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Life @ Law School

National Convention on “Responsible Artificial Intelligence: Law and Ethics” by  
VSLLS Pro Bono Club, Centre of Excellence for Cyber Law & the Centre for  
Intellectual Property Rights



VSLLS Pro Bono Club along with the Centre of Excellence for Cyber Law and the Centre



for Intellectual Property Rights organized a National Convention on “Responsible Artificial Intelligence: Law and Ethics” on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 at VIPS-TC Campus. Hon’ble Ms. Justice Mini Pushkarna, Judge, Delhi High Court inaugurated the Convention.

The event was remarkable as the

Charter titled ‘Responsible Use of AI’, first to be adopted in India by VIPS-TC and proposed for adoption by other academic institutions, authored by Dr. Karnnika A. Seth, Professor of Practice at VIPS-TC, was released by the Chief Guest, in the presence of other dignitaries like Dr. S.C.Vats, Chairman, VIPS-TC, Prof.(Dr.) T.V.Subba Rao, Professor Emeritus and Chairperson, VSLLS,VIPS-TC and Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VSLLS-VIPS-TC. Justice Mini Pushkarna proudly announced VIPS-TC's pioneering initiative in formulating the first Charter of AI in the backdrop of concerted efforts of the Government of India to boost AI and ethics through initiatives like the Digital India Act and collaborative efforts between Niti Aayog and Ministry of IT. The technical session was held after successful culmination of inaugural ceremony wherein the panellists highlighted the technical as well as legal aspects of Responsible AI. Luminaries like Prof. Udaya Raghunath Birje, Co-founder, and Director of Think Street Technologies, Professor of Practice at VIPS-TC; Mr. Utpal Chakraborty, Founder and CTO of Intelite Technologies, Professor of Practice at VIPS-TC and Ms. Priyanka Walesha, Head Legal of Yum Digital and Technology headed the technical sessions. Centre of Excellence for Cyber Law, Centre for Intellectual Property Rights and VSLLS Pro Bono Club successfully organized the event.



### **VSLLS, VIPS-TC Legal Aid Clinic and Pro Bono Club Organised Guest Lecture on 'Gender Audit'**



VSLLS, VIPS-TC Legal Aid Clinic and the Pro Bono Club, VSLLS, VIPS-TC organised a guest lecture on 'Gender Audit' on pro-eminent occasion of International Women's Day on 7<sup>th</sup> March,2024. The distinguished guest and speaker for the occasion was Smt. Nayana Vinay Sahasrabudhe, Vice President of Bhartiya Stree Shakti and former member of the External Advisory Committee of the National Commission for Women. The lecture highlighted the significance of gender audits and insightful discourse on gender as a multifaceted social construct emphasizing the necessity of gender audits for assessing institutional gender equality.



### **VSLLS Advocates' Legion and Moot Court Committee organised 13<sup>th</sup> Intra Mock Trial Competition in the Memory of Dr. Deepti Kohli**



Advocates' Legion and Moot Court Committee of VSLLS, VIPS-TC, Delhi organized the 13<sup>th</sup> Intra Mock Trial Competition in the memory of Dr. Deepti Kohli on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. Dr. Deepti Kohli, was an Associate Professor and Convener of the Moot Court Committee at VSLLS, VIPS-TC. She gave her significant contribution to the institution by mentoring mooters which led to numerous successes in moot competitions, enriching the academic atmosphere, and fostering a strong moot culture at the institute. Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VSLLS, VIPS-TC delivered the welcome speech, honouring the legacy of Dr. Deepti Kohli.



The esteemed judges included Practicing Advocates Mr. Ramneek Singh, Mr. Manik Ahluwalia, Mr. Ankit Banati, Mr. Aakash Verma, Mr. Akshay Kumar, Mr. Shubham Gupta, Mr. Arush Kapoor, Mr. Devansh Gupta, Mr. Abhishek Grover, Mr. Kunal Bhatia and Ms. Mohita Singhal (Young Legal Professional, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice), Mr. Rishabh Gupta (Partner, Prime Juris law firm), Divya Rao (Legal Analyst Supercilious Food works LLP.), Mr. Mordhwaj (Managing Partner, Para Legum Solutions (PLS)) and Mr. Animesh Pareek, (Legal Consultant, Law Commission of India). The awards were given to the Best Prosecution Counsel, Best Défense Counsel and Best Witness. The competition was conducted with hard work of the student co-ordinators, Ms. Kashish Gulati, Ms. Chinar Garg and Mr. Sarthak Kohli under the guidance of faculty members – Advocates' Legion.



**Student Members of VSLLS, VIPS-TC Legal Aid Clinic volunteered in National Lok Adalat on 9<sup>th</sup> March,2024**



The student members of VIPS Legal Aid Clinic (VLAC) participated and offered their assistance to the Delhi State Legal Services Authorities (DSLSA) in the National Lok Adalat organized under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority, on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. They visited 11 District Legal Services Authority. The participation of student members in the National Lok Adalat was a transformative experience, enhancing their practical skills and understanding of the legal profession.

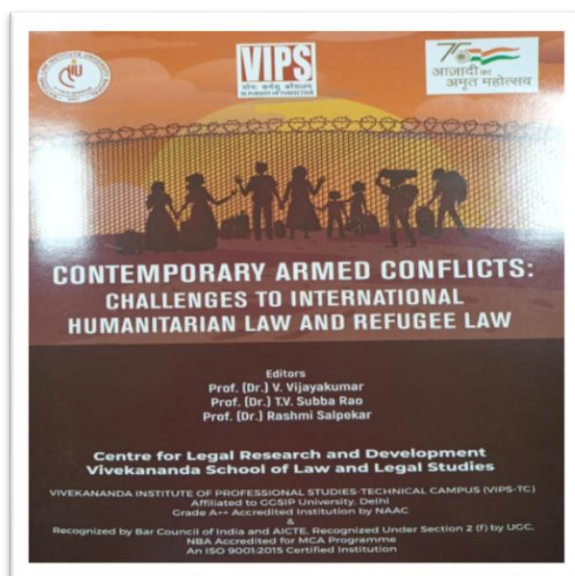
**VSLLS, VIPS-TC Legal Aid Clinic and North-West District Legal Services Authority Organized Legal Aid Drive and Environment Protection Awareness in Haiderpur Village on 12<sup>th</sup> March,2024**



VSLLS, VIPS-TC Legal Aid Clinic in the collaboration with the North-West District Legal Services Authority Organized Legal Aid Drive in Haiderpur Village on 12<sup>th</sup> March,2024. Ms. Dezy Rekha, Legal Aid Counsel, North-West DLSA joined the endeavour to provide assistance to the villagers. The villagers were informed about the DSLSA helpline number (1516) and the

process to avail free legal aid services. The collaborative efforts between VLAC and the North-West DLSA proved to be beneficial for both villagers and student members.

**VSLLS, VIPS-TC Released an edited book titled Contemporary Armed Conflicts : Challenges to International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law**



Centre for Legal Research and Development, VSLLS, VIPS-TC released an edited book titled Contemporary Armed Conflicts: Challenges to International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law. This is an outcome of MoU with NLIU Bhopal. This is edited by Prof. (Dr.) V. Vijayakumar, Former VC NLIU Bhopal, Prof. (Dr.) T V Subba Rao, Professor Emeritus and Chairperson, VSLLS, VIPS-TC and Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VSLLS-VIPS-TC.

**VSLLS, VIPS-TC Released a Book Titled “Aspects on Violence Against Women: Legal Implications”**





Hon'ble Justice Mini Pushkarna, Judge of the High Court Delhi, along with Dr. S.C. Vats, Chairman of VIPS - TC, Dr. Karnnika Seth, Cyber Law Expert and Professor of Practice at VIPS-TC, unveiled the book titled "Aspects on Violence Against Women: Legal Implications." Edited by Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao, Professor Emeritus and Chairperson, VSLLS, VIPS-TC, Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VSLLS-VIPS-TC, and Dr. Payal Jain, Assistant Professor VSLLS VIPS-TC, the book delves into various articles based on doctrinal and empirical research, shedding light on violence against women, judicial responses, and police administration.

**VSLLS LLM(Corporate) Students Visit to National Company Law Appellate Tribunal, New Delhi (NCLAT)**



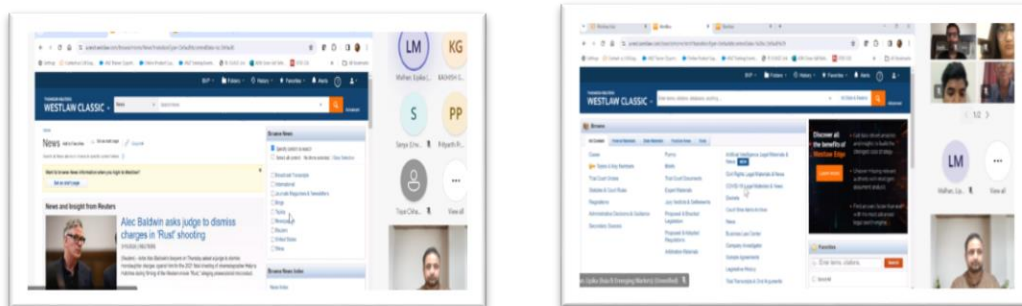
LLM Corporate Law students visited the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal, New Delhi on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 which was coordinated by Dr. Neelam, Associate Professor, VSLLS, VIPS-TC. The visit aimed to provide students with practical insights into corporate law proceedings and the functioning of NCLAT. During the visit, students had the privilege to observe court proceedings, gaining firsthand exposure to the intricacies of corporate litigation and appellate procedures.

**VSLLS IGNIS Debating Society organized Intra- Debate Competition on the theme 'One Nation, One Election'**



The Debating Society of VSLLS, IGNIS, organized an Intra- Debate Competition on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 on the theme ‘One Nation, One Election’ Participants engaged in discussions highlighting various aspects of the concept, including its potential benefits and challenges. Prof. (Dr.) T V Subba Rao, Professor-Emeritus and Chairperson of VSLLS and Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VSLLS encouraged students to involve in critical dialogue and debating. The judges of the competition were– Ms. Kanika Goel (Legal Research Associate, Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice), Mr. Shubham Sharma (Assistant Professor, Shobhit Institute of Engineering and Technology), Ms. Megha Pandey and Ms. Akanksha Yadav (Practicing Advocates). All the invited judges are alumni of VSLLS, VIPS-TC. Following students were adjudged as the winners of the competition -Vedant Raj Chopra and Divyanshu Sharma from II semester, Ms. Purvika Tripathi (Best Interjector, IV semester), Lavanya Naugai (Best speaker, II semester), Ansh Singh and Gargi (Runner Ups, VI semester).

### **VSLLS Library Committee Organized a Workshop on “How to Use Westlaw?”**



Online Workshop on “How to Use Westlaw?” for the first semester students and faculty members was coordinated by Library Committee, VSLLS, VIPS-TC, Mr. Ashish Saraswat, Dr. Neelam Chawla and Mr. Mukesh Sachdeva, Librarian, VSLLS, VIPS-TC on 15<sup>th</sup> March,2024. Ms. Lipika Malhan, the representative of the Westlaw, focused on Introduction to Westlaw Asia and Westlaw Classic along with various resources available on them. The session immensely helped the students to do effective legal research and writing.

### **VSLLS Pro Bono Club along with VIPS-TC Electoral Literacy Club Organized a Workshop On “Know Your Voting Rights”**



VSLLS Pro Bono Club along with VIPS-TC Electoral Literacy Club has organized a workshop on “Know Your Voting Rights” on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at Auditorium B-Block. The event was inaugurated in the presence of Shri Mukund S. Upadhyay, IPS, Retd. CEO of VIPS-TC, Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao Sir, Professor Emeritus and Chairperson, VSLLS, VIPS-TC and Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VSLLS-VIPS-TC who extended a warm welcome to the Guest Speakers Ms. Ankita Anand IAS, DM, North West Delhi and Shri Virender, SDM, Rohini. The session highlighted the crucial role that every voter plays in forming the democratic landscape and concluded with providing first-time voters with an educational opportunity, arming them with critical information and motivating them to take an active role in determining the course of India's democracy.

## Upcoming Events

**VIVEKANANDA INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES - TC**  
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VIVEKANANDA SCHOOL OF LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES, VIPS-TC  
*in collaboration with*  
**MAADHYAM, INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION**  
*presents*  
**6th MAADHYAM-VIPS**  
**NATIONAL ARBITRATION AND NEGOTIATION COMPETITION, 2024**

QUALIFYING ROUNDS **21st April, 2024** ONLINE  
 ADVANCED ROUNDS **18th - 19th May, 2024** OFFLINE

SCAN TO REGISTER

Awards and Cash Prizes for Best Performers

Coordinated by: **CENTRE FOR ADR, VSLLS**  
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**VIVEKANANDA INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES - TECHNICAL CAMPUS**

VIVEKANANDA SCHOOL OF LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES  
 ADVOCATES' LEGION, MOOT COURT COMMITTEE, VSLLS, VIPS-TC  
*Presents*  
**17th VIPS INTRA MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2024**  
 (Hybrid Mode)  
**19th-20th April 2024**

REGISTRATION COMMENCES **11.03.24**  
 LAST DATE TO REGISTER **07.04.24**  
 RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS **12.04.24**  
 LAST DATE FOR MEMORIAL SUBMISSION **16.04.24**

SCAN TO REGISTER

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 CENTRE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS  
**ON THE OCCASION OF**  
**WORLD IPR DAY**  
*Presents*  
**Client Counselling Competition on IPR**

**26th APRIL 2024**  
**LAST DATE TO REGISTER:**  
**15th APRIL 2024**

Register Now!  
 DETAILS IN BROCHURE

Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar  
 Dean, VSLLS, VIPS-TC  
 Dr. Tanvi Sehgal  
 Asst. Prof., VSLLS, VIPS-TC,  
 Faculty Convenor, CIIPR

Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao  
 Chairperson, VSLLS, VIPS-TC  
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 Student Convenor, CIIPR

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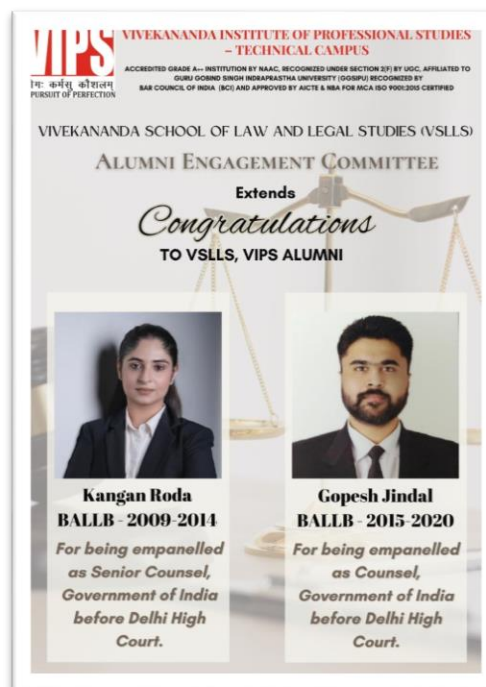
### Alumni Corner

#### VSLLS Alumnus earned the license of Barrister & Solicitor from the Law Society of Ontario, Canada



Surbhi Bhatia, alumni from the batch of B.A LL. B (H) (2009-14), a former convener of VSLLS Moot Court Society- Advocates Legion, VIPS-TC, has cleared and earned her license as a Barrister & Solicitor from the Law Society of Ontario, Canada.

#### VSLLS Alumni appointed as Counsels for Government of India, Delhi High Court



Kangan Roda, batch of 2009-2014, B.A LL. B has been empaneled as Senior Counsel, Government of India and Gopesh Jindal, batch of 2015-2020, B.A LL. B as Counsel, Government of India, both before the Delhi High Court.

### VSLLS Alumni gathered at Inner Space Meditation Centre



VSLLS alumni from various batches gathered at the Inner Space Meditation Centre located at Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies- Technical Campus, Delhi on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

### Students' Achievements

#### VSLLS Students Emerge Victorious at Client Counselling Competition Organised by Rayat College of Law under the National Law Fest



Ms. Toysha Bhalla and Ms. Shireen Sengupta of 4<sup>th</sup> Semester, B.A LL. B (H) emerged victorious by bagging the 'First Position' in the Client Counselling Competition organised by Rayat College of Law under the National Law Fest, SUITS 2.0, held on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 to 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

### **VSLLS Students Emerge Victorious at Client Counselling Competition Organised by Chander Prabhu Jain College of Higher Studies & School of Law**



Ayoushi Jain and Many Modi of 4<sup>th</sup> Semester, BBA LL. B (H), emerged victorious by bagging the ‘First Position’ in the Client Counselling Competition organised by Chander Prabhu Jain College of Higher Studies & School of Law, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024.

### **VSLLS Students Declared as Winners of 6<sup>th</sup> GIBS National Moot Court Competition**



A team consisting of Ms. Shreya Goyal, Ms. Vanshika Gupta and Ms. Pragati Garg (VI Semester, BBA LL.B.) were declared as winners of 6<sup>th</sup> GIBS National Moot Court Competition held on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at Gitarattan International Business School, Delhi.

### **VSLLS Student Emerged as Runner up at MAIMS Constitutional Law Quiz**



Ms. Akansha Parashar of 4<sup>th</sup> Semester, B.A LL. B (H) emerged as runner up in Constitutional Law Quiz at MAIMS under 4<sup>th</sup> Justice JS Verma Memorial National ADR and client counselling competition on 14<sup>th</sup> March,2024.

### **VSLLS Student secured Second Place at The Great Debate-A-Thon**



Ms. Rashi Jain and Ms. Divyanshi Gangwani of 4<sup>th</sup> Semester, B.A LL. B (H), secured Second Place at The Great Debate-A-Thone organized by: Peace Society of Jesus & Mary College, University of Delhi under Sukoon Event on the 16<sup>th</sup> March ,2024.

### **VSLLS Students adjudicated as Semi-Finalists at NLIU-INADR International Mediation Tournament, 2024**



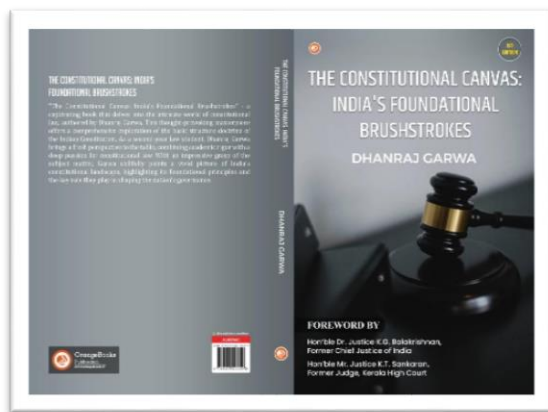
Team consisting of Mr.Shaleen Bareja,Ms.Paarijat Dey of 6<sup>th</sup> Semester, B.A LL.B and Ms.Tavleen Kaur of 6<sup>th</sup> Semester, B.B.A LL.B adjudged as Semi-Finalists in the 12<sup>th</sup> NLIU-INADR International Mediation Tournament,2024 organized by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Cell of the National Law Institute University in association with the International Academy of Dispute Resolution (INADR) from 22<sup>nd</sup> March,2024 to 24<sup>th</sup>



March,2024.Mr.Shaleen Bareja was also declared as 3<sup>rd</sup> best among all the mediators present in the competition.

### Student's Publication

Mr.Dhanraj Garwa (4<sup>th</sup> Semester) published a book titled “The Constitutional Canvas: India’s Foundational Brushstrokes” ( I Edition,2024), ISBN No.978-93-5621-555-9.This book was forwarded by Hon’ble Dr. Justice K.G. Balakrishnan, Former Chief Justice of India and Hon’ble Mr. Justice K.T. Sankaran, Former Judge, Kerala High Court.



### Faculty Achievements

**Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao** delivered a lecture on topic “Selection of problems for academic research” at MNLU Nagpur on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. He was invited as speaker to speak on “Teaching techniques” on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 at MNLU Nagpur.

**Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar** presented a paper in International Conference organised by VIT-AP University on International Law in Times of Crisis on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. She presented on International Law on Responsibility and AI: Issues and Challenges. She has adjudged the final round of International Criminal Court Moot Final Round at NLUD on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. She contributed a chapter titled as “*ICC Reparation System- A critique*” in the book “Contemporary Armed Conflicts: Challenges to International Humanitarian and Refugee Law”, published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC.

**Prof. (Dr.) Geeta Oberoi** has been elected as a member of editorial board for Commonwealth Cyber Journal.

**Prof. (Dr.) Namrata Arora** has contributed an article titled “*Crimes Against Women: A Historical Research of Crime and Punishment in Ancient India by Manu and Kautilya*” in the Maitreyi Series II “*Aspects of Violence Against Women: Legal Implications*” published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC.

**Dr. Aditi Mann** 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024 to 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

**Dr. Avinash Kumar** has presented a paper titled “*Mediation of International Investment Disputes – A Case Study of India*” in the National Conference on Legal Reforms in Contemporary Indian Context from 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 to 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at ISIL, New Delhi.

**Dr. Deepali Vashisht** has adjudicated semifinal round of 4<sup>th</sup> Justice J.S. Verma Memorial National ADR & Client Counselling Competition & Navitas National Law fest organised by MAIMS held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

**Dr. Honey Sharma** has contributed a chapter titled – “*A Legal Study to Analyse the Need for Reforms in The Interpretation of Commercial Contracts Under the Indian Contract Act, 1872 With Special Reference To Force Majeure Clause*” 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.

**Dr. Payal Jain** has contributed a chapter titled “*Dreadful Impact of Acid Attack: -Need for robust and Stringent Legislation: Deterrence for the Attackers*” in the book on “Aspects of Violence Against Women: Legal Implications”, edited by Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao, Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar and Dr. Payal Jain, under the Centre for Legal Research and Development, published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC in the month of March, 2024, Maitreyi Series-II, ISBN 978-81-951735-2-5. She has won the third prize in National Conference/ National Suggestion Competition held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2024 organized by Bhagidari Jan Shayog Samiti (Regd.) in collaboration with the Institution of Engineers (India) Delhi State Centre on the occasion of Women’s Day Celebration and also honoured with the National Women Leadership Award, 2024.

**Dr. Tanvi Sehgal** has participated in Master's Conference in Intellectual Property (MCIP 4.0) on “IP and Access” from 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 to 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law at IIT Kharagpur. She presented a paper titled “*Access to Knowledge of Disabled-Traversing through the Marrakesh Treaty and Indian Copyright Provisions*” and she has also won the third best paper award at the conference. She contributed a chapter titled as “*Artificial Intelligence and Warfare- New Horizons and Perspectives*” in the book “Contemporary Armed Conflicts: Challenges to International Humanitarian and Refugee Law”, published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC.

**Dr. Sonia Jain** contributed a chapter titled as “*The Rohingya Crisis in Myanmar and its Human Rights Perspective*” in the book “Contemporary Armed Conflicts: Challenges to International Humanitarian and Refugee Law”, published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC.

**Dr. Varsha Dogra** has attended a seminar and presented a paper titled “*A Comparative Analysis of the Emergence of Personality in the Ancient and Modern Educational Systems*” in the National Seminar on Contribution of Ancient Indian Education System and Civilization in Personality Building Organised by SBS Govt. Post-Graduate College Rudrapur (U.S. Nagar) Uttarakhand in collaboration with Acharya Academy, Rohtak, Haryana held from 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 to 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

**Mr. Aaditya Vikram Sharma** has published a research paper titled “*Space Tourism: Learning from the Antarctic Experience*” in S Bhat (ed), *Space Tourism: Legal and Policy Aspects* (1st ed.), Routledge [2024], 203-222. He has co-authored a chapter titled – “*Contemporary Significance of the International Committee of the Red Cross*” in Prof. (Dr.) V Vijayakumar, Prof. (Dr.) TV Subba Rao and Prof. (Dr.) R Salpekar (eds), *Contemporary Armed Conflicts: Challenges to International Humanitarian and Refugee Law*, published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC. Further, Mr. Sharma's article titled “*Implied powers of the UN: A prodigious effort that will always be relevant for International Legal Studies*” has been featured by the Indian Blog of International Law in the Top Ten Most Read Posts of 2023.

**Ms. Anika Mittal** has successfully completed a One Month National Level Refresher Course on Teaching Law in 21st Century organized by Gujarat Maritime Law University and Law Teachers India supported by Manupatra and Law and Justice Publishing and Co. from 1<sup>st</sup> January,2024 to 3<sup>rd</sup> February,2024 with A + grade.

**Ms. Ayesha Gupta** has successfully completed an FDP on “Developing Teachers for the Next Generation” organised by CPJ College of Higher Studies and School of Law, Delhi from 23<sup>rd</sup> January,2024 to 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. She has completed another online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on the topic “Role of Artificial Intelligence in Viksit Bharat”, held from 11<sup>th</sup> March,2024 to 15<sup>th</sup> March,2024, jointly organized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU), Academic and Administrative Development Centre (AADC), and ViksitBharat@2047 Cell at GGSIP University, New Delhi.

**Ms. Kanchan Lavania** presented a paper titled “*Economic Gender Equality in India: Evaluating the Past and Present through Juristic Historic and Judicial Undertones*” in an International Conference on Right to Equality: Contemporary Challenges 2.0 organized by Nirma University, Ahmedabad on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March,2024. She contributed a chapter titled as “*Unilateral Humanitarian Intervention: An Analysis from Human Rights Perspective*” in the book “*Contemporary Armed Conflicts: Challenges to International Humanitarian and Refugee Law*”, published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC.

**Ms. Nidhi Goel** has successfully completed a 4-Week faculty orientation programme for “Faculty in Universities/colleges/Institutes of Higher Education” conducted by Ramanujan college, University of Delhi (Accredited Grade 'A++' by NAAC) under the aegis of Pandit

Madan Mohan Malaviya National mission on teachers and teaching from 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 2024 to 20<sup>th</sup> Feb,2024 obtaining A+ grade.

**Ms. Nitika Upadhyaya** has attended a seminar and presented a paper titled “*A Comparative Analysis of the Emergence of Personality in the Ancient and Modern Educational Systems*” in the National Seminar on Contribution of Ancient Indian Education System and Civilization in Personality Building Organised by SBS Govt. Post-Graduate College Rudrapur (U.S. Nagar) Uttarakhand in collaboration with Acharya Academy, Rohtak, Haryana held from 8<sup>th</sup> March,2024 to 9<sup>th</sup> March,2024.

**Ms. Ravneet Sandhu** co-authored a chapter titled as “*The Definitional Dilemma of a Refugee*” in the book “Contemporary Armed Conflicts: Challenges to International Humanitarian and Refugee Law”, published by VSLLS, VIPS-TC.

**Ms. Ritika Juneja** has completed 3rd edition of Online Short- Term Course on Legal Aspects of Startups (30 Hours) organised by Legal Startups in collaboration with Law Teachers India, Centre for IPR, Mar Gregorious College of Law, Thiruvananthapuram and supported by Kerala Startup Mission from 12<sup>th</sup> February,2024 to 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. She also participated in a 7 Day FDP on “Interpretation of Statutes” organised by IQAC, Vivekananda College of Law, Bengaluru from 11-3-2024 to 18-3-2024.

**Ms. Vaishali Sachdeva** has attended a seminar and presented a paper titled “*Gurukul System: Imbibing Traditional Roots in Students*” in the National Seminar on Contribution of Ancient Indian Education System and Civilization in Personality Building organised by SBS Govt. Post-Graduate College Rudrapur (U.S. Nagar) Uttarakhand in collaboration with Acharya Academy, Rohtak, Haryana held from 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 to 9<sup>th</sup> March,2024.

## Thinking Box

### 1 MARCH: ZERO DISCRIMINATION DAY



Each year on March 1, the United Nations and international organizations observe Zero Discrimination Day, promoting equality under the law. This global effort, initiated in 2014 by UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé, aims to eradicate all forms of discrimination and highlights the barriers it creates, hindering access to education, healthcare, and job opportunities. The 2024 theme, "To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights," emphasizes the connection between human rights and public health in ending AIDS by 2030.

In a recent statement, UN Chief Antonio Guterres urged reparations to address the lasting impact of transatlantic slavery, citing systemic racism today. He emphasized the need for reparatory justice to overcome generations of discrimination. The movement for reparations has gained global momentum, with initiatives like the CARICOM commission seeking redress from former colonial powers. Verene Shepherd of the University of the West Indies called on colonial powers to acknowledge their responsibility in addressing the consequences of slavery.

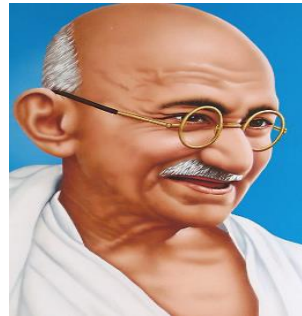
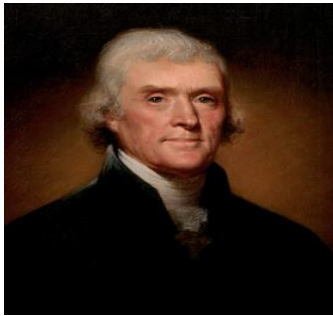
**Read the quotes on discrimination given below by famous leaders and identify them.**



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1. “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”
2. “No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.”
3. Equality is the soul of liberty; there is, in fact, no liberty without it.”
4. “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.”
5. “Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilisation.”

ANSWERS: -

1. Martin Luther King Jr.
2. Nelson Mandela
3. Frances Wright
4. Thomas Jefferson

5. Mahatma Gandhi

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### **Domestic Legal News**

#### **Supreme Court overrules a 25-year-old precedent to deal with the ambit of parliamentary privileges**

4<sup>th</sup> March, 2024: The Apex Court declared that Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) cannot claim immunity from prosecution for taking payments to vote or deliver a speech in the House in a specific manner. Seven-judge Constitution Bench, chaired by Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud, unanimously reversed its 1998 decision in P.V. Narasimha Rao v. State and allows law enforcement authorities to file bribery charges against parliamentarians under the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988.

#### **Supreme Court acts on the Protection Petition of LGBTQ+ Couples while Discussing the Concept of Family**

11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024: The Supreme Court has delivered a significant judgment regarding habeas corpus writ petitions and police protection pleas filed by couples, often facing societal stigma and fear of life from families. The court found that such directives may afflict members of the LGBTQ+ community and have deterring consequences and therefore issued recommendations to emphasise the need for queer-sensitive behaviour while also addressing the difficulties and societal stigma that inter-caste and inter-faith couples confront.

#### **SBI Directed by the Supreme Court to Disclose All Electoral Bond Data**

15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024: The Supreme Court directed the State Bank of India to give all details, including alphanumeric and serial numbers, of bonds acquired after April 11, 2019, and the Election Commission of India was instructed to swiftly upload this information once received and to present all 'conceivable' details available with it regarding electoral bonds, that includes the alphanumeric number corresponding to each bond.

#### **Factors to Determine the Term of Sentence Convicts Must Undergo Before Remission in Murder Cases Summarised by Supreme Court**

21<sup>st</sup> March, 2024: The Supreme Court summarised the elements considered when determining the length of sentence offenders must serve before requesting remission in murder cases including the extent of the injuries, the number of deceased victims, the accused's criminal history, and whether the offence was done while on bail. The court also cited favourable aspects such as the accused's age, potential for rehabilitation, and repentant behaviour.



### **Preventive Detention is Not to be Invoked merely on the Grounds of the State Police's Inability to Maintain Law and Order**

21<sup>st</sup> March, 2024: The Supreme Court bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, Justice JB Pardiwala, and Justice Manoj Misra underlined preventative detention as a severe policy. They highlighted that any order of detention based on an arbitrary or routine exercise of powers must be overturned at the first available threshold. Further, the court summarized the ambit of preventive detention and held that the inability of police machinery to maintain law and order is no excuse to invoke jurisdiction of preventive detention.

### **Corporate Entities Permitted to File Consumer Complaints Under Consumer Protection Act 1986: Supreme Court**

23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2024: The Supreme Court ruled that under the Consumer Protection Act of 1986, a corporate organisation can be recognised as a 'person' when filing a consumer complaint demanding an insurance amount. The court noted that, while the Act does not directly include corporate entities in the definition of 'person', the meaning is comprehensive and includes corporate entities as well.

## **INTERNATIONAL LEGAL NEWS**

### **Nicaragua Files Case Against Germany at ICJ Over Israel Aid and UNRWA Funding**

2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024: Nicaragua has filed a case at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) accusing Germany of facilitating "genocide" in Gaza. The Nicaraguan government alleges that Germany's provision of financial and military aid to Israel, coupled with halting funding for the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA), amounts to complicity in genocide. The filing draws parallels with a separate case filed by South Africa, accusing Israel of committing genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. Nicaragua invokes the 1948 Genocide Convention and the 1949 Geneva Conventions, asserting that Germany's actions violate international law.

### **ICC: Arrest Warrants for Russian Commanders Over Alleged War Crimes in Ukraine**

5<sup>th</sup> March, 2024: the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued arrest warrants for Russian commanders Sergei Kobylash and Viktor Sokolov, alleging their involvement in war crimes in Ukraine, particularly targeting electric infrastructure from 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 to 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2023. These warrants, issued a second time in relation to the conflict, follow a pattern of alleged attacks on Ukrainian civilians and infrastructure by Russian forces. While Ukraine's President

Volodymyr Zelenskyy welcomed the ICC's decision, Russia has denied targeting civilian infrastructure deliberately, insisting its actions aim to limit Ukraine's military capabilities.

**South Africa submits an urgent request for the indication of additional provisional measures and the modification of the Court's prior provisional measures Order and decision in South Africa v. Israel**

6<sup>th</sup> March,2024: South Africa filed an urgent request with the Court for the indication of additional provisional measures and the modification of the Court's Order in the case concerning Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel). It requests the Court to indicate further provisional measures and/or to modify the provisional measures indicated in its Order of 26 January 2024, pursuant to Article 41 of the Statute of the Court in order urgently to ensure the safety and security of 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza, including over a million children.

**The decision to look into alleged crimes against humanity in Venezuela was upheld by the International Criminal Court**

20<sup>th</sup>March,2024: Despite Venezuela's strong protests, the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court (ICC) has upheld its previous ruling to move forward with an investigation into possible crimes against humanity perpetrated by the government of that nation. This ruling is a major step forward in the continuing legal dispute between Venezuela and International Criminal Court.

**First Artificial Intelligence Act Passed by European Union**

22<sup>nd</sup> March,2024: The AI Act is the first full framework of rules for artificial intelligence regulation in history. AI applications are classified by the Act using a risk-based methodology, which is intended to serve as a defence against the possible threats presented by quickly developing technology. It makes a distinction between AI systems that pose a low or high risk, each of which is regulated and scrutinised differently.

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