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## Dean's Message



***Dr Kiran Dennis Gardner***

I am delighted to present the third edition of our newsletter, ***Lex Insight***. This issue offers a snapshot of the vibrant academic and co-curricular activities at the School of Law, underscoring our commitment to providing a well-rounded and dynamic legal education. This term has been eventful, with initiatives designed to enhance students' intellectual, professional, and interpersonal growth. From ***Legal Insights on Social Justice to Grassroots Level Legal Awareness***, our events reflect a deep engagement with both the theoretical and practical dimensions of law. The ***Centre for Corporate and Commercial Law*** event and sessions on ***Contract Drafting & Negotiation*** bridged classroom learning with industry expectations, while our ***Webinar by the Centre for Cyber Legal Excellence*** addressed emerging legal challenges in the digital space. We also celebrated important milestones such as ***Women's Day*** and the ***Empowering Women Through Sports*** initiative, which highlighted the intersection of gender, law, and empowerment. Our students took the lead in community outreach through the ***Consumer Rights Rally*** and various ***Legal Awareness Programs***. Skill development remained a key focus, with activities such as the ***Soft Skills Training Program***, the ***Internal Moot Court Competition***, and an ***Interactive Mediation Session by CADR***. The ***Educational Visit to Bangalore Mediation Centre*** and a ***Workshop on Environmental Criminology*** provided practical exposure to pressing contemporary legal issues.

Adding to the holistic experience were engaging activities like ***guest lecture, research publication, Carrom Tournaments***, contributions in the ***Faculty Corner*** and ***Student's Corner***, and ***timely Legal Updates***. We also explored innovation in legal practice through our focus on ***Start-ups and Incubators***. As we continue to foster an environment of excellence, I encourage you to explore this edition and witness the collective efforts of our dedicated faculty and students. We welcome your feedback and suggestions at: [newsletter-law@dsu.edu.in](mailto: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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**Empowering Students with Legal Insights on Social Justice and Welfare Schemes:**

The Legal Aid Clinic of the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, organized a comprehensive workshop on January 17, 2025, aimed at sensitizing law students to critical legal frameworks and national welfare schemes. The session focused on three key social concerns, each addressed by expert faculty members.

Ms. Stency Maria Mark, Assistant Professor, conducted a session on Senior Citizens' Legal Rights, highlighting the NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016, and legal protections under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. She also shed light on constitutional safeguards and policy measures to support the elderly.

Mr. Shantanu Pachahara, Assistant Professor, led the discussion on Victims of Acid Attacks, providing an in-depth overview of the NALSA scheme for acid attack survivors and the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013. The session explored legal, medical, and rehabilitative aspects, including compensation mechanisms.

Prof. (Dr) Heena Patoli, Professor, delivered insights on Workers in the Unorganised Sector, focusing on the NALSA Scheme, 2015. She emphasized the importance of legal awareness and aid in protecting the rights of informal sector workers.

The workshop offered students a holistic view of legal aid's role in fostering social justice and community welfare.





Legal Aid Workshop by School of Law, DSU

### **Promoting Access to Justice Through Grassroots Legal Awareness**

On February 22, 2025, the Legal Services Clinic of the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, conducted a legal awareness program in Gotegahalli village as part of its ongoing commitment to community engagement and access to justice. The initiative aimed to empower residents by educating them on their legal rights, entitlements, and the remedies available under the law.

The program featured interactive sessions designed to address everyday legal challenges faced by the rural community. Topics covered included basic legal rights, government welfare schemes, dispute resolution mechanisms, and the importance of legal literacy in safeguarding individual dignity and social welfare. Students and faculty from the Legal Services Clinic engaged directly with villagers, encouraging dialogue and answering queries in a simplified manner.

This outreach activity served to strengthen the bridge between legal education and public service, while instilling in students a deeper sense of professional responsibility and social consciousness. The session



was well-received by the local community and reinforced the clinic's role as a facilitator of justice at the grassroots level.



Bridging Law and Community | Legal Services Clinic, DSU at Gotegahalli Village



Legal Services Clinic, DSU at City Innovation Campus and Haraholi campus



**Centre for Corporate and Commercial Law, School of Law, DSU**

The Centre for Corporate and Commercial Law, School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, organized an insightful workshop on Trademark Law in India – Prosecution, Practice, and Litigation on 28th February 2025. The session was led by Ms. Geethanjali K.V., an experienced IP professional and Associate at Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan, who brought valuable industry insights to the academic platform.

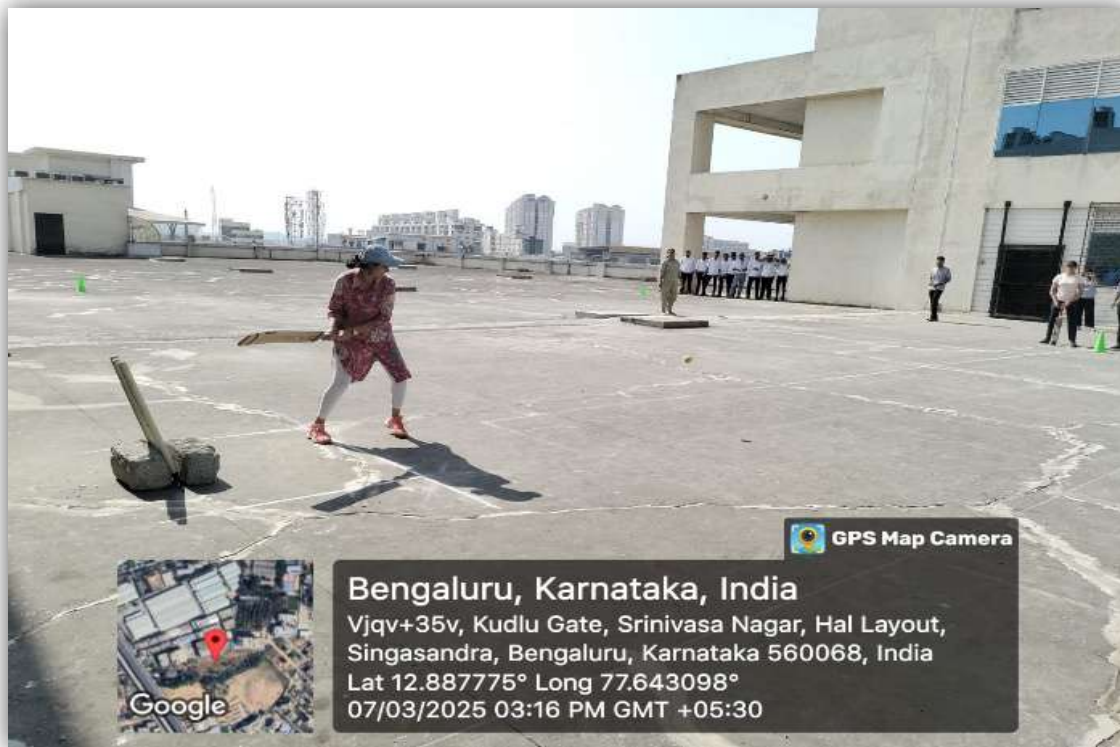
The workshop aimed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of trademark law, covering statutory frameworks, the process of registration, and grounds for refusal—both absolute and relative. Ms. Geethanjali offered practical exposure to trademark prosecution, from filing and examination to final registration. The session also delved into enforcement strategies, addressing critical aspects of trademark infringement and the legal doctrine of passing off.

Interactive discussions and real-world case studies formed a core part of the workshop, helping students connect legal theory with practical application. This initiative successfully enhanced the participants' knowledge and skills in intellectual property law, preparing them for future roles in legal practice and corporate advisory.









DSU School of Law Hosts Women's Cricket League on International Women's Day:

**DSU School of Law Hosts Women's Day on Theme "Accelerate Action"**

On March 10, 2025, the Cultural Committee and NSS Committee of the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, celebrated International Women's Day with vibrant cultural and artistic expressions under the theme "Accelerate Action." The event aimed to honour women's achievements and promote gender equality through engaging performances and activities.

Highlights included a poster-making competition where winners like Karthik, Vinitha, Chaithanya, and others showcased their creativity on the theme. Skits and mime acts such as "Live and Let to Live," "Silent Cries," and "SHAKTI" stirred emotional responses while spotlighting social injustices and resilience. Fun games fostered participation and camaraderie among students and faculty.

The event effectively promoted awareness, inclusivity, and empowerment. It reinforced DSU's commitment to gender justice and provided a powerful platform for advocacy through art, performance, and collective dialogue.









Women's Day 2025: Celebrating Strength and Equality

### **Fostering Career Readiness Through Soft Skills Training**

The Internship and Placement Cell, School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, organized a workshop on “Soft Skills Building” on March 12, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The session was conducted by Mr. Amlan Bhattacharya, a seasoned Learning & Development specialist with over 18 years of industry experience. Mr. Bhattacharya holds an MBA from the University of Wales (UK), is a Six Sigma Green Belt, and an NLP-certified coach. Currently serving as a Power Skills Coach at Capgemini, he has trained professionals across diverse sectors including BFSI, IT, BPO, and tourism.

The workshop aimed to enhance students’ employability by equipping them with essential career-building strategies. Key areas covered included crafting effective CVs and cover letters, resume drafting, and LinkedIn profiling. Mr. Bhattacharya stressed the importance of authenticity, using ATS-friendly formats, and avoiding AI-generated content in resumes. He also emphasized networking, personal branding, and strategic career planning as vital tools for professional success. Students received practical insights into optimizing their online presence and improving communication skills. The



workshop was highly impactful, offering students valuable tools to navigate the competitive job market with confidence and clarity.



Workshop on Soft Skills Building by Internship and Placement Cell:

### Experiential Learning Session at DSU School of Law by Dr. Pratima Narayan

On March 14, 2025, the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, hosted a dynamic masterclass on Contract Drafting & Negotiation led by Dr. Pratima Narayan—eminent legal consultant, mediator, and Founder Partner at Techlawlogi Consulting LLP.

The session skillfully bridged legal theory and practical application, offering participants an in-depth understanding of contract principles, key clauses, negotiation strategies, and risk mitigation. Dr.



Narayan's insights, combined with interactive drafting exercises, enabled students to refine their analytical and negotiation skills.

This initiative aligned with DSU's commitment to experiential learning, providing real-world legal exposure within academic settings. The enthusiastic participation of students and the guidance of Dean Dr. Kiran Dennis Gardner played a crucial role in the success of the event.

The workshop not only enhanced legal acumen but also encouraged deeper engagement with the evolving demands of legal practice.



Masterclass on Contract Drafting & Negotiation Empowers Legal Minds

### Consumer Rights Rally by Legal Services Clinic, Sol, DSU

On 17th March 2025, the Legal Services Clinic, School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, organized a meaningful event to mark World Consumer Rights Day. The initiative began with a student-led rally from the School of Law, Kudlu Gate, to G.V.S School, Singasandra, aiming to spread awareness about consumer rights among the local community.

This year's campaign focused on the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 (COTPA), emphasizing Section 6(b), which prohibits the sale of tobacco products within 100 yards of educational institutions. The awareness drive addressed the dangers of tobacco use and reinforced the need for strict enforcement of consumer protection laws related to health and safety.

By educating citizens on their rights beyond commercial transactions—particularly the right to a healthy environment—the Clinic reinforced the broader purpose of consumer protection. The event was a strong step toward building informed and health-conscious communities.



Empowering Citizens Through Awareness

**Fostering Legal Excellence through Simulated Courtroom Advocacy**

The School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, successfully conducted its Internal Moot Court Competition 2025 on 21st March 2025, centering on the crucial intersection of environmental and constitutional law. The event offered an engaging platform for aspiring legal professionals to refine their advocacy skills while exploring contemporary legal challenges related to climate justice, sustainable development, and the constitutional imperatives for environmental protection in India.

Participants showcased commendable legal reasoning and articulation through structured arguments, detailed case analysis, and the interpretation of relevant statutes and judicial precedents. The competition underscored essential legal skills such as critical thinking, in-depth research, and effective oral advocacy. It also served as a training ground for students preparing to compete at national-level moot court competitions.

The team comprising Kartick Kumar, Ben Antonio, and Jnanashree S from 6th Semester LLB and 2nd Semester BA LLB was adjudged the Best Team, demonstrating exceptional legal aptitude and teamwork. The event reflected the school's commitment to academic rigor and practical legal training, reinforcing its role in shaping future-ready legal professionals.



Internal Moot Court Competition 2025 | School of Law, DSU



### Strategic Moves and Spirited Play

The School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, organized a successful Carrom Tournament on 24th March 2025 at the Sports Room, 'B' Block. The event aimed to foster interest in indoor sports, promote strategic thinking, and enhance student engagement through extracurricular participation.

The tournament featured both Singles and Doubles categories, drawing enthusiastic participation from across batches—24 in Singles and 14 teams in Doubles. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Gajendra, Sports Coordinator, who highlighted the significance of indoor games in holistic student development. Matches were conducted in a knockout format under the supervision of the Sports Coordinator, Physical Director Mrs. Bhagya Jyothi, and faculty member Mr. Bharath K M.

The finals showcased impressive skill and sportsmanship. Kushi Kishor (II Sem LLB) emerged as the Singles Champion, with Farjad Sareer (II Sem BALLB) as runner-up. The Doubles title was claimed by Sania Dennis (II Sem BBALLB) and Farjad Sareer, while Vijaya Krishna and Adrine (IV Sem BBALLB) finished as runners-up.

The School extends its sincere appreciation to Dr. Kiran Dennis Gardener, Dean, and all faculty and student volunteers for their dedicated efforts in making the event a resounding success.





Carrom Tournament 2025 | School of Law, DSU



### Empowering Law Students Through Knowledge of Rights and Responsibilities

The Legal Services Clinic of the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, conducted a successful Legal Awareness Program on March 27, 2025, at Spurthy Law College, Anekal. The initiative aimed to sensitize students on pressing legal and social issues, fostering a culture of informed and responsible citizenship among budding legal professionals.

The session covered a range of critical topics, including the importance of legal awareness, Fundamental Rights and Duties, women empowerment, cyber bullying, consumer protection rights, anti-ragging laws, and substance abuse among youth. Through this outreach, the participants gained a deeper understanding of how legal knowledge can be used as a tool for social change and individual empowerment. The program was well-received and underscored the significance of legal education beyond the classroom.



Legal Awareness Program by DSU at Spurthy Law College:



**Fostering Entrepreneurial Mindsets Through Expert Insights**

The Legal Innovative Research Centre, School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, organized an engaging session on “Startups and Incubators” on March 28, 2025. The session was led by Mr. Vinod Shankar, CEO of AIC-DSU Innovation Foundation, and Mr. Satyanarayana B.V., CEP of DERBI Foundation—both distinguished figures in the startup ecosystem.

The speakers offered valuable insights into the dynamics of the entrepreneurial ecosystem, highlighting the pivotal role of incubators in nurturing innovation and supporting early-stage ventures. Through real-world experiences and strategic perspectives, they emphasized critical factors for startup success, including resilience, adaptability, and long-term planning. Attendees gained a comprehensive understanding of how incubators facilitate growth and sustainability in the startup journey. The session proved to be both informative and inspiring, encouraging students to explore entrepreneurial opportunities with a strategic mindset.



Session on Startups and Incubators by Legal Innovative Research Centre:

### Exploring the Future of Cyber Law

The Centre for Cyber Legal Excellence at the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, organized an enlightening webinar titled “Understanding Emerging Technologies and Data Protection Issues” on April 8, 2025. Held on the Zoom platform, the session was led by Dr. Gagandeep Kaur, Associate Professor at UPES Dehradun and a nationally recognized expert in Cyber Law. Dr. Kaur provided deep insights into the evolving landscape of cyber threats, legal frameworks like the GDPR, DPDP Act, and CCPA, and the role of AI and quantum computing in data protection. She also presented case studies on recent cybersecurity breaches and offered practical mitigation strategies.

The session witnessed active participation from students, faculty, and legal tech enthusiasts. The interactive Q&A added value to the discussion, making it a highly engaging experience. The event successfully underscored DSU’s commitment to integrating legal education with emerging technological challenges.



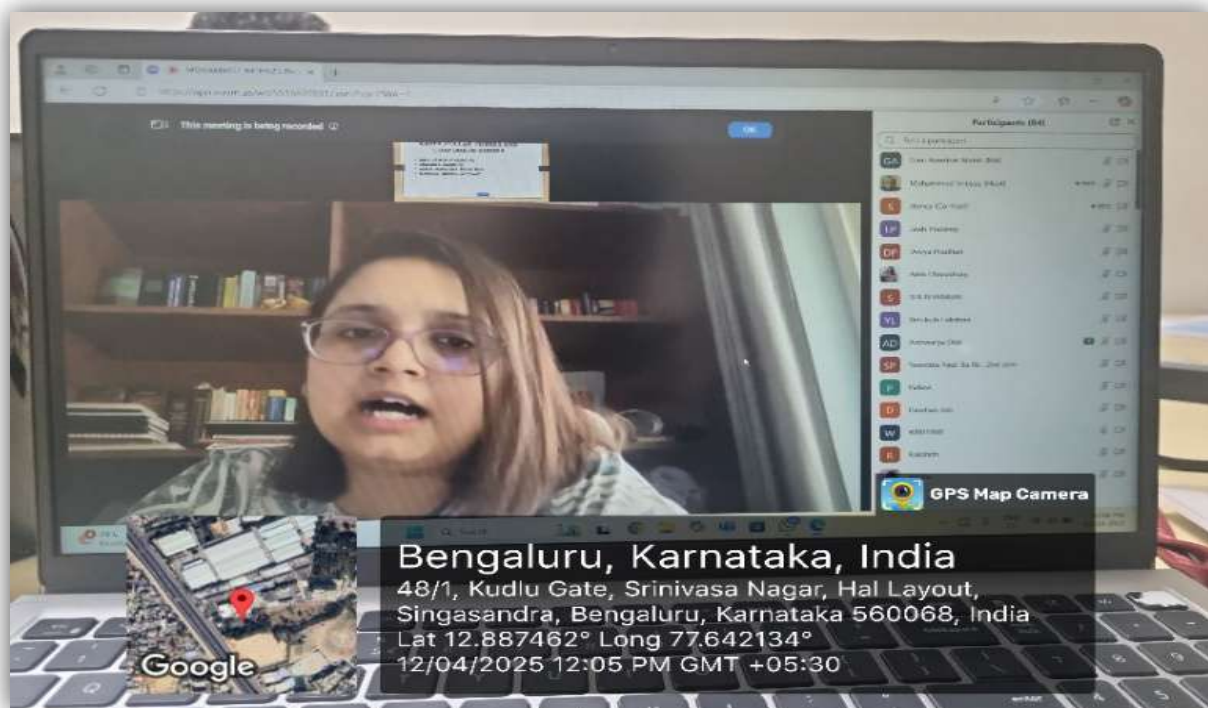
DSU Hosts Webinar on Emerging Technologies and Data Protection

**DSU School of Law Hosts Engaging Session with Judicial Magistrate Dr. Aishwarya Deb**

On April 12, 2025, the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, organized an expert workshop on “Contemporary Issues in Criminal Law and Environmental Criminology,” featuring Dr. Aishwarya Deb, Judicial Magistrate, West Bengal Judicial Service, as the distinguished speaker. The workshop was a knowledge-sharing initiative under the Centre for Advanced Criminal Law and Environmental Criminology (CACLEC).

Dr. Deb, a renowned academic and practitioner, shared insightful perspectives on privileged class deviance, environmental crimes, and the evolving role of legal research in influencing policy and social change. She emphasized the critical role of research centers like CACLEC in driving public discourse and policy innovation.

The interactive session witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty, who engaged in thoughtful discussions on research methodologies and contemporary legal challenges. The event successfully fostered academic collaboration and deepened understanding of criminal justice and environmental criminology.



Expert Workshop Explores Criminal Law and Environmental Criminology



**Interactive Mediation Session by Dr. Pratima Narayan**

On 21st April 2025, the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, hosted an insightful session on Mediation led by Dr. Pratima Narayan, a distinguished legal consultant, certified mediator, and Founder Partner at Techlawlogi Consulting LLP.

The session aimed to enhance students' understanding of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms, particularly mediation, arbitration, and cancellation procedures. Dr. Narayan's engaging and interactive delivery encouraged active participation and transformed complex legal concepts into accessible knowledge through practical illustrations. Her dynamic approach not only informed but also inspired students to view mediation as a viable and meaningful alternative to traditional litigation. The session was a significant step toward promoting ADR awareness among budding legal professionals, highlighting mediation's relevance in ensuring timely and amicable dispute resolution in today's legal landscape.





Exploring the Future of Dispute Resolution by Dr. Pratima

### **Educational Visit to Bangalore Mediation Centre**

On 25th April 2025, the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, organized an educational visit to the Bangalore Mediation Centre, offering students valuable practical exposure to the mediation process.

Students had the opportunity to observe live mediation proceedings, gaining firsthand insight into the structured techniques used to resolve disputes amicably. The visit deepened their understanding of the mediator's role, the importance of neutrality and confidentiality, and the overall dynamics of conflict resolution.

Engagement with experienced mediators and the observation of real-time cases effectively bridged the gap between academic learning and practical application. The visit also underscored the growing

relevance of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in reducing litigation burdens and fostering peaceful settlements.

This enriching experience significantly enhanced the students' appreciation for mediation as an essential pillar of the modern legal framework.



Bridging Theory and Practice



Faculty Corner

**Dr. Prasanta Moharaj, Assistant Professor of Sociology, DSU**

**Research Paper Publication:** Dr. Prasanta Moharaj Assistant Professor of Sociology at the SoL, DSU has published an insightful research paper titled "*Dynamics of Water Stress in Bangalore, India: Exploring the Confluence of Geopolitical, Climatic, and Anthropogenic Factors*" in April 2025. The paper is indexed in **Scopus and Web of Science**, and is published in a **Q2** journal with an **impact factor of 1.1**. The paper can be found in the following link- <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/00219096251336374>. The study addresses the escalating challenge of water stress in Indian metropolitan cities, with a particular emphasis on Bengaluru. It presents a comprehensive and interdisciplinary analysis, examining how geopolitical dynamics, climate variability, and human-induced pressures intersect to influence the city's water crisis. The research offers valuable insights into the multifaceted nature of urban water stress and provides a framework for more effective policy responses and sustainable resource management. Dr. Moharaj also received the acceptance of his two Scopus indexed paper in Springer Nature Book titled: "*Gender-Transformative Approaches for Climate change Adaptation: Policies and Practices from the Global South*" and "*Redefining the Diversity and Dynamism of Natural Resources Management in the Global South*". **The details of these forthcoming publications are provided below:**

- Singh, N., Sahoo, D., & **Moharaj, P.** (2025) Exploring Gendered Dimensions of Climate-Smart Agriculture for Food Security in the Global South: A systematic literature review & bibliographic analysis. In *Gender-Transformative Approaches for Climate change Adaptation: Policies and Practices from the Global South*. **Springer Nature** (Forthcoming)
- Bahinipati, CS & **Moharaj, P.** (2025) Adoption of water saving technologies in India: Does resource scarcity matter?. In *Redefining the Diversity and Dynamism of Natural Resources Management in the Global South*. **Springer Nature** (Forthcoming)



**Professor Arifa Sultana Choudhary, Assistant Professor of Law, DSU****1. Judge for Moot Simulation Rounds at IFIM Law School:**

Ms. Arifa Sultana Choudhury served as a judge for the Moot Simulation rounds organized on 2nd May 2025 by the Moot Court Committee of IFIM Law School, Bengaluru. The event was part of the Clinical Course for final-year B.B.A. LL.B. and LL.B. students, offering a platform for budding legal professionals to exhibit their advocacy skills and courtroom demeanour.

**2. Paper Presentation at International Conference by Techno India University:**

Ms. Arifa Sultana Choudhury presented a research paper titled *“Bridging the Gap in Justice: Advocating Gender Neutrality in Sexual Offense Laws”* at the International Conference on Emerging Issues in Criminal Law: Addressing Transnational Crime and Globalization in the Twenty-First Century, held from 21st to 23rd March 2025. The conference was organized by the Department of Legal Science, Techno India University, West Bengal, in collaboration with EBC Publishing Pvt. Ltd. and Manupatra.

**3. Participation in Research Methodology Workshop at ICFAI University, Jaipur:**

Ms. Arifa Sultana Choudhury successfully completed a Five-Day Workshop on Research Methodology and Data Analysis, organized from 24th to 28th March 2025 by the Centre for Public Law and Policy (CPLAP) in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at The ICFAI University, Jaipur. The workshop focused on contemporary research techniques and analytical tools essential for legal scholarship.

**4. Paper Presentation at ICLSS 2025:**

Ms. Arifa Sultana Choudhury presented a research paper titled *“Transforming Crime Prevention and Investigations: Bridging Legal Gaps in India's Technological Integration”* at the International Conference on Law and Social Sciences (ICLSS 2025), held on 29th–30th March 2025. The event was jointly organized by the International Institute of Justice & Police Sciences, The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, and Vivekananda School of Law and Legal Studies (VIPS, Delhi), among other academic institutions.



**Prof. Sanjay Utagi, Assistant Professor of Law at the SoL, DSU**

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**Dr. Sheikh Inam Ul Mansoor, Assistant Professor of Law, SOL, DSU**

Dr. Sheikh Inam Ul Mansoor, Assistant Professor of Law at the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, Bangalore, India, has published three insightful articles in reputed **Scopus-indexed journals**. The details of these publications are provided below:

- Balancing the benefits and risks of traditional medicine in sports: a study of anti-doping controls and compliance. *Int Sports Law J* (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40318-025-00291-2> (**Springer Nature/ Q1 Journal**)
- Islamic Law in the Age of Blockchain: Exploring Shari'ah Compliant Cryptocurrencies and Digital Assets, (2025), Manchester Journal of Transnational Islamic Law and Practice, Electronicpublications.org Ltd, Volume 21, Issue 1: 269-291. (**Scopus Indexed/ Q2 Journal**)
- Modern Democracies and Economic Sanctions: A Legal Perspective on Security and Sovereignty. In E. Alaverdov & G. Abuseridze (Eds.), *Globalization, Global Security, and New International Realities for Modern Democracies* (pp. 173-198). IGI Global Scientific Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.4018/979-8-3373-1355-9.ch008> (**Scopus Indexed**)



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

- **Prof. Bharath K M**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, School of Law, DSU, participated in a *State-Level Online Faculty Development Programme* on “*Research Methodology*,” organized by **Government First Grade College, Tarikere**, under **PM-USHA** from **3rd to 7th March 2025**. The FDP covered research techniques, statistics, literature review, plagiarism, and tools like JAMOV and Excel.
- **Prof. Bharath also** Served as Program Officer for the *State-Level Walkathon* organized by Youth Red Cross on **12th March 2025** at Bengaluru City University. Successfully led and coordinated the participation of 14 law students from DSU under the theme “*Walk for Humanity*,” fostering student engagement in humanitarian activities.
- **Prof. Bharath K M** Participated in the *Faculty Development Programme* on “*Integrating Indian Knowledge Systems*” organized by **Chanakya University** on **7<sup>th</sup> April 2025** in Bengaluru. The programme focused on revitalizing education through IKS, engaging faculty with India's intellectual traditions and practical curriculum integration strategies.

**Professor Stency Mariya mark, Assistant Professor of Law, SOL, DSU**

Professor Stency Mariya mark, Assistant Professor of Law, SOL, DSU was invited to serve as a judge for the preliminary oral rounds of the prestigious **4th NLUO–Bharat Biotech Public Health Law National Moot Court Competition 2025**, held on March 29, 2025. Her participation reflects her expertise in public health law and her continued engagement with national-level legal education and advocacy initiatives.



**Prof. Nithin Rajeev, Assistant Professor of Law, DSU**

Professor Nithin Rajeev, Assistant Professor of Law, SOL, DSU continues to make significant contributions to legal education, research, and national-level academic forums through a series of distinguished roles and scholarly engagements:

**Judge** – Final Year Moot Court Assessment, IFIM Law School: Professor Rajeev served as a judge for the final-year Moot Court assessment at **IFIM Law School**, conducted in accordance with the Karnataka State Law University (KSLU) guidelines. The assessment highlighted students' ability to integrate legal research with advocacy, as they presented arguments with clarity, confidence, and professionalism. He noted the impressive commitment of the students to moot court culture and the practical dimensions of legal training.

**Panel Chair** – International Conference on Law and Social Sciences (ICLSS 2025): On March 29–30, 2025, Professor Rajeev was invited to serve as Panel Chair at the **ICLSS 2025**, jointly organized by the **International Institute of Justice & Police Sciences and Tamil Nadu and Dr. Ambedkar Law University**, along with several esteemed collaborators including **VSLLS, The Research Unit One (Italy), SASCV, and Saveetha School of Law (SIMATS)**. He chaired the panel on Social Inequality, Gender, and Law, which brought together national and international scholars for a rich dialogue on justice, identity, and inclusivity in legal systems.

**Judge** – XV SLCU-CAM International Environmental Law Moot Court Competition: Professor Rajeev was invited to judge the **XV SLCU–CAM International Environmental Law Moot Court Competition 2025**, hosted by the **School of Law, Christ University**, in collaboration with **Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas**, one of India's premier law firms. The moot focused on pressing issues in transboundary environmental challenges and international environmental law, with participants demonstrating exceptional analytical and advocacy skills.

**Research Presentation** – National Conference at University of Delhi: On March 1, 2025, he presented his research paper titled "**Bridging the Gap: AI, Legal Accessibility, and the Rights of Sexual Minorities**" at the National Conference on "**Transforming Access to Justice: Innovations in Legal Aid Delivery**," organized by the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. His presentation explored the role of AI technologies—such as chatbots, predictive analytics, and NLP—in enhancing access to justice for



LGBTQ+ communities, while critically engaging with concerns around algorithmic bias, privacy, and the digital divide.

**Chief Evaluator** – National Moot Court Competition, Ramaiah Institute of Legal Studies: Acting as Chief Evaluator for the written memorials at the **National Moot Court Competition organized by Ramaiah Institute of Legal Studies**, Professor Rajeev assessed submissions that demonstrated remarkable depth in legal reasoning and advocacy. The process was both intellectually stimulating and academically enriching.

**Judge** – National Moot Court Competition, PES University: From February 21–23, 2025, Professor Rajeev served as a judge at the **National Moot Court Competition hosted by School of Law, PES University**, in collaboration with the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India**. The competition addressed the complex interface between Constitutional Law and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), with student teams displaying a high level of jurisprudential insight and analytical rigor.

**Judge** – 34th Kerala Law Academy National Moot Court Competition: Professor Rajeev also judged the **34th Kerala Law Academy National Moot Court Competition**, held on February 5–8, 2025—one of the most prestigious and long-standing moot events in India. The competition brought together talented law students from across the country who showcased outstanding advocacy and legal analysis in addressing intricate legal issues.



**Prof. Sakshi Mehta, Assistant Professor of Law, SoL, DSU**

On May 19, 2025, Professor Sakshi Mehta was invited as a guest speaker by the **International School of Management Excellence (ISME), Bangalore**, to deliver a lecture titled ***“Legal Literacy for Business Leadership in the Digital Age.”*** The session focused on the growing importance of legal awareness as a strategic asset in contemporary business management, particularly in the context of rapid digital transformation and evolving regulatory landscapes.

Through an engaging and interactive session, Professor Mehta explored the intersection of law, technology, and corporate leadership, equipping management students with foundational legal insights essential for responsible and future-ready business leadership. Key themes included the impact of data protection laws and cybersecurity regulations on operations, the role of compliance and corporate governance in sustainable enterprise building, and the importance of legal frameworks in ethical decision-making and risk management. By fostering dialogue on real-world legal challenges, the session reinforced the vital connection between legal consciousness and digital innovation, underlining the need for future business leaders to be both commercially savvy and legally informed.

**Students Corner****1. DSU Students Shine at Kristu Jayanti National Moot Court Competition**

Demonstrating their legal acumen and advocacy skills, students from Dayananda Sagar University (DSU) actively participated in the prestigious National Moot Court Competition organized by Kristu Jayanti College of Law, Bengaluru. The event was held from April 3rd to April 5th, 2025. The DSU team comprised Ramachandra, Jnanashree, and Praneeth — students from the School of Law — who took part in the three-day legal battle that brought together bright legal minds from across the country. The

competition simulated court proceedings, including drafting memorials and delivering oral arguments before a panel of distinguished judges and legal professionals.

## **2. DSU Students Ramachandra and Jnanashree Publish Insightful Legal Article on Constitutional Conflict**

In a significant academic milestone, Ramachandra Tumkur Karnik and Jnanashree, law students of Dayananda Sagar University, have co-authored a critical legal article titled "Conflict of Articles 142 and 361 of the Indian Constitution." The article presents an incisive review of the Supreme Court's judgment in *State of Tamil Nadu vs Governor R.N. Ravi*, delving into the constitutional tension between judicial powers and executive immunity. The article explores the Governor's delay in providing assent to state legislation and how the Supreme Court exercised its discretionary powers under Article 142 to uphold constitutional processes. At the heart of the paper lies a rigorous examination of the balance between Article 142, which empowers the Supreme Court to do "complete justice," and Article 361, which protects Governors from legal proceedings while in office.

## **3. Recognition for Excellence in Legal Writing at NMIMS Lexphere Competition**

Vaishnavi C and Chaithanya G, students of SoL, Dayananda Sagar University, participated in the prestigious Lexphere Competition organized by NMIMS (Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies). Their blog entry was selected among the top 5 publications and also ranked in the top 20 overall submissions, showcasing their excellence in legal writing and critical analysis.

## **4. DSU Rotaractors Shine at 2nd Annual District Rotaract Conference**

Students from School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University attended the 2nd Annual District Rotaract Conference, a vibrant event filled with inspiration, creativity, and community spirit. The conference featured sessions by renowned personalities including entrepreneur Madan Padaki, actress Asha Bhat, Indian Army veteran Major Raghavendra C, and content creator Yashwanth MK. Their talks left a lasting impact on attendees. The event showcased energetic club presentations, flash mobs, and zone representations. Adding to the celebration, the DSU-based club won the title of "Community Based Best Dressed Club." The evening concluded with a powerful performance by Seher Band, bringing together Rotaractors, Interactors, and Rotarians on the dance floor. The conference offered unforgettable memories and renewed enthusiasm for community service.



## 5. Research Chapter on Girls' Education in New Book

Farheen Taj, with support from senior Benantonio Rodrigues, has published a research chapter titled *"Changing Status, Mapping Equality: Access to Quality Education for Girls and Women"* in the book *"Today's Education System and Phule, Shahu, and Ambedkar"* (First Edition 2024, ISBN: 978-81-969930-9-2). Drawing from personal experience and a commitment to inclusive education, Farheen's chapter highlights the challenges and progress in girls' access to quality education. She credits Navaruna Borah, Former Faculty Member of DSU for her guidance and inspiration. This publication marks an important milestone in Farheen's journey to advocate for women's education and empowerment.

## 6. DSU Students Participate in Youth Red Cross State Level Walkathon: "Walk for Humanity"

Students from Dayananda Sagar University took part in the Youth Red Cross State Level Walkathon themed "Walk for Humanity," joining over 3,000 participants from across the region. The event was a powerful reminder of how individual efforts can unite to create positive change. Despite personal health challenges, participants showed strong commitment to community service. Special thanks were extended to Prof. Bharath K M, for his leadership and Dr. Kiran Dennis Gardner for encouraging extracurricular involvement. This walkathon was not only a meaningful service opportunity but also a memorable moment of collective solidarity for all involved.





Students' participation in State Level Walk-A-Thon- 2025

### 7. Farheen Taj Makes Impressive Debut at CHRIST Law MUN 2025

Farheen Taj, student of SoL participated for the first time in the 13th edition of the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Model United Nations from February 10-12, 2025. Representing Shri Ravishankar Prasad as Parliament Leader of Lok Sabha, Farheen confidently navigated the challenges posed by experienced delegates. The event provided invaluable learning and fostered strong bonds among participants. Farheen cherished the camaraderie and meaningful interactions, highlighting the importance of participation over winning. This debut marks an exciting start to Farheen's MUN journey, fueling enthusiasm for future conferences.



Certificate of appreciation presented to Ms. Farheen

### **8. New Article by Author at Lawful Legal Highlights Supreme Court Ruling on Electoral Bonds and Transparency**

A recent article by *Lawful Legal* author Harshitha R, analyses the 2024 Supreme Court decision declaring India's Electoral Bonds scheme unconstitutional. The ruling addresses concerns over lack of transparency and accountability in political funding. The article stresses the importance of public disclosure of political donations to protect democratic integrity and prevent anonymous funding risks. This judgment is seen as a key step toward enhancing transparency in India's electoral system.

### **9. DSU Students Publish Article on Landmark Kesavananda Bharati Case**

Harshitha R, Students of SoL, Dayananda Sagar University have published another article on the *Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala (1973)* case, exploring the Basic Structure Doctrine and its vital role in protecting Indian constitutionalism. Published on Lawful Legal, the piece highlights the case's historical impact and ongoing significance in Indian law.

### **10. Exploring the Nirav Modi Case: Banking Loopholes and the PNB Scam**

Harshitha R. shines again by publishing another outstanding article. The article delves into the infamous Nirav Modi case, highlighting how systemic banking loopholes facilitated one of India's largest financial frauds. It examines the misuse of Letters of Undertaking (LoUs) and the SWIFT messaging system, which allowed unauthorized credit facilities to be extended without proper documentation. The piece also discusses the roles of key individuals and the subsequent legal actions taken to address the scandal.

### **11. Karthik Kumar Wins Best Delegate at Karnataka Legislative Assembly MUN**

Karthik Kumar, student from SoL, Dayananda Sagar University achieved 1st Position as Best Delegate at the 4th edition of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly Model United Nations (MUN) held at University Law College, Bengaluru University. The outstanding performance also earned the student a cash prize of ₹10,000. This prestigious recognition highlights the student's exceptional skills in diplomacy, debate, and leadership in a competitive environment, bringing pride to the university.





## 12. DSU Law Students Present Paper at National Seminar in Ujire

Glen Aneston Monis and Pradeep Laxman, students of the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, presented their paper titled *"Mass Media and Democracy: Theoretical Perspective and Current Scenario"* at the Madhyama Parva – National Level Seminar held at SDM College, Ujire, on May 13–14, 2025. Guided by Prof. Sakshi Mehta, the paper explored media theories, press freedom, and the impact of digital platforms on democracy. Their work received appreciation for its timely relevance and insightful analysis, contributing meaningfully to the seminar's discourse on media and democratic values.



Glen Aneston Monis 's Presentation at Madhyama Parva – National Seminar, SDM College, Ujire

### LEGAL UPDATES

- 1. LIDW25: CJI BR Gavai to inaugurate ICA's 3rd International Conference on India-UK Arbitration Practices-** The Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA) has announced its [3rd International Conference on "Arbitrating Indo-UK Commercial Disputes: Synergizing India-UK Arbitration Practices"](#) to be organized on Thursday, 5th June 2025, at the iconic Church House Westminster, London, during the London International Disputes Week 2025 (LIDW25).
- 2. Supreme Court Stays Criminal Defamation Proceedings Against India Today Chairman-**The Supreme Court on May 19 stayed criminal defamation proceedings against India Today Group Chairman Aroon Purie in connection with a news debate aired last year. A Bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan passed the order while hearing appeals against the Patna High Court's refusal to quash the summons issued by a Patna court. Senior Advocate Sidharth Luthra, representing Purie, argued that the case lacked specific allegations and posed a threat to journalistic freedom.
- 3. Gunfight Breaks Out in J&K's Kishtwar; JeM Terrorists Believed Trapped-**An encounter erupted early Thursday in the Singhpora area of Chatroo, Kishtwar district, Jammu and Kashmir, as security forces cornered a group of suspected Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terrorists. Acting on specific intelligence, a joint operation by the J&K Police, Army, and paramilitary forces led to the confrontation. Three to four terrorists are believed to be trapped, with no casualties reported so far. The group is suspected to have escaped a previous encounter in the same area. Earlier this month, six terrorists, including three JeM members, were killed in separate operations.
- 4. Manimajra Residents Struggle as 24x7 Water Supply Project Falls Short-**Months after the launch of a 24x7 water supply pilot project in Manimajra, residents are facing reduced water pressure, limited supply, and muddy water. The project, launched in August last year to ensure round-the-clock water access, has led to worsening conditions, especially in areas like Indira Colony. Residents report that the earlier limited supply with motor pumps was more reliable. Many now complain of severe shortages and discoloured water, raising concerns over the project's effectiveness.

5. **Ashoka University Professor Ali Khan Mahmudabad Granted Bail Amid Outcry Over Arrest-** Professor Ali Khan Mahmudabad, Head of Political Science at Ashoka University, was arrested on May 18, 2025, over a Facebook post on the Indo-Pak conflict following the Pahalgam terror attack. Complaints were filed by a Haryana sarpanch and the state women's commission chairperson, whose televised statements revealed a misinterpretation of the post. The arrest has drawn widespread condemnation as a violation of constitutional rights. While the Supreme Court granted interim bail, it also directed the formation of an SIT to examine the post's content, ordered the surrender of his passport, and barred him from using social media—raising concerns over free speech and the chilling effect of state action.
6. **SC Dismisses Plea Seeking FIR Against Justice Yashwant Varma in Cash Recovery Case-**The Supreme Court on May 21 dismissed a plea filed by advocates seeking an FIR against Justice Yashwant Varma over alleged recovery of illicit cash from his residence. A bench comprising Justices Abhay Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan noted that the Chief Justice of India has already forwarded the in-house inquiry report, along with Justice Varma's response, to the President and the Prime Minister. The Court emphasized that petitioners must first approach the constitutional authorities.
7. **SC Directs Delhi Govt to Fill 204 Pollution Control Vacancies by Sept 30, Warns of Contempt-** The Supreme Court has directed the Delhi Government to fill all 204 vacant posts in the Delhi Pollution Control Committee by September 30, 2025, warning that failure to comply would amount to aggravated contempt. A bench of Justices Abhay S. Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan, hearing a suo moto contempt case, expressed strong displeasure over the government's laxity despite Delhi being severely affected by air pollution every winter. The Court earlier issued a contempt notice to the Delhi Chief Secretary and noted that only 83 of 344 sanctioned posts had been filled, with recruitment for 36 more underway.
8. **Operation Sindoor: Indian Army Destroys 13 Enemy Posts in 3 Minutes-**In a swift and powerful retaliation to Pakistani firing across the Line of Control (LoC), the Indian Army launched **Operation Sindoor** on May 7, destroying **13 enemy posts in just three minutes**, according to an Army officer. The operation was triggered after two mortar shells were fired by Pakistani forces on the night of May 6–7. With a pre-coordinated fire plan, Indian troops responded immediately, also targeting **nine terror camps** in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The operation marks a significant escalation in response to cross-border aggression.



9. **Supreme Court Clarifies Section 80-IA (9) of Income Tax Act on Cumulative Deductions**-In a significant ruling, the Supreme Court has clarified that deductions under **Sections 80-IA/80-IB** of the Income Tax Act **should not reduce** the gross total income when computing deductions under other provisions like **Section 80-HHC** related to export profits. A bench comprising Justices **Abhay S Oka, Ahsanuddin Amanullah, and AG Masih** delivered the judgment while answering a reference made in a long-pending matter. The verdict provides clarity on how cumulative deductions are to be applied under the Act.
10. **WAQF Amendment Act Challenge: Supreme Court Continues Hearing on Interim Relief – Day 3**- The Supreme Court on **May 23** continued hearing petitions challenging the **Waqf Amendment Act, 2025**, focusing on the matter of **interim relief**. A bench comprising **Chief Justice of India BR Gavai** and **Justice AG Masih** resumed proceedings on **Day 3** of the hearing. While the **petitioners concluded their arguments on May 21**, the **Union Government began its submissions yesterday**. The hearing remains ongoing as the Court considers arguments from the Centre and other respondents.



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