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Life @ Law School

Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies – Technical Campus Celebrates National Youth Day



Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies—Technical Campus celebrated National Youth Day on 12th January, 2024, to honour the ideals of a visionary, philosopher and a spiritual leader, Swami Vivekananda. The celebration was done to commemorate his 161st birth anniversary. The event was organised by VIPS-TC to inspire the youth, foster a sense of responsibility, leadership and social consciousness. All faculty members participated with great enthusiasm in the event. Faculty of various departments contributed in different ways such as classical music, dance performances and poetry recital on this occasion. Dr. S C Vats, Chairman, VIPS-TC in his address said that VIPS should always follow the path laid by Swami Vivekananda while imparting education.



VIPS-TC Witnessed Live Telecast of Pran Pratishtha of Ram Lalla at Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple



VIPS believes in unity in diversity and integrity of all. A cheerful get-together was conducted on 22nd January, 2024 to witness together the Pran Pratishtha of Rama Lalla at Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. The ceremony was telecasted live at Vivekananda Hall, VIPS-TC, allowing everyone to participate and adding to the unity and spirit of the VIPS community.

VSLLS Faculty Members attended the CLEA-Company Attorneys and Solicitors General Conference CAGSC'24 on “Cross-Border Challenges in Justice Delivery”

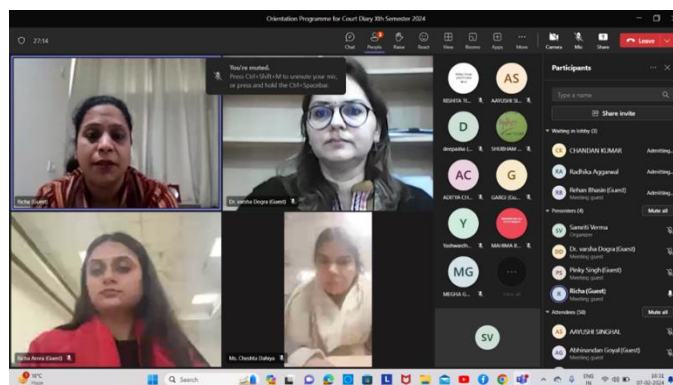


VSLLS Faculty Members, attended the CLEA-Company Attorneys and Solicitors General Conference CAGSC'24 on “Cross-Border Challenges in Justice Delivery,” which took place

on 3rd and 4th February, 2024. There were Attorney Generals and Solicitors from the Commonwealth nations spanning the Asia-Pacific, Africa, and the Caribbean along with various international delegations.

The inaugural event was presided over by Shri. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India along with Shri. Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of Law and Justice. The valedictory ceremony was presided over by Smt. Draupadi Murmu, the President of India along with Shri Amit Shah, Home Minister of India.

Skill-Enhancing Training Session on Internship & Court Diary for Final Year Students



VSLLS, Internship and Court Diary Committee conducted an orientation session on 7th February, 2024, to orient the final year students regarding the writing of the Internship Diary. The guidelines for writing an internship diary were discussed in detail. The faculty organizers of the event were Ms. Richa Gupta, Ms. Cheshta Dahiya, Ms. Ritika Juneja, Ms. Pinky Singh, Ms. Samriti, Ms. Surbhi Wadhwa, Dr. Varsha Dogra, Mr. Avinash Kumar, and Ms. Richa Arora.

VSLLS Organizes Awareness Program on “Rights of Indian Women in NRI Matrimonial Issues” in Collaboration with USLLS, GGSIPU & Sponsored by National Commission for Women



VSLLS, VIPS-TC organized one – day Awareness Program on “Rights of Indian Women in NRI Matrimonial Issues” in collaboration with USLLS, GGSIPU & sponsored by National Commission for Women (NCW) on 13th February, 2024. The session was meticulously crafted to elevate consciousness and furnish profound insights into the manifold challenges encountered by Indian women ensnared in NRI marital alliances. Prof. (Dr.) T. V. Subba Rao, Chairperson, VSLLS, eloquently expounded upon the imperative utilization of resources for the amelioration of individuals ensnared in NRI matrimonial entanglements and an erudite introduction to the theme was tendered by the venerable Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VSLLS. Dr. M. Sakthivel, Assistant Professor, USLLS, GGSIPU; Sh. Lalit Kumar, Ld. Secretary, DLSA (East Distt.), Karkardooma Courts; Prof. (Dr.) Alka Chawla, Professor-in-Charge, CLC, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi; Sh. P.N Khrimy, IPS, Joint Commission Special Unit for Women and Children and Special Police Unit for North-Eastern Region; Shri Mukund Upadhye, IPS (Retd.), Chief Security Commissioner, Delhi Metro; Dr. Geetanjali Kumar, Practicing Counsellor and Trainer, Manodarpan, MHRD; Dr. Stellina Jolly, Associate Professor, Faculty of Legal Studies, SAU and Mr. Praveen Singh, Coordinator, NRI Cell, NCW graciously joined to share their valuable insights on the critical subject. It was a great learning experience for all the students and legal professionals. The event was successfully organized by Mr. Abhinav Singh and Dr. Ankita Kumar Gupta.

**Workshop on Gender-Based Violence: Legal Protection conducted
by VSLLS Pro Bono Club, CEERA-NLSIU & Department of Justice, Ministry of Law
and Justice**

Speakers:

Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao,
Chairperson, VSLLS, VIPS-TC
Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat, Prof. of
Law, NLSIU, Bangalore
Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar,
Dean, VSLLS, VIPS-TC
Mr. Ashutosh Srivastava, Programme
Manager, DOJ, MoJ, GOI
Ms. Ritika Thakur, Advocate,
Delhi High Court
Mr. Vikas Gahlot, Senior Research
Associate, NLSIU, Bangalore
Dr. Anita Yadav, Faculty of Campus
Law Centre, New Delhi

**One-Day Workshop
on
Gender-Based Violence:
Legal Protection**
by
CEERA, NLSIU & VSLLS Pro Bono Club

As part of **Nayi Chetna 2.0**

Guest of Honour:
Shri Narendra Kumar
Under Secretary (Access to Justice
and Legal Aid to Poor), DOJ, Ministry
of Law and Justice, GOI

About the event:
The workshop is part of the Nayi Chetna
campaign designed by the Ministry of Rural
Development, GoI & the Pan India Legal
Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme.
This workshop seeks to sensitize law
students, researchers, academicians and
practicing Advocates on gender issues. We
aim to create a safe and open space for
dialogue, education, and reflection. Lastly,
the primary goal is to equip attendees with
the knowledge and tools needed to
identify, prevent, and respond to gender-
based violence.

Venue: VSLLS, VIPS-TC
Date: 15th February, 2024

Registration link:
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VSLLS Pro Bono Club in association with CEERA-NLSIU and Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, GOI conducted a One-Day Workshop on Gender-Based Violence: Legal Protection on 15th February, 2024 in Conference Room, Block-B, VIPS-TC, New Delhi.



Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao, Chairperson, VSLLS, VIPS-TC gave the welcome address in the inaugural ceremony. It was followed by lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. The Guest of



Honor, Shri Narendra Kumar, representing Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice,



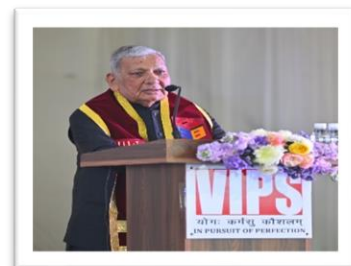
GOI shared his views on gender-based violence against all the persons irrespective of their gender. The various sessions of the workshop were chaired by Mr. Ashutosh Srivastava, Programme Manager,

Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, GOI, Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat, Professor of Law & Coordinator, CEERA-NLSIU, Mr. Vikas Gahlot, Senior Research Associate, CEERA-NLSIU, Ms. Ritika Thakur, Advocate, Delhi High Court., Prof.



(Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VSLLS, VIPS-TC and Dr. Anita Yadav, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Campus Law Centre, Delhi University. Event concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Ms. Purva Kaushik, Faculty Convenor, VSLLS Pro Bono Club.

VIPS Delhi Rejoices as Over 1400 Alumni Came Together for its Degree Distribution and Convocation Ceremony

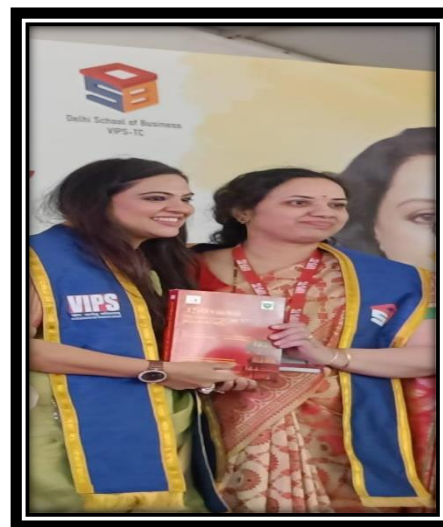


Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies and Delhi School of Business celebrated their triumphant convocation ceremony on 19th February, 2024. The Chief Guest, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, the Hon'ble Union Minister for Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, graced the occasion. He was accompanied by Guests of Honor, Padma Shree Hema Malini Ji, the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and Padma Shree Prof. Mahesh Verma, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU), Delhi. The

presence of Chairman Sh. S C Vats and Vice Chairman Sh. Suneet Vats, Sh. Vineet Vats, Sh. Krishan Aggarwal and Sh. Ajay Bindal added gravitas in the convocation ceremony as symbolizing the guiding force behind VIPS-TC's vision and mission. The presence of Deans of different departments of VIPS-TC, underscored the significance of academic milestones achieved by our institution. Total 29 alumni received gold medals and 13 of them were from the Vivekananda School of Law and Legal Studies (VSLLS), VIPS-TC, Delhi. It was a matter of pride and joy as over 1400 alumni came together for the degree distribution ceremony.

Release of a book titled “150 years of Indian Contract Act 1872: Some Reflections”- Outcome of VIPS-NUSRL Ranchi MoU

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. Of India Padma Shri Hema Malini, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and Dr S.C. Vats, Chairman, VIPS-TC released a book titled “150 years of Indian Contract Act 1872: Some Reflections” on 19th February, 2024 during the celebrations of Convocation Ceremony 2024.

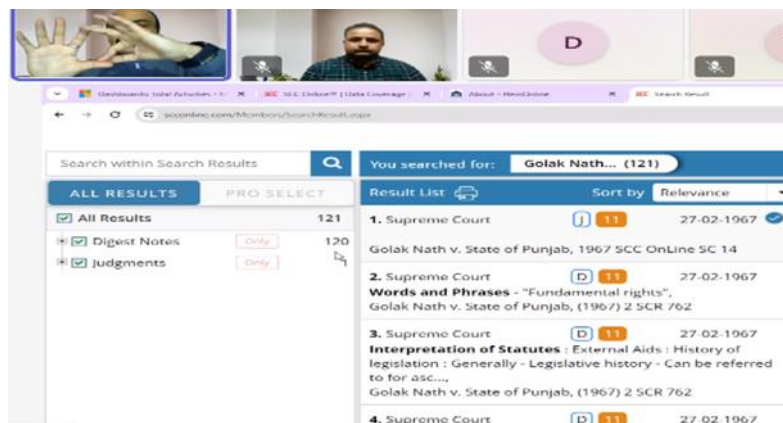


The book which is published with the purpose of celebrating the completion of 150 years of the enactment of Indian Contract Law was released in the presence of Prof. R Venkata Rao Vice Chancellor, IIULER, Goa, Prof. (Dr.) Mahesh Verma, Vice Chancellor, GGSIPU (Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi), Prof. S. Sadgopan, former Director IIIT-Bangalore, Ms. Indra Sawhney, a celebrated legal luminary.

The book is an outcome of MoU between VIPS-TC (VSLLS) and NUSRL Ranchi thus it was edited by faculty of both the institutions- Prof. Kesava Rao, Former Vice - Chancellor NUSRL,

Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao, Chairperson VSLLS, VIPS-TC, Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean VSLLS, VIPS-TC and Dr. Priya Bhatnagar, Asst. Professor VSLLS, VIPS-TC. Many legal stalwarts like Prof. Sairam Bhat (NLSIU), Prof. Kanwal D P Singh (GGSIPU), research scholars and legal professionals have contributed in the book.

VSLLS Library Committee Organized Workshop on “How to Use SCC Online”



Online Workshop on “How to Use SCC Online” organized and coordinated by Library Committee VSLLS, VIPS-TC, comprising faculty members Mr. Ashish Saraswat and Dr. Neelam and Shri Mukesh Sachdeva, Librarian along with student coordinators on 20th February, 2024 at 5.00 pm. Mr. Rajesh Raina, the representative of the SCC Online, focused on introduction to Primary and Secondary sources of law and Indian & International Legal Literature. The session immensely helped the students to do effective legal research and writing.

VSLLS Faculty Members Invited for Campus Ambassadors’ Meeting with the District Magistrate Organized by Election Commission of India



Ms. Purva Kaushik and Mr. Sushant Dabral from VSLLS VIPS-TC, were nominated to meet the DM (IAS), Ms. Ankita on 22nd February, 2024 for Campus Ambassadors’ meeting organized by the Election Commission of India. The agenda of the meeting was upcoming

elections and the planning of workshops in VIPS-TC Campus for the purpose of spreading election-related awareness. The meeting was convened in DC Office Complex, Kanjhawala, Delhi.

VSLLS, CIPR at 6th Biennial International Conference on Management of Intellectual Property Rights and Strategy (MIPS, 2024) to demonstrate Moot Court on IPR



IIT Roorkee invited a team from VSLLS, VIPS-TC, Delhi to demonstrate Moot Court on IPR. On 23rd February, 2024, a group of six students from VSLLS, VIPS-TC made their mark at the 6th Biennial International Conference on Management of Intellectual Property Rights and Strategy (MIPS, 2024) by demonstrating moot court based on IPR and related issues.

Their contributions spanned diverse legal domains, leaving an indelible impression on the intellectual property landscape. The event kicked off with a moot court presentation that delved into the intricacies of Deceptive Similarity in Trademark Law. The students- Kashish Gulati, Akshat Jain, Aditi Arora, Lakshit Raj Gaur, Ishita Singh Tomar, and Vasavi Mahajan, navigated legal arguments, showcasing their understanding of trademark nuances.

Dr. Deepali Vashisht and Ms. Ayesha Gupta acted as judges in the demonstration. Their performance at the DPIIT, IPR Chair, IIT Roorkee garnered attention and accolades. VSLLS Centre for IPR coordinated the visit.

LEXCOM, VSLLS Organized Symposium on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

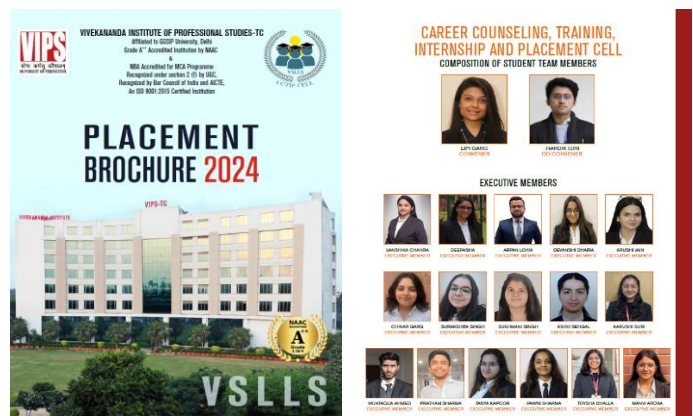


Lexcom, the Corporate Law Society of Vivekananda School of Law and Legal Studies, VIPS-TC, organized a symposium on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) on 28th February, 2024. The event was aimed to collectively shape the trajectory of CSR in the legal field and provide exposure to various perspectives on this dynamic issue. Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VSLLS, VIPS-TC introduced and felicitated the guests. All invited speakers shared insights through practical experience being CS.

Speaker, CS Suryakant Gupta, elucidated CSR's essence and its obligation to give back to society. He discussed the origins of CSR, addressed questions regarding contributions, timelines, and decision-making processes. CS Santosh Pandey, focused on the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) framework, highlighting its evolution and alignment with Sustainable Development Goals. Dr. Akhil Prasad, addressed CSR complexities, the implications of lawyers serving as directors, and the need for legal reforms. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Asheetu Bhatia Sarin, the Faculty Convenor, expressing gratitude to all participants and contributors.



CCTIP, VSLLS, VIPS-TC Releases Placement Brochure- 2024



CCTIP, VSLLS, VIPS-TC released the Placement Brochure- 2024 with the objective of providing students with best opportunities in the field of law. Committee's student team members and faculty members worked extremely hard to introduce the brochure.

Upcoming Events

VIVEKANANDA INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES-TECHNICAL CAMPUS
Affiliated to GGSIP University, Recognised by Bar Council of India & Approved by AICTE, Accredited Grade "A+" Institution by NAAC, Recognised under Section 2(f) by UGC, An ISO 9001:2015 Certified Institution

Centre of Excellence for Cyber Law
Centre for Intellectual Property Rights
VSLLS Pro Bono Club

NATIONAL CONVENTION ON RESPONSIBLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: LAW AND ETHICS

Date: 02 Mar, 2024
Time: 10 a.m. onwards
Venue: Auditorium, B-Block, VIPS-TC Campus

Register via QR Code or [Click here](#)

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VIVEKANANDA SCHOOL OF LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES ADVOCATES' LEGION, MOOT COURT COMMITTEE

In Memory of Dr. Deepti Kohli

PRESENTS
13th INTRA MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION, 2024
on
9th March 2024

REGISTRATION COMMENCES: 6th February 2024	LAST DATE FOR CLARIFICATIONS: 18th February 2024	LAST DATE TO REGISTER: 24th February 2024
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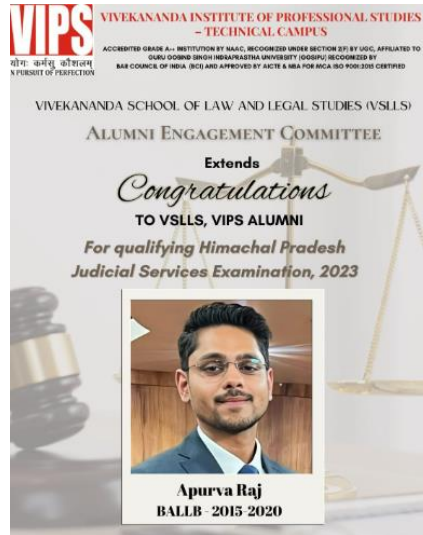
Alumni Corner

VIPS Alumnus empaneled as Panel Counsel at GOI, Supreme Court



Ms. Kangan Roda, alumna of VSLLS, VIPS-TC (B.A LL. B, Batch 2009-14) has been empaneled as a Panel Counsel at Government of India for the Supreme Court.

VSLLS Alumnus cleared Himachal Pradesh Judicial Services Exam, 2023



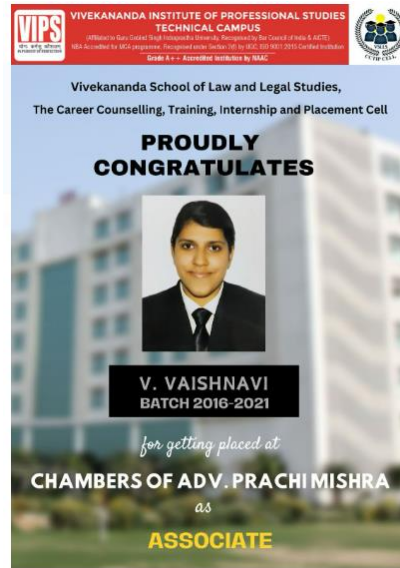
Apurva Raj, alumnus of VSLLS, VIPS-TC (B.A LL. B, Batch 2015-20) cleared Himachal Pradesh Judicial Services Exam, 2023.

VSLLS Alumni cleared UGC-NET Examination, 2023



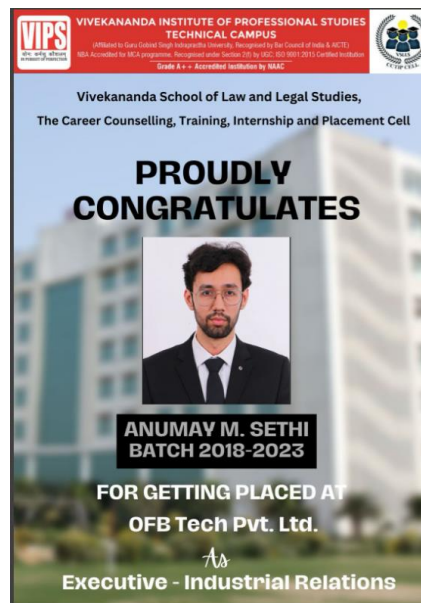
Alumni of VSLLS, VIPS-TC, Nishtha Ganesh (B.A LL. B, 2014-19), Simran Chhabra (B.A LL.B, 2014-19), Anshul Bedi (LLM, 2022-23), Arushi Mittal (LLM, 2022-23), Saloni Aggarwal (LLM, 2022-23) and Shivam Bansal (LLM, 2022-2023) cleared UGC Net Examination December, 2023.

VSLLS Alumnus appointed as an Associate in the Chambers of Adv. Prachi Mishra



Alumnus of VSLLS, VIPS-TC, Ms. V. Vaishnavi (Batch 2016-21) got placed as an Associate in the Chambers of Advocate Prachi Mishra.

VSLLS Alumnus appointed as an Executive (Industrial Relations) in the OFB Tech Pvt.Ltd.



Alumnus of VSLLS, VIPS-TC, Mr. Anumay M. Sethi (2018-23) got placed as Executive – Industrial Relations at OFB Tech Pvt. Ltd.

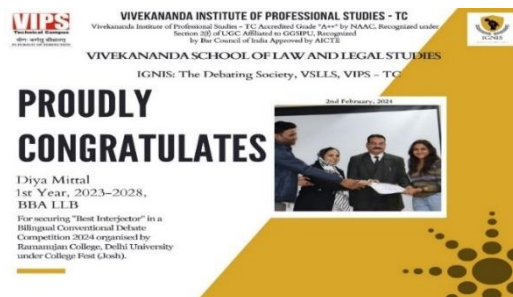
Students' Achievements

VSLLS Students Emerge Victorious at Intercollege Quiz Competition



Ms. Tanya Kumari and Ms. Kashish Agarwal (4th Semester, BBA. LL. B) emerged victorious by bagging the 'First Position' in the Intercollege Quiz Competition organised by Delhi Police and Maharaja Surajamal Institute on 21st February, 2024.

VSLLS Student won the Best Interjector at Bilingual Conventional Debate



Ms. Diya Mittal (2nd Semester, BBA. LL. B) on the 2nd February 2024 won the 'Best Interjector' at the Bilingual Conventional Debate Competition 2024 hosted by: TARK - The Debating and Creative Writing Society of Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under College Fest (JOSH).

VSLLS Student Secured the First Position in The Article Writing Competition



VSLLS student Nandini Achhra (4th Semester, B.A LL. B(H)) secured first position in the Article Writing Competition on Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti organized by Media Unit of Delhi School of Journalism.

VSLLS Student's Think Tank recognized by the Indian Council for World Affairs



Mr. Rudraksh Aneja's (6th Semester, B.A LL.B.), Think-Tank startup has been officially added to the recognized list of the Indian Council for World Affairs. He was invited by India's former Ambassador to Qatar, His Excellency K.P. Fabian and further received a second invitation to The Hindu's Foreign Affairs Editor, Mr. Kallol Banerjee and Ambassador K.P. Fabian. He was also invited to attend the interaction conference of the 47th UNGA Assembly President, Mr. Denis Francis.

VSLLS Students Secured Runner-Up position in IMS Unison University's National Trial Advocacy Competition



Team consisting of Ms. Sukhsehej Kaur Oberoi, Ms. Geetanshi Dang and Ms. Pragya Tiwari (4th Semester B.A LL. B (H)) secured the 'Runner-up Position' in the 1st National Trial Advocacy Competition 2024 organised by IMS Unison University, Dehradun on 9th -10th February, 2024.

Students' Publications

- Ashhad Sajid Khan (2nd Semester) published a paper titled “Uniform Civil Code in India: Balancing Uniformity in Religious Pluralism and Individual Liberties” alongside Mr. Sushant Dabral (Assistant Professor of Law at VSLLS, VIPS-TC). The paper was published in the book titled ‘LEX MANTHAN (A Legal Book)’ Volume – 46, ISBN: 978-81-966937-6-3
- Tanya Kumari (4th Semester) published two legal articles on Legal Vidhiya titled-
 - Bihar Caste Survey: The Bihar government’s Caste Survey is being challenged, and the Supreme Court has scheduled the final hearing.
 - Delhi High Court maintains that adopting a “normal child” is prohibited if the parents are already parents to two children.

Faculty Achievements



- **Dr. Manan Dardi**, has been awarded Ph.D. degree from Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar (Director, GNLU). The title of her thesis was “Legal Framework for the Management of Marine Protected Areas in India: A Critical Analysis”.
- **Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao** was invited as Guest of Honour in National Conference on “Development and Trend in Corporate Laws and Governance” organized by NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad in association with the Institute of Company Secretaries of India held from 5th to 7th January, 2024. He was a resource person in the FDP organized by Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, sponsored by UGC- MMTTC on the topic Sources of Dharma held on 27th January, 2024. He was invited as an Expert Speaker for the 2-weeks special programme on Criminal Law and Forensic Sciences for Attorneys from the office of Attorney General of Nepal held on 19th February, 2024 organized by NLU Jodhpur and Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of External Affairs, GOI in association with The Regional Forensic Science Laboratory Jodhpur. He has edited two books named, “150 Years of Indian Contract Act, 1872: Some Reflections” published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC, New Delhi in collaboration with National University of Study and Research in Law, (NUSRL) Ranchi. ISBN: 978-81-951735-6-3 and “Aspects of Violence against Women- Legal Implications” published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC, Delhi. He has published a compilation on Dharma (Dhri) published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC, Delhi.
- **Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar** delivered a lecture on “Protection of Cultural Property in International Humanitarian Law” on 22nd February, 2024, at Academy of International Law, ISIL, Delhi. She delivered a lecture on “AI and Armed Conflicts” on 24th February, 2024 in an FDP on Cyber Laws organised by GWLC, affiliated to RTM Nagpur University Maharashtra. She has edited two books named, “150 Years of Indian Contract Act, 1872: Some Reflections” published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC, New Delhi in

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- **Dr. Ashu Dhiman** contributed a chapter titled “Privity of Contract under Indian Law: The need for legislative action to frame exhaustive rules” in the edited book named “150 Years of the Indian Contract Act 1872: Some Reflections” published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC, New Delhi in collaboration with National University of Study and Research in Law, (NUSRL) Ranchi. ISBN: 978-81-951735-6-3. She was invited as a Resource Person in Mediation training workshop organised by Chanakya National Law University, Patna on 15th February, 2024. She was also invited as a speaker in Virtual Mediation training session organised by CEADRL, ICFAI Law School, Dehradun on 8th February, 2024. Her article titled “Analyzing the Efficacy of Restorative Justice in the Indian Criminal Justice System: A Study of Victim-Offender Mediation and its Prospects” was published in CPJ Law Journal, vol XV, Issue 2, ISSN 0976-3562. She has judged the quarter final round of 1st edition of the ICFAI Virtual National Mediation Competition held on 9th -10th February, 2024 organized by CEADRL, ICFAI Law School, Dehradun.
- **Dr. Asheetu Bhatia Sarin** participated in an online “Refresher Course in Commerce and Business Administration” organized by UGC- Malviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (Formerly Human Resource Development Centre) the University of Allahabad UGC sponsored from December 14 to December 27, 2023 and obtained Grade A+. She also published a chapter “The Role of Green Finance in Fostering Green Startups: An Indian Perspective” in an edited book in Sharma, R., Mehta, K., & Yu, P. (Eds.) “Fostering Innovation in Venture Capital and Startup Ecosystems” published by IGI Global.
- **Dr. Avinash Kumar** attended a National Level FDP One-month FDP on Strategies for Teaching Law in the 21st Century by Law Teachers India and Gujarat Maritime University, Gandhinagar from 1st January, 2024 to 2nd February 2024. He attended one-week FDP organised by the Department of Law, Central University of Karnataka from 11th to 17th December 2023. His chapter titled “Communication of Acceptance and Revocation under Contract Act, 1872: Study with reference to Bhagwandas Goverdhandas Kedia v. M/s Girdharilal Parshottamdas and Co. 1966 AIR SC 543” in the edited book named “150 Years of the Indian Contract Act 1872: Some Reflections” was published by Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies-TC,

New Delhi in collaboration with National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL), Ranchi. ISBN: 978-81-951735-6-3.

- **Dr. Deepali Vashisht** has presented a paper titled “The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2021: A Critical Analysis” in the International Conference on Management of Intellectual Property Rights and Strategy organised by IIT Roorkee from 22nd to 24th February, 2024.
- **Dr. Garima Singh** has participated in One Week Online Faculty Development Programme titled ‘Reading and Researching the Literature of Crisis’ organised by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Trichy in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair in Vulnerability Studies, University of Hyderabad from 22nd to 28th January, 2024.
- **Dr. Gunjan Malhotra Ahuja** participated in a One-Week Workshop on Research Methodology organized by RGNUL, Punjab in collaboration with MNLU, Nagpur from 17th to 21st January, 2024. She has presented a paper titled “Reshaping the Indian Legal System with Artificial Intelligence” co-authored with **Dr. Ankita Kumar Gupta** at the International Conference on Navigating the Intersection between AI & Law held from 23rd January to 24th January, 2024 organized by Faculty of Law, Aligarh Muslim University.
- **Dr. Navjeet Sidhu Kundal and Dr. Garima Singh** has published a paper titled “Regulations and Challenges in Data Protection with Special Reference to Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023” in Kashmir Journal of Legal studies.
- **Dr. Neelam** has authored a research paper named “Woman Directors on the Board of Indian Companies: A Myth or Reality” in International Journal of Advance Research (IJAR) and two Chapters named “Revisiting of the Provisions Relating to Formation of Valid Contract under the Indian Contract Act, 1872 : A Need of the Hour” and “Contracts and Excerpt on Selected Decided Cases on Electronic Contract” in the edited book named “150 Years of the Indian Contract Act 1872: Some Reflections” published by Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies-TC, New Delhi in collaboration with National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL), Ranchi. ISBN: 978-81-951735-6-3.
- **Dr. Sonali Sharma** has participated in one-month National Level online Refresher Course on “Teaching Law in 21st Century Edition 2” organized by Law Teachers India

and Gujarat Maritime University supported by Manupatra and Law and Justice Publishing Co. from 1st January, 2024 to 3rd February, 2024.

- **Dr. Tanvi Sehgal** has published paper titled “The Phenomenon of Two Approaches to Protect Internet Intermediaries in India- Challenges and Solutions” in KLE Law Journal, Issue 1, Vol IX, 2023-24. She attended, one week NEP Orientation and Sensitization Programme organized by NIEPA, UGC Malviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP), National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi from 5th February, 2024 to 14th February, 2024.
- **Dr. Varsha Dogra** has completed the One-Week Faculty Development Program on “Developing the Teachers for the Next Generation” from 23rd to 29th January, 2024 organized by Chandra Prabhu Jain College of Higher Studies and School of law. She has presented a paper titled as “Gender Inequality in the Workplace: The Fight Against Bias” in the RUSA Sponsored one day interdisciplinary Seminar (Hybrid) on “Empowering the Women *vis a vis* Feministic Jurisprudence Socio-Legal and Linguistic Approaches”, organized by UILS, Punjab University, Swami Sarwanand Giri Regional Centre, Hoshiarpur on 13th February, 2024. She has attended the One Week National Faculty Development Program on Advancing and Nurturing Research Competence in Legal Studies (online sessions) organized by Apex School of Law, Apex University Jaipur, from 10th February to 16th February, 2024.
- **Mr. Aaditya Vikram Sharma** was invited to judge the quarter-final rounds of the Philip Jessup Memorial International Law Moot Court Competition 2024 (India Qualifying Rounds) on 16th February, 2024. He presented a paper titled “Orbiting the Climate Challenge: Aligning International Space Law with Environmental Sustainability” at the International Conference on Climate Change Sustainable Climate Action and a Just, Inclusive and Equitable Future: India’s Vision for COP organized by the India International University of Legal Education and Research, Goa from 24th to 25th February, 2024.
- **Ms. Anika Mittal**, completed a 4-week Faculty Induction/Orientation Program for Faculty in University/Colleges/Institutes of Higher Education from 22nd January to 20th February, 2024, organised by the Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi.
- **Mr. Ashish Saraswat** judged the Indian Qualifying Rounds of the Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition, 2024 jointly hosted by The International Law Students

Association (ILSA) and Amity Law School, Noida on 14th February, 2024 at Amity Law School, Noida.

- **Ms. Mohita Yadav** has participated and successfully completed one-month national level online refresher course on Teaching Law in 21st century- Edition 2 (40 hours) organised by Law Teachers India and Gujarat Maritime University supported by Manupatra and Law and Justice Publishing co. from 1st January, 2024 to 3rd February, 2024.
- **Ms. Nitika Upadhyaya** has completed the 11-day online NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme under Malaviya Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of University Grant Commission (UGC) organized by Central University of Jammu from 23rd January, 2024 to 31st January, 2024. She presented a paper on RUSA sponsored One day interdisciplinary Seminar (hybrid mode) on “Empowering The Women *vis -a-vis* Feministic Jurisprudence Socio-Legal and Linguistic Approaches” organized by UILS, Punjab University, Swami Sarvanand Giri Regional Centre, Hoshiarpur on 13th February, 2024 and presented paper titled “An Ode to Early History of Women Empowerment and Social Justice in India”.
- **Ms. Pinky Singh** participated in one- month National Level Online Refresher Course on Teaching Law in 21st Century-Edition 2 (40hrs) organized by Law Teachers India and Gujarat Maritime University supported by Manupatra and Law and Justice Publishing company from 1st January 2024 to 3rd February 2024 and has secured A+ grade. She has contributed a chapter titled “Surrogacy and Indian Contract Act,1872: A Critical Study of the Legal Relationship with Special Reference to Commercial Surrogacy” in the book titled “50 years of The Indian Contract Act, 1872: Some Reflections” (ISBN:978-81-951735-6-3) published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC in collaboration with National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL), Ranchi.
- **Ms. Richa Gupta** has successfully completed the 8 weeks FDP course on Academic and research report writing approved by AICTE.
- **Ms. Richa Srivastava** published an article titled “Critical Analysis of Social Security Schemes for Women in India” in VIPS Student Law Review, Volume V, bearing ISSN 2582-0311 and she also published an article titled “Issues and Challenges of Migrant Workers in Covid Era: Empirical Study” in the International Journal for Legal Research and Analysis with ISSN No 2582-6433. She got her chapter published titled “The

Legality of the Doctrine of Frustration with Reference to Non-Payment of Wages in the Realm of Covid-Era” in the book 150 Years of The Indian Contract Act, 1872: Some Reflections with ISBN: 978-81-951735-6-3 published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC in collaboration with National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL), Ranchi.

- **Ms. Ritika Juneja** has published Research Paper titled “Role of Administrative Law in Good Governance” in the International Journal of all Research Education and Scientific Methods, UGC Certified, Peer Reviewed Journal/ Refereed Journal (IJARESM, Impact Factor: 8.536, Volume 12 Issue 1, January-2024).
- **Ms. Soumya Khanna** was invited as an Expert Assessor at Mediate Guru’s 2nd Virtual International Client Counselling Competition, 2024 held from 18th January, 2024 to 20th January, 2024. She has successfully participated and has secured "A" Grade in the One-Month National Level Online Refresher Course on Teaching Law in 21st Century - Edition 2 (40 hours) organised by Law Teachers India and Gujarat Maritime University supported by Manupatra and Law and Justice Publishing Co. from 1st January, 2024 to 3rd February, 2024. She has published the paper titled “Reimagining Leadership: The Legal and Political Discourse of a Benevolent Ruler for State Welfare in Ancient India and Contemporary Times” in the double-blind peer reviewed - Indian Journal of Law and Society, Vol. II, Issue I bearing ISSN- 2583-9608 on 23rd February, 2024.
- **Mr. Sushant Dabral** has successfully participated and has secured “A” Grade in the One-Month National Level Online Refresher Course on Teaching Law in 21st Century - Edition 2 (40 hours) organised by Law Teachers India and Gujarat Maritime University supported by Manupatra and Law and Justice Publishing Co. from 1st January, 2024 to 3rd February, 2024. He has published his chapter titled “Uniform Civil Code in India: Balancing Uniformity in Religious Pluralism and Individual Liberties” in the book Lex Manthan, Vol. 46 in the month of January, 2024 bearing ISBN: 978-81-966937-6-3.
- **Ms. Vaishali Sachdeva** has participated in 7 days FDP from 23rd January to 29th January, 2024 on statistical analysis with Excel organized by World Innovators University (WIU) Research Foundation of India & RFI - CARE.

Thinking Box

12 January: National Youth Day

Swami Vivekananda Jayanti, commemorated on 12 January, honors the birth of Swami Vivekananda, born in 1863. Designated as Rashtriya Yuva Diwas, it draws inspiration from his profound philosophy. He, the chief disciple of mystic Ramakrishna Paramhansa, founded the Ramakrishna Math and the global Ramakrishna Mission, rooted in Vedanta philosophy. The day pays homage to Vivekananda's teachings, advocating for youth participation in the modern world while upholding values. Noteworthy for his impact on modern Hinduism and inspiring nationalist leaders during colonial rule, Vivekananda's famous 1893 speech in Chicago introduced Hinduism to the Western world. His influence extends to India's fight against colonial rule, with leaders like Subhas Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi acknowledging his profound impact. The theme of this year's festival is "*Viksit Bharat@ 2047: Yuva ke liye, yuva ke dwara*". National Youth Day, initiated in 1985, witnesses nationwide celebrations at schools and colleges, featuring processions, speeches, music, conventions, seminars, Yogasanas, essay competitions, and sports.



Q. Match the government schemes for welfare of youth with their correct explanation.

SCHEMES	EXPLANATION
1. Scheme of National Youth Corps	a) It is to provide at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a financial year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

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2. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)	b) The Adolescence Education Programme aims to empower young people with accurate, age appropriate and culturally relevant information, promote healthy attitudes and develop skills to enable them to respond to real life situations in positive and responsible ways.
3. Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY)	c) It is the flagship outcome-based skill training scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The objective of this skill certification and reward scheme is to enable and mobilize a large number of Indian youth to take up outcome based skill training and become employable and earn their livelihood.
4. Adolescence Education Programme	d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has introduced this Scheme to set up a group of disciplined and dedicated youth who have the inclination and spirit to engage in the task of nation building.
5. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)	e) It was launched with effect from 01-10-2020 as part of Atmanirbhar Bharat Package 3.0 to incentivise employers for creation of new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of loss of employment during Covid-19 pandemic.

ANSWERS

1. D
2. C
3. E
4. B
5. A

Domestic Legal News

Arbitral awards are not subject to modification according to Sections 34 and 37 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act: Supreme Court

5 January 2024: While deciding on a plea whether there is a scope of interference with arbitral awards under Section 34 and 37 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, the Supreme Court has reiterated the settled position of law that any attempt to “modify an award” while adjudicating Sections 34 and 37 petitions is not permissible under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

Supreme Court outlines key considerations for determining remission applications

9 January 2024: the Supreme Court not only set aside the remission of 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano case but also provided detailed guidelines for considering remission applications. The top court highlighted key factors that must be taken into account, offering an illuminating roadmap for evaluating such pleas under the Code of Criminal Procedure. The judgment emphasised that remission applications under Section 432 of the CrPC must be directed to the government of the state within whose territorial jurisdiction the applicant was convicted, known as the “appropriate government”. Furthermore, the convict or someone acting on their behalf must submit the application, ensuring compliance with Section 433A, which mandates that a person serving a life sentence can seek remission only after completing fourteen years of imprisonment. Additionally, it outlined specific tests for judicial review when an application for remission, ensuring that the process remains fair, transparent, and free from arbitrariness.

Children born from a void marriage cannot be deprived of their rightful share in their parent's property: Supreme Court

20 January 2024: The Supreme Court held that the children born out of a void and voidable marriage shall be considered as legitimate children and be treated as an extended family of the common ancestor for the purpose of deciding a valid share in the property of the common ancestor. It was held that once the common ancestor has admittedly considered the children born of void and voidable marriage as his legitimate children, then such children would be entitled to the same share as the successors in the property of the common ancestor as that of children born out of a valid marriage.

Supreme Court upholds that Bail Cannot Be Cancelled Merely Due to Non-Appearence of Accused Before Court

29 January 2024: The Supreme Court recently observed that the non-appearance of the accused party is no ground for cancellation of bail. The Court observed that if bail has been granted, the same can be cancelled if any conditions are violated or liberty is misused.

Breaking Up and Advising Partner to Marry Someone Else Won't Amount to Abetment to Suicide: Supreme Court

12 February 2024: The Supreme Court observed that merely advising a partner to marry as per the advice of parents would not attract the penal provisions of abetment to suicide under Section 306 of the Indian Penal Code. "Broken relationships and heartbreaks are part of everyday life. Hence the offence under Section 306 is not made out." The bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath and K.V. Viswanathan observed that the instigation to commit suicide must be continued and should create circumstances for committing suicide. There must be direct or indirect acts of incitement to the commission of suicide. The accused must be shown to have played an active role by an act of instigation or by doing certain acts to facilitate the commission of suicide.

Electoral Bonds Scheme struck down as unconstitutional by the Supreme Court

15 February 2024: The Supreme Court delivered its judgement in the electoral bonds case, holding that anonymous electoral bonds are violative of the right to information under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution. Accordingly, the scheme has been struck down as unconstitutional. A constitution bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, and Justices Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, JB Pardiwala, and Manoj Misra heard a batch of cases challenging the controversial electoral bonds scheme. "Information about funding of political parties is essential for the effective exercise of the choice of voting." Chief Justice Chandrachud stressed right at the outset, emphasising the importance of open governance. SBI has been directed to give details of electoral bonds purchased within 3 weeks and to herewith stop the issuance of electoral bonds.

Supreme Court Rules Directors Not Responsible for Bounced Cheques Issued by Company Post-Resignation under N.I. Act

16 February 2024: The SC has observed that the director could be held liable for the dishonour of the cheque after his retirement only when it is proved that any act of a company is proved to have been done with the connivance or consent or may be attributable to a director.

Supreme Court Proposes Declaring Chandigarh Mayor Election Results Based on Present Votes Instead of Fresh Election

19 February 2024: The Court stated that it would direct that the votes already cast be counted by disregarding the marks which were made on them by the previous Presiding Officer Mr. Anil Masih. The Court stated that it will ask the Deputy Commissioner of the Chandigarh Administration to nominate an officer, who is not aligned with any of the political parties, to be the returning officer to count the ballots and declare the results. A bench comprising the CJI, Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra directed that the ballot papers be produced before the Court to ascertain if the votes can be deduced from them. The Court then stated that it would order the counting based on the present ballots. The Registrar General of the High Court has been asked to nominate a judicial officer to bring the ballot papers to the Court.

Supreme Court upholds Termination of Women Officer on Ground of Marriage as Arbitrary

19 February 2024: In a case where a woman nursing officer was terminated from the Military Nursing Service on the grounds of marriage, the Supreme Court firmly termed the same to be a 'coarse case of gender discrimination and inequality'. The Division Bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta also reiterated that rules, on the basis of which such women officers were terminated because of their marriage, are unconstitutional.

Supreme Court overturns its 2018 decision which set a time limit on Court's stay orders

29 February 2024: In 2018, a three-judge bench comprising Justices Adarsh Goel, Navin Sinha and Rohinton Nariman were deciding a batch of cases involving the Prevention of Corruption Act. These batches of cases had one aspect in common – that the respective High Courts had granted a stay at some stage of trial. A five-judge bench, overturning the 2018 judgement, held that constitutional courts should refrain from laying down precise timelines for deciding cases, highlighting the discretion that should be afforded to lower courts which are more aware of

“grassroots issues”. The SC also pointed out that courts often have different patterns when it comes to their pending caseload, and so the concerned court is best placed to decide which cases to prioritise.

Supreme Court Issues Guidelines on Exercise of Inherent Powers under Article 142

29 February 2024: A Constitution Bench has held that Article 142 of the Constitution confers wide-ranging powers on the highest court of the land to pass orders and decrees necessary to ensure ‘complete justice’ in any case before it. These orders are enforceable throughout India and can include directives for the attendance of individuals, discovery of documents, or investigation of contempt of court. Importantly, the constitution bench also held that the Supreme Court’s powers under Article 142 cannot be exercised to defeat the principles of natural justice, which are an integral part of our jurisprudence.

International Legal News

ICJ orders Israel to prevent acts of genocide in Gaza

26 January 2024: The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has delivered its ruling on the emergency measures requested by South Africa in its genocide case against Israel over its war on the Gaza Strip. The court said, among others, that Israel must take steps to prevent acts of genocide in Gaza but stopped short of ordering a ceasefire. The judges have not ruled on the merits of the genocide allegations, which may take years to decide. Since October 7, Israel’s military campaign has killed at least 26,083 people and wounded 64,487 others, according to officials in Gaza. Thousands more are missing under the rubble, most of them presumed dead. The ruling fell short of ordering a ceasefire in the Gaza war. Various nations, including South Africa, Germany, the EU, and Turkey, have called on Israel to adhere to the measures. The ICJ’s decision stems from an application by South Africa, and while the Court has not yet conclusively determined whether Israel committed genocide, it indicates a plausible risk under the 1948 Genocide Convention.

ICJ Rules that Russia Violated Anti-Terrorism and Anti-Racial Discrimination Treaties in 2014 Ukraine Annexation

31 January 2024: the ICJ has ruled that Russia breached global anti-terrorism and anti-racial discrimination treaties in connection to its 2014 annexation of parts of Ukraine. However, the ICJ rejected many of the charges brought by Kyiv. The Court found Russia in violation for not

investigating information from Ukraine about individuals supporting terrorism. The Court ruled that Russia has committed a violation set forth in Article 2 of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. Regarding Crimea, Russia was ruled to have violated the Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in its educational system implementation related to Ukrainian language curricula. Additionally, Russia breached its obligation under the ICJ's provisional measures issued in 2017, which required refraining from actions that could worsen the dispute.

ICJ holds public hearings in the advisory proceedings on the Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

21 February 2024: An unprecedented number of countries and international organizations participated in the International Court of Justice's (ICJ) oral hearings on Israel's occupation beginning February 19, 2024. The oral proceedings stem from a December 2022 request by the United Nations General Assembly for an advisory opinion by the court on the legal consequences of Israel's policies and practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The court has the opportunity to address the prolonged occupation, to consider Israel's practices and policies violating international legal prohibitions against racial discrimination, including the crimes against humanity of apartheid and persecution, and to appraise the legal responsibilities of other countries and the UN to address violations of international law arising from the occupation.

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