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Dean's Message



Dr Kiran Dennis Gardner

I am delighted to present the second issue of our newsletter, "*Lex Insight*". This edition provides a glimpse into the various activities conducted at the School of Law, reflecting our continuous efforts to offer a holistic education to our students.

Throughout this term, we have organized a variety of events designed to enhance students' skills and knowledge. The *Crime Scene Investigation* event provided students with the opportunity to sharpen their analytical and reasoning skills, while the *International Conference* offered a platform for them to network and gain insights into different aspects of law.

Our *Intra-School Debate* and *Moot Court Competition* were aimed at improving students' research, advocacy, and presentation abilities. Additionally, the *Legal Services Clinic* workshop introduced students to critical issues such as acid attacks, senior citizens' rights, and labor welfare concerns.

We also had the privilege of attending the *IV Data Protection Summit* at Flipkart, where both students and faculty engaged with cutting-edge developments in data protection law. Strengthening the link between academia and industry is an integral part of our strategy to enhance students' understanding of the requirements and demands of the legal industry.

I look forward to continuing this journey of excellence and providing our students with opportunities to excel in every facet of law.

I hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter. We would be happy to receive your constructive feedback. You can reach out to us on: newsletter-law@dsu.edu.in

Happy Reading!

Dr Kiran Dennis Gardner
Professor & Dean,
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About School of Law

School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University (DSU), a private university established in 2014, is home to a first of its kind innovation-centered law school in the heart of India's Silicon City, Bengaluru. The University builds on the rich legacy of the Dayananda Sagar Institution (DSI) which was founded in the 1960s. DSI currently houses 18,000 students across several disciplines. Located in Bangalore, the School of Law draws from not only the vast interdisciplinary resources of the University but also those of the city itself, affording students incomparable industry exposure. Our students will complete their legal training fully equipped to step into their roles as lawyers of the new age.

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Forensic Insight and Analytical Rigor: Crime Scene Investigation Competition at Dayananda Sagar University

On the 9th of November, 2024, the School of Law at Dayananda Sagar University convened a meticulously orchestrated Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Competition. This intellectually stimulating event drew participation from thirteen teams, each demonstrating exceptional forensic insight and analytical rigor. Set against the intriguing backdrop of a murder at a resort during an alumni convocation, the competition tasked participants with a scenario that included a complex narrative, suspect profiles with credible motives, and dispersed key evidential pieces.

Participants engaged in intensive suspect interrogation, detailed scene analysis, and the synthesis of clues to construct cogent investigative narratives. The adjudication process was overseen by a distinguished panel including Assistant Professors Ms. Sakshi Mehta, Ms. Arifa Choudhury, and Mr. Sanjay Utaygi, who evaluated the presentations on the basis of logical integration, investigative methodology, and clarity of reporting.

The collaboration of Richard, K. Karthik, and Benantion was particularly lauded for their analytical prowess and strategic reasoning, earning them the competition's top honors. Additionally, Mohd Rayaan received the Best Suspect Award for his compelling portrayal that significantly elevated the investigative challenge posed to participants.

Under the coordination of Ms. Arifa Choudhury, Mr. Nithin Rajeev, and Ms. Shivani Dutta, the event transcended traditional academic exercises, fostering critical analytical skills, collaborative problem-solving, and advanced communication. The CSI Competition's success not only reflects the exacting standards of its organizers but also sets a precedent for future events designed to challenge and engage the brightest academic minds.



Crime Scene Investigation Competition: Unveiling the Detective in Law Students

International Conference on Global Legal Challenges in the Transforming Society (GLC-2024)

Hosted by the School of Law at Dayananda Sagar University, the **GLC-2024 conference** united preeminent legal scholars, practitioners, and academics from India and abroad to address critical legal challenges in a globalizing world. The event featured 76 research papers by delegates from 16 Indian states and three international experts, including **Dr. Samantha Spence** from Staffordshire University, **Professor James Treadwell**, and **Bhavna Mahadew** from the **University of Technology, Mauritius**, enriching the discourse with diverse global perspectives.

The conference commenced with the ceremonial lamp lighting, followed by the unveiling of the first edition of the **Lex Insights** newsletter, led by **Dr. Prasanta Moharaj** and **Prof. Arifa Sultana Choudhury**, under the guidance of **Prof. Dr. Kiran Dennis Gardner**. Additionally, the conference unveiled the book titled **Lex Progressio**, which comprises selected papers presented by researchers at the

event coordinated by **Dr. Sheikh Inam Ul Mansoor** and other esteemed faculty members of the school under the guidance of **prof. Dr Kiran Dennis Gardner**.

Keynote speeches were delivered by the Chief Guest, the Honourable **Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar, Former Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court**, and the **Guest of Honour, Mr. Thaj Mathew, Vice President and General Counsel at Honeywell**. They emphasized the necessity of evolving legal frameworks to effectively address the intersections of technology, environment, and human rights.

All faculty members of the School of Law actively participated in the event, playing pivotal roles in hosting, facilitating discussions, and managing significant logistical arrangements. This collective effort ensured the conference not only facilitated scholarly exchange but also set the stage for future discourse on law in an interconnected world. The event's coordination was expertly handled by **Dr. Sheikh Inam Ul Mansoor and Prof. Shivani Dutta**, ensuring a seamless and productive exchange of ideas. **GLC-2024** served not only as a platform for scholarly exchange but also as a crucible for shaping the future discourse of law in a globalized society.





Constitution Day 2024: A Reverent Celebration of Justice, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity

On November 26, 2024, the School of Law at Dayananda Sagar University marked **Constitution Day** with a profoundly intellectual program designed to deepen the understanding of the Indian Constitution's tenets. Organized under the expert guidance of **Prof. Bharath K M, Assistant Professor of Political Science and NSS Coordinator**, the event provided a reflective platform for law students to consider the Constitution's ongoing impact on India's legal and political realms.

The proceedings began with an inaugural address by **Prof. Bharath K M**, who underscored the importance of the day in reinforcing democratic values. **Jnanashree**, a first-year B.A., LL.B. student, delivered a compelling presentation on the historical genesis and critical role of the Constitution in shaping the governance and jurisprudence of India.

Dr. Kiran Dennis Gardner, Dean of the School of Law, then delivered an inspiring speech focusing on the Preamble as the cornerstone of the Constitution, urging students to embody and champion its fundamental values. The highlight of the event was a collective oath-taking on the Preamble, led by **Prof. Bharath K M**, which saw participants pledge to uphold **principles of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity**.

The event drew to a close with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of all involved, from planners to participants. This celebration not only emphasized the intrinsic role of law students in fostering a just society but also served as a testament to the enduring relevance of the Constitution in contemporary legal education. The event's seamless execution was credited to the meticulous coordination by **Prof. Bharath K M.**



Celebration of Constitution Day 2024 at DSU's School of Law

Intra-School Debate Competition 2024: Fostering Intellectual Excellence at DSU School of Law

The **Debate and Literary Society** of the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, successfully organized an **Intra-School Debate Competition** on **November 26, 2024**, showcasing the intellectual engagement and oratory prowess of its students. The event thrived under the steadfast support of **Prof. (Dr.) Kiran Dennis Gardner, Dean of the School of Law**, whose dedication to promoting academic excellence was pivotal.

The competition, expertly coordinated by **Dr. Prasanta Moharaj**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, exemplified seamless execution and thoughtful planning. A distinguished panel comprising **Dr. Gajendra N, Shantanu Pachahara, Shivani Dutta, and Dr. Sheikh** adjudicated the debates, ensuring fairness and rigorous evaluation.

Six dynamic teams of 12 participants debated critical topics, including **Climate Change and Internet Ban**, in a fiercely competitive environment. **Mr. Glen (1st year LL.B.) and Ms. Tanisha (1st year B.A. LL.B.)** emerged as **Winners**, demonstrating exceptional strategic and oratory skills. **Mr. Farjad and Ms. Hifza (1st year B.A. LL.B.)** were **Runners-Up**, while **Ms. Tanisha** also secured the **Best Speaker Award**, and **Mr. Farjad** earned the **Best Rebuttal Award** for their incisive arguments.

Special recognition goes to **Ms. Farheen Taj, President of the Society**, and the dedicated team members for their efforts in making the event a success. This competition reinforced the School's commitment to fostering a vibrant academic community.





Debate competition participants and winners

Nurturing Legal Excellence: Intra-Moot Court Competition 2024 at DSU

On November 30, 2024, the **School of Law at Dayananda Sagar University (DSU)** held its **Intra-Moot Court Competition**, which centered on the topics of **Consumer Protection and Constitutional Law**. The goal of this yearly event was to improve students' advocacy abilities, legal knowledge, and teamwork while also giving them hands-on experience in courtroom processes. The competition was met with great enthusiasm, as students participated in rigorous legal research, accurate drafting, and articulate oral arguments. The event, which was evaluated by professional faculty members, focused on important evaluation criteria, including case analysis, plan design, and presentation.

Kartik Kumar (6th Semester, LL.B.) was given the **Best Speaker** award, and **Pallavi (4th Semester, B.A. LL.B.)** received the **Best Researcher** honor. **Siva Shivani, Anoka, and Sindhu Shree (4th Semester, Integrated & Unitary LL.B.)** were awarded the **Best Memorial Award** for their work, which was notable for its clarity and correctness. **Ishita, Kartik Kumar, and Chaitanya's** team won, demonstrating outstanding courtroom manners and logical thinking. **Team 017**, which includes **Chitrashree A. Acharya, Farjad Sareer, and Pallavi**, won the **Runners-Up** title with their persuasive argument.

Dr. Sheikh Inam Ul Mansoor and **Mr. Nithin Rajeev** organized the event, which reinforced DSU's commitment to providing students with a forum to develop their legal competence and professional brilliance.



Intra-Moot Court Competition at School of Law, DSU

Spreading Festive Cheer: Christmas Celebration at DSU School of Law

On December 22, 2024, the **School of Law at Dayananda Sagar University** captured the festive essence of the season with a heartwarming **Christmas Celebration**. The event, skillfully orchestrated by **Ms. Sakshi Mehta**, united faculty members in a display of camaraderie and festive cheer, ensuring an occasion both memorable and vibrant.

The centerpiece of the festivities was the delightful **Secret Santa gift exchange**. Faculty members embraced the spirit of Santa Claus, exchanging gifts in a manner that not only spread joy but also

reinforced the core **values of Christmas—kindness, generosity, and community spirit**. The unveiling of these personalized gifts brought bursts of laughter and joy, creating lasting memories among colleagues.

The celebration continued with an evening tea party, an ideal setting for warmth and lively discussions. This gathering allowed faculty members to share festive stories and reflect on the academic year's achievements, strengthening interpersonal bonds in a relaxed and meaningful atmosphere.

This event not only embodied the spirit of Christmas but also underscored the School of Law's dedication to nurturing a supportive and congenial work environment. It served as a poignant reminder of the importance of unity and gratitude, leaving everyone inspired to carry the festive spirit forward into the New Year.



Joyful Christmas Celebration at DSU School of Law with Secret Santa gift exchange

Empowering Legal Perspectives: Workshop by the Legal Aid Clinic, School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University

On January 17, 2025, the **Legal Aid Clinic** of the **School of Law at Dayananda Sagar University (DSU)** hosted a pivotal **workshop** aimed at orienting law students towards the **Pan-India Zonal Reel Making & Short Film Competition**. This event, organized by **NALSA** under three distinctive themes, was expertly coordinated by **Ms. Shivani Dutta** and **Mr. Sanjay Uthaygi**. The practical component involved creating reels and videos to enhance awareness among workers and employees. The workshop, which attracted **38 enthusiastic law students**, delved into three significant legal themes:

A. NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016: Led by **Ms. Stency Maria Mark**, this session addressed the unique challenges and opportunities presented by India's growing senior citizen population. The discussion encompassed constitutional provisions and legal frameworks tailored to protect senior citizens, such as the **Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956**, **Muslim Personal Laws**, and the newly introduced **Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023**. A focal point of the session was **the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007**, particularly its key protective provisions. Additionally, the role of legal service clinics and various governmental initiatives aimed at safeguarding senior citizens' rights and interests was thoroughly explored.



Session conducted by Prof. Stency Maria Mark

B. NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of Acid Attacks) Scheme, 2016: Prof. Shantanu Pachahara facilitated a compelling session on the legal and social dimensions of acid attacks under the **NALSA scheme**. He highlighted the disturbing increase in acid attacks, often motivated by gender-based violence and dowry disputes, and discussed their severe impacts, such as physical disfigurement and significant financial strain on victims. The session also covered the enhancements in legal responses, including the **Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013**, which introduced stricter penalties and mandated compensation. Prof. Pachahara emphasized the scheme's commitment to providing free legal aid, medical support, and raising awareness while enhancing stakeholder capacity to support acid attack victims effectively.



Session conducted by Prof. Shantanu Pachahara

C. NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganised Sector) Scheme, 2015: Prof. (Dr.) Heena Ghanshyam Patoli led an informative session focused on the **National Legal Services Authority's scheme for unorganized sector workers**. She provided an extensive overview of the scheme's goals to institutionalize crucial legal services for all unorganized workers. The session aimed to spread knowledge among workers about their rights under existing legislation, and to offer counseling and assistance, thereby empowering them to advocate for their entitlements effectively.



Session conducted by Prof. (Dr.) Heena Ghanshyam Patoli

Faculty Corner

Faculty Development Programs (FDP)

5th FDP

As part of FDP, **Prof. Sakshi Mehta** delivered a presentation on 25th of January 2025 on “**India's Data Privacy and Protection Bill, 2019, the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, and the Draft Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025**”. It highlighted the key differences among the various legislations and their impact on individuals, businesses, and the Indian digital economy. It further explored the key differences in regulatory approaches, compliance requirements, user rights, and business obligations. Additionally, the presentation highlighted the broader implications of these changes on **individual privacy, corporate data governance, and India's digital economy**, assessing how these regulations align with global standards and impact cross-border data flows.



Shaping the Future of Data Privacy: Insights from Flipkart's 4th Data Privacy Summit

Flipkart's 4th Data Privacy Summit, held on International Data Privacy Day, January 27, 2025, underscored the importance of privacy in the digital age. This invitation-only event, organized in collaboration with the DPO Club and hosted by Flipkart's Privacy Team, took place at Flipkart's Bengaluru headquarters. It attracted over 300 participants, including students from Dayananda Sagar University and industry professionals.

The summit was inaugurated by key figures such as Trey Brown, Keshav Dhakad, and Vinayak Godse, setting the stage for a deep dive into the latest privacy challenges and innovations. Dr. Kiran Dennis Gardner, Dean of the School of Law at Dayananda Sagar University, featured prominently in the panel discussion titled “Implementing and Enforcing the DPDP Rules: Navigating the Challenges Ahead.” Alongside other experts, Dr. Gardner explored critical topics such as AI governance and ethical data handling.

Key takeaways from the event emphasized the necessity of 'Privacy by Design' and 'Security by Design' principles, and the complexities of the DPDP Act. The sessions facilitated robust discussions, with open Q&A segments allowing for dynamic exchanges. Networking breaks further enabled attendees to connect and share insights, reinforcing a collaborative approach to privacy challenges.



Faculty Achievement

Dr. Prasanta Moharaj, Assistant Professor of Sociology, DSU

Research Paper: Dr. Prasanta Moharaj Assistant Professor of Sociology at the SoL, DSU has published an insightful research paper titled “*The Significance of Community Engagement in Achieving India’s Carbon Sink Target*” in the prestigious **Economic and Political Weekly (EPW)**, a Scopus-indexed Q2 category journal on December 2024.

Research Grant: Dr. Moharaj, has also been awarded a prestigious research grant from the **Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Education, Government of India!** Dr. Moharaj will serve as a Co-Project Director on the ground-breaking research project titled: “**Evaluation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Enhancing Community Health and Economic Prosperity: Evidence from Selected Indian States.**” The project

brings together a dynamic team of esteemed researchers like Dr. Suresh Kumar Patra (Central University of Rajasthan), Dr. Dibakar Sahoo (Banaras Hindu University), and Prof. Aparajita Biswal (Rama Devi Women's University).



Professor Arifa Sultana Choudhary, Assistant Professor of Law, DSU

International Seminar Presentation: Professor Arifa Sultana Choudhary, along with Professor Nithin Rajeev, Assistant Professor of Law at DSU, co-presented a seminal paper at the two-day **international seminar** organized by **ICERP, CUSAT in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission** from January 22nd – 23rd, 2025. Their research, under the theme "**Protection of Copyright in Cyberspace: Global Management Models for Regulating IP on the Internet,**" delved into the complex dynamics of copyright law within the realm of social media—a landscape where platforms like Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok both empower creators and challenge traditional notions of fair use and intellectual property enforcement. Their work critically examines the imperative to balance IP rights with the need for innovation in a digitally driven era.

Virtual Faculty Development Programme: From January 10th to 14th, 2025, **Prof. Choudhary** participated in a 5-Day **Virtual Faculty Development Programme** organized by **KETAS Ed. Foundation & World Cyber Security Forum** in collaboration with **Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar**. This intensive programme addressed the nuances of cyber law, digital forensics, data privacy, and emerging cybersecurity challenges, offering participants a deep dive into the latest developments and strategies in cyber legal studies. The knowledge gained is poised to significantly bolster her teaching and research capabilities, particularly in navigating evolving cyber threats and legal frameworks.

Accepted Abstract for International Conference: The abstract titled "**Bridging the Gap in Justice: Advocating Gender Neutrality in Sexual Offense Laws**" by **Prof. Choudhary** has been accepted for presentation at the **International Conference on Emerging Issues in Criminal Law**, scheduled for March 21st–23rd, 2025. This critical piece of research evaluates the pressing need for gender-neutral sexual crime laws, scrutinizing global legal frameworks, societal challenges, and the broader human rights implications. Her work is dedicated to addressing legal disparities and advocating for reforms that ensure comprehensive justice for all victims of sexual offenses, thereby contributing to the global discourse on gender justice and legal inclusivity.



Professor Bharath K M, Assistant Professor of Political Science, SoL, DSU

Leadership in International Conferences: Professor Bharath K M, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, distinguished himself by serving as the Co-Chair for a session on Human Rights Law at the International Conference on Global Legal Challenges in the Transforming Society (GLC-2024). This significant event was held on November 23, 2024, and organized by the School of Law, underscoring his pivotal role in shaping global legal discourse.

On November 29, 2024, **Professor Bharath** was invited as a guest speaker by the Rotaract Club, Bangalore Aagneya, to enlighten attendees on the Indian Constitution. His profound expertise and passion for constitutional law earned him a Token of Gratitude, recognizing his outstanding dedication and ability to engage and inspire his audience.

Demonstrating his commitment to the academic integrity and operational excellence of **Dayananda Sagar University**, **Prof. Bharath** was appointed as the Examination Coordinator for the Odd Semester Examinations (December 2024 - January 2025) at the School of Law. His role was crucial in ensuring the smooth conduct and high standards of the examination process.

Furthering his dedication to academic excellence, **Prof. Bharath participated** in a "5-Day Faculty Development Program on Advanced Research Methods & Data Analysis," from January 20th to 24th, 2025. This program, organized by the School of Commerce and Management Studies at **Dayananda Sagar University, Bengaluru**, enhanced his skills in cutting-edge research methodologies and sophisticated data analysis techniques.



Prof. Nithin Rajeev, Assistant Professor of Law, DSU

International Recognition: Prof. Nithin Rajeev, Assistant Professor of Law at Dayananda Sagar University, has been honored with the acceptance of his paper, "**Cultural Appropriation of Social Movements**," at the **Scopus Indexed International Conference on Law and Social Sciences**. This prestigious event, organized by the **International Institute of Justice and Police Sciences and The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University**, will take place online from March 29-30, 2025, showcasing cutting-edge research in law and social sciences.

Expert Panelist: On January 26, 2025, Prof. Rajeev lent his expertise as a guest speaker at a panel discussion on "**Unpaid Care Labour in India**," organized by the **Gender Studies Committee of the School of Law, Christ University**. His insights contributed significantly to the discourse on gender equity and labor recognition in the Indian context.

International Seminar Presentation: Alongside Prof. Arifa, Prof. Rajeev presented a co-authored paper on the "**Changing Dimensions of Copyright Law in Social Media Platforms**" at an **international seminar**. This event, focused on "**Protection of Copyright in Cyberspace: Global Management Models for Regulating IP on the Internet**," was held on January 22-23, 2025, and organized by **ICERP, CUSAT** in collaboration with the **National Human Rights Commission**.

Research Publication: Prof. Rajeev's research paper, "**Balancing Innovation and Farmers' Rights: The 2001 Plant Varieties Act and Its Impact on Indian Agriculture**," has been accepted for publication in the **Journal on the Development of Intellectual Property and Research (JDIPR)**. This paper, slated for publication on January 31, 2025, explores the nuanced interactions between agricultural innovation and farmers' rights, marking a significant contribution to **intellectual property research** in the agricultural sector.

**Achievement of Prof. Sakshi Mehta, Assistant Prof. of Law, SoL**

- Prof. Sakshi have judged the Preliminary and Quarter-Final rounds of the 4th National Moot Court Competition hosted by Presidency University Bangalore from 15th-17th November, 2024.

- She also participated in the Five-Day National Faculty Development Programme, held from 26th to 30th November 2024 on “Research Structuring & Publication Process”, organized by the National Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development (NFED).
- Prof. Sakshi have recently completed the Virtual Faculty Development Programme on "Teaching Tech Laws in India" hosted by Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar (GNLU), World Cyber Security Forum, and KETAS Education Foundation from 10th-14th January, 2025.



Spotlight on Faculty Engagement: Dr. Heena Patoli at the 65th Annual Indian Society of Labour Economics Conference

Professor Dr. Heena Patoli, a distinguished member of the School of Law at Dayananda Sagar University, marked a significant academic presence at the 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics. Held on January 9-10, 2025, in Bangalore, this prestigious event was organized in collaboration with the Labour Department, Government of Karnataka, and the Institute of Social and Economic Change.

The conference served as a platform for vibrant discussions on several themes pertinent to labor economics, with a special focus on the implementation of the New Labour Codes. **Dr. Patoli** engaged deeply in these discussions, contributing her insights and expertise, particularly on how these new codes are set to reshape the landscape of labor laws in India. Her participation not only highlighted her commitment to academic excellence but also reinforced Dayananda Sagar University's role in shaping contemporary legal and economic policies.



Students Corner

Exceptional Initiative by Ms. Farheen Taj, BA LLB

On November 17, 2024, **Ms. Farheen Taj**, a student of the BA LLB program at Dayananda Sagar University, showcased her leadership in the "**Hands for Society**" initiative. This project successfully engaged over 100 children in the creation of more than 1,250 eco-friendly paper bags using waste newspaper. Farheen played a pivotal role, collaborating effectively with other team leaders to promote sustainability, teamwork, and community service. This initiative not only contributed significantly to environmental conservation but also highlighted the importance of community engagement in promoting sustainable practices. Farheen's proactive involvement in this project exemplifies the spirit of initiative and leadership encouraged at DSU, underscoring her commitment to societal betterment and environmental stewardship.



Farheen Taj leads the eco-friendly paper bag initiative

Mr. Farjad Sareer's Commendable Achievement in Republic Day Debate Competition

Mr. Farjad Sareer, a distinguished student from the BALLB program at the School of Law, achieved commendable success by securing the position of first runner-up in an online debate competition. This esteemed event was organized by the Student Affairs department of Dayananda Sagar University (DSU) on January 25, 2025, as part of the Republic Day celebrations at the Innovation Campus. The competition highlighted the critical thinking and eloquent argumentation skills of participants, and Mr. Sareer's performance was a testament to his academic rigor and proficiency in law and public discourse.



Farjaad Sareer during online Debate Competition

Achievement of Ms. Nupur in National Volleyball Championship

Ms. Nupur, a student of the BBA LLB program at the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University (DSU), clinched first place in the National Volleyball Championship held in Uttar Pradesh, an event orchestrated by the Youth Games Education Federation of India. This prestigious victory has not only highlighted her exceptional athletic prowess but also secured her qualification for an upcoming international tournament in **Malaysia**, scheduled for **April 2025**. This accomplishment underscores her dedication and skill in the realm of sports, setting a promising stage for her participation on the international level.



Nupu's Participation in National Volleyball Championship

Legal Updates

- 1. If A Intends To Kill B But Mistakenly Kills C, Intention To Kill C Is Attributed To A: Supreme Court Explains 'Transmigration Of Motive'**- The Supreme Court recently observed that Section 301 of the IPC (Culpable homicide by causing the death of a person other than the person whose death was intended) reflects the doctrine of transfer of malice or the transmigration of motive. Explaining this provision, the Court said that culpable homicide may be committed even if the offender causes the death of a person he did not intend. Provided that the killing takes place while doing an act which the offender intended.
- 2. Bombay High Court lifts part of Pidilite's trademark injunction on Astra Chemtech**- The Bombay High Court has lifted part of an injunction in a trademark dispute between Pidilite Industries Limited and Astra Chemtech Private Limited, ruling that Pidilite misled the court while obtaining the order. Justice Manish Pitale, in an order on February 6, 2025, found that Pidilite knowingly made misleading statements about Astra Chemtech's registered trademark to secure an ex-parte injunction on October 24, 2024. The court vacated the injunction related to Astra Chemtech's six-rhino trademark but upheld restrictions on the use of the "SH" trademark.
- 3. Supreme Court relief for Discovery India staff amid threat from Asaram's followers**- The Supreme Court on 6th February, 2025 issued a notice on a plea filed by TV broadcaster Discovery Communications India and some of its employees, asking Delhi Police to provide protection to them. The petitioners had approached the Supreme Court, alleging threats and intimidation from

supporters, fans, and devotees of disgraced godman Asaram Bapu, who was convicted in a rape case and is currently out on bail, and sought protection. A bench led by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna also requested the police authorities in the concerned states to protect the right of the petitioners to use their offices and ensure that no criminal intimidation or physical harm is meted out to them.

4. **Karti Chidambaram moves Delhi High Court to quash fresh CBI case over Diageo Scotland bribery-** The CBI has accused Chidambaram, Congress leader and Sivaganga Member of Parliament (MP), of taking bribe from Diageo Scotland in exchange for lifting a liquor import ban in 2005, when his father, P Chidambaram was the Union Finance Minister. The plea by Chidambaram came up for hearing on Thursday before Justice Vikas Mahajan. However, Chidambaram's lawyer sought adjournment citing unavailability of the arguing counsel in the matter. The same was allowed and the matter was posted for hearing on April 16. Chidambaram has been booked by CBI for offences under Section 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 420 (cheating) of the Indian Penal Code and for offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act. Chidambaram is also an accused in Aircel-Maxis case, INX Media case and Chinese Visa case.
5. **'Debt Has Been Recovered Multiple Times Over': Vijay Mallya Approaches Karnataka HC Seeking Information On Total Amount Recovered By Banks-** The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday (February 5) issued notice to banks on a petition filed by fugitive liquor baron Vijay Mallya, seeking a direction to the former to provide a statement of accounts for the amounts owed by him, United Breweries Holdings Limited (in liquidation) and other certificate debtors.
6. **Too Vague': Karnataka High Court Rejects PIL For Inquiry Against Legislators Over Alleged Disproportionate Assets:** Karnataka High Court on Thursday (February 6) dismissed a public interest litigation filed seeking a direction to Lokayukta to hold enquiry against the MLA, MPs and MLCs whose assets are disproportionate to their known sources of income, by considering the representation made by the petitioner in December 2023.
7. **Sharon Raj murder: Kerala High Court issues notice to State on Greeshma's appeal against death penalty-** The Kerala High Court on Thursday issued notice to the State of Kerala on the appeal filed by Greeshma, the convict sentenced to death for the murder of 23-year-old Thiruvananthapuram resident Sharon Raj. Her appeal challenging the conviction and death sentence was heard by a Bench of Justices **PB Suresh Kumar** and **Jobin Sebastian**. The Bench sought the response of the State to the plea challenging her conviction and death sentence and directed the State to respond to the application filed by her to suspend her death penalty. Pertinently, the Court suspended the three-year jail sentence of Greeshma's uncle Nirmala Kumaran Nair who is a co-accused in the case.

8. **TN Governor devised own procedure; withheld bills despite Punjab verdict: Supreme Court-** The Court while dealing with petitions filed by the Tamil Nadu government against the Governor's refusal to assent to several Bills passed by the State Legislative Assembly, including those concerning the appointment of Vice Chancellors to State Universities, noted that by indefinitely withholding assent to Bills, the Tamil Nadu Governor appeared to have rendered a proviso to Article 200 of the Constitution redundant (where a Bill is sent back by the Governor for reconsideration by the State legislature). In such cases, if the returned Bill is passed again by the State legislature and re-presented to the Governor for assent, the proviso lays down that "*the Governor shall not withhold assent.*" *Tamil Nadu governor seems to have devised his own procedure. He rendered the second part of the proviso redundant by his actions,*" the Court observed today.
9. **Not given a fair hearing by NCLT as counsel was unavailable: Byju's RP tells NCLAT-** Pankaj Srivastava, who was earlier tasked to serve as the Interim Resolution Professional (IRP) in the ongoing insolvency proceedings against ed-tech firm Byju's, has moved an appeal against the order of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) that had called for the initiation of disciplinary proceedings against him. Srivastava has contended that he was not heard properly before the NCLT order against him was passed. He added that the NCLT's order is contrary to established legal norms. According to him, the order contains unreasonable and unfair observations and was passed without affording him a fair opportunity to be heard.
10. **Delhi court summons ED Director over failure to provide legible copies of evidence to PMLA accused-** A Delhi court has summoned the Enforcement Directorate (ED) Director Rahul Navin over the central agency's failure to provide legible copies of documents (evidence) to accused in a case under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Upcoming Events at the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University

The School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, has an exciting line-up of events for November 2024, offering students unique hands-on learning and professional networking opportunities.

❖ Intra Moot Court Competition – 21st and 22nd March:

Students will get the opportunity to practice their argument skills in a mock courtroom environment through the **Intra Moot Court Competition**. To obtain important experience in legal research, drafting, and oral presentation, participants will prepare and deliver arguments before a panel. This activity is

crucial for boosting students' self-esteem and professionalism in legal argumentation and courtroom manners.

❖ *Legal Aid Programme- 22nd February:*

The **School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University**, is organizing a **Legal Aid Program** in **Gottigehalli, Ramnagar District**, to spread legal awareness and provide free legal assistance to the local community. The initiative will focus on educating villagers about their rights, addressing legal concerns related to land disputes, labor laws, and government welfare schemes, and promoting access to justice.

❖ *Internship Workshop- 22nd February and 8th March:*

The **School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University**, is organizing an **Internship Workshop** to guide students on securing internships in top law firms, corporate legal departments, and NGOs. The session will cover application strategies, resume building, and interview preparation to enhance students' professional opportunities.

❖ *Upcoming Workshop on Contract Drafting and Mediation – School of Law, DSU*

The **School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University**, is set to organize an insightful workshop on **Contract Drafting and Mediation**, aimed at equipping students with practical legal drafting skills and dispute resolution techniques. The dates for the event will be announced soon.



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