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Life @ Law School

VSLLS, VIPS-TC Explored the Complexities of Governance & Policy Making via VSLLS National Youth Parliament 2024



VSLLS being a torch bearer in the field of law firmly believes in understanding the rationale behind the making of law and exploring the complexities of governance and policy-making. VSLLS organized the National Youth Parliament 2024 from 2nd May 2024 to 3rd May 2024 at Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies-TC. The participants from various backgrounds and disciplines came together to engage in constructive dialogue and exchange ideas. The chief guest, Mr. K.P. Fabian, IFS (Batch 1964-2000) graced the inaugural session and enlightened the audience with his words of wisdom. Participants were given the opportunity to step into the shoes of leaders experiencing the challenges and responsibilities that come with decision-making and be involved in a plethora of thought-provoking debates and discussions on a wide range of topics, ranging from climate change to social justice issues. The event organized by VSLLS Youth Parliament Society and student coordinators – Mr. Ansh Singh and Mr. Chirag Jain with student members was a resounding success and a testament to the power of youth engagement and collaboration in shaping a better future. Dr. Garima Singh along with other faculty members coordinated the event.

The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution Hosted the 6th MAADHYAM - VIPS National Arbitration and Negotiation Competition 2024



The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, VSLLS, VIPS-TC in collaboration with MAADHYAM: International Council for Conflict Resolution hosted National Arbitration and Negotiation Competition. The preliminary and quarterfinal rounds took place on 21st April 2024, in online mode, and the Semi-final and Final rounds of the 6th MAADHYAM- VIPS National Arbitration and Negotiation Competition, 2024 took place on May 18, 2024, at the VIPS- TC campus. The preliminary and quarterfinal rounds took place on 21st April 2024, in online mode. Hon'ble Justice Dr. Sudhir Kumar Jain, Judge, Delhi High Court, Mr. Amarjit

Singh Chandhiok, President, Maadhyam & Mr. Jitender Pal Sengh, President-Elect, Maadhyam adjudged the Final Round and further graced the Valedictory Ceremony with their presence. Esteemed Mediators and Arbitrators presiding over the Semi-final rounds were: Ms. Sarika Gandhi, Mr. Rajiv Agarwal, Ms. Rinku Dhingra Narula, and Mr. Raja Chatterjee. Winners of the competition were announced in the valedictory session. The competition concluded under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao, Professor Emeritus and Chairperson, VSLLS, VIPS-TC, and Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VSLLS, VIPS-TC. Faculty Members of CADR coordinated the event with Team, Maadhyam.

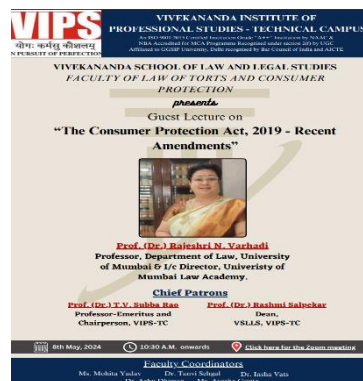


Professional Skill Development Activity for Students at VSLLS, VIPS-TC



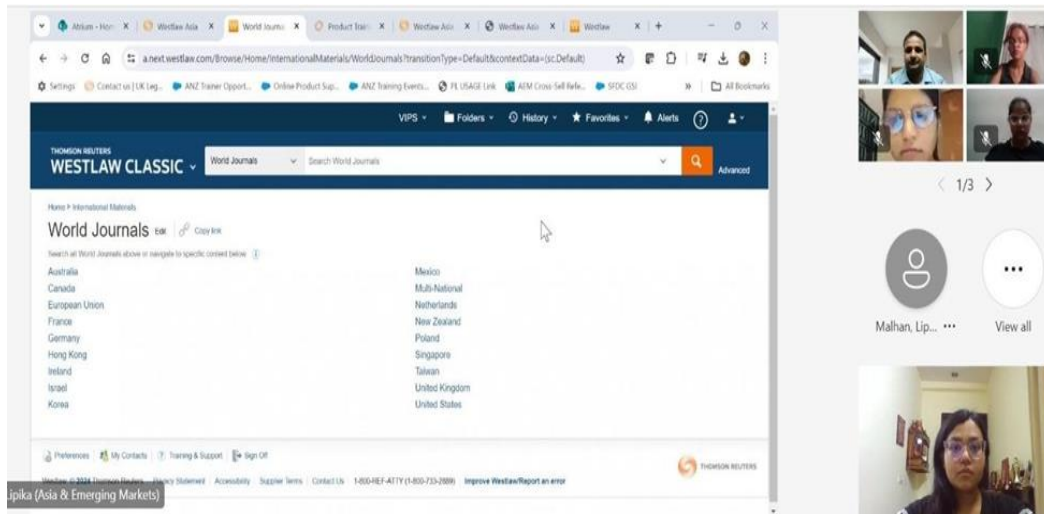
A moot is a faux theatre of war that trains you for the real-life cut and thrust of Court. VSLLS, VIPS-TC conducted Moot and Mock Trial Activity for the 6th on 6th May 2024 and 8th Semesters on 7th May 2024 respectively. The subjects in focus were Labour II for the 8th Semester and the Criminal Procedure Code for students of the 6th Semester. Students showed great enthusiasm and put in their best efforts to argue fulfilling the basic objective of the activity to enhance their eloquence skills and prepare them professionally for arguments in real courts.

A Guest Lecture on “Consumer Protection Act, 2013 – Recent Amendments” for Second Semester Students



Centre for Legal Research and Development organized a guest lecture on “The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 – Recent Amendments” through the Zoom platform on 8th May 2024 for the second-semester students. The esteemed guest speaker for the event was Prof. Rajshri N Varhadi, Professor, Department of Law, University of Mumbai & I/c Director, University of Mumbai Law Academy, who enlightened the students with profound insights into the Act and its implications. She also guided students on career prospects in the field of Consumer Law. The Faculty Members of Subject Torts and Consumer Protection, VSLLS, VIPS-TC coordinated the event.

A Session on Online Research Tools by Westlaw



An Online Workshop on “How to Use Westlaw” for the students and faculty members on 8th May 2024. Ms. Lipika Malhan, the representative of Westlaw, focused on an introduction to Westlaw Asia and Westlaw Classic along with various resources available to them. The session immensely helped the students to do effective legal research and writing and enriched their legal research skills. VSLLS Library Committee coordinated the event.

Bringing Resolution to the Streets: VIPS Legal Aid Clinic’s Mashaal Performs Nukkad Natak at Delhi Dispute Resolution Society



VIPS-TC Legal Aid Committee Team was invited to perform a Nukkad Natak on mediation at the inaugural ceremony of the “16th 40-hour Mediation Training Programme” at Delhi Dispute Resolution Society (Regd.) Department of Law, Justice, and Legislative Affairs, Govt. of NCT of Delhi on 10th May 2024. Bringing a powerful resolution to the streets, Mashaal, the Nukkad Natak Group of the VIPS Legal Aid Clinic performed on the theme highlighting the meaning, benefits, and process of mediation. The event, held at the Delhi Secretariat, was graced by esteemed guests including Sh. Naresh Kumar, Chief Secretary, Delhi, Sh. Ashwani Kumar,

Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Sh. Ashish Chandra Verma, Principal Secretary (Finance), Sh. Bharat Parashar, Principal Secretary (Law), and Sh. Samar Vishal, Special Secretary (Law).



VIPS Legal Aid Clinic Student Members Participated in the National Lok Adalat, 2024

The student members of VIPS Legal Aid Clinic visited eleven District Legal Services Authorities of Delhi State Legal Services Authority on 11th May 2024 to participate in the National Lok Adalat organized by the National Legal Services Authority. The students observed the settlement proceedings in various courts. They witnessed settlements of traffic challans, motor accident claims, cases regarding the Negotiable Instruments Act, family disputes, and other civil disputes.



VLAC in Collaboration with 'Kritansh: A School of Hope' Organized Speed Mentoring Sessions



VLAC collaborated with 'Kritansh - The School of Hope', a non-governmental organization to organize speed mentoring sessions at Haiderpur Village, Shalimar Bagh, and Kirti Nagar in Delhi on 12th May 2024. Student members of VLAC provided valuable insights on topics such as cybercrime, bullying, domestic violence, and the POCSO Act to underprivileged students. The session concluded positively, with student members of VLAC getting an opportunity to engage in meaningful community service and make a positive impact on the lives of others.

First-Year Law Students Outshined at 8th VIPS Arguendo Moot Court Competition 2024 Organized by Advocates' Legion



Advocates' Legion bestowed a golden opportunity to learn and integrate the qualities of a good mooter into first-year law students of VSLLS, VIPS-TC by organizing the 8th VIPS Arguendo Moot Court Competition, 2024 from 15th May 2024 to 16th May 2024(onsite) for the first-year students. Semi-final rounds were judged by Mr. Sanjeev Sharma (Advocate), Ms. Dipti Singh (Advocate), Mr. Kamlesh Kumar Mishra (Advocate and Founder of Corpus Juris India), and Ms. Tusha Chawla (Advocate). The final round was graced with a revered panel of judges comprising Dr. Abhimanyu Chopra, Partner, AZB & Partners, Mr. Pankaj Agarwal, Founder and Partner, AgnesOne Partners LLP, and Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Advocate, Delhi High Court. All the judges of the event applauded the oratory skills of the participants despite being in the first year and were impressed by the quick wit they exhibited and the way they handled the questioning of the judges. The event culminated with the valedictory session where the team comprising Ms. Aditi Rai, Ms. Shreya Kapoor, and Ms. Bhavna Rao emerged as the winners, showcasing exceptional advocacy skills and legal acumen. Ms. Aditi Rai was also declared Best Speaker and Ms. Ananya Singh was awarded for her outstanding performance as the Best Researcher. The competition concluded with a token of appreciation being given out to the Faculty Members and Student Coordinators- Mr. Divay Kakkar, Mr. Divesh Gupta, Ms. Srijaa Grover and other organizing committee members of the event.



Centre for Legal Research and Development Inaugurated Value-Added Course on Media and Entertainment Laws 2.0

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ON
MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW 2.0**

DETAILS

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| REGISTRATION BEGINS | - 12 APRIL 2024 |
| REGISTRATION ENDS | - 22 APRIL 2024 |
| DURATION | - 30 HOURS |
| DATE OF COMMENCEMENT | - 25 APRIL 2024 |

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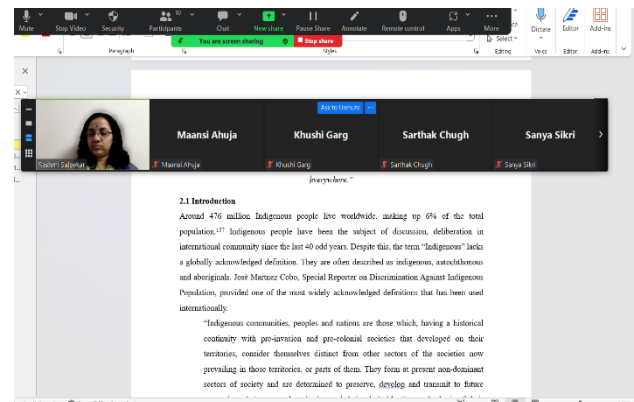
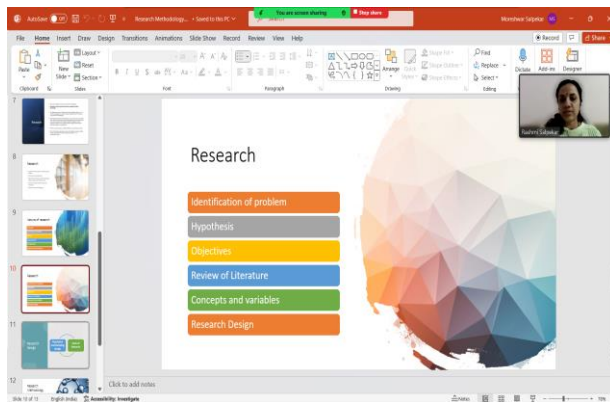
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Freedom of the Press in India is one of the crucial pillars of freedom of expression and a necessary prerequisite of a democratic nation. This freedom is also guaranteed by the Constitution of India as a fundamental right. Hence, the media must operate within bounds and to help students understand the rules and regulations under Media and Entertainment Law the Centre for Legal Research and Development, VSLLS, VIPS-TC inaugurated its Value-Added Course on Media and Entertainment Law 2.0. on 20th May 2024 under the guidance of the faculty convener Ms. Ritika Juneja and faculty co-convener Dr. Avinash Kumar in the esteemed presence of Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao, Professor Emeritus and Chairperson, VSLLS, VIPS-TC, and Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VSLLS, VIPS-TC.

Conclusion of Value-Added Course (VAC) on Legal Research and Methodology

A Value-Added Course (VAC) on Legal Research and Methodology was successfully concluded on 19th May, 2024. The course started on 28th January, 2024 for the final year students of law to equip them with the fundamentals and dynamics of Legal Research and

Methodology. The VAC was coordinated by Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VSLLS, VIPS-TC.



An Unforgettable Evening of Nostalgia as VSLLS Batch 2019-2024 Bid Farewell to their Beloved Institution



VSLLS Cultural Committee organized The Farewell event for the VSLLS batch 2019- 2024 on 22nd May 2024, in the Vivekananda Hall. Students from the cultural committee showcased their talents through engaging performances encompassing dance, music, and stand-up routines. It was an unforgettable evening of heartfelt performances, camaraderie, and nostalgia as the graduating seniors bid farewell to their beloved institution. The event served as a poignant reminder of the impact they had on the institution and the legacy they left behind.

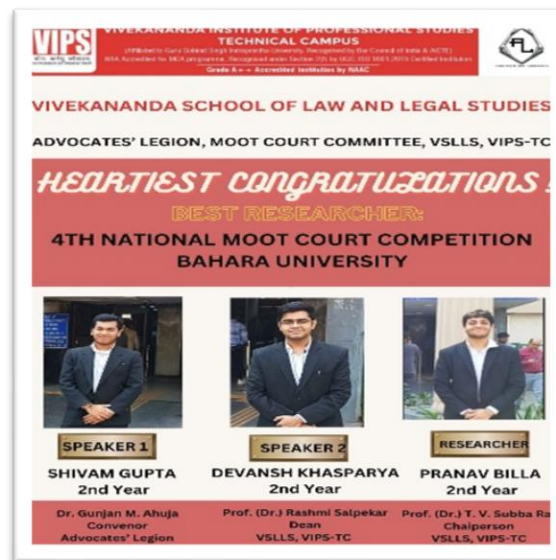
Students' Achievements for the Month of May

VSLLS students emerge winners in the 1st MCMTC-National Moot Court Competition, organized by Jai Narain Vyas University (JNVU), Jodhpur



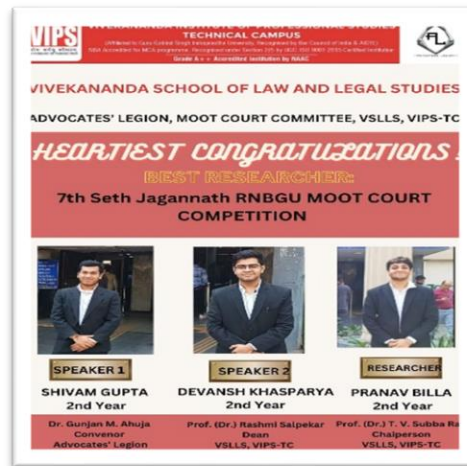
Drishty Panchal, Varsha (4th Semester, BA LLB) & Saurav Kumar (2nd Semester BA LLB) emerged winners at the 1st MCMTC-National Moot Court Competition, held on 3rd-5th May 2024, organized by Jai Narain Vyas University (JNVU), Jodhpur.

VSLLS students emerge winners in the 4th National Moot Court Competition at Bahara University



Shivam Gupta, Devansh Khasparya & Pranav Billa (2nd Year) emerged winners at the 4th National Moot Court Competition at Bahara University held from 3rd May 2024 to 4th May 2024.

VSLLS students emerge winners in the 7th Seth Jagannath RNBGU Moot Court Competition



Shivam Gupta, Devansh Khasparya & Pranav Billa (2nd Year) emerged winners at the 7th Seth Jagannath RNBGU Moot Court Competition held from 15th to 17th March 2024.

VSLLS students emerge Runner Ups in the Shri O.P. Tandon Memorial 2nd TIPS National Moot Court Competition, 2024



Aditya Kumar Singh, Navya A and Aishwarya N (4th Year) emerge Runner Ups in the Shri O.P. Tandon Memorial 2nd TIPS National Moot Court Competition, held from 18th -20th April 2024.

VSLLS Student emerge runner up in 'Capture the Quest and Reel Odyssey' Competition and secured 3rd position in 'Tark Vitark Inter Debate Competition'



Akansha Parashar (4th Semester, BA LLB) emerged as runner up in the ‘Capture the Quest and Reel Odyssey competition’ held on 30th April 2024, organised by- Vivekananda School of Journalism and Mass Communication (VSJMC), VIPS- TC. She also secured 3rd position in Tark Vitark Inter Debate Competition organized on 1st -2nd May 2024 by ‘Manthan’, the debating society of VSJMC, VIPS-TC.

Students’ Publications

Bhavya Jain (8th Semester, BA LLB) published the following two articles “Human Rights and Male Circumcision: A Critical Analysis” and “AI and Robotics: Robotics and the Law” in International Journal of Advanced Legal Research with ISSN No. 2582-7340.

Nandini Achhra (4th Semester, BA LLB) published the following articles on a website ‘Jurist Junctions’ titled as “Expanding Contours of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its Effects on The Right to Privacy”, “The Role of The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 in Safeguarding Consumer Rights with Respect To 1986 Act”, “Section 138- Negotiable Instrument Act,1881”, “Joint Family Property in Mitakshara”.

Alumni Achievements

VSLLS Alumnus Re-elected as Supreme Court Bar Association Executive Committee Member



Shashank Shekhar (BALLB (H) 2008-2013) on his re-election to the Supreme Court Bar Association's Executive Committee for a second consecutive term.

VSLLS Alumnus secures admission to IIM Ahmedabad



Vivek Ranaut (BBA LLB 2017-22) secured 98.75 percentile and got admission in IIM Ahmedabad.

Faculty Achievements



Dr. Vinayak Jhamb was recently awarded a Doctorate degree by USLLS, GGSIPU on the topic- Mapping Green Criminology in Corporate Environment: An Analysis of Legal Discourse in Select Jurisdictions. His research paper was published in the Company Law Journal (UGC Care Listed) on the topic- Intersection between Corporate Entities and Indigenous Communities: A Case Study of Crony Capitalism in the Amazon of the East in the April 2024 issue of CLJ. He was also invited to deliver a lecture at Miranda House focusing primarily on Misleading Advertisements with special emphasis on the Patanjali case on 9th May 2024. Lastly, he completed a 4-week refresher course on Faculties in Universities, Colleges, and Institutes of Higher education from 27th March 2024 to 23rd April 2024 conducted by Ramanujan College, DU.

Dr. Abhishek Trivedi authored a research paper titled ‘Monetary Principle and the Case of *Nicargua v. Germany*’ in the Chinese Journal of International Law (Oxford University Press), 2024.

Dr. Srishty Banerjee presented a research paper titled “Access to Health care services for Transgender People and the Goal of Removing Barriers: A Road towards social-inclusion” in the International Conference on Convergence of health exploring legal and medical perspectives, organised by Integral University Lucknow on 27th April 2024.

Dr. Varsha Dogra presented paper on topic “Together We Can: Strategies for Advancing Women in Intellectual Property” in 1st International Conference on Interdisciplinary Research in Social Science and Humanities ” (ICIRSSH-2024) on 22nd and 23rd May, 2024 organized by Department of Liberal Arts, University Institute of Liberal Arts and Humanities, Chandigarh University, Gharuan, Mohali, Punjab, India in collaboration with Asiatic Society for Social Science Research.

Mr. Aaditya Vikram Sharma was invited to present his paper titled “Asian Perspectives in Space: Cultural Values and Multilateral Cooperation in International Space Law” at the ASIANSIL Intersessional Conference 2024- Asia and International Law: Historical Legacy and Progressive Development. The conference was co-organized and hosted by NARXOZ University and KIMEP University in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 24-25 May 2024. Prior to this, Mr. Sharma chaired the 30th Workshop of the Junior Faculty Forum for South Asian Law Teachers on 22nd April 2024 with presentations by Prof. Dinesha Samararatne and Prof. Tavini Nanayakkara from the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Prof. Jason Varuhas, Professor of Law, Melbourne Law School was the discussant in the session. Mr. Sharma’s paper titled “Customary International Law and Space Debris: Clearing the Field before the next odyssey” has been accepted for publication by the Journal of Space Law, published by the School of Law, University of Mississippi. Another paper titled “Outer Space as a Global Common: Suggestive Approaches from an Indo-Brazilian Legal Perspective” has been accepted for publication in the Indian Review of Air and Space Law, published by the Centre for Research in Air and Space Law Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai.

Ms. Abhisheka Sharma participated and presented a paper on “Evolution of Media Law in India: The Fourth Pillar of Democracy” in the International Seminar on Freedom of Expression and the Role of Media: Reflections on the Commonwealth Latimer House Principle organized

by the Commonwealth Legal Education Association in virtual mode from 3rd to 4th May 2024.

Mr. Ashish Saraswat co-authored a paper titled as “Mainstreaming Gender in Transboundary Water Governance: A South Asian Perspective” in the Asia Pacific Journal of Environmental Law 26, numbered 2, 221-243 and presented a paper titled as, “Recognition of the Taliban Government and Challenges for International Law: Proposing a ‘Framework Convention’ on Government Recognition in International Law” at the Asian Society of International Law Intersessional Conference-Kazakhstan on 23rd May, 2024.

Ms. Kanchan Lavania, presented a research paper titled “Economic Gender Inequality in India: A Pragmatic and Philosophical Examination” in the International Conference on Interdisciplinary Research in Social science and Humanities (ICIRSSH) organized by University Institute of Liberal Arts and Humanities, Chandigarh University in collaboration with Asiatic Society for Social Science Research on 22nd and 23rd May, 2024 and also received the Best Paper Award in the category ‘Gender and Politics’. She attended a 7-days FDP from 27th May- 2nd June 2024 organized by Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer Chair on Human Rights, Cochin University of Science and Technology (School of Legal Studies).

Ms. Surbhi Wadhwa, along with Mr. Saket Gogia, Advocate, secured the second- best paper award for Paper Presentation in the National Seminar organized by School of Law, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru, on May 3-4, 2024 on ‘New Criminal Laws: Issues and Trends’.

Ms. Vaishali Kaur presented a paper on the topic “The Humanitarian Catastrophe of Migration and Uprooting” in the International Conference on Interdisciplinary Research in Social Science and Humanities” (ICIRSSH 2024) on 22nd and 23rd May, 2024 organized by Department of Liberal Arts, University Institute of Liberal Arts and Humanities, Chandigarh University, Gharuan, Mohali, Punjab, India in collaboration with Asiatic Society for Social Science Research.

Thinking Box

Tribute to Late Dr. Deepti Kohli



On 17th May, 2021 we lost our beloved Dr. Deepti Kohli to the second wave of Covid 19. 17th May, 2023, marked her Third Remembrance Day. She was an Associate Professor at VSLLS and was known for her hard work, determination and cheerful spirit. She was also the Convenor of Advocates Legion, Moot Court Committee, VSLLS. We remember her with gratitude and admiration, and we honor her legacy by continuing her work and vision. Dr. Kohli, you are deeply missed and forever in our hearts.

1st MAY: INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY



International Workers' Day, also known as Labour Day in some countries and often referred to as May Day, is celebrated annually on May 1 or the first Monday in May. It honors labourers and the working class, promoted by the international labor movement.

Foreign businesses in India face challenges understanding and calculating minimum wages due to state-specific variations and classifications based on region, industry, skill level, and job nature. Minimum wages are set using a complex system covering nearly 2,000 job types for unskilled workers and over 400 employment categories,

including the variable dearness allowance (VDA) linked to inflation and, where applicable, the house rent allowance (HRA). Workers are categorized as unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, and highly skilled, requiring regular updates to wage rates.

India's minimum wage regulation, governed by the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, will soon be replaced by the Code on Wages Act, 2019. This new code will consolidate and update existing labor laws, mandating regular wage reviews by central and state governments. Additionally, India aims to establish a 'living wage' by 2025, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), to cover essential social expenditures beyond the basic minimum wage.

Test Your Knowledge on International Labour Day! Challenge yourself and see how much you know about the history, significance, and facts related to labour movements around the world.

1. What event is commemorated by International Labour Day?
 - A) The signing of the Declaration of Independence
 - B) The end of World War II
 - C) The Haymarket affair
 - D) The first moon landing

2. Which country was the first to officially recognize International Labour Day?
 - A) United States
 - B) Germany
 - C) France
 - D) Soviet Union
3. Which organization is known for promoting International Labour Day globally?
 - A) United Nations
 - B) International Labour Organization (ILO)
 - C) World Trade Organization (WTO)
 - D) World Health Organization (WHO)
4. In what year did the first Labour Day celebration take place?
 - A) 1886
 - B) 1900
 - C) 1914
 - D) 1945
5. Which landmark legislation in India governs the regulation of minimum wages?
 - A) Minimum Wages Act, 1948
 - B) Labour Code, 1950
 - C) Employment Standards Act, 1975
 - D) Wage Regulation Act, 1980
6. What does the variable dearness allowance (VDA) in India account for?
 - A) Housing costs
 - B) Education expenses
 - C) Inflationary trends
 - D) Health care costs
7. By what year is India aiming to establish a 'living wage' in collaboration with the ILO?
 - A) 2022
 - B) 2025
 - C) 2030
 - D) 2040
8. Which act will replace the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, in India?
 - A) Employment Code Act, 2018
 - B) Wage Regulation Act, 2020
 - C) Code on Wages Act, 2019
 - D) Labour Rights Act, 2021

Answers:

1. C) The Haymarket affair
2. D) Soviet Union
3. B) International Labour Organization (ILO)
4. A) 1886
5. A) Minimum Wages Act, 1948
6. C) Inflationary trends
7. B) 2025
8. C) Code on Wages Act, 2019

Domestic Legal News

Supreme Court Opined Reproductive Freedom is a Fundamental Right of a Person

29 April 2024: In the issue of medical termination of pregnancy, the Apex Court bench of CJI D.Y. Chandrachud, Justice J.B. Pardiwala, and Justice Manoj Misra said that reproductive freedom is a fundamental right. The Court's decision used the word "pregnant person" rather than "pregnant lady" CJI DY Chandrachud, specified that the term "pregnant person" not only recognizes cisgender women, but pregnancy can also be experienced by some non-binary people and transgender men, among other gender identities.

Supreme Court Held That 3 Month Deadline for Juvenile Preliminary Assessments Is Directory and Not Mandatory

07 May 2024: The Supreme Court bench of Justices C T Ravikumar and Rajesh Bindal explained that Section 14(3) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, which provides for a three-month preliminary examination of a Child in Conflict with Law, is not necessary.

Service Provider to prove the commercial nature of service not complainant under Consumer Protection Act

10 May 2024: In the case of *Shriram Chits (India) Private Limited v. Raghavchand Associates* ruled that the responsibility to prove service was obtained for commercial purposes under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 lies with the service provider, not the consumer. The court emphasized that the Act is consumer-friendly and beneficial, and cannot burden consumers to prove a service was not for commercial purposes.

Advocates are not liable under the Consumer Protection Act for Alleged Deficiency in Services



- Kaveri, 8th B (BA LLB)

14 May 2024: The Hon'ble Apex Court overruled a 2007 judgment of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission's decision in *D.K. Gandhi PS v. M. Mathias* and has ruled that advocates cannot be held liable for alleged deficiency in services under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, as re-enacted by the Consumer Protection Act 2019 under Section 2 (o).

Supreme Court held that CrPC is not applicable retrospectively before 31.10.2019

17 May 2024: In the case of *National Investigation Agency New Delhi v. Owais Amin @ Cherry & Ors.*, the Supreme Court declared that the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) in Jammu & Kashmir will apply only if Article 370 is repealed.

International Legal News

Israel refutes South Africa's accusations at ICJ concerning the Gaza Genocide

17 May 2024: The UN International Court of Justice (ICJ), heard the response from Israel on the case brought forward by South Africa requesting emergency provisional measures to immediately halt Israeli military operations underway in Rafah, in southern Gaza, where over one million Palestinians were sheltering after having been displaced from elsewhere in the enclave.

International Criminal Court Prosecutor applies for arrest warrants in the situation in the State of Palestine

20 May 2024: The International Criminal Court Prosecutor, Karim Khan, applied for arrest warrants to be issued against three Hamas leaders and the Israeli Prime Minister and Defence Minister for what he describes as war crimes and crimes against humanity. Although the ICC is not a UN organization, it has an agreement of cooperation with the United Nations. When a situation is not within the court's jurisdiction, the UN Security Council can refer the situation to the ICC, granting it jurisdiction.

International Tribunal for Law of the Sea advises countries are legally required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

21 May 2024: The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) defined greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as a form of marine pollution under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea in a landmark advisory opinion released Tuesday. The opinion, a response to inquiries by Antigua, Barbuda, Tuvalu, and the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change (COSIS), asserts that nations are legally bound to curb emissions to safeguard the marine environment.

ECHR rules against Bulgaria in forfeiture of criminal assets and high court fees case

22 May 2024: The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) ruled on Tuesday against Bulgaria in *Mandev and Others v. Bulgaria*, a case relating to unfair and unjustified forfeiture of assets as proceeds of crime and high court fees. The court ruled a violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights. The court's ruling was based on the precedent case of *Todorov and Others v Bulgaria* in 2021.

EU officially approves world's first landmark AI legislation

22 May 2024: The European Union (EU) officially approved the world's first landmark AI legislation. The Council of the European Union unanimously adopted the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act, which will enter into force 20 days after publication in the EU's official journal. AI Act ensures that artificial intelligence adheres to vital EU legislations including Article 2 and Article 6 of the Treaty on European Union, and the Charter.

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