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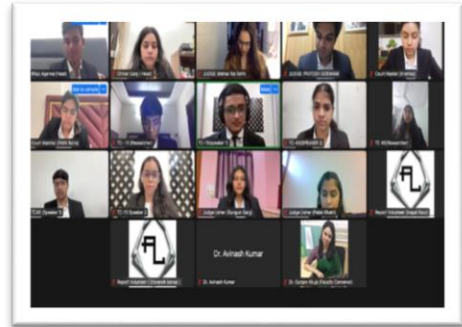
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## Life @ Law School

### Advocates' Legion Organized 17<sup>th</sup> Intra Moot Court Competition

*Advocates' Legion*, Moot Court Committee of Vivekananda Institute of Law and Legal Studies, VIPS-TC organized the 17<sup>th</sup> VIPS Intra Moot Court Competition, 2024 from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

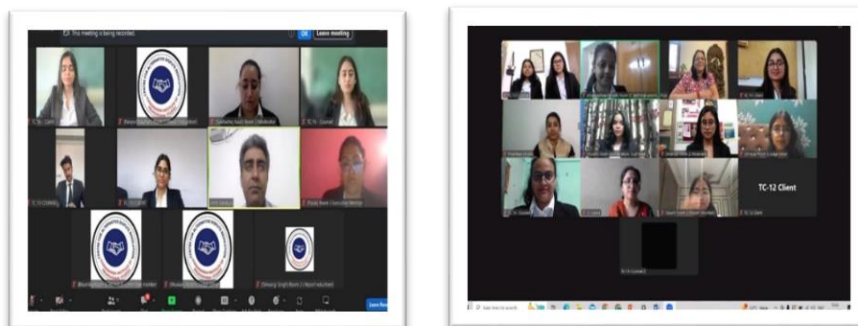


Shri. Kirti Uppal, Senior Advocate, Delhi High Court, Former President, DHCBA, Shri. Ramesh Kumar, Principal District & Senior Judge (Retd), North-East District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi and Shri. Harpreet Singh, Senior Standing Counsel, CBIC (DRI/DGGI), Ministry of Finance judged the final round and further graced the Valedictory Ceremony.



Esteemed judges presiding over the quarter-final were: Mr. Bharat Malhotra, Senior Partner, Tritent Legal LLP, Dr. Gagandeep Kaur, Assistant Professor, Bennet University, Dr. Manvendra Singh, Assistant Professor, Sharda University, Mr. Anjuman Tripathi, AOR, Supreme Court of India, and Mr. Sughosh Subramaniam, Advocate, Supreme Court, LC Cum RA of former CJI NV Ramana, Ms. Neeti Jain, Senior Associate, Tandon & Co. and Mr. Kumar Muralidhar, AOR, Supreme Court of India. Various legal professionals and experts were invited to judge the semi-final rounds of the competition which immensely helped participants to get guidance for such competitions. To name a few- Amit Grover, Advocate, Mr. Mrityunjay Kumar Singh, Advocate, Dr. Anju Sinha, Assistant Professor, CLC, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Mr. Shantanu Kumar, AOR, Supreme Court of India, Mr. Subodh Jha, Advocate, and Dr. Vani Prakash, Assistant Professor, USLLS, GGSIPU, Delhi. Winners of the event were announced after the conclusion of the final rounds in the valedictory session. The competition concluded under the guidance of Faculty Members, of *Advocates' Legion* and Student Coordinators – Ms. Laqshyaa Saluja and Ms. Arushi Jain.

**Commencement of 6<sup>th</sup> Maadhyam -VIPS National Arbitration and Negotiation Competition by Centre of Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) in collaboration with MAADHYAM**



Centre of Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR), VSLLS, VIPS-TC, in collaboration with MAADHYAM, is organizing the 6<sup>th</sup> Maadhyam -VIPS National Arbitration and Negotiation Competition. The preliminary rounds were held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024. All trained mediators and arbitrators judged the competition amongst whom seven were the alumni of VSLLS, VIPS-TC. The semi-final and final rounds of the competition will be conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

**Celebration of IPR Day by the Centre for Intellectual Property Rights (CIPR)**



Promotion and awareness of IPR is one of the crucial aspects of legal education. Celebration of IPR can't be confined to just one day. Thus, CIPR, VSLLS conducted a Value-Added Course (VAC) spanning from December 2023 to April 2024 (30+ Hours) for budding lawyers. It was completed on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. IPR Celebrations cannot be accomplished without remembering our beloved Late Prof. (Dr.) Neeru Nakra, hence, CIPR in collaboration with VSLLS Pro Bono Club organized a Guest Lecture by Prof. (Dr.) V. K Ahuja, Director ILI, on 'Relevance of IPR in Viksit Bharat @2047' on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. The celebrations finally culminated with the distribution of the awards to the top scorers of the VAC on IPR and the winners of the Client Counseling Competition held on 26<sup>th</sup> April which was centered on trademark law. The students were privileged to be awarded by Prof. (Dr.) V K Ahuja.



**Centre for Criminal Justice Administration, VSLLS, VIPS-TC at  
India's Progressive Path in the Administration of Criminal Justice System**



Faculty members of the Centre for Criminal Justice Administration, VSLLS, VIPS-TC with a team of 30 students participated in the conference organized by the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice. The primary objective of the Conference was to disseminate information and raise awareness regarding the transition to the Bhartiya legal framework, which entails the enactment of The Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam. The inaugural session was delivered by Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, the Chief Justice of India, and the three Technical Sessions were conducted with legal luminaries such as Shri Tushar Mehta, Ld. Solicitor General of India, Shri R. Venkataramani, Ld. Attorney General for India, and Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble MoS (I/C), Ministry of Law & Justice.

**Guest Lecture on the “Role of Doctrinalism in Constitutional Interpretation” by  
Prof. (Dr.) P. Ishwara Bhat**



The Centre for Legal Research and Development at VSLLS, VIPS-TC, organized a guest lecture on the “Role of Doctrinalism in Constitutional Interpretation” by Prof. (Dr.) P. Ishwara Bhat, a renowned academician and accomplished author, former Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi, and West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata on April 15, 2024. The lecture provided a comprehensive overview of the significance and application of doctrinal principles in understanding and analyzing constitutional law. It aimed to explore the theoretical underpinnings of doctrinarism and its practical implications in legal discourse, particularly within the context of constitutional interpretation.

**VSLLS Students Attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> CSR Summit 2024 Organized by Jagran Pahal (Dainik Jagran)**



VSLLS Students attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> CSR Summit 2024 organized by Jagran Pahal, the social arm of Dainik Jagran, on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Okhla. The Jagran CSR Summit 2024 is a series of impactful leadership forums aimed at fostering dialogue, collaboration, and innovation within the realm of Corporate Social Responsibility. Mr. Rusen Kumar, Founder, of India CSR, highlighted the objective and importance of CSR Summit 2024. The Keynote Speaker of the Conference was the father of CSR, Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, former DG & CEO, IICA, CEO – Anil Agarwal Foundation. The summit concluded and turned into a fruitful experience for students to enrich their knowledge of CSR benevolent step in the Corporate World.

**Career Counselling, Training, Internship, and Placement Cell (CCTIPC) Organized Resume Drafting Workshop**



CCTIPC, VSLLS, VIPS-TC organized the Resume Drafting Workshop on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024. The speaker of the session was Mr. Nilabh Pandey, a Corporate Trainer and a Job Search Coach. The Workshop was attended by students across all semesters and it aimed to empower participants with the skills needed to create standout resumes and highlighted the significance of design and formatting in creating visually appealing resumes, with practical examples provided to illustrate effective design principles.

### **Experiential Learning at VSLLS, VIPS-TC**



One of the best teaching pedagogies to engage effectively is to give a learning experience to law students, VSLLS conducts moot court activities for various subjects of law. In April, VSLLS conducted moot activities for Legal Research and Moot Court (LRMC) for 1<sup>st</sup> year law students on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year law students for Law of Crimes on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, and for Competition Law for 3<sup>rd</sup> year law students on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. Almost all the faculty members of VSLLS were involved in conducting the moot court activities. The main outcome of this activity was to ensure that each student of their respective semester participated so as to develop their written as well as oral advocacy skills.

## Students' Achievements

### VSLLS Student Wins the Tathya 2024, a multi-level debate & Ehsaas 24 - The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian Parliamentary Debate Tournament



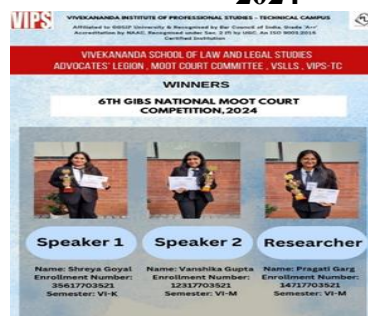
Vasavi Mahajan, a student of VSLLS, won “The Tathya 2024”, a multi-level debate competition held by TARK at Ramanujan College, Delhi University on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. She and also secured the “Novice Finalist” position in Ehsaas 24 - The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian Parliamentary Debate Tournament by Rhetorque at Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi, March 21st to 23rd, 2024.

### VSLLS Student Wins Solo Monologue Competition, Sympathy for the Villain Competition organized by Bennett University



Sujai Singh Rawat (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, BA LLB (H)), bagged the first position in the solo monologue competition, organized by Bennett University from 18<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2024. He also secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> Position in the Sympathy for the Villain Competition, organized by Bennett University, Noida from 18<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2024.

### VSLLS Students bags the First Position at 6th GIBS National Moot Court Competition, 2024



Shreya Goyal, Vanshika Gupta, and Pragati Garg (6<sup>th</sup> Semester BBA LLB) clinched the top spot at the 6th GIBS National Moot Court Competition, 2024.



### **VSLLS Student wins Law Quiz Competition, organized by the New Law College, Mumbai**



Sojal Juneja (6<sup>th</sup> Semester) has bagged the first position, with a cash price of ₹3000 in the Law Quiz Competition, organized by the New Law College, Mumbai.

### **VSLLS Lifts the Cup in the AHVAAN Cricket Cup 2024, organized by Delhi Technological University**



The team of Syed Faiz Abbas Abdy (6<sup>th</sup> semester), Shreyan Mittal (6<sup>th</sup> semester), Kavi Sharma (8<sup>th</sup> semester), Pragyaan Singh (2<sup>nd</sup> semester) and Vansh Khurjija (2<sup>nd</sup> semester), won the AHVAAN Cricket Cup 2024, organized by Delhi Technological University. Syed Faiz also won the title of 3<sup>rd</sup> highest run-scorer of the tournament.

### **VSLLS Students emerge as Runners Up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the CCI-Department of Laws National Moot Court Competition held at Panjab University, Chandigarh**



Ashvi Goyal, Ishita Singh Tomar & Anshika Gupta (Students of 6<sup>th</sup> semester) bagged the runner's up position in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the CCI-Department of Laws National Moot Court Competition held at Panjab University, Chandigarh.

### **VSLLS Students emerged as Runner's Up in the International Convention for Negotiation organized by the Bennett University**



Sujai Singh Rawat & Madhav Khattar (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, BA LLB (H)), emerged as runner's up in the International Convention for Negotiation organized by Bennett University, Noida from 18<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

### **VSLLS Students emerge as Runners Up in National Level Law Quiz Competition organized by Bennett University**



Sojal Juneja and Prakhar Agrawal, (6<sup>th</sup> semester, BA LLB students) emerged as the runner up team in National Level Law Quiz Competition organized by Bennett University, Noida 18<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

### **VSLLS Students emerge as Runner's Up in the Client Counselling Competition organized by Symbiosis Law School, Noida**



Ayoushi Jain and Ananya Kathuria (4<sup>th</sup> Semester, BBA LLB (H) students) emerged as  
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Runner's Up in the Client Counseling Competition organized by Symbiosis Law School, Noida on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

**VSLLS Student invited as a Guest Speaker at the Automobile Association of Upper India, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways**



Rudraksh Aneja (6<sup>th</sup> Semester), was invited as a Guest Speaker at the Automobile Association of Upper India, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, on the topic "India as a Bellwether to Mitigate Climate Change", on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. He was also invited by NK Bagrodia Public School as their Alumni Guest Speaker during the orientation session of Class XI and Class XII students and guide them for pursuance of Law as a career.

**VSLLS Student attends International Conference by Best Diplomats (United States), held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City**



Mahrishi Bhardwaj, (6<sup>th</sup> semester) recently participated in a conference organized by Best Diplomats (United States). The session in this prestigious event was held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City from March 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2024.

**VSLLS 6<sup>th</sup> Semester Students Win 17<sup>th</sup> Intra Moot Court Competition**



Ms. Vanshika Manish Tiwari, Ms. Shirin Sen Gupta, and Ms. Toysha Bhalla (Students of VSLLS) were declared as the winners of the 17<sup>th</sup> Intra Moot Court Competition held on 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Ms. Vanshita Mittal, Ms. Diya Saraswat, and Ms. Trishla Garg (6<sup>th</sup> Semester) emerged as Runners Up. Mr. Siddharth and Mr. Madhav Gupta (Students of VSLLS) also earned well-deserved recognition, taking home the trophies for Best Speaker and Best Researcher, respectively at the 17<sup>th</sup> Intra Moot Court organized by Advocates' Legion, VSLLS on 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### **VSLLS 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Students Win Intra Client Counselling Competition**



TC 46 comprising Ashutosh and Sankalp Gupta was declared as the best team i.e. winners, TC 22 comprising Saatvik and Prabh Vohra was declared as Runner-up, and Best Counsel was bagged by TC 31 Speaker 2: Ansh Singh at VSLLS, Intra Client Counselling Competition organized by CIPR on the occasion of IPR Day on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### **Student's Publications**

- Pankaj Sharma & Anuj Mishra (6<sup>th</sup> Semester BBA LLB), authored a blog titled- "The Need for Police Reforms and Women Policing in India", which was published in the 'Indian Journal of Law and Legal Research', ISSN: 2582-8878, Volume VI Issue II.
- Nyasa Tahim (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester), authored various articles titled-"Women's reservation bill: Role of Women in Indian Politics", "The Babri Masjid conflict: Construction of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya", "Uniform Civil Code: Implementation in India" and "Judicial Activism in India" which were published in the 'Indian Journal of Law and Legal Research', Volume- 6 (Issue 1); ISSN- 2583-9896

## Faculty Achievements

**Prof. (Dr.) T V Subba Rao** was invited by IIULER, Goa to deliver lectures on the coursework for Ph.D. and for a special lecture on '50 years of Keshavananda Bharti' from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. He delivered a special discourse on Research Methodology at NUSRL, Ranchi from 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

**Dr. Rashmi Salpekar** gave a lecture on "Contemporary Challenges to International Humanitarian Law" in the Academy of International Law on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

**Dr. Garima Singh** participated and presented a paper titled "Women and Legal Education: Unearthing Gender Experiences of Law School" in the International Conference on Educational Technology and Global Sustainability organized by the University Institute of Teachers Training Research at Chandigarh University at Panjab, 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2024, the conference proceedings were published under ISBN: 978-81-19674-91-6 by National Press Associates, Punjab.

**Dr. Insha Goel Vats**, edited and published a book named "Edusphere 2.0: The Fusion of Technology and Education" (ISBN-13: 978-8119567201). She also authored a chapter titled "Unveiling the Unexplored: A Cross-Cultural Analysis of Social Media Impact on Indigenous Education and Traditional Knowledge Transmission" in the same book.

**Dr. Neelam** chaired the Technical Session at the International Conference on "Recent Trends and Advancements in Corporate Laws and Governance" at Asian Law College (ALC), Noida on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**Dr. Srishty Banerjee** has completed the Online Training programme on "NEP 2022 Orientation and Sensitization Programme" from 2nd April-12th April 2024 under MM-TTP of University Grant Commission organized by MH-MMTTP of Hansraj College, University of Delhi.

**Dr. Varsha Dogra** published 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 organized by SBS Govt. Post-Graduate College Rudrapur (U.S. Nagar) Uttarakhand in collaboration with Acharya Academy, Rohtak, Haryana held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Journal – Third Concept ISSN 0970-7247 April 2024 Special Issue in the UGC Care List.

**Ms. Kanchan Lavania** presented a paper titled "Dimensions of being a Dalit Women in India: From the Lens of B.R Ambedkar" at the International Conference on 'Facets of Social Justice in the Vision of a Developed India @2047: Harnessing Dr. B.R Ambedkar Legacy' organized

by HNLU, Raipur.

**Ms. Nitika Upadhyaya** published a research paper titled “Impact of Ancient Education System on Development of Personality in Advancing Nation” in the National Seminar on Contribution of Ancient Indian Education System and Civilization in Personality Building organized 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 in the Journal – Third Concept ISSN 0970-7247 April 2024 Special Issue in the UGC Care List. She has attended an online International Conference on Social Justice and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar’s Legacy - ‘Facets of Social Justice in the Vision of a Developed India @2047: Harnessing Dr. B.R Ambedkar Legacy’ at HNLU, Raipur, and presented a paper on “Navayana: Ambedkarite Buddhism- Silver Lining for Dalits” held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**Ms. Vaishali Kaur** 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 organized by SBS Govt. Post-Graduate College Rudrapur (U.S. Nagar) Uttarakhand in collaboration with Acharya Academy, Rohtak, Haryana held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Journal – Third Concept ISSN 0970-7247 April 2024 Special Issue in the UGC Care List.

## Thinking Box



### *Tribute to Late Prof. Neeru Nakra on her 3<sup>rd</sup> Death Anniversary*

Three years have passed since we bid farewell to our beloved Prof. Dr. Neeru Nakra on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. She was a distinguished scholar, a passionate teacher, and a kind mentor to many students and colleagues. She has left an indelible mark on our lives. She had a long and illustrious career in law, teaching at various institutions including Delhi University and Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies. Her enthusiasm for Intellectual Property Rights was infectious, igniting curiosity that continues to burn bright in her absence. Her impact extended far beyond the bounds of academia, touching the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Today as we reflect on her life and contributions, we dedicate this segment on Intellectual Property Law, to her.

## 26 April: World Intellectual

### Property Day

Annually observed on April 26<sup>th</sup>, World Intellectual Property Day was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000. Its purpose is to raise awareness about the impact of patents, copyright, trademarks, and designs on daily life. Additionally, it

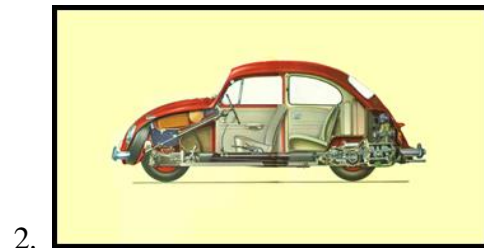
celebrates the creativity and contributions of creators and innovators to global economies and societies. April 26<sup>th</sup> was selected for this occasion because it marks the date when the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization came into effect in 1970. World Intellectual Property Day stands as WIPO's foremost intellectual property (IP) public outreach campaign. Below are some amazing facts about Intellectual Property Rights:

1. The oldest known patent was granted in Venice, Italy in 1474 to a glassmaker named Antonio da Pisa. This patent protected his invention of a method for making glass.
2. Coca-Cola's recipe is one of the most closely guarded trade secrets in the world. It's locked away in a vault in Atlanta, Georgia, and only a handful of people have access to it.
3. Tiffany & Co. has trademarked its signature blue color known as "Tiffany Blue." This unique shade of blue is protected as a trademark and can only be used by the company.

4. IBM holds the record for the most U.S. patents granted to a single company. As of recent years, IBM consistently ranks at the top of the list for the number of patents granted annually.

5. International agreements such as the Berne Convention and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) establish standards for the protection of intellectual property rights across borders, promoting global innovation and creativity.

**Look at the pictures and tell what kind of Intellectual property they depict.**



Answers- 1. Plant Varieties 2. Industrial Design 3. Trade Secret 4. Trademarks 5. Geographical Indications

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## Domestic Legal News

### The right to be free from adverse effects of climate change recognized by Supreme Court



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Supreme Court recognized the right to be free from the harmful effects of climate change, finding that it is inextricably linked to the right to life and equality guaranteed by the Indian constitution, and has overturned a 2021 ban on overhead powerlines covering 99,000 square km to protect the Great India Bustard on the ground that such lines would significantly impact the country's clean energy transition, endangering fundamental rights to life, equality, and energy access.

#### **Under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 commercial disputes cannot be decided in summary proceedings: Supreme Court**

The Supreme Court determined that business disputes cannot be handled in quick proceedings under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. The court affirmed the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (SCDRC) and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum (DCDRF) orders, allowing the complainant's case to be maintained. The court determined that the investment was for profit/gain and hence did not fall within the 1986 Act's provisions in the case of *Annapurna B. Uppin & Ors. v. Malsiddappa & Anr.*

#### **Supreme Court held the Regulations set by the University Grants Commission (UGC) must be 'adhered to' by universities**

The Supreme Court has directed Jamia Millia Islamia University (JMIU) to restore instructors who were refused regularization after the University Grants Commission (UGC) recommended it. The court ruled that JMIU should have allowed instructors to stay in their positions, rather than restarting the selection process. The court also highlighted the binding effect of UGC Regulations on institutions, requiring universities to adopt their recommendations.

### **Trailers don't create contractual relationships between filmmakers & consumers:**

#### **Supreme Court**

The Supreme Court ruled that a promotional trailer does not establish a contractual connection between a producer and a customer, despite allegations of unfair trade practices against Yash Raj Private Limited for not including the 'Jabra Fan' song in the movie Fan. The court rejected the claim that excluding content from a promotional video constitutes a 'deficiency of service' or unfair trade conduct. The court also stated that a promotional film is not an offer and cannot be converted into a commitment or contract.

### **Supreme Court directed the government of Himachal Pradesh to review its policies on Child Care Leaves (CCL) concerning working mothers**

The Apex Court has directed the Himachal Pradesh government to review the issuance of Child Care Leave to Mothers, including developing measures under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPWD Act) for mothers raising special needs children. The court emphasized that Child Care Leave supports women's equal participation in labor and that the state cannot ignore the unique difficulties women with exceptional needs face. A committee was formed to examine the case, including the State Commissioner, Women and Child Development, and Social Welfare Departments.

### **Supreme Court reiterates that Stridhan is women's absolute right**

The Supreme Court ruled that a husband has no control over his wife's stridhan property and has a moral responsibility to return it. The court ordered the husband to pay 25 lakhs in compensation for his wife's allegedly stolen wedding jewels. Critics criticized the judgment as "legally unsustainable" and criticized the approach required for proof. The court deemed the award appropriate in the interest of equity and justice.

#### **International Legal News**

### **ICJ orders Israel to allow food and medical aid into Gaza**

In a unanimous decision, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) said Israel had to act "without delay" to allow the "provision of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance." The ruling comes after a report by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Global Initiative, which is run by the World Food Programme and others, was published last week - warning that a "catastrophic" situation was developing in Gaza.

## **Nicaragua raises claims against Germany at the ICJ for its support of Israeli ‘Genocide’ in Gaza**

Germany is facing charges at the ICJ for allegedly “facilitating the commission of genocide” against Palestinians in Gaza in coordination with its military and political ally, Israel. Nicaragua presented its case before the ICJ, demanding judges impose emergency measures to stop Berlin from providing Israel with weapons and other assistance and to decide “provisional measures” – emergency orders imposed while the court considers the broader case.

### **Mexico filed a complaint in the ICJ against Ecuador for breach of asylum laws**

Post the event when Ecuadorian authorities forced their way into the Mexican diplomatic mission to arrest Ecuador’s former Vice President Jorge Glas who had been seeking asylum in Mexico, Mexico has filed a complaint at the ICJ asking the U.N. to expel Ecuador. The use of force and illegal incursion into a diplomatic mission by the Ecuadorian forces would set a precedent that the ICJ has been tasked with resolving. Mexico, as well as public international law experts say it appeared to be a violation of international accords.

### **ECHR Condemns Systematic Human Rights Violations by Russian-Controlled Forces in Georgia's Occupied Regions**

The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) has delivered a unanimous verdict declaring that Russian-controlled forces in Georgia’s occupied regions have systematically violated human rights. The ECHR identified serious breaches of multiple articles of the European Convention on Human Rights. These included fundamental rights such as the right to life, prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment, right to liberty and security, right to respect for private and family life, protection of property, right to education, and freedom of movement. The Commission held that the incidents of human rights violations were not isolated but constituted a pattern or system of abuse.

### **ECHR holds Switzerland in breach of Human Rights Convention for climate inaction**

The European Court of Human Rights found Switzerland in breach of Article 8 and Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights. These articles guarantee the right to respect for private and family life and access to the Court system, respectively. The Court stated that the State must adopt and implement effective measures to mitigate climate change’s adverse effects. The ECHR held that Switzerland had breached its obligations under the Convention by not taking sufficient action to mitigate climate change. The court highlighted critical gaps in Switzerland's domestic regulatory framework, including the failure to quantify national greenhouse gas emissions limitations and meet past emission reduction targets.

### **Lebanon moves towards accepting ICC jurisdiction for War Crimes on its territory**

Lebanon has moved towards accepting the International Criminal Court's jurisdiction to prosecute violations on Lebanese territory. It has accused Israel of repeatedly violating its sovereignty and committing breaches of international law over the last six months, during which the Israeli military and Lebanese armed group Hezbollah have traded fire across Lebanon's southern border in parallel with the Gaza War. Neither Lebanon nor Israel are members of the ICC, which is based in The Hague. However, filing a declaration to the court would grant it jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute relevant crimes in a particular period.

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