has long striven to develop the tradition of Mooting amongst students. Furthering this effort, the Indraprastha Moot Court society has been able to organise six editions of Indraprastha National Moot Court Competition. Other significant endeavours include Organization of state level moot court competition for first year law students and three editions of Grand Intra moot court competitions. Various faculty convenor has successfully led these efforts in the past including Prof. M. Afzal Wani, Dr Rakesh Kumar, Dr. Upma Gautam, Dr. Sakthivel, Dr. Zubair A Khan and Dr Rakesh Handa. Presently the moot court committee is headed by Dr. Rakesh Kumar.

10th Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law National Moot Court Competition, 2022

Winner

Team: Archi Aggarwal (3rd year), Stuti Singh (3rd year), Nishant Anshul (3rd year)

National Moot Court Competition by School of Law and Constitutional Studies, Shobhit University, 2022

Winner & Best Speaker (Archi Aggarwal)

Team: Archi Aggarwal (3rd year), Modit Johar (3rd year), Shubhit Shokeen (3rd year)

KK Luthra Moot Court Competition, 2022

Semi-finalist

Team: Vinayak Aren (3rd year), Janaki N (3rd year), Mayank Pratham (3rd year)



Shree Hashuji Advani Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2022

Winner, Best Mooter (Jalaj Tokas), Best Researcher (Megha Yadav)

Team: Jalaj Tokas (2nd year), Ishikaa Seth (2nd year), Megha Yadav (2nd year)

RK Tankha Int Arbitration Moot Court Competition, 2022

Semi-finalist

Team: Stuti Singh (3rd year), Ishita Kheria (3rd year), Shreya Mishra (3rd year)

VIPS International Moot Court Competition, 2022

Semi-finalist

Team: Chirag Kakkar (3rd year), Vaani Negi (2nd year), Ishaan Ahuja (2nd year)

GNLC National Moot Court Competition, 2022

Semi-finalist

Team: Kanu Priya (1st year), Gautam Chopra (2nd year), Mahikaa Khurana (1st year)

DME International Moot Court Competition, 2022

Quarter-finalist

Team: Akshita Rohatgi (2nd year), Manya Dudeja (2nd year), Vani Garg (2nd year)

IVth National Bennett Moot Court Competition, 2022

Quarter-finalist, Best Researcher (Bhawna Mangla)

Team: Bhawna Mangla (2nd year), Om Gupta (2nd year), Devika TK (2nd year)

CCI-HNLU 12th HNMCC, 2022

Quarter-finalists and Best Memorial

Team: Vinayak Aren (3rd year), Vaibhav Garg (2nd year), Abhishek Chhabra (3rd year)

2nd NLUO PHFI Public Health Moot Court Competition, 2022

Octa-finalist

Team: Lavanya Gupta (2nd year), Kunishka Sharma (2nd year), Bhawna Mangla (2nd year)

23rd D.M. Harish Memorial Government Law College, Mumbai International Law Moot Court Competition, 2022

Quarter-finalist

Team: Tanya Sharma (3rd year), Kunal Mehta (3rd year)

OSGU International Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2022

Quarter-finalist, Best Researcher (Keshav Batheja)

Team: Keshav Batheja (2nd year), Vineet Jain (2nd year), Param Goel (2nd year)

HPNLU National Moot Court Competition, 2022

Quarter-finalist

Team: Prateek Rana (2nd year), Simran Tiwari (2nd year), Shruti (2nd year)



OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Christ Law college Pune, National Negotiation-Mediation Competition, 2022

Semi-finalist

Team: Anugrah Mishra (1st year), Jiya Mehta (1st year)

National Client-Counselling Competition, Organized by Jai Narain Vyas University, 2022

Quarter-finalist

Team: Mohd Shadan Geelani (1st year)

Lawinternships National Mediation Competition, 2022

Quarter Finalist

Team: Anugrah Mishra (1st year)

ADR Debate Competition organised by USLLS, 2022

First Position

Madhav K. Sareen (2nd year)

PLACEMENT AND INTERNSHIP

The University School of Law & Legal Studies has, since its origin, sought to confirm that students obtain an insight into, and are provided highest exposure to the workplace by mandating students to take internships with judges, senior advocates, law firms, international organizations, NGOs, PSUs, corporate houses, commissions, ministries, state departments etc.

Our students participated in the moot competitions, debates, arbitration, mediation and other workshops in the Legal Aid. They attend many national and international conferences, seminars, workshops in diverse areas, ranging from the environment to commercial laws, constitutional matters, etc. Many students contribute research papers, published with various student journals and legal research institutions.

The students are focused, and they have clarity about their plans of action. They have been pursuing certificate courses to buttress their qualification in the specialized areas of law that they wish to do. The students of USLLS are conscientious citizens, dedicated individuals and most important hardworking students who have sound knowledge in field of law.

This progress has been facilitated by brilliant former students of this law school who have made a mark for themselves in their respective domain and are doing remarkably well today making us immensely proud of our alumni. Our students have proven to be indispensable asset to any organization that they are absorbed and shall strive towards contributing positively and fruitfully to the growth of that establishment as well as legal industry at large.

PLACEMENT RECORD

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12. Adv. Raj Kumar Solanki, Dwarka district court
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28. Chambers of Sr. Adv. Hafeezur
Rahman
29. Chambers of Sr. Adv. Indra Sawhney
30. The Chambers of Bharat Chugh
(February, 2022).
31. Chambers of Sr. Adv. Ms. Aishwarya
Bhati
32. Adv. Mrinal Bharat Ram
33. Adv. Biraja Mahapatra
34. Adv Pankaj Pandey
35. Adv. Jeevan Prakash
36. Adv. JS Kalra
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39. Chambers of Sr. Adv. Gopal
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Prosecutor

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2. R.S. Aggarwal and Associates
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5. Percept Law firm JSRA Professionals
LLP
6. Lex AVA Partners
7. R.S Aggarwal and Associates
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2022)
9. Chhabra Legal Advisors
10. Amit Gupta and associates
11. Aggarwal and Associates
12. ARC Legum Management pvt. Ltd
13. GlobalLegal - advocates and solicitors
14. Rajbir Singh Bal & co advocates&
consultants
15. Karytron Electricals Pvt. Limited
16. Knm and partners
17. Sikri & CoParens Patrice

18. Actus Legal
19. Edge Law Partners
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21. Amicus Advocates and legal solicitors
22. S.P Arora & Associates
23. Divah sprik advocates and legal
consultants
24. NR Associates
25. Murari Tiwari and Associates
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27. Abr & associates
28. Law Offices of Abiha Zaidi
29. Ashwini Kumar Sharma & Associates
30. Trident associates
31. KMA attorneys
32. Gaggar and partners
33. Maheshwari and Co.
34. SKNY Chambers
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36. Karanjwala and Co.
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38. Lawmen and White
39. Amicus Services
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47. Shekhar Gupta & Associates
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- 1) Actus Legal
- 2) Airports Authority of India
- 3) Brief laws
- 4) Central Board of Indirect Taxes &
Customs
- 5) Central Information Commission
- 6) Centre for Child Rights, NUSRL
- 7) Centre for Law and Justice, OP Jindal
Global Law School
- 8) Centre for Study and Research in
Intellectual Property Rights at NUSRL,
Ranchi

- 9) DSLSA
- 10) Dusters Total Solution Services
- 11) Gravitas Legal
- 12) Human Right Law network
- 13) LedX
- 14) Legal Lore
- 15) Legal Tempo Law Group
- 16) Ministry of Electronics and
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- 17) MyRupaya
- 18) NALSA
- 19) National Green Tribunal
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- 21) Project 39A
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- 25) Think ocean India



ALUMNI CORNER

Shivani Misra (BA LLB 2011-2016)

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The years I spent at USLLS have been instrumental to shape me into the person I am today. I am forever grateful to my teachers and peers for their support and encouragement over the years. Entering into law school and being induced into a new profession, for many like me, would be a time of excitement, hope and trepidation. One piece of advice, that I wish I had when I had entered law school, would be to take time to figure out what you are truly passionate about. Do not be in a hurry to take part in as many activities as you can. Instead, take the time to reflect upon your interests and identify work that you are genuinely interested in. There is no single formula to success and success may look very different for different people. So, do not be intimidated by what others are doing. Give yourself love and be kind to yourself and to others around you.

The beauty of law is that there are no right answers. In classroom discussions, as in courtrooms, always ensure that the points you are making are well substantiated and clearly articulated. That's the only way to have a reasoned exchange and to be able to do this, you must read and research beyond the confines of textbooks.

Law is an extremely demanding profession; hours are long and the work is tedious. It is important to find time for things you enjoy doing beyond the law. This will keep you grounded and make you a well - balanced person.



STUDENT'S CORNER

SHABNAM V STATE OF U.P. (THE AMROHA MURDER CASE)

Jiya Mehta, 1st Year

Shabnam v State of U.P., also known as the Amroha murder case marks yet another heinous crime that has tainted the nation with the blood of an innocent family murdered in cold blood.

The fateful intervening night of April 14 and 15, 2008 saw the gruesome murder of a reputed family by their own daughter, Shabnam and her lover Saleem. Shabnam and Saleem carried out the premeditated murder of Shabnam's family by mixing sedatives in their tea and slitting their throats with an axe in the comatose state. The convict, Saleem performed the aforementioned act while Shabnam sedated her family members and strangled her ten-month-old nephew to death. Shabnam and Saleem have been awarded a death sentence by the Supreme Court of India under Sections 302/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. Justice H.L. Dattu (retd.), in his judgement on Shabnam v State of U.P., talks about Section 354(3) of the Code of Criminal Procedure providing reasons for the award of the death sentence.

As stated by the apex court in Bachan Singh v State of Punjab, the death sentence is awarded in the rarest of rare cases. In order to determine whether a case is the rarest of rare, the court is required to understand the cumulative effect of various classes of aggravating and mitigating circumstances.

In the current case, the aggravating circumstances included the cold-blooded murder of an entire family without any threat or provocation, for monetary benefit in a manner that shocked not only the conscience of the judiciary but also that of

society at large. The fact that both the convicts were young at the time of the commission of the offence and Shabnam was pregnant is not sufficiently mitigating to commute their death sentence. Mitigating circumstances include compassionate grounds, in this case, a minor child, the ages of the convicts and the alleged mental stress caused by the family's opposition to their alliance. The court held that these circumstances are not relevant in a case involving remorseless, cold-blooded parricide where there is no possibility of reformation and rehabilitation of the convicted couple.

Certain other elements considered by courts for the determination of punishment are educational background and the familial and social environment of accused persons. However, it was stated here that the convict, Shabnam belonged to an educated, reputed family and was herself a teacher, deeming these elements irrelevant. It was also stated by the honorable Supreme Court that one class of circumstances and its effect is not sufficient for the determination of punishment but the cumulative effect of all applicable classes of aggravating and mitigating statements needs to be considered in order to determine whether a death sentence should be commuted to life imprisonment.

The principle that life imprisonment is the rule and a death sentence an exception was laid down by the apex court in Ramnaresh v State of Chhattisgarh and Shabnam v State of U.P., once again reinforcing the 'rarest of rare' principle in awarding the death sentence.

Considering the facts of the case wherein the convict remorselessly murdered her family in order to be the sole survivor with the motive of inheriting her family's property, and on being proven guilty, both the convicts tried to implicate each other, the court held that it is the combined concoction of all aggravating

circumstances, that is, victims of the crime, motive for commission of murder, manner of execution, the magnitude of the crime and remorseless attitude of the appellant-accused that is present in this case.



Mentor Nexus

Ishita Kheria, 4th Year

I had met Kanupriya Chawla, in the first year of my college while she mentored my team for our Denovo moot. One year later, she had unknowingly become my confidante. It was in July 2021 when she asked me to be a part this venture. The core team of Mentor Nexus itself is a product of networking. In our humble journey, the most profound learning has been that most lawyers are more than willing to give back to the legal fraternity. With networking lying at the core of our profession, there are enough number of people who are ready to offer help if we seek it. Today Mentor Nexus is an organization with a team of 10+ members, 70+mentors and 300 mentees.

Mentor Nexus is an India-based, social mobility, e-mentorship program which centers itself around giving back to the legal fraternity while bridging the gap between law students and legal practitioners. It is a student-run organization that provides year-round mentorship and networking events for law students across the country, free of cost. The initiative was started in August 2021.

In the last one year we have helped more than 300 law students, conducted India's first ever legal speed-networking event and two bootcamps in association with Changaroth Chambers LLC, Singapore.

Mentor Nexus, has been more than a passion project for me. Working at a place that I own, I have learnt so much about the legal fraternity, built a network of my own and found the confidence to dive head first into the uncharted territories. As a first-generation law student, understanding the nuances of the legal industry felt like a daunting task. I had barely completed 6 months of my college when the pandemic hit, and we were forced to the confines of our homes. With no practical experience and no one to seek help from, it almost felt like a reset.

Mentor Nexus has given me a sense of purpose and satisfaction in knowing that I am able to act as a medium for all the law students who are as perplexed as I was and I am more than grateful for this opportunity.

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