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MERAKI'16



The gaming events were the biggest attraction for all. Be it first years or third years, there was equal enthusiasm amongst all. There was Uno and Pictionary, FIFA on Play Station and 'Human Saap Seedhi (Snake and Ladder). It was extremely successful and enjoyed by everyone.

The first day though tiring brought about a great appreciation to Sharodiya Chowdhary and her team.

The 19th was the big awaited day. The final day of Meraki', 16 with majorly Treasure Hunt, J.A.M. (Just a minute) games and Performing Arts events.

While treasure was going on with one team from each class i.e. 6 teams, there were J.A.M. events being conducted in the Juhu Jagruti Hall, the venue for the day. There was one minute games which were enjoyed and participated in by all.

Then started the spree of Performing Arts events which included the singing competition called 'Do you even Karaoke?' judged by Ms. Aditi Paul a renowned singer of new releases of Bollywood like the movie *Ramleela* and the dance competition 'Reel moves' judged by the infamous Mrs. Kruti Mahesh who is DID (Dance India Dance) finalist and well established choreographer, whereas the Drama competition 'Oscarnama' was presided by Mr. Rohan Jadhav a theatre enthusiast and performer; followed by a performance by a guest guitarist Mr. Yash Barse from Wilsons' College and performer of NSPA (National Streets for Performing Arts).

All the events saw immense participation. The auditorium was jam packed from the start till end of the event. All the faculty members were also present during the event. At the end of the events, the winners of all the competitions conducted in the two days were announced. Also, the awards were given to the winners of sport events held throughout the year.

All in all, the Fest couldn't be any more grand or successful or any more engaging. Everyone, thoroughly enjoyed participating and even being the audience. The Fest is awaited yet again in the next year more than anything.



OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF SOLink ON WORLD IP DAY

The annual cultural festival of NMIMS School of Law organized by the cultural committee, 'Fitoor' on the 18th and 19th of April was a grand success. The Fest opened on the 18th and witnessed all the Fine Arts, Literary Arts, Board games and Gaming events.

The Fine Arts events included 'Unbrushed' and 'Doodle it Up' which majorly aimed at mass participation and no expertise in particular. Events were organized wherein everybody could actively participate and test their creative hues. 'Unbrushed' was all about making anything using anything and everything except for paint brushes. The students had amazing fun in the event, evident enough from the participation received. 'Doodle it Up' included making some funny, quirky, awareness doodles in any which way the participants wanted. It was also one of the most sought after events of the day. And nothing better than the students themselves being the judges of the Fine Arts events. Thus, the entries were displayed in the college corridors and the students could vote for the best 'Piece of art' according to them and thus were discovered the 'Artists' in School of Law. The feedback of the students was very positive and they look to more such events.

The Literary Arts events were: 'Poet, don't you know it?' a Poetry slam competition and 'Are you a story teller?' a Story writing competition. These events were an utter delight for literary enthusiasts. For the poetry slam competition the broad theme/topic given was 'Euphoria' wherein the participants could write whatever they could relate to 'extreme happiness'. There was a very good response by the students. Some of them even chose to write it in Hindi. For the story writing competition as well, the participation was beyond expectations. A sentence and three objects were given around which, the story was to be woven. There was an in-house and one outside judge and the results were announced on the concluding day of Meraki.

GET INSP^{IR}ED



Passion from within



Karuna Nundy, advocate Supreme Court of India.

“My freedom, and yours, are bound to each other and to those around us. I was looking for a vocation that takes that large truth into account, one that fit me, so a lot of due diligence had to be

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www.Livemint.com

done first,” *Karuna Nundy in an interview with Live Mint.*

Ms. Karuna is among the finest Supreme Court lawyers of our country today whose own life is the evidence to the fact that if a woman wants to succeed, then no one can stop her from achieving her goal, no matter how complex or challenging it is. Karuna Nundy, specialises in commercial dispute resolution and human rights litigation. She also advises United Nations agencies and governments of various countries to help their legal systems conform to international and constitutional legal standards.

Making an impact on the world and how it started:

Intelligence, knowledge and hard work has always been her forte. She went to the best college to pursue her passion of going into the career of journalism, St. Stephen's college, New Delhi. She got a degree, in economics there, but it didn't inspire her. According to her Delhi University sets a limited, neoclassical syllabus which is without enough relevance or accuracy in the real world.

After a short stint as a TV journalist, she applied to law, film and journalism schools to find that “something with relevance in the real world”, she worked hard and chose to study in one of the finest law schools, Cambridge University, UK. To her, “Law school was a homecoming.”

In an interview with Huffington Post, Karuna Nundy said, “It was very clear to me that my job had to be vocation; a purpose that comes from deep within. [As a student] I realized that what I really care about is making a direct impact on the world. I remember walking into my first law school class at Cambridge. I discovered I had a mind. It really was like coming home”

As law students we all are on the search to find that very purpose which comes from deep within; the thing that drives and motivates us. The fact that Karuna Nundy, after graduating in Economics, found her calling in law reiterates that it is never too late to pursue your dreams and take a leap of faith. For all the confused law students out there worried about their career choices, you will find your relevance in the real world; just pursue your vocation and inner voices just like Karuna Nundy.

Nundy followed up her law degree with a fellowship at Columbia University, New York, US. She then qualified as a New York lawyer, worked at international tribunals and with the United Nations, before returning to India more than a decade ago.

Karuna, a woman of great substance and intellect, never looked away in the face of complexity. Karuna, from the beginning of her memorable legal career remained determined to succeed. She was focused and bold, intelligent and goal driven.

Since then, she has been involved in major commercial and human rights litigation and legal policy, including justice for the victims of the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy. She has contributed to the discourse on gender justice in India, not least by helping to frame inputs for the new anti-rape laws after the gang rape and death of a 23-year-old girl in Delhi last December.

Karuna not just specializes in Human Rights litigation but lends her experienced presence to many talk shows, interactive programs and discussions held on the new age social media to spread awareness and uphold the value and dignity of Human Rights, a principle need of our times. Some of her amazing achievements include drafting contributions to the Nepal Interim Constitution's bill of rights, conducting workshop on the legislation with the Senate of Pakistan, working closely with Maldives' Supreme Court on Legal reform and importantly, advising the Government of Bhutan on complying with certain human rights treaties.

We spend our lives chasing challenges and running astray, sometimes from difficult situations and sometimes from opportunities that beckon us to give a harder try. But, amidst the confusing and sometimes, truly bewildering offering called life-what is supposed to be our real goal. If it's the pursuit of glory, then is it wise to find it only through the tides of money? Karuna Nundy found answered these questions and gave up a lot career options, from becoming a journalist to a barrister in the United Kingdom. She stood for and did what she believed in, that had a relevance in the real world. After doing this, she has never looked behind and succeeded immensely. As law students, we all should take inspiration and answer such questions as well and then success will surely follow.

Selflessness and fighting for the larger cause, therefore is a task that few master and a space where only few can make a difference. For her dedication and unrelenting fight for bringing justice to many women stifled by sexual abuse and downright social misconduct, the country owes a great deal to this outstanding and promising lawyer, and from such a promising personality, we all can't help, but **get inspired**.

Growing Unrest of Patriotism in INDIA



Image Courtesy: www.hindustantimes.com

We gained freedom 68 years back and we are still kneeling in front of this autocratic government. Democracy just remains a concept in the books. With evils like corruption, rapes and scandals, patriotism seems to be one of them nowadays. We have been taught that India is a democratic, free and a diverse country but the government still has control over one's food and life. Religion is the decision-making factor in every scenario. Recently many politicians and activists wanted to revive 'Patriotism' in our country. The theory of Patriotism is like a prism, there are various ways to see it; but only if you have the right perception and direction to look at it. Religion has nothing to do with patriotism. Patriotism is a concept that should lie in the hearts and not in the boiling blood. It is a theory to be adopted and not forced into someone. Chanting slogans and causing riots does not revive patriotism; harming and torturing certain religion communities is also not patriotism. The right way is to do things that make your country proud. Patriotism is when you respect your mother and motherland more than anything in this world. Patriotism begins from home. Patriotism is like a drug addiction that people have gotten into. Hardly do they realise the half-knowledge poison that they are consuming is harmful for them as well as the whole nation. Patriotism is by doing something that helps to develop a nation and not by dragging controversial issues and by stealing someone's personal liberty. Just like during an India- Pakistan World cup match, the spirit of oneness and unity is displayed by our spectators; such kind of spirit should awaken among us.

- Abhijit Nair, 1st Year, BBA LLB (Hons.)

WORSHIP OR WARSHIP



Image Courtesy: www.thenewsminute.com

Following the Maharashtra Government's stance and relentless efforts of many activists, the Bombay High Court has recently thrown its weight behind abolishing restrictions on women's entry into temples.

With all these movements happening, the question of gender inequality at places of worship has come to the fore and in our living rooms. Thanks to the TV channels, the dubious Babas and enigmatic Maulanas are allowed to take centre stage here and push forward their fringe views. Their agenda is to justify and mansplain just how age-old tradition of inequality before the god cannot be sacrificed at the altar of equality before law. The news channels have been giving a dose of comedy by telecasting various comments of priests (who are priests simply because they were born male in a family of priests) which varied from statements like "permitting women in temples would increase rape cases", to calling a woman during her menstruation cycle "impure". Impure? A woman is a human being not a barrel of Ghee which can be classified into various levels of purity. The law is becoming a puppet at the hands of these religious fanatics. You want something unjust done? Is it unrighteous? Unethical? Bizarre? Unconstitutional? Biased? Prejudiced? Choose religion as the cover and you can defy even the Constitution.

Women continue to struggle for such basic rights and fundamental concepts of equality are being neglected even after decades of having a sound judicial system and enforcement of the constitution. Right to pray is a basic human right that nobody should have to fight for. We have tougher battles to fight like female foeticide, rapes, pay disparity, dowry deaths, imposition of purdah, literacy rates, subjugation of their legal rights and honour killings. Even in 21st century, the so-called fairer sex has not got its fair share from the society yet. If women truly seek equality and emancipation, they have to rise up against the tyranny of the self-declared agents of divinity; not acknowledge, accommodate and embrace them and their dictums as they have done for centuries.

There are some battles worth fighting for!

- Aditya Jain, 2nd Year , B.B.A LL.B (Hons.)

War of Thrones



Image Courtesy: www.deccanchronicle.com

2016 came with a constitutional crisis for two beautiful hill states, Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh. The imposition of emergency under article 356 of constitution of India allows president of India to rule the state as executive and parliament as legislator. Ironically in the present scenario it was clearly a war for thrones in both the states as both were congress ruled states where BJP supported the rebellious congress MLA's. State of Arunachal Pradesh saw a constitutional bench of SC deciding the nature and causes of triggering article 356. In Uttarakhand the High Court quashed presidential rule in state, which subsequently got a stay order from SC. This whole fiasco, which was a clear political drama, gives another scar on the face of democracy. This situation raises a major question in front of us that "Is article 356 a tool to save constitutional machinery or a tool to take advantage in war for thrones." In both the cases the government was not given a chance to prove the majority in the house by way of floor test. On the basis of the governor's report without any apparent breakdown in democratic machinery the president rule was imposed in both the states. The reasons can be different but the nature of president rule imposition was same in both the states. In Uttarakhand CM was alleged for horse trading of MLA's; while in Arunachal Pradesh non competency and lack of faith was allegation against the CM by his own party MLA's. During this whole political fiasco, there were clear evidences as to the misuse of president rule to topple the government. It is open for debate that what was the actual situation on ground and the need of the hour but the question regarding misuse of article 356 in both cases without any well-grounded statutory requirement is clearly answered.

- Mohak Rana (3rd year BBA LLB)

Zero Tolerance at the Apex

Amitabh Bachchan is rumored to be nominated for the president of the country, he is also the one who is allegedly involved in the Panama Papers scam.

Trending in the news is Amitabh Bachchan who is said to be allegedly involved in Panama papers scam. Although he has denied any involvement but some proofs have been brought forward which contradict his statement. In the investigation conducted by The Indian Express, new records have been obtained which show how Bachchan, as director, took part in the board meetings "by telephone conference." Same newspaper also reported earlier that Mossack Fonseca records showed that Bachchan was appointed director and managing director of Sea Bulk Shipping Company Ltd, Lady Shipping Ltd, Treasure Shipping Ltd and Tramp Shipping Ltd in 1993.



Image Courtesy: www.india.com

But what really needs to be pondered upon is that the leaks include passport copies of all the people who have accounts there. Amitabh Bachchan claims that he is not a director of those companies and someone might have misused his name to open an account. That is an absurd argument because imagine me or you turning up at Mossack Fonseca claiming that we have millions of dollars to invest and that my name is Amitabh Bachchan. Moreover, he is a rich man and if there was even a slightest of doubt in the leaks, Indian express would not have dared to publish it and risk a multi-million dollar defamation law suit against them by some of the best lawyers money can buy. As far as it is concerned about the rumor of him being nominated as a president, it would be a miracle if his name is put forward even after his name being taken in the Panama Papers issue and various other cases like Land Grab, '84 riots. He also has a political track record in which he failed miserably. Also a president is expected to have good reputation which is free of political controversies which he doesn't.


- Arushi Chauhan, 1st Year B.A LL.B (Hons.)

REAL ESTATE ACT, REAL ENOUGH?

As Raph Waldo correctly said, "Truth is the Property of No Individual but is the Treasure of All Men."

ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

The Real Estate Bill was approved by legislators across all parties



- Bill has a provision for imprisonment of up to 3 years in case developers are found guilty of fraud
- It's mandatory for developers to deposit 70% money from buyers in a third-party bank account
- Regulatory authorities have 60 days to dispose of complaints
- Commercial Real Estate also comes under the purview of the Bill
- Registration of all projects in each State is now mandatory
- The Bill prohibits developers from changing the plan unless two-thirds of the allottees have agreed to it
- Builders to be responsible for fixing structural defects for five years after transferring the property to a buyer

Image Courtesy: www.Thehindu.com

There is no doubt that property is considered as one of the best investments option for a person looking to funnel his savings into something secure. It is tangible, solid, artistic and beautiful in the words of Donald Trump. Whereas India, whose economy is booming and attracting foreign investors, surges the price of property, since the demand only rises, be it in urban areas or rural. Considering the scattered legislation on property and so many scrappy deals, the Parliament passed the much-hoarded Real Estate Bill on 26th March 2016. It aims to regulate the entire process of development, from registration of real estate projects to the delivery of possession to the purchaser. For example, promoters are required to a register project with the State RERA before marketing it or taking any bookings. Prior to registration, they are also required to make detailed disclosures with respect to the layout, carpet area of units, date of completion of project, declaration as to title to the land, etc. Strong penalties for promoters, such as imposition of a fine up to 5% of the project cost, and deregistration of a project, will ensure compliance with the Act. One of the important provisions of the Act is that the builder or the developer has to open an escrow account (a common parking place for funds) which will be used to make sure that builders do not rob consumers or misuse their money. Another highlight of the Act is the introduction of Real Estate Regulatory Authority that offers a single window for you to check out the complete credentials of any new real estate project that you propose to buy, thus reducing doubts. Other Key features of the Act are the establishment of the Real Estate Tribunal, which ensures speedy disposal of cases and grant of remedies. The threshold of this Act is to promote the real estate sector, bring in transparency in the transactions between the builder and the consumer and more importantly safeguard the interests of the consumers.

– Rishabh Dhanuka, 3rd Year, B.B.A LL.B (Hons.)

#TRENDING

Johnson & Johnson Lose Their Second Case, Ordered To Pay \$55 Million for Causing Ovarian Cancer

Johnson & Johnson (JNJ.N) was ordered by a U.S. jury to pay \$55 million to a woman who said that using the company's talc-powder products for feminine hygiene caused her to develop ovarian cancer. The verdict, which J&J plans to appeal, was the second straight trial loss for the company, which is facing about 1,200 law suits accusing it of not adequately warning consumers about its talc-based products' cancer risks. She was awarded \$5 million in compensatory damages and \$50 million in punitive damages.

North Korea Just Banned Weddings And Funerals To Celebrate Kim-Jong Un's Supremacy

Weddings and funerals have been banned and Pyongyang is reportedly in "lockdown", as the city preps for the biggest meeting of the communist party in over 3 decades, in North Korea. The ruling Worker's Party of Korea, helmed by Kim Jong-un, came together in 3 days, possibly to announce Kim's supremacy.

#OddEven Is Not The Solution For Delhi's Air, Pollution Rises 23% During Second Phase Of Scheme

Indiatimes

Air quality measuring devices have recorded a 23 percent increase in air pollution in New Delhi, after the end of the second phase. The data put together by an Indiaspend.org with live monitoring through the Central Pollution Control Board, indicates that the scheme cannot be considered as a long-term solution to the Capital's air. Without additional action and better implementation of public transport systems, Delhi's residents will continue to suffer the poor air.

Bengaluru Will Be a Dead City In 5 Years According to Scientists At Indian Institute Of Science

Rampant urbanization and invasive real estate growth are going to destroy Bengaluru's ecosystem, a study by Indian Institute of Science (IISc) recently revealed. As per the data, there's been 525% growth in built-up area in the last 40 years, corresponding to a 78% decline in vegetation, and an almost equivalent decline in water bodies.

Iraqis Deride Politicians with Show of 'Sofa Pride'

Iraq's Prime Minister Haidar Al-Abadi and Speaker of Parliament Salim al-Jubouri became targets of mocking memes, when images of them staring gravely at the apparently bloodstained couch went viral. The pictures were taken during the official tour inside the parliament offices to inspect damage following protests. Several public figures joined in the japes. Al Bawaba media network declared that Iraq had marked its first "National Couch Day". Prominent Iraqi figures, like media personality Souhair Al-Qayssei, joined in by posting her own sofa picture on facebook.

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'LOQUITUR' – Debate Tournament

The Debate Society of NMIMS School of Law, a committee of 11 members, organized an Intra City Parliamentary Debating Tournament for colleges across Mumbai in the academic year 2015-16. This was School of Law's first ever inter-college venture and was held within the college campus between 10th and 12th April, 2016.

The tournament followed the Asian style of Parliamentary Debating wherein two teams of three speakers each are pitted against one another in a debate. A parallel contest of adjudicators (participants who judge the debates) was held alongside the speakers' contest.

The committee roped in three very established debaters from the national circuit to form the Adjudication Core for the tournament. The Core comprised:

1. OshoChhel (NLSIU Bangalore)
2. Ajinkya Deshpande (IIT Bombay)
3. Karan Bhuwalka (IIT Bombay)

The Core was responsible for deciding the motions to be debated upon by the contesters as also the tabulation of their scores in coordination with the Organising Committee. The Core Adjudicators judged debates and scored the participating adjudicators as well as the speakers. The event was organized under the supervision of the Adjudication Core, the Organising Committee (the Debate Society) and the faculties-in-charge.

The event was spread over three days i.e. 10th April (Sunday), 11th April (Monday) and 12th April (Tuesday). The Tournament started in the Moot Court Hall where the participants registered and were given their kits. This was followed by the adjudicators' test based on the screening of a demo-debate. Round 1 of the Tournament was completed. On the 11th, the day began with Round 2 followed by Round 3. After lunch, the last prelim round, Round 4, was held. The breaks (results for the semi-finals and finals) were announced soon thereafter. The semi-final Round was held between the four breaking teams. This was followed by the final Round of the Tournament which was held in JuhuJagruti Hall. The event ended with a Valedictory and Prize Distribution Ceremony with the Registrar as the chief guest.



SPORTS DAY @SOL



The Sports Committee of NMIMS, School of Law conducted an intra-college football and basketball tournament at Chatrabhuj Narsee Memorial School (CNMS), Vile Parle on 9th April, 2016 from 1 p.m. onwards. The event witnessed great amount of participation and zeal from the students of all batches. The first event was a basketball tournament with 6 teams representing students from the classes of each batch. The game was played on a knockout basis where 3 teams i.e. BALLB 1st Year, BBA LLB 2nd and 3rd Year qualified for the league, out of which BBA LLB 2nd Year secured the first position by winning both the matches in the league stage followed by BBA LLB 3rd Year. The tournament saw quiet a lot of talents amongst the School of Law students where **Abhigya Verma** and **Arshia Saraf** were awarded Best Players Male and Female respectively and **Abhishek Bissa** and **Kritika Kataria**, the Most Promising Players Male and Female respectively. This event was followed by the Football Tournament which was played in the similar format where the three teams that qualified for the league stages were BBA LLB 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year, where, BBA LLB 1st Year secured the first position whereas BBA LLB 2nd Year came second. This tournament saw a couple of crucial matches and the Best Player was awarded to **Adit Ghorpade** whereas **Niket Jain** took home the Most Promising Player award.

All the classes portrayed great sportsman spirit and the tournament received a great audience as well. The Sports Committee looks forward to conduct many more engrossing events in times to come.

RTI Guest Session With The Chief Information Commissioner Maharashtra

The Chief Information Commissioner of Maharashtra, Shri. Ratnakar Gayakwad on Saturday, 7th of May, 2015 addressed the students of NMIMS, SOL on various issues pertaining to RTI. The institution is thankful to Shri. Shailesh Gandhi, to organize



such a wonderful and insightful guest lecture. The CIC addressed various issues which are faced usually by the applicants while filing the complaints as well how the commissioners deal with them. Source: www.blogs.rediff.com

Shri Ratnakar Gayakwad, CIC, Maharashtra.

Two Students presented the experience of about 60 students who filed various RTI applications to sought information from various departments. Some pertinent issues were addressed to the CIC, later on the CIC answered to those issues and about the solutions to those problems as well. He also addressed the problem of 'Misuse' with RTI applications. The floor was open for questions and the CIC addressed the same.

Empowering – STREE, International Women's Day

Taking from the legacy of NMIMS School of Law, The debate society was proud to hold STREE on 8th March, 2016. As customary, there was a guest lecture from 10:30 to 1pm. There were three immensely experienced dignitaries in their own field. The debate society wanted to not just give the legal perspective but also try to envelope other aspects of the rampant sexism and misogynist world that exists. The first speaker was Dr. Ruchi Chaturvedi, an assistant professor at Jai Hind College. She gave a bold speech on the psychological aspect of how women over the ages have been subdued and men being dominating and the leader. The speech was very well reciprocated and you could see that by the 45mins question answer round that took place after

her speech. The next speaker was Dr. Rajeshri Ambare, an activist from the awarded NGO, "SNEHA". She spoke about the difficulties that they faced while trying to bring justice to the women that have faced so many atrocities. She spoke about how "SNEHA" has helped so many women out of the shadow of darkness and help them lead a normal, safe life. The final speaker for the day was Justice Dalvi. She has come to SOL before and this time she was just as interesting. She spoke about how the legal system is playing an important role to help bring about upliftment of the women in the Indian system.

The debate society really worked hard to ensure that the event brings out speakers who would be able to give an all-round perspective to the problems faced by women today. While India is adapting to the western culture, we are still trying to hold on to our Indian culture. All the speakers spoke about a sense of balance we need to find to be able to have a harmonious life for both men and women.

After the guest lecture, the Debate Society of the college took initiative to organise competitions namely 'Words at War', 'Pieces', 'I am More than' open to all the batches of SOL. These were all theme based creative events that channelled the artist in all participants. 'Words at War' was a one-on-one debate, where participants were given mainstream gender based topics to argue upon. 'Pieces' and 'I am more than' were both events where the students provided written entries based on a single word based theme or sentence. All three events saw great participation from the students of SOL, which in turn made the event a great success and much larger than its predecessor. We hope the debate Society of 'NMIMS' SOL proudly organises 'STREE' every year to celebrate the importance of women in our society and show their support to right the scales of justice.



The winners for Words at War are:

1. Samarth Jaidev
2. Dhaval Mehta
3. Nivedita Dalal

The winners of I am more than are:

1. Arlyn George
2. Nandini Chauhan
3. Sharodiya Chowdhury

The winners of Pieces are:

1. Nandini Chauhan
2. Sharodiya Chowdhury
3. Nivedita Dalal

Marketing Wonders by 2nd Year Students

The second year students of B.B.A. LL.B(Hons.) organized an event as a part of their marketing management project on 15th April 2016 by putting up different stalls on the 7th floor of UPG building and provided all the students of NMIMS SOL a great deal of entertainment and fun session. The event was headed by Prof. Rohan Mehra, the marketing management faculty. There were 10 stalls in total starting from dessert stalls, poster making stalls, chat centre, off-line confession centre, refreshment stalls, games centre, etc.



All the students, from all three years, on campus showed great enthusiasm in taking part in these stalls and the 2nd year B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.) batch succeeded in creating a totally new and exciting ambience on campus with their hard work and creative efforts.

Guest Lecture on Right to Information Act and issues pertaining to the same.

Shailesh Gandhi, renowned RTI activist organized a guest lecture on “Right To Information” on 5TH April, 2016 in the JuhuJagruti Hall which was attended by the third year students of NMIMS School of Law. Some prominent RTI activists, Anil Galgali, Krishnaraj and Rajesh Gada addressed the students on various issues about RTI and the importance of the same. The guest speaker said that “Right To Information” act empowers us to have access to information that is available with the public authorities.



It also informed the students about how the Supreme Court ruling made it mandatory for public authorities to share information and hiding of information should be avoided as much as possible. The Right to information is the *fundamental rights of the citizens of India with age no bar*. An

individual can take information from public authorities and/or NGO's.

The guests pondered on the difficulties and struggles that they go through with respect to the RTI Act. They also had an interactive session with the students and were of great help in increasing the ambit with which the students gave thought to it. The students of NMIMS SOL enjoyed the session and showed enthusiastic participation in the same.

MERAKI

As discussed on the first page about the wonderful event organized by the Cultural Committee 'Meraki', here are some exceptional entries which pleased the audience pertaining to Hindi Poem, English Poem and Story as well.

Aaj mere dil mein yuhi ek khayal aya hai,
Kya main chahta tha jeevan se je vakayi, main wah aaj paya hai?
Paisa, daulat, shohrat sab hai magar, phir bhi na jaane wah kya kasar hai jo baaki hai,
Loukik khushi ekkatha karte thak gaya magar, na jaane dil main khushi ka ghada kyu khaali hai.
Aur yeh dahsha meri hi nahi, parantu bahuto ki hai.
Yeh paheli sunahri hee nahi, par albeli bhi hai.
Jis sawal ko maine apne dil ke kabristan main,
Zimedari, paisa, naam aur shohrat ke bojhtale daba diya tha,
Wah sawal aaj mera dil mujhse nirantar pooch raha hai.
Kya tum vakai khush ho? Mere dil ne mujhse poocha.
Maine bhi apni laukik vastuo ko samedte hue dil ko akad se bola-
Roti, kapda, makaan hi nahi mere paas kuch zyada hi hai.
Aaj sunahre sapno ki mujhe choot he nahi balki aazadi bhi hai.
Man maani, muh mangi cheez main hasil kar sakta hu,
Aur tu soch mein hai, ki main gam ki paheli ka koi kissa hu?
Dil ne krodhit hokar kaha-arey jag manushya jag!!
Saans toh leta hai tu magar shayad, un saanso ki koi wajah nahi hai.
Zulm to jaane anjaane mein kiye hai bahut, lekin shayad us zulim ki koi sazaa nahi hai.
Sukh ka daaman chodh kar ensaan chala gaya tu maaya ki oor,

“Insaan” banne ki jagah tune, thaami sirf noto ki chaya ki door.

Asli khush noto mein nahi balki pyaar mein hai.

Jeevan ka asli ras, aish aur araam mein nahi, balki aadar, sanskar aur satkar mein hai

Yehi khush ki geeta aur yahi jeevan ki kuran hai,

Yehi vedo ka vvak hai aur hahi purkho ki vaani hai.

Dil ko shukriya bolkar, main yah mahavakya apne jeevan mein apnaunga.

Pyaar, mohobbat aur izzat se apni duniya ko phir se ek baar sajaunga.

Maine to apni seekh seekhli hai,

Ab shayad aapki baari hai.

Main aaj poochta hu aapse vah prashna poochta hu jisne meri duniya savari hai.

Aap bataiye, kya aapn vakayi khush hai?

– 1st Hindi Poem, Karan Kapoor,
3rd Year, B.B.A LL.B (Hons.)

BOUND FEET

The playground was big,
The grass was green
A little boy in a wheelchair,
Could barely be seen.

Flashback; They had a baby boy,
They were ecstatic
But soon they wondered,
Why were the parameters so erratic?

The parents started to ponder
Why wasn't everything song?
The questions began
What exactly was wrong?

The reports finally came in
The boy was fine
And then came the catch,
The skeleton wasn't in line.

But they boy had a gift
That was his brain
Life is short,
He couldn't let it go in vain.

He started off with school
They called him strange,
But soon they were to figure out
Someday he was going to be a big name.

He was the shortest of the lot,
He was always first in line
But he had a thing that they didn't have
A god gifted genius, this was his time.

A wheelchair never restricted him,
Although his fragility was shocking
Because at the end of the today
He let his words do the talking

Then came his moment
A welcome speech at the annual
concert
The spotlight was all over him
It was his moment to shine.

He went up on stage,
And spoke out his mind
The applause was indefinite
His smile was wide.

He was euphoric
He had no fear
Although he very well knew
His end was near.

He breathed his last
Leaving everyone in joy and pain,
They said life is short,
But, he surely didn't let it go in vain.

– 1st English Poem, Shivani Prasad
and
Samarth Jaidev,
1st Year, B.B.A LL.B (Hons.)

“Give me ten minutes. I'll be back.” That sounded like the guy I the green jacket, thought Misha, the one with an unkempt beard and an unbearable stench.

Through the tiny crack on the left side she saw him clumsily get off the tempo and spit *paan* on the sidewalk. He'll be gone for a while, she thought.

The other man, who Misha identified as Sharan Singh, got off too. “Ahmed *miya*, leave the keys with me!” The guy in the green jacket must have said something funny because both men had a hearty laugh.

They still have no idea of my presence, though Misha. She shifted her right leg a little and pressed her face to the wall of the tempo and peeked out. It had become quite dark which was strange for her watch showed her it was 5 'o' clock in the evening. Wait, what? 5 'o' clock? That is it? 10 hours? It seemed as if she had been travelling for days. Was it only 10 hours? Misha felt restless. The day would get over soon and there was still no sign of Khaled. What did he even look like? How old was he? Where were they even headed? What if things didn't work out? What if...?

“Meow...” The sudden purring noises snapped Misha out of her thoughts. As she looked around for its source, she found a pair of gleaming eyes looking at her intently from behind a big brown bag. At first, Misha thought she was in a tempo with a tiger. But when the pair of eyes emerged beyond the bag, Misha let out a squeal.

It was a kitten! “Oh my God! Come here kitty, kitty, kitty...!” The kitten leapt into her lap with joy. Its paws had only just reached her thigh that the door of the tempo slammed open and two huge figures advanced towards her.

boom *boom* *boom*

The sound of the bullets resonated in her ears and radio silence followed.

“Sir? Inspector Misha Singh. Sir we've lost our only leads to Khaled. I was attacked, Sir... I shot them dead.”

“Meow.” Misha looked at the new friend she had made and smiled.

– 1st Position – Story, Moha Paranjpe,
1st Year, B.A LL.B (Hons.)



'LAWYERED'

A woman and her little girl were visiting the grave of the little girl's grandmother. On their way through the cemetery back to the car, the little girl asked, "Mummy, do they ever bury two people in the same grave?"

"Of course not, dear," replied the mother, "Why would you think that?"

"The tombstone back there said... 'Here lies a lawyer and an honest man.'"

Source: www.lawyersweekly.com

Q: What do lawyers and sperm have in common?

A: One in 3,000,000 has a chance of becoming a human being.

Source: www.iciclesoftware.com

Taking his seat in his chambers, the judge faced the opposing lawyers.

"So," he said, "I have been presented, by both of you, with a bribe."

Both lawyers squirmed uncomfortably. "You, attorney Leon, gave me \$15,000. And you, attorney Campos, gave me \$10,000."

The judge reached into his pocket and pulled out a check. He handed it to Leon. "Now then, I'm returning \$5,000, and we're going to decide this case solely on its merits!"

Source: www.iciclesoftware.com

The Postal Service just had to recall their latest new stamp issue. Lawyers were part of the design and people couldn't figure out which side to spit on.

Source: www.swameetdave.com

A team from NMIMS, School of Law, 3rd Year B.B.A LL.B (Hons.) bagged the award for the 'Best Memorial' at the UPES – 7th Paras Diwan Memorial International 'Energy Law' Moot Court Competition. (April 7-10, 2016). Niyati Shah, Prajakta Joshi and Garima Agarwal (from left to right) represented NMIMS, School of Law. The area of law was quite tricky and new to the 3rd year students, though they managed to tap on the best resources and elevated the brand image of NMIMS, School of Law in the legal field. It is a matter of pride for the institution and an inspiration for the students' @SOL.



WHAT CAN RTI REVEAL? (under title Achievements)

As encouraged by Shailesh Gandhi, Nishita Banka, 3rd Year B.B.A LL.B (Hons.), filed an RTI application to The Education Department of Maharashtra. The applicant asked information regarding how many students were given admissions to various schools in Mumbai under the Right to Education Act, 2009. The response was shocking.

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An RTI filed by a college student reveals that the other schools are not even penalised for non-compliance

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AROUND 60 per cent of schools aided by the BMC's education department don't follow the Right to Education Act, while the remaining schools flout admission mandates under the RTE quota, as the authorities revealed in a response to an RTI (Right to Information) query filed by a law student.

RTE, only 1,357 were given admission - this is barely 14 per cent of the desired quota. The only institute in full compliance is the IIT Campus School in Powai. The RTI was filed by Nishita Banka, a third-year student at the NMIMS Law College, which has introduced RTI as a subject in its curriculum. Banka also enquired about the penalties imposed, if any. The BMC replied that no penalties were

imposed for non-compliance of RTE, since there was no notification from the government about the same.

"The response only relates to aided schools and highlights that only one in 453 schools respects the law. By their own admission, there is no penalty for defying the law and it is regrettable. Why keep a rule that is openly flaunted? If the authorities feel it is unwanted, it should be scrapped or it should be followed as per the law," noted RTI activist Shailesh Gandhi said.

Source: *Mid-Day, Newspaper, 11th of May'16.*

As RTI maximizes citizen's participation with the Government, a very vital issue has been highlighted by the student. This received coverage from many reputed Newspapers including Times of India, DNA, Mid Day, Hindustan Times, etc. The institution expresses proud feelings towards such students who actually implements the academics into practice.



TOP 10 Law Books

Source: www.Survivelaw.com

1. TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD BY HARPER LEE

2. THE TRIAL BY FRANZ KAFKA

An important read for law students. A man gets arrested and receives no information about his charges. A legal drama with some relatable truths about life and bureaucracy.

3. THE FIRM BY JOHN GRISHAM

The Firm follows the story of a young lawyer who receives a job offer too good to be true at a seemingly reputable law firm and the fascinating events that follow. Bonus! There is also a 90s film adaptation.

4. CRIME AND PUNISHMENT BY FYODOR DOSTOEVSKY

Remember learning about that little thing called "Rule of Law"? No man is above it, etc, etc? Well, the main character in this book reckons he is. He thinks that he can get away with murder.

5. DEATH ON A HIGH FLOOR BY CHARLES ROSENBERG

A much-despised partner at a law firm is found murdered and the fellow partner that finds him is the prime suspect.

6. THE HANDMAID'S TALE BY MARGARET ATWOOD

There's nothing quite like a good constitutional overthrow. A very astute work of speculative fiction, almost like a modernized Virginia Wolf.

7. RUMPOLE OF THE BAILEY SERIES BY JOHN MORTIMER

A TV series turned into funny short stories about an aging London barrister and his clients.

8. THE GOOD LAWYER: A NOVEL BY THOMAS BENIGNO

A Bronx Legal Aid Attorney finds himself challenging his principles when faced with danger.

9. A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS BY ROBERT BOLT

This play is a dramatized version of the life of Sir Thomas More, and it's worth reading simply for More's lines about his belief in the law and his role as a lawyer.

10. BARTLEBY, THE SCRIVENER BY HERMAN MELVILLE

Bored at law school or at your legal job in general? Bartleby is your man. Bonus: it's super short. You'll probably read it in under two hours.

EVENT CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

- ✎ Call for Papers: NALSAR Student Law Review [Vol XI, 2016]:
Submit by: June 1
- ✎ Call for Papers: International Congress on Political, Economic and Social Studies [August 24-26, Istanbul]:
Submit by June 1
- ✎ KalliopiKoufa Foundation's Summer Course on International Environmental Governance [June 27-July 8, Greece]:
Apply by June 1
- ✎ GNLU Indian Business and Commercial Law Academy (GIBCLA) [July 4-23, Gandhinagar]:
Register by June 10
- ✎ SBI Youth for India Fellowship:
Apply by June 10
- ✎ Call for Papers: RMLNLU's Law Journal on Communications, Media, Entertainment & Technology (CMET) Volume III:
Submit by June 15
- ✎ Call for Papers: ESIL International Bio Law Interest Group Workshop [Sept 9, Riga]:
Submit by June 15
- ✎ Call for Papers: NUJS Law Review [Submissions on Rolling Basis]:
Submit by June 26
- ✎ Call for Papers: Nirma University's Journal of Intellectual Property Law: Submit by June 30
- ✎ Call for Papers: NEHU Law Journal (North-Eastern Hill University):
Submit by June 30
- ✎ OmniPapers Essay Writing Contest on The Ideal Higher Education Model for My Country:
Submit by June 30
- ✎ Call for Papers: OGEL Special Issue on Waste to Energy:
Submit by June 30
- ✎ Surana and Surana International Essay Competition on E-Commerce, 2016: Last Registration date: July 10, 2016.

Internship Experience

RITESH SATAPATHY, 1st Year, B.B.A LL.B (Hons.)

During my first internship break, I interned with the Advocate General (AG) of Orissa High Court. The experience of working with Advocate General and his associates was very fruitful. Being a first year student, I was not given much work initially but as the days passed by I got accustomed to the drafting process and various other work related to documentation (e.g. filing writ petitions) and case briefing with clients. My office timings were primarily the court hours as I had to attend the sessions of the high court with Advocate General and his fellow associates. I slowly learnt how the court works and to study the judge so as to present the case in a better way. After the court sessions, I along with all other associates usually went to the chamber to prepare for upcoming cases. I attended many meetings with clients which helped me in my research as I could find better precedents after knowing the facts of the case. Spending time with the associates taught me how to find appropriate sources for research. Being a first year student, the internship with the first law officer of the state, was an honour and the lessons learnt will last forever.

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