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Tip No. 88:
Wondering for the tip how to procrastinate? Sorry but that's procrastinated for life-long. Actual tip: How to manage attendance? Manage in those 20% - granted to you. Lol !

NMIMS, School of Law celebrated Independence Day in a very unique fashion. Independence week was celebrated by the Publications Committee by organizing certain events like Humari Adhuri Kahani, Translate It, etc.

The Event **Translate It** got a great amount of participation as the students were asked to translate a short speech of Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, which was delivered by him on the occasion of

Independence Day, when he was the Hon'ble Prime Minister. The speech was in English, which was to be translated to Hindi; this brought difficulty to some students whereas some students flaunted their skills of Hindi Knowledge. Owing to the current scenario the below presented speech shall be very apt, and the readers would feel energized by the energy of patriotism.

A student of 3rd year B.A LL.B (Hons.) managed to translate the entire speech to Hindi in a very fluent manner and the same has been reproduced herein under:

Hum sabhi ko gyat hai ki yeh swantrata hame asaani se nahi mili hai. Ek taraf jaha hamare desh ke hazaro purush evam mahilao ne Mahatma Gandhi ke saath ahinsa ki ladaai ke liye salankho ke peeche tak deen kaatein, vaha dusri aur hazaro

krantikario ne apne jeevan ki kurbani dekar swantrata ki vanchniya ladaai mien sahyog diya. Yah azaadi in sabhi jaane evam anjaane shahido va sainaani ki den hai. Hum sabhi unki kurbaani ka naman karte hai aur shapath lete hai ki is swantrata ko saddev bachaayenge, chaahe kuch bhi kurban karna pade.

Humare desh par videshi hinsa hoti aayi hai. In 50 varsho ke chotte kaal mien hum chaar yudhh ladd chuke hai. Lekin hume hamari swantrata ki raksha bakhubi ki hai. Iska sabse zyada shrey humare jawano ko jaata hai. Ghar aur apne priyajano se durr, bahaduri se khatro ka saamna karte hue, humari seemao ki raksha karte aaye hai. Yah kaaran hai ki hum apni suraksha ke liye befikra rehte hai. Chaahe wo -32 taapmaan na ho, ya uttar-purva ke ghane jangal, kutch ya jaisalmer ke marusthal a hind mahasagar ka gahra paani, humare jawan har jagah vidhyaman hai. Humari aur se mien vaayu sena, nau sena aur bhumii sena ka abhinandan karta hu. Unko badhaai dete hue unki bahaduri par unko bolna chahiye 'O jawaano – hume tum par garva hai.'

Sena ko humare samarthan ki avashyakta hai. Humare Kisaano va Mazduro ne suraksha ko dusra sthan jo ki khet – khaliyaan va karkhaane mazbooti pradan karte hai. Hum Laal Bahadur Shashtri ji ki vo kahawat kabhi nahi bhul sakte hai

“Jay javan, Jay Kisaan”

Ek ke bina dusra adhoora hai. Miene isme Jay Kisaan ka naya najara joda hai.

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Smt. Jaya Row



*“Karmanyevadhikaraste
ma phaleshu kadachana
Ma karma phala hetur bhur
mate sangostvakarmani”*

*“You have a right to action alone, never to its fruit. Your motivation
should not be fruit of action nor should you be attached to inaction.”
- Bhagavad Gita*

This timeless verse from the Gita forms the backbone of Smt. Jaya Row's approach to her work and her life. Perseverance marked by detachment to the outcome propels her action and percolates every aspect of her life.

Charming oration which transforms complex Vedic principles into brilliant management mantras is the hallmark of Smt. Row's discourses. Her expertise, wit and zeal have not only captivated audiences far and wide, but also inspired people from all walks of life to commit themselves to a higher ideal. Smt. Jaya Row has conducted seminars for prestigious organizations such as:

- The World Economic Forum, Davos
 - Google, California
 - Deutsche Bank, New York
 - Coca Cola Company, Atlanta
 - Intel, California
 - Shell U.K., London
 - Young Presidents' Organization
- (Introduction credits : Vedantavision.org)

1. What inspired you to shift your career from a job to deliver lectures on Bhagwad Gita and lift the intellect of the world?

I haven't made shift in career I have made shift in my life's vision. When you do a job in modern days, everyone does a job to earn money, earn a living. Since childhood, I really wasn't interested in making money per say. From a very young age I felt that i have had a very privileged life, not that wealthy, we were middle class and still I am. I felt that we were privileged as compared to an average Indian. I should work the upliftment of Indians, work for my country, work for humanity. I had that a goal, but I didn't know how to do it. So I used to go to and read to the blind from school as a child, but nothing really fulfilled me till I came across Vedanta. In Vedanta both the objectives are achieved, you grow as a person, to become a better person and you are able to help more people. When you help to change the mind-set of the people, you create more service minded people. So instead of one person doing the service you create thousands of people doing the service. I off course had passion for Vedanta because it is scientific. I was a scientist by outlook, and its free there, there are no 'dos' and 'don'ts', you are left to do whatever you feel is right, whatever appeals to you.

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2. Could you share with us, one experience that inspired you in your career?

Once we got a very high bill from MTNL, in those days MTNL was the only telephone, we appealed to them, send a letter to them and they called us for a personal interview. I understood the issue, so I thought to use Vedantic concept, because vedanata says whatever you do look at from the other person's point of view. With the sense of service - attitude of giving. It was sure that, how is he going to know whether I am speaking the truth or not. First thing, I said to him that I want to thank you because we have been so blessed with the MTNL connection with the three generations and so we are very grateful to you. Then I came to the way, I said, We are all working, we are not at home during the day, it is impossible for us to make so many calls, even if we sit the whole night that's impossible. So I looked at it from his view point, and then I said that, it's up to you, it's your decision, if you decide that I should pay, I'll happily pay, not as a bill, but as my contribution towards MTNL. Next day. I got a letter stating, pay the average amount of last three months, so it actually works.

3. For a Lawyer it is the interest of the client that prevails over the sense of morality and ethics, what are your views on this?

I am not even sure, the interest of the client works, it is your interest that functions. I mean not only as a lawyer, any person. Yes, it is true that when you take a partisan on you, ethics always takes a back seat. If you look at the outstanding lawyers in the world, they are the one who are always on the side of the right, on the good. They say, the greatest weapon that you have is righteousness, because righteousness will prevail in the end. Whatever you do, it will prevail. You have no control over what things happen, but events come in such a way that righteousness prevails ultimately, and I believe that from the bottom of my heart. The divine law always supersedes all other laws. So, if you fall in line with the divine law you'll benefit and you'll succeed. If you don't you'll get axed by the law itself. This is something that all law students must learn. Why I am studying to be a lawyer? To uphold what is right, to uphold the law, not merely to gain money out of the client, not merely to ensure that my client wins, so that my record becomes good.

4. With respect to the new generation of lawyers that is coming, how do you advise them to achieve work-life balance?

When your values are clear that money can only buy sense objects, money can't buy happiness, money can't buy knowledge, money can't buy so many things, so why do you sell your soul to money. Once you have clarity in mind that what do I want to achieve in life, I want to be a happy person, I want to grow into my credentials, and then you can

automatically find work balance in any career.

5. “We don't see this marvellous world around us because we suffer from spiritual myopia”, to what extent is this statement true when we talk about the competitive young law students?

Yes, in the race, in that mad race to be one of others, we often ignore or not see the wonderful things that we have been blessed with in which area there is no competition. For instance, if I am a happy person, I can't compete with others or no one can compete with me, if I am fulfilled person, no one competes with me. They can compete with me or I can compete with me as far as money is concerned but money is not everything and also if you want to be a successful lawyer you have to look at your ability to think clearly your ability to think creatively like Portia in '*Merchant of Venice*', it was crystal clear, it was a clear case, that who had won, he was demanding the pound of flesh, so she said yes, you can get that flesh, but you didn't ask for blood. So, it is the clarity of thinking that ultimately makes you successful and you can be clear in your thinking only when your mind is calm, and your mind can be calm only when you are not competitive.

6. In a competitive era that we are in today, with career as the top priority of every student, what would you recommend for one to progress and succeed in the field of law?

I would say fix a goal for yourself, and work consistently to achieve that goal. That goal must necessarily include the well-being of others. In every society, in every religion people are asked to set aside some percentage of income, and some part of their time to community service. The United States of America, the most successful country in the world, every single American citizen does community service. How many Indians do community service? Every rich American has contributed in the field of education either they have started a school, a university, or at least a division in a university. How many rich Indians have done this? So, India does not have shortage of wealth, India has shortage of right thinking people, it's not about getting a fancier car that matters, it's about, Am I fulfilling my vision in life? I think somewhere there needs to be balance in thinking, somewhere there needs to be an independent thinking that I don't want to go with the herd in my life. I didn't go with the herd, when I took to the field of spirituality people thought I was crazy, all my friends thought that I was crazy, now there are people from my batch, my age who have reached a stage where they are depressed in life, they are lost in life, they are unhappy in life, and when I look at them I feel happy, it's not that I feel happy because they are unhappy, I feel happy that I have carved out a life for myself which was difficult, yes it was difficult, still it is, but its fulfilling. I often feel, I was born to do that,

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everyone is born to do something, you must fulfil that.

7. Studying and practicing Law can be very stressful and tiring, how would you address the same by guiding them to be peaceful as well as sharp in their every act?

In any field, look at Olympics that have just happened, if you look at it towards the end, last few competitors, who wins amongst them, is not necessary the fittest among them or the most talented, who wins is the one who is calmest, and what makes you calm? When you don't have too many desires in your mind you are calm. If you have so many desires chances are many of them will be unfulfilled and unfulfilled desires create mental agitation in your mind and that is called 'stress'. **So, it is not the field of law that is stressful, it is your mind that is stressful.** Now, when the mind becomes calm, you're thinking becomes sharp, your actions become brilliant, you achieve success, happiness, when your mind is calm. You understand things for what they are, you have no longer disclarity, you understand just as tiger will be ferocious, a deer will be mild. Once you get the correct understanding about the things in the world, you have no unreasonable expectation and no disappointment and frustration.

8. Students are drawing themselves towards the westernized culture and partially ignoring the Indian culture, what are your views about it?

It's a tragedy! It's a tragedy not because they are adopting western culture, the Indian culture has always been open to fresh ideas, new lifestyles, for centuries. In Rig-Veda there is a saying, let knowledge come from all sides, we have always been an open society, we have never been close, and that is a good point, so you must learn the good things of western culture. There are many good things in the west, but to ignore and neglect and just set aside everything that is Indian, just because it is Indian is a sign of inferiority complex. When you have inferiority complex you reject everything that is yours, this a British legacy, the British wanted intellectual Indians to reject the Indian culture, because they knew Indian culture had the quality which no other colony had. We had strengths, we still have, but if you reject it how can you be strongest. So, we must fall back on our culture, be open, if you are open to the west, be open to the Indian culture as well, don't reject the Bhagwat Gita, just because it is Indian, examine it, just as I did,. I didn't accept it blindly, I experimented every idea, and I applied in my life, and it paid rich dividend, and then I realised I was a management student, no management school in the world teaches this, so I adopted and I am still open to western ideas. I admire them what they have done, what they have created, but they have some inherent flaws, they don't know what it

is to be happy, they never have a calm mind, nobody sits and have a meal, they are always running, stressed out. In the United States the highest selling drug is the anti-depression pill. The question should arise, why should the most developed nation be depressed? And where are we going? They are depressed so even we are getting depressed.

9. You are an inspiration to many people at the best organisations of the world like Google, Coca-cola, etc. what is your message to the readers? What can they do to follow your path and be successful?

First of all, it's not my path, it's the ancient Indian path and I am only a medium to convey that. The essence of Vedanta of the Indian culture that every human being is born fulfilled: *Pari purna*, *Purna* : whole and *Paripura* : Completely fulfilling. For some reason, we don't know it, so every human being in the world feels some sense of inadequacy and emptiness. It is this adequacy pushes us, drives us out in the world to obtain various things obtain various things of the world, in the belief that this emptiness will go. Now, if the emptiness is there for real, it will go, but if the emptiness is imaginary, it will not go. If two brothers are fighting and want to solve, the lawyers, judges and the system can solve their problem only if they have a real problem, but if it is an imaginary problem, no judge in the world can solve it, because each fellow feels the other person has got a better deal, and he is true. So if you go out in the world like a beggar, saying I don't have so I want it, asking the world for fulfilment, life will not work, and that is how we are going with the life. All that Vedanta says is live like a king. When a king goes he doesn't go with the attitude of please give me this or that, king goes with the attitude of a ruler, knowing this whole thing is mine, whole kingdom is mine, and makes the world of difference. So my appeal to the young, students would be live life like a king not like a beggar, don't got out in the world for begging, and the worst is when you go begging for love. The other person will think disgusting. When you go home and say '*I am not feeling hungry, I don't think I will eat*', because you see the food is less, you think your family members will says '*great he doesn't want to eat, let's all eat*', they won't. They will force you to eat, and in the end you'll get more in your plate. In every experience you must go with the attitude I don't want anything, I am here to offer, to add value to it., then it is such a wonderful experience. Then there can be no competition, because I just want to give even if you pretend, that I don't want anything, it works.

Brexit, Briefly



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In 2015, the most unrepresentative general election in the UK history took place where the Conservative party of the UK scored a victory. As promised, an EU referendum was scheduled where the voters had to decide whether the UK should stay or leave the European Union. With a huge voter turnout, people who voted to leave the EU – called the Brexiters or the EuroSkeptics- won 52 to 48.

Brexiters argue that leaving the EU would benefit the sovereign state – mainly, as they would not pay large EU membership fees, have a control over the immigration situation and be freed from the shackles placed upon them by the EU with their laws.

While these arguments are valid, I strongly believe the UK should stay in the EU. A break-up would be an economic disaster, as the EU accounts for half of UK's exports. The UK will lose their stability and a crisis of markets, investments and trade is bound to occur. While it is true that the EU is powerful, controlling and, ironically enough, not democratic in nature, it is in UK's best interests to stay in the EU.

The conundrum of unity also arises when one talks about the UK leaving. Scotland is pretty firm on staying in the EU, and Northern Ireland is favouring the same. Only England and Wales are keen on leaving the EU. With the split from the EU, the split of the UK is also inevitable.

To counter the arguments put forth by the Brexiters – the fees paid to the EU are roughly eight billion US dollars per year, which UK can afford since it is one of the largest economies in the world. Also, the EU provides stability and security to the state. If the UK decides to leave the EU, the value of the pound cannot be determined for the next few years.

The exact situation that will arise after the Brexit is unclear. There are too many asterisks attached to every problem/solution that arises from the decision. All we can do now is wait and observe.

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A Double Edged Sword



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We live in a world which keeps growing, which evolves. The thinking, the needs, the people, our society as a whole grows, but this makes it harder to govern as well. Laws are made to protect the society and it helps in accommodating people coming from different strata of the society with each other. It works for the society. It works for the individuals. It works for the people. Laws are made in order for justice to prevail in the world above anything else. We, as human beings are born with certain rights, which even the people we place above us, are not allowed to prohibit us from barring such particular rights. One such right is freedom of speech and expression.

Article 19: The freedom of speech and expression

This article helps us to state the facts. Gives us the courage to speak out when our perspective stands different from the people around us. It guarantees us protection for thinking differently, for standing for what is true even if it means standing alone. But this does cause a rift among different sections of the society. And situations do sometimes become grave. Hence, to avoid such situations this right that is given to us is not absolute. Also, this is where the governing bodies step in, however, governing bodies sometimes do become extensive in order to protect us.

Lately such an instance happened with the movie **Udta Punjab**. The movie had several petitions filed against it even before its release and it was looked down upon by the CBFC (Censor Board of Film Certification) of India. CBFC made a total of 13 cuts to the movie and rejected two of the scenes of the movie.

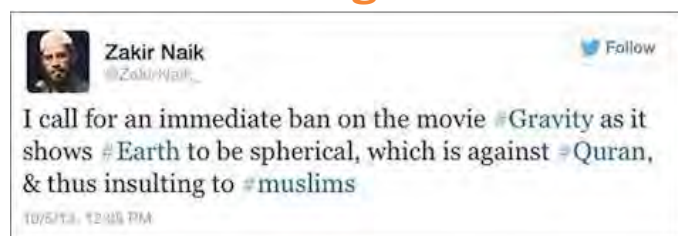
People of the state said that it projected the state of Punjab in a bad light and even more its youth, they were also worried that the movie showcases drug abuse glamorously and further glorifies the menace. The Supreme Court came up with a verdict which had only two cuts despite every petition and the movie released. The makers of the film believed in the cause, in conveying such a grave message and making people aware of such a situation prevailing in one of our states of the nation. Expression of thought can be through various sources, in this instance through a movie. Which comes off as even a stronger source. It affects and reaches all the sections of the society in a nation where there

is great devotion towards the cinema and our “Heroes.” The significant aspect of such a problem being that they did put out their message to be felt by the people, no one can ever know whether it was received in the manner they wanted it to be but everybody needs to do their part for the betterment of the society. Therefore, the society is bound to grow. And the courage to do this part comes from knowing that we will be protected and supported for being the human being that we want to be, that no such person or thing or rejection from the society can prohibit us from putting our thoughts out there in the world hoping for better lives as individuals and the foremost, for a better society.

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A Desired Change



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Article 19 of India constitution gives the citizens of India a right –right to express their opinions and expressions about anything and everything in India. Be it about democracy, politics, religion or anything, citizens are free to express themselves. **But**, today's scenario demands an amendment in this article – article 19. Highlighting recent controversial figure who unknowingly provoked a ISIS terrorist to commit multiple murders in a public restaurant in Dhaka killing only non-Muslim people: Dr. ZAKIR NAIK.

His most controversial and provoking quotes, “How can we allow building of churches and temples in an Islamic state when their religion is wrong and worshiping is wrong”; “If bin laden is fighting enemies of Islam, I am with him. If he is terrorising America the biggest terrorist, I'm with him. Every Muslim should be a terrorist. The thing is that if he is terrorising the terrorist he is following Islam.” and many more are enough to provoke any frustrated person to follow extremist Islam and become a terrorist. Not only Dr. Zakir Naik, Mr. Umar Khalid (case of JNU), Asaduddin Owaisi (Indian politician), Akabaruddin Owaisi and many more have simply misused their freedom by giving vitriolic speeches. In the name of democracy, they started dividing the nation and the worst part is that they are free to do so as the Indian constitution provides them with this freedom. But no longer can this be tolerated. Criticism of the government is acceptable but not of the nation. **Anyone** with their conduct tries to violate this parameter should be declared as an anti-national element and should be given all the right to be punished.

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India's NSG Dream



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India is rejoicing over the news that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brokered deals with US officials to bring New Delhi closer to its long-held dream of joining NSG, an elite group of nations allowed to control the global trade in nuclear materials, equipment and technology. The NSG is a 48-nation body established to prevent the civilian nuclear trade from being used for military purposes. Ironically NSG was set up in response to India's first nuclear test in May 1974. The test proved that certain non-weapons specific nuclear technology could be used by developing weapons too and put the developed nations in a frenzy to limit the liberal use of nukes. After its failure in securing the bid at the June-end plenary meeting in Seoul, India's spirits haven't dampened as such. New Delhi is keen to become a member of the four export control regimes — MTCR, NSG, Australia Group and Wassenaar Arrangement.

But is this bid we are fighting so hard for a useful one?

As a nation, we already have a clear standing in the nuclear energy status. India has already managed to secure access to nuclear fuel and technology to build power plants it says it needs to boost energy capacity and drive economic growth for the nation of 1.25 billion people. On the other hand, we are facing tensions from our neighbours, China and Pakistan, who are absolutely against this bid. Pakistan being one demanding to also be included if India's chances are high without signing the Non-Proliferation Treaty. On the legal front the Indian liability law passed in 2010 makes builders of nuclear plants in India financially responsible for any accidents that might occur, with visible efforts to bring out a multimillion-dollar insurance fund to cover any accidents. On top of which we are secure in our position right now, not facing any such major nuclear threat which we cannot revert to. Basically, other than getting the status of being a member in an elite group, this deal has nothing big and new to offer at present. It would be futile and foolish to take a rebellious step in what looks like a big direction, but with no such major prospective.

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Dance bar: SC notice to Maharashtra Govt on new conditions.

The Supreme Court had earlier pulled up the Maharashtra government for not granting licenses to dance bars citing non-compliance of certain weird conditions and observed that it is better for women to perform than begging on streets or doing something unacceptable for earning livelihood. The apex court bench sternly asked a DCP (licensing) of Mumbai who had been summoned to the court to “change his mind set. Do not impose prohibition in the garb of regulations”.

Challenge against Maharashtra LAW CET: SC issues notice to State and BCI

A Division bench comprising Justices Madan B Lokur and RK Agrawal has issued notices to the Maharashtra Government and the Bar Council of India in a Special Leave Petition filed against the Bombay High Court judgment dismissing the writ petitions challenging the introduction of CET for undergraduate courses in law.

Pakistan SC upholds death sentence of 16 terror convicts

Dismissing petitions of alleged violations of the constitution, the Five Judge Bench of Pakistan Supreme Court upheld death sentences of 16 accused persons convicted under terror related charges by the Military Court. The Bench ruled that the appellants failed to prove miscarriage of justice on account of procedural and constitutional abuse. The Judgment also mentions Addl. Dist. Magistrate, Jabalpur v. Shivakant Shukla AIR 1976 SC 1207 and State of Andhra Pradesh and others v. Goverdhanlal Pitti AIR 2003 SC 1941, two Judgments of Supreme Court of India.

Partial deposit before DRAT under Section 18 of SARFAESI Act refundable, reiterates SC

Reiterating the dictum laid down in Axis bank vs. SBS Organics Private Limited, the Supreme Court in Kumar Aluminium Ltd. Vs. Asset Reconstruction Company India has set aside a Delhi High Court Judgment which had refused to interfere with DRAT order which turned down the prayer for refund of the amount deposited in compliance of the requirement

of the second proviso to section 18(1) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, for maintaining an appeal. The Bench comprising of Justices Kurian Joseph and RF Nariman said: “we dispose of this appeal, set aside the impugned judgment of the High Court as well as the order of the DRAT impugned before the High Court and remit the matter to DRAT for consideration afresh.”

SC upholds Allahabad HC Rule which mandates that a lawyer outside state cannot appear in Court without a Local lawyer's appointment.

The Bench held that Rules 3 and 3A of the Allahabad High Court Rules, 1952 are perfectly valid, legal and do not violate the right of the appellant under Article 19(1) (g) of the Constitution of India. The Supreme Court in Jamshed Ansari VS. High Court of Judicature at Allahabad & ors. has held that right of Advocates to appear and conduct cases in the court is a matter on which the court must and does have major supervisory and controlling power and it cannot be and are not divested of control or supervision of conduct in court merely because it may involve the right of an Advocate.

Bombay HC lifts ban on Women's entry to inner sanctum of Haji Ali Durgah

In a significant Judgment, Bombay High Court has held that women can enter the inner sanctum of Mumbai's famous Haji Ali Durgah. A Division Bench comprising Justices VM Kanade and Revati Mohite Dere has allowed the Petitions against the ban, holding that the ban on the entry of women is violative of Article 14, 15 and 21 of the Constitution of India. The High Court has directed the State Government to give adequate protection for the visitors. The Bench has agreed to suspend the verdict for Six weeks enabling the trust to challenge the verdict in the Supreme Court.

U.S. tries to stop feuding allies from unraveling Syria strategy

The United States scrambled to get its feuding allies, Turkey and Kurdish YPG militia, to focus their firepower on Islamic State

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instead of each other after clashes that have threatened to unravel America's war strategy in Syria. The United States is already walking on eggshells after accusations from Turkey that Washington was too slow to condemn last month's failed coup there.

Donald Trump and his confusing stance on using 'deportation force' on illegal immigrants

"You're going to have a deportation force, and you're going to do it humanely," he had said. Campaign manager Kellyanne Conway claimed that Trump has rarely mentioned his proposed deportation force and suggested he would consider backing away from the plan. However, he maintained that "Nothing has changed about Donald Trump's position on dealing with immigration."

Protests outside Chinese embassy in London over Balochistan

Balochistan and Sindh leaders held a protest outside the Chinese embassy in London against the China-Pakistan Economic corridor (CPEC) in Balochistan. The protesters raised slogans like "PM Modi for Balochistan" and "*Kadam badhao Modiji, hum tumhare saath hain* (Move forward Modiji, we are with you)."

Narendra Modi's remarks on Balochistan are not a sign of assertive diplomacy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mentioning the suppression of human rights in Balochistan in his independence-Day speech continues to evoke mixed reactions, the latest being the interesting spectacle of the expatriate Baloch freedom fighters celebrating his speech on the streets of Germany on Saturday while the Islamabad-guided Balochistan Assembly has adopted a unanimous resolution condemning him.

Kyrgyzstan blast: Three wounded as bomber drives through embassy gates before blowing up

A car driven by a suicide bomber exploded after ramming through a gate at the Chinese embassy in Kyrgyzstan on Tuesday, wounding three people, authorities said. The three wounded were all Kyrgyz employees of the Chinese embassy and that they had been taken to the hospital. Local medics said their injuries

were not serious. Bishkek police sources told *AFP* that a Mitsubishi Delica car smashed through a gate at the embassy before blowing up in the centre of the compound close to the ambassador's residence.

Setback of the African National Congress

South Africa's governing African National Congress (ANC) suffered its worst electoral setback since apartheid ended in 1994, being pegged back in municipal elections. Unemployment and corruption scandals surrounding President Jacob Zuma have tarnished the ANC's image.

IS is running terror classes in Kerala

A radicalized Kerala schoolteacher who was arrested at Delhi airport on August 2 before she could board a flight to Kabul has revealed that the extremist group Daesh is now running "terror classes" in the country. Forty young men and women have already been indoctrinated there by fugitive Daesh recruiter Abdul Rashid, who persuaded Mumbai graduate Ashfaq Abdul Majid to join the group, which controls swathes of territory in Iraq and Syria.

Apple asked to pay \$14.5 billion tax bill by EU

The European Commission has concluded that Ireland granted undue tax benefits of up to 13 billion euros to Apple. This is illegal under EU state aid rules because it allowed Apple to pay substantially less tax than other businesses. Ireland must now recover the illegal aid.

US pulls up Pak envoy over tweet, claims report; Islamabad says 'news baseless'

Pakistan on Tuesday rejected as "baseless" media reports that the United States has reprimanded its ambassador in Washington after he tweeted an image of him and his wife with the first lady Michelle Obama. In a statement, the Foreign Office said the media reports published regarding a letter of displeasure from the White House to Pakistan's ambassador to the US Jalil Abbas Jilani was "completely incorrect and baseless".

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Guest Lectures – August 2016 for Constitutional Law II

I. Lecture by Adv. Puneet Chaturvedi

Adv. Puneet Chaturvedi Sir graced us with his presence on 6th of August, 2016. He addressed students of the 2nd year BA/BBA LLB on subject, “Judiciary in Indian Constitution”. Being a senior Advocate, having a long standing practice of more than 25 years, Sir gave us valuable insights on matters relating to the Appointment & Transfer of Judges in Higher Judiciary i.e High Court and Supreme Court in the light of landmark cases, particularly the Three Judges Case. He explained the Collegium System of Appointment of Judges and also threw light on the National Judicial Appointment Commission (NJAC) debate. Sir, also threw light on the Appointment of Judges of lower judiciary, the lack of sufficient number of Judges and over-burdening of Courts resulting in delayed justice. The lecture by Adv. Puneet Chaturvedi was extremely insightful and educative for all on the chosen subject, given his vast experience in the field of law.

II. Lecture by Adv. Adv. Dilip Shinde

Adv. Dilip Shinde Sir, has been a practising and teaching Constitutional law at reputed Colleges like GLC for more than 25 years. He graced us on the 27th of August, 2016. He addressed students of the 2nd year BA/BBA LLB on subject, “Emergency & Amendment”. From his experiences, Sir gave students valuable insights into Constitutional provisions pertaining to Emergency, particularly throwing light on the 1975 National Emergency and its legal implications. Sir also educated us on the significant Amendments to the Indian Constitution with the help of landmark cases. Given, his vast experience and expertise on the subject, the lecture was extremely insightful for all on the chosen subject.

Guest Lectures – 2016 for Professional Ethics, Accountancy for Lawyers & Bench & Bar Relations: Adv. Pankaj Bafna

Adv. Pankaj Bafna graced us with his presence on 6th day of August, 2016. He addressed students of the penultimate year on the subject, “Legal Ethics”. Being a practicing lawyer at Bombay High Court, City Civil and Sessions Court for past 22 years, Sir gave us valuable insights on matters relating to Legal Ethics i.e. dos and don'ts for Advocates and Judges. He shared his experience which made it easy to understand the topic. He gave insights about various courts as to their functioning and the procedure which they follow. He highlighted on the causes and consequences of misconduct by practicing advocates. He elucidated on the Bench and Behavior relations and also

explicated the various committees under the Bar Council of India. Overall the lecture by Adv. Pankaj Bafna was extremely insightful and educative as it enabled the students to learn the Art of Advocacy which will be useful in their future professional life.



Second Intra Moot Court Competition on 13th of August, 2016

The Moot Court Committee hosted the **Second Intra Moot Court Competition** of our college on the 13th of August, 2016 to enable our students to boost their Mooting skills and confidence level and shape up their future.

The moot problem was based on Double Taxation with special emphasis on the Tax Treaties between India and Mauritius. The date for Memorial Submission was 7th of August. A total of 78 participants took place this time round, which in itself is a commendable number. The MCC got in 10 judges, most of whom were recently passed out students and were accomplished mooters themselves.

The Judges shared division benches of two per room. The event was a great success, with the judges praising the MCC for its great organizing standards. Although they felt the students could do with a little bit of polishing with respect to the memorials, the speaking abilities were much appreciated. Some judges even volunteered to carry out training sessions and workshops of our students. Overall, the event was a grand success and we as the MCC can't wait to get back next time.



3rd September, 2016: Guest Lecture by Hon'ble Justice Ganoo

Hon'ble Justice Ganoo visited School of Law on 3rd September, 2016 for a guest lecture on **Bar and Bench Relations and Contempt by and against Judges**. The lecture continued for about two hours wherein Sir gave us a deep insight into the topics with the help of real life examples which were highly enlightening for each of the students.

The students are desirable to attend more of such stimulating lectures in order to enrich their knowledge as it catalyses the process of becoming a lawyer in the best way possible.

Justice Ganoo shared his experience of his long standing at the Bar and Bench which intrigued the Students. The SOL is keen to have more such professional association with the Judge's (sitting & retired) and bring more legal practical experience to the students.

Guest Lecture for Criminal Justice System in India

BY ADV. KAMALJIT SINGH SANDHU

Adv. Kamaljit Singh Sandhu is a practicing advocate in Bombay High Court and have been an active part of academia also through his constant interaction with students while delivering guest lectures at various institutes in Mumbai.

He addressed the First year students of B.A. and B.B.A. LLB on the Criminal Justice System in India and gave an overview of the criminal trials being conducted in the country. He explained the hierarchy of criminal courts in India with special reference to Bombay and stressed on the lackadaisical attitude of the enforcement agencies in their conduct of investigation. He highlighted a few basic principles on which criminal jurisprudence is based such as proving of guilt beyond reasonable doubt; equal opportunity of hearing to name a few. Guest talk delivered by Adv. Kamaljit Singh Sandhu was extremely insightful and educative for the students, given his vast experience in the field of law.

Guest Lecture by Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Shri P. P. Chaudhary in NMIMS

Mumbai; 2016: NMIMS – School of Law and MBA Law was visited by the Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Ministry of Law and Justice; Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) Shri Prem Prakash Chaudhary in NMIMS – New Campus on 22nd September 2016 for a guest lecture. Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Shri P. P. Chaudhary shared his views on the governmental policies with respect to justice and information technology. He gave insights into the workings of the Union government and the Ministry's work ethic. The role of law in the age of fast paced information technology and India's endeavor to match the global standards was touched upon by the Hon'ble Minister in a lucid manner. When asked a question as to what steps are taken to ensure digitalization of court documents, Shri P. P. Chaudhary replied that the government is seriously looking into digitalization of documents from the bottom to the top. He also stressed that the government is also ensuring accountability from the officials to upload the documents online. The Hon'ble Minister gladly engaged with the faculties and was impressed by the student's interaction.



Lecture on 'Relevance of Economics to Law'

On 20th August, 2016 (For BALLB Hons.-1st Year)

A lecture highlighting the importance of studying the subject of Economics to understand legal issues in its totality was delivered by Prof. Amita Vaidya, Dean, Sarla Anil Modi School of Economics. The lecture started with the explanation of basic and fundamental concepts of economics and at the later discourse included the linkage between these concepts and law. Also the lecture was based on interactive learning wherein students were asked to perform certain activities to understand these concepts in a better way. Overall, the lecture ended with a positive feedback from the students that this lecture really helped them to understand the importance of inclusion and studying Economics in their course curriculum.

Important Clauses in a Commercial Contract by Mr. Subhrarag

School of Law organized a Guest Lecture on Saturday, the 27th of August for the **Second Year BA and BBA students** in the Subject **Law of Contract-II** on the topic **Important Clauses in a Commercial Contract** by Mr. Subhrarag Mukherjee who works as a Legal Counsel with Hewlett Packard, India since 2009.

The lecture which was delivered in a student-friendly manner focused on areas like commercial contracts, dispute management and negotiations. Some of the important clauses in a commercial contract like indemnity and limiting overall liability was discussed in detail.

The take away for the students from the lecture was that they were able to understand that apart from having legal acumen, they would also have to concentrate on the financial aspects of a commercial contract and how to cap their liability in such a contract.

Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) by Mr. Chetan Gandhi

School of Law organized a Guest Lecture on Saturday, the 20th of August for the **Second Year BA and BBA students** in the Subject **Law of Contract-II** on the topic **Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)** by Mr. Chetan Gandhi, a practicing Company Secretary and who had his own firm by the name of Chetan Gandhi & Associates.

The main focus of the Lecture was on LLP as a corporate business vehicle that enables professional expertise and entrepreneurial initiative to combine and operate in flexible, innovative and efficient manner, providing benefits of limited liability while allowing its members the flexibility for organizing their internal structure as a partnership.

The lecture was more of an interactive session where students actively participated with their doubts, queries and answers to queries posed by the guest faculty.

The take away for the students from the lecture was that they were able to understand among other things the difference between a traditional partnership and Limited Liability Partnership and also the procedure for incorporation of an LLP.

Global Youth's - "Election in Action" Campaign

Global Youth's initial affiliation with the US consulate led to a collaboration of a series of events and a calendar scheduled over 6 months centered around the theme of the much anticipated US elections including a contest titled- "Election in Action" campaign which was kicked off on Friday, 29th July at NMIMS School of Law. The event started with a brief introduction of Global Youth and an introduction of Ms. Brittany Stewart, Diplomat, US Consulate Mumbai by Karan Kapoor. A recap of the previous "Primaries" Event with Diplomat Mr. Philip Roskamp was explained by Ms. Rhea Ghanshani. The program went on further wherein the competition "Election in Action" was kicked off by Ms. Akanksha explaining each component of the competition. The first candidate from the Democratic Party, from Xavier's College Mumbai presented her stance. The next came the Republican party candidate Mr. Puneet Pathak from NMIMS School of Law. Further was Mr. Pratham Ajmera, School of Law, Democratic party. Mr. Keyur Gandhi from the Republican party. Ms. Sheona Shenoy from the Democratic party and finally Ms. Vidhi Dedia from GLC Mumbai.



The speeches by the candidates was followed up by an address by Brittany Stewart, assistant cultural affairs officer, US Consulate. She highlighted the highs and lows, pros and cons of the speeches by one candidate from each party who she believed out-performed the others. The event was concluded by a caucus wherein the winners from each party were declared. From the democrats, Mr. Prathama Ajmera and from the Republican party, Mr Puneet Pathak both from NMIMS School of Law were successful in getting maximum vote winning the party vote going on to the next part of the competition.

Teachers' day celebration

Teachers' day celebration in SOL was celebrated like a festival. There was Dance, Music, food, fun and loads of emotions. The celebration started with JAM events organised especially for the teachers where teachers played various fun and engaging games. They enjoyed it thoroughly. The auditorium was full of laughter and cheering.

Then started various other events. There were group and solo dance performances by students from all four years. There were group and solo singing events. Also, there was a drama performed on the theme of teachers. There was a solo stand up performance by one of the students. The performances were full of enthusiasm and vigour.

Later in the day, every teacher was felicitated and a cake cutting ceremony was also organised

Uniform Civil Code by Ms. Flavia Agnes



School of Law organized a Guest Lecture on Monday, the 22nd of August for the **Fourth Year BA and BBA students** in the Subject **Family Law-I** and **Second Year BA** students in the Subject **Sociology** on the topic **Uniform Civil Code** by Ms. Flavia Agnes, a social activist fighting for the rights of Women, Children and the marginalized, founder of the NGO Majlis and also a practicing Advocate

The lecture focused on the hotly debated topic of Uniform Civil Code. The lecture was a thought provoking session giving facets of various personal laws and how the rights of stakeholders was affected not by law but its implementation and wrong interpretation. The take away for the students from the lecture was that they could understand what a Uniform Civil Code meant and also the practical difficulties in enforcing a Uniform Civil code in a country like India characterized by its Unity in diversity.

Guest lecture on IPR

The 29th day of July this year was a great day for the lovers of the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). On that day, a guest session had been organised for the students of the School of law at the Mithibai Seminar Hall. The students were addressed by US speaker and IPR Lawyer, Mr. Hillel Parness. The topic of the interactive discussion was “Intellectual Property Right Laws for the Entertainment and Media Industry.”



The session had been spent in a great flow, as at first, there was an introduction about Mr. Parness and his great work in the field of IPR laws. Then there was a short address to the students by Mr. Rhishikesh Dave, the Dean of the School of Law. Finally, Mr. Hillel Parness had come to the podium for his share of interaction with the students. He started his speech by explaining the structure of the Judicial System in the United States (US). Thereafter, he had mentioned the Courts in US, where one could go to enforce one's own Intellectual Property rights. Further, Mr. Parness went on to explain each Intellectual Property Right and he had drawn a similarity between the laws for the same in the US and India. He had also pointed out the differences between laws in the various States of the US itself. In the middle of discussion, he had made a special mention of the essentials of the Copyright Rights in the US. The guest of honour also had a lengthy discussion on the concept of 'fair use' in such laws. Further, there was an explanation given about the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and the four 'Safe Harbours', where one could seek protection.

In the tail end of his address, a lot of interaction with the students had occurred. He had made a successful attempt to answer the various doubts which had been raised by students present in the hall. The session had concluded with some further 'question and answer' rounds. It had truly turned out to be a fruitful and rewarding session for all the students present there.

“IPR Laws for the Entertainment and Media Industry” by Mr. Hillel Parness

On Friday, 29th July, 2016, **Mr. Hillel Parness** (IPR Lawyer highly-experienced commercial litigator and trial attorney, Adjunct Faculty of Columbia Law School), **Ms. Tasneem Kalsekar**, (Cultural Affairs Specialist) and **Ms. Tejaswini Karalkar** (Program Manager, Public Affairs Section U.S. Consulate General). The program was conducted for the B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) & B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Third Year and Fourth Year students. Mr. Parness interacted with the students and answered the questions raised by the students.

Guest Lecture - Critical Thinking Logic and Law: Interfaces and Inferences by Prof. Jyotsna Gore, Retd. Professor of Logic, University of Mumbai, Mumbai.

As the part of the Critical Thinking Course Conduct Module, Prof. Jyotsna Gore, eminent scholar of Logic and a visiting faculty of many reputed universities and institutions of Mumbai and India, delivered a Guest Lecture on the topic- *Logic and Law: Interfaces and Inferences* on Saturday, July 30, 2016. The lecture was well received by the students and participating faculty-members. The lecture was followed by discussion-session that lasted for an hour after the hour-long lecture. Students found the lecture quite related to their course curriculum and reflective in nature too. In her lecture, Prof. Gore touched upon the points like the relevance of logic in legal education and profession, that is based on rational principles, Importance of the understanding of inductive and deductive methods, the reasons of logical fallacies, skills to recognize, frame and evaluate the arguments etc. Students shared their doubts and observations with Prof. Gore in a quite engaging and analytical way.

Guest Lecture - Theorising Un-touchability by Prof. Ramesh Kamble

Prof. Ramesh Kamble, an eminent scholar of a comparative study on Dalit Politics in India and New Race Theory, and Professor- Dept. of Sociology, University of Mumbai, Mumbai delivered a guest lecture on the topic- *Theorizing Un-Touchability* on Saturday, August 06, 2016 to B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) / Trimester-I students of School of Law (SOL) as a part of Course Conduct Module of Political Science-I (Political Theory) paper. In his lecture, Prof. Kamble reflected over the idea of (Constitutional) Equality and the gaps existing in Indian social

milieu. He emphasized over the fact that a large part of Indian society is still discriminated and fails to live a dignified life, even after having a great constitutional design and after completing six decades of Indian republican democracy.

As the budding lawyers, Prof. Kamble appealed to the students to be the *avant-garde* of social change in India. Much has changed for good and promised us a more liberal and egalitarian life, still we need to go a long to ensure the dignity, economic empowerment and non-discrimination to a large section of Indian people. Prof. Kamble contextualized the Manual Scavenging Prohibition and Rehabilitation Act, 2014 and Slovak Zizek's Philosophy of Shit in theorizing untouchability. The lecture was followed by a discussion session that continued for almost an hour. The session was well received by the students.



Guest Lecture for Writ Jurisdiction of Supreme Court of India

By Prof. Homer D. Pithawala

Prof. Homer D. Pithawala, is a distinguished Professor of Law with Government Law College, Mumbai and has an experience of more than four decades in academia. He has been a pioneer in legal education and has a strong hold on constitutional and commercial laws.

Prof. Pithawala delivered a talk on Writ Jurisdiction of Supreme Court to first year students. He initially explained the concept of jurisdiction and stressed on jurisdiction of Supreme Court to students. He dwelled on the concept of different types of writs and the difference between the Writ Jurisdiction of High Court and Supreme Court. He also explained the concept of Public Interest Litigation and the concept of *Locus Standi*.

Prof. Pithawala also educated us on the significance of exclusion of rule of *Locus Standi* with the help of landmark cases. Given, his vast experience and expertise on the subject, the lecture was extremely insightful for the students on the chosen subject.

Guest Session: The Meaning of Justice by Hon'ble Justice Roshan Dalvi

Justice Roshan Dalvi is a retired Judge of the Bombay High Court. Justice Dalvi has been actively involved in the academia through various guest lectures and speeches in academic institutions.

Justice Dalvi addressed the third year students of B.A. and B.B.A. LLB on "Future Interpretation of Statutes" on September 14, 2016. Justice Dalvi through her guest lecture focused on how the meaning of Justice develops according to the interpretation. She highlighted the need of Interpretation of Procedural statutes in such a manner that it enhances case management and not result in case mismanagement. She emphasized on Sound Case Management which would necessitate an expeditious disposal upon due hearing which is the need of the hour.

Guest talk delivered by Justice Roshan Dalvi was extremely insightful and educative for the students, given her vast experience in the field of law.



Fitoor – Cultural Committee @ SOL

Trimester – IV has been very enthralling for "fitoor", the cultural committee.

The committee broadcasted the message to participate in the "National Youth Poetry Slam" in the month of July, and a good amount of participation was seen.

The committee is pleased to inform about the large no. of participation in "Umang '16" and "Malhar '16" which were organised from 14 Aug to 17 Aug. A huge contingent of School of

Law participated in various number of events that were organised in both the college festivals. **Evanshi Garg of BBA LLB won "complete corporate" event of Umang '16.**

"Drama Club" has been formed to initiate and foster theatre skills and dramatics in students. The club will consist of 8-10 members at its core and there would be no limit for the associate members. Auditions for the same were conducted in the assistance of the faculty in-charge and the head of the committee.

Other than the above mentioned, the committee is planning to celebrate "TEACHER'S DAY" on **8th September**, celebration would include talent showcase in various cultural events like singing, dancing and other co-curricular activities.

Not forgetting the introductory event of the cultural committee which indeed, was a huge success, "NO OFFENCE" this year will be conducted on **10th September**. Amidst all the internal assessment and submissions, the committee with the same enthusiasm, will organise the event which would follow the rules and regulations followed last year.

Debate Society @ SOL brings you the ultimate Debating Experience:

Ever heard of football/cricket league matches? Of course. Who hasn't? Now imagine that with a twist: a league match in debating. Yes, that's what the DEBATE PREMIER LEAGUE (popularly referred to as DPL), is all about. A Debate Society initiative, the DPL will be held from 3rd September to the 6th September. The League consists of six squads (names of squads if any) comprising of six speakers and three adjudicators competing with each other in five rounds of match ups. DPL will follow a 3 v 3 Asian Parliamentary Debate format and will be co-ordinated by Sharodiya Chowdhury and Rishabh Iyer. Just like any other league match, captains 'lobby' for squad members from all the four years. A parallel adjudication test will be conducted for adjudicators not part of any squad. The winning team gets a trophy, many congratulations (goes unsaid, doesn't it?) and the title of the coolest debating team in college.

P.S. If you are wondering which stadium DPL will be held at, strike out Wankhede Stadium or any other stadium off your list. It's in college.

Sports Committee @ SOL

The events conducted in the past have seen an excellent participation from the students, hence we strive to better ourselves every event. This year again the Sports Committee is coming up with a 2-day Intra College Sports Fest (Table Tennis, Carrom, Chess, Basketball & Indoor Cricket) on 9th and 10th of October. Therefore we expect participation from every class so that this event can be a greater success story than the previous event. Looking forward to see you all on the field!

ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMMITTEE

Entrepreneurship is the fastest emerging trend in the 21st century. There has been a shift of mentality from opting for a corporate job to starting one's own business. Law is no exception to this. Young lawyers opening up their own firm or e-portals like "Lawoctopus" and "Legally India" are perfect examples of law and entrepreneurship working together successfully. The Entrepreneurship Committee aims at promoting this entrepreneurial spirit amongst the students of SOL. This committee is unique, as it is very career oriented and can have a direct impact on the lives of the students. The committee presents to the students, the lucrative opportunities offered by the NMIMS university which can help students to launch their own start-ups with full financial and technical support. Further by holding events like B-Plan Competitions and E-Summits inside the college, the Committee will ensure promotion and facilitation of entrepreneurial spirit and ideas amongst the students of SOL.

CENTRE FOR CORPORATE LAWS: Learning and Practice (CCLP)

Corporate Law is one of the most renowned fields of law, and one that several students at NMIMS School of Law have shown a keen interest in. It is this very passion of the students that would act as a driving force for the Center and Prof. Sunil George, our Faculty In-Charge. The Center would, therefore, strive to create an environment of learning by way of acquainting the students with the various facets, awareness and application of corporate laws.

Centre of Environment - Learning and Advocacy (CELA)

As the law makers of the nation gave utmost importance to the protection of Environment, by inserting Article 48a and 51A(g) in the Constitution of India, similarly with the utmost concern

towards the protection of Environment, the NMIMS, School of Law, as an institution also started off with a Centre for Environment – Learning & Advocacy ('CELA'). The centre aims to contribute by strategic level interventions like engaging in policy level inputs, assisting Pollution control Boards, NGOs, etc.

The centre shall also focus on time to time organizing seminars, guest lectures and awareness programme to spread the word about the importance of environment and its conservation. Thus, the centre will take worthy steps towards awareness about the surrounding environment and protection of the mother Earth!

Centre for Criminal Justice

Another endeavour of SVKM's NMIMS School of Law is the establishment of the centre for Criminal Justice. The centre will aim to provide advance knowledge on the administration of justice and on the nature of criminal behaviour. CCJ will aim to provide the students not only legal education but also the exposure to the society for better understanding of criminal justice system, bottlenecks in its effective implementation and related developmental issues. The center will aim at initiating various research programs for advancing the research capabilities of the student and also organizing various activities for ensuring the active participation of students.

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CENTRE FOR LAW AND HUMANITIES (IRCL&H)

IRCL&H mainly aims to focus on various approaches to the study of law in society, which critically examines the interaction between laws – legal and non-legal institutions. It is intended to develop the appreciation of law as a social phenomenon by utilizing various research tools to arrive at possible solutions. With IRCL&H, researchers can actively engage in critical discourse and intervention strategies with respect to law and society.

IRCL&H will include interdisciplinary research in political science, sociology, economics, communication, literature, linguistics, gender studies and psychology. It intends to focus on academic research by evaluating the impact of legal rules and its influence in society.



'LAWYERED'

Mark Twain notes...

"It is interesting to note that criminals have multiplied of late, and lawyers have also; but I repeat myself."

This is supposedly a TRUE news story. I have my doubts, but you decide....

A lawyer in Charlotte, NC purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against fire among other things. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed a claim with the insurance company.

In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires." The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason: that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The lawyer sued....and won! In delivering the ruling the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be "unacceptable fire," and was obligated to pay the claim. Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000.00 to the lawyer for his loss of the rare cigars lost in the "fires."

But... After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000.00 fine.

(Source: swapmeetdave.com)





- ✍ Call for Papers: RMLNLU Law Review, Volume 7: Submit by October 28
- ✍ Call for Papers: RGNUL's CASIHR Journal on Human Rights Practice: Submit by Oct 30
- ✍ Call for Papers: National Law School Journal 2015-16: Submit by Oct 31
- ✍ Call for Papers: MATS University Law Journal, Volume 1 Issue 2: Submit by October 31

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- ✍ Call for Papers: National Law School of India Review, Vol. 29 (1): Submit by Nov 1
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- ✍ Call for Papers: IMS Unison University's Pragyaan- Journal of Law: Submit by Nov 15

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