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Life @ Law School

VIPS-TC Celebrated 78th Independence Day to Commemorate the Devotion and Courage of our Freedom Fighters

'' जो भरा नहीं है भावों से, जिसमें बहती रसधार नहीं, वह हृदय नहीं है पत्थर है, जिसमें स्वदेश का प्यार नहीं'



VIPS-TC celebrated the 78th Independence Day on 15th August 2024 with immense pride and patriotism to commemorate our freedom fighters' devotion, sacrifices, and courage. Honourable Chairman, Dr. S. C. Vats hoisted the flag and passionately spoke about duty, honor, and the commitment to nation-building. The event featured captivating dance performances by Nrityapravah, and soulful songs by Antrakshar and NCC Cadets, bringing the spirit of freedom alive through art and culture.



Faculty Development Programme (FDP) to Unravel the Intricacies of Ancient Indian Legal Thought

Centre for Indian Knowledge System, VSLLS, VIPS-TC organized an online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on the Zoom platform to unravel the intricacies of Ancient Indian Legal Thought from 12th August, 2024 to 23rd August,2024 and delve into the rich tapestry of our legal heritage with renowned experts. The FDP aimed to provide an in-depth understanding of ancient Indian legal principles, their historical context, and their relevance to contemporary legal studies. A total of 140 faculty across the country and abroad participated including Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Singapore, etc. Total 14 sessions were organised. FDP was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao, Vice Chancellor, Incharge, Indian Institute of Universal Legal Education and Research (IIULER), Goa on 12th August,2024, and the first session was commenced by Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao, Chairperson, VSLLS, VIPS-TC who enlightened everyone on the "Concept of Dharma".

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FDP amalgamated multiple notions of law and their roots entrenched in Ancient India. The various resource persons invited to enunciate their views were Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), Nagpur where he analysed the legal framework governing familial relationships and obligations in ancient India, Prof. (Dr.) Namrata Arora, Professor, VSLLS, VIPS-TC explained the concept of Rajya Dharma in Ancient India, Dr. Aditi Mann, Assistant Professor, VSLLS, VIPS-TC elaborated Administration of Justice in Ancient India, Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja, Director, Indian Law

DISPUTE RESOLUTION SYSTEM

A robust justice delivery system is sine qua non for the development of a society

The indigenous justice delivery system was based on the principle "यतो धर्मसततो जयः" which means that where there is *dharma* (righteousness), there is victory. I

This principle has been originated from a verse in the

epic Mahabharata - यतः कृष्णस्ततो धर्मी यतो धर्मस्ततो जयः ।

This means that victory always remains on the side of dharma,

and where there is Krishna, there is dharma.

"यतो धर्मस्ततो जयः" also finds a place in the logo of Supreme Court of India



महाभारत

Institute (ILI), New Delhi elucidated on Mediation in Ancient India, Dr. Priya Bhatnagar, Associate Professor, VSLLS, VIPS-TC expounded on Taxation Systems, Smt. Brunda Karanam, Legal Consultant, Arbitrator, Accredited Mediator, Singapore, explicated Principles of Interpretation with Special Reference to Meemamsa, Dr. Tushita Gaur Sharma, Associate Professor, VSLLS, VIPS-TC decoded Criminal Justice Administration in Ancient India, Prof. (Dr.) Anurag Deep, Professor, Indian Law Institute (ILI), New Delhi

explored Ancient Indian Law, Rule of Law, and Judicial Pronouncements, Dr. Garima Singh, Associate Professor, VSLLS, VIPS-TC interpreted the Concept of State & Polity in Ancient India, Prof. (Dr.) T.R. Subramanya, Dean, School of Legal Studies, CMR University, Bangalore construed Ancient Indian Law on Diplomatic Immunity and Asylum, Dr. Ila Deshpande, Centre for Shastric Studies and Research in Law, MNLU, Nagpur deciphered application of Nyaya Shastra in Contemporary Times, Prof. (Dr.) Shyam K. Kaushik, Professor, VSLLS, VIPS-TC & Former Professor, NLU Jodhpur illuminated the topic of Maintenance under the Ancient Indian System, and Prof.(Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Vice Chancellor, Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University (DNLU), Jabalpur highlighted the Ancient Indian Law of Warfare. The FDP was convened by Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VSLLS, VIPS-TC, Dr. Avinash Kumar, and Ms. Kokila Khanna, Assistant Professors, VSLLS, VIPS-TC.



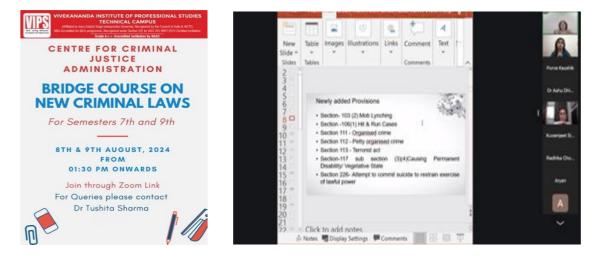
VSLLS Chairperson's Visit to Chicago Kent Law School

Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao, Chairperson, VSLLS, VIPS-TC visited Chicago Kent College of Law of Illinois Institute of Technology, a private research university in Chicago, Illinois. He was welcomed there by Prof. (Dr.) Harris C Edward, Dean, CKCL, Illinois Institute of Technology.

Skill-Enhancing Training Session on Internship & Court Diary

VSLLS, Internship and Court Diary Committee conducted an online orientation session on 25th July, 2024, to orient the students of V, VII, and IX semesters regarding various formats to be followed while writing the Internship Diary. Students were also guided about "how to prepare for internship diary" This skill-enhancing training session helped these students to be more confident and played a crucial role in developing their soft skills.

Centre for Criminal Justice Administration Conducted Bridge Course on New Criminal Laws for Fourth & Final Year Students



A Bridge Course on New Criminal Laws was conducted by the Centre for Criminal Justice Administration for fourth and final-year students from 8th August to 9th August, 2024. This course was conducted on the Zoom platform. The session was divided into three parts consisting series of lectures on Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS), Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023(BNSS), and Bhartiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023(BSA). Lectures were conducted by a team of faculty members consisting of Dr. Tushita Sharma, Dr. Deepali Vashisht, Dr. Ashu Dhiman, Ms. Richa Gupta, Ms. Cheshta Dahiya, Dr. Sonali Sharma, Dr. Sonia Jain, Ms. Purva Kaushik and Mr. Aash_Mohammad. <image><text><text><text><text><text>

"From Skilled To Upskill: Training Program-Interactive Session" By CCTIPC

The Career Counselling, Training, Internships, and Placement Cell commenced with its oneof-a-kind lecture Series "From Skilled to Upskill: Training Program – Interactive Sessions". The first lecture was conducted by the guest speaker Ms. Deeksha Malik, Principal Associate with the Employment Labour and Benefits practice group at Khaitan & Co., Mumbai. She covered key issues in labour laws, employee rights, and industrial relations in India. The lecture had profoundly positive impact and was held successfully by Convenor Dr. Priya Bhatnagar, Co-Convener Dr. Honey Sharma, Ms. Soumya Khanna, Coordinator with the support of the student members. More than 200 students across all semesters of VSLLS joined the lecture which reflected strong engagement.



Training Session on "How to Crack the All-India Bar Examination"?

Career Counselling, Training, Internship and Placement Committee, and Competition Guidance Centre organized a training session on 31st August, 2024, providing an insightful and practical guide on cracking the All-India Bar Examination (AIBE). The session featured Advocate Swati Surbhi Singhania as the guest speaker, who shared her expertise on the exam's structure, content, and preparation strategies. Clearing this exam is crucial for obtaining a certificate that allows law graduates to practice law nationwide. The seminar concluded with a fruitful Question and Answer session that saw active engagement and enthusiasm from the participants. The seminar was held successfully under the Convener, Dr. Priya Bhatnagar, Co-Convener, Dr. Honey Sharma, and Coordinator Dr. Manan Dardi.

Upcoming Events



Students' Achievements

Student of BA LLB earned accolades for multiple Quiz Competitions



Akansha Parashar (5th Semester, BALLB) secured Second Position in the Virtual Indian Constitution Quiz Competition organized by Legal India on 17th August, 2024. She also secured Third Position in the Law of Torts Quiz Competition organized by Just Scriptum on 28th July 2024

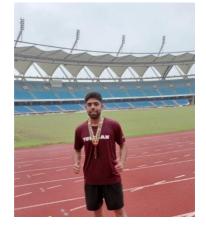
Lex Pacto awarded VSLLS Students with the Best Memorial Award in the 1st Lex Pacto Virtual Moot Court Competition





Vasudev Thakur, Kashish Agarwal & Tanya Bhardwaj (5th Semester BALLB) qualified for the Semi-finals and won the award for Best Memorial in the 1st Lex Pacto Virtual Moot Court Competition organized by Lex Pacto on 9th-11th August, 2024.

VSLLS Student emerges as Finisher in the Tuffman Half Marathon



Madhav Kundra (9th Semester BA LLB) achieved an overall rank of 55 and emerged as a Finisher in the Tuffman Half Marathon on 11th August,2024.

First Position secured by VSLLS Student in the Independence Day Quiz Competition organized by Just Scriptum



Nandini Achhra (5th Semester BA LLB) secured First Position in the Independence Day Quiz Competition organized by Just Scriptum on 15th August, 2024.

Student Publications

Ms. Maanya Jain, Semester III, has published a research paper titled "The Historical and the Present Architecture of the Indian Judiciary" in the International Journal of Legal Research and Analysis.

Ms. Krishi Gupta, Semester III, published long article titled "The Reality of Identity Theft: Exposing Masks" in the Indian Journal of Law and Legal Research.

Ms. Hansika Gupta, Semester III, has authored a Research Paper titled "Exploring Alternative Dispute Resolution: The Practice of Forum Shopping" in the International Journal for Legal Research and Analysis.

Mr. Anam Khan, Semester IX, has authored a Research Paper titled "From Patents to Sustainability: Unraveling the Intellectual Property Tapestry in Climate Innovation, Ethical Dilemmas, and International Harmonization" in the IP BULLETIN, CNLU PATNA E-Magazine.

Mr. Ashhad Sajid Khan, Semester III, presented their research paper titled "Copyright in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Addressing Authorship, Ownership, and Legal Frameworks" at International Webinar on Legal Intricacies of Copyleft, Copywrong, Copyright, and Future Intellectual Property, organized by The JSS Law College, Mysore, Karnataka, following which it was published in the special issue (2024) of JSS Journal for Legal Studies and Research.

Ms. Lavanya Naugai, Semester III, has authored a Case Commentary on "Coope V. Eyre (1775)" in the Indian Journal of Law and Legal Research. She was also presented with the "Legal Writers Award" by Legal Services India for the research paper titled "The Judicial Fight for Right to Die"

Ms. Suhani Wadhwa, Semester V, has authored two Research Papers titled "Juvenile Delinquency: Evaluating Legal Interventions and Outcomes" in the Legal Lock Journal, and "From Theory to Practice: Law as a Catalyst for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)" in the Indian Journal for Research in Law and Management (IJRLM).

Ms. Nandini Achhra, Semester V, has authored two Blogs titled "Child Labor: Exploitation in 20th Century" in the International Journal for Juridical Research and Legal Studies, and "Women Centric Laws in India" in Ram Gokul Associates and Solicitors.

Alumni Achievements

VSLLS Alumna Soaring High After Clearing the JAG (Indian Navy)



Ms. Astha Tyagi, a distinguished alumna of our School of Law and Legal Studies (BA LLB, Batch: 2017-22), has brought immense pride to our institution by clearing the JAG (Indian Navy) 2024 exam. In a highly competitive process, Astha secured one of the two coveted positions available at the national level. Her dedication and excellence are further exemplified by her achievements as Best Cadet NCC and her representation of India in Russia under NCC in 2018.

Faculty Achievements

Prof. (*Dr.*) *T V Subba Rao* was invited to deliver a lecture on Research Methods at the Indian Institute of Universal Legal Education and Research (IIULER), Goa on 2nd August, 2024. He delivered a lecture in the National Conference on Citizenship, Immigration, and Refugees: Issues, Challenges, and Roadmap to Future India organized by IIT Kharagpur from 10th August to 11th August, 2024.

Prof. (*Dr.*) *Rashmi Salpekar* published a chapter titled – "An Overview of International Legal Framework Governing the Ship Collision" in the book Maritime Law and Practice (ISBN-978-81-966905-0-2) published by the Institute of Marine Engineers (India).

Prof. Shyam K Kaushik created and shared four educational videos on the subject of jurisprudence across various social media platforms. (Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn).

Dr. Aditi Mann presented a paper titled "Remembering Legends of Ramayana from Land of Mahabharata" at a conference titled "Ramcharitmanas for Humanity" organized by the Centre of Hindu Studies, University of Delhi on 23rd August, 2024.

Dr. Insha Goel Vats participated in a 4-week online faculty induction Program organized by Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (formerly UGC- Human Resource Development Centre), Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi from 2nd July to 31st July, 2024.

Ms. Ayesha Gupta presented a paper at the International Conference on Sustainable Development: Socio-Economic Dimensions & Legal Framework held on 31st July at IIMT College of Law, Greater Noida titled "Understanding Inclusivity: A Step Beyond Gender Binary Notions- A Critical Analysis of Transgender Persons Act, 2019".

Ms. Mohita Yadav published a blog named "A Paradigm Shift for Environmental Rule of Law in Contemporary India vis-a-vis 2024 judgment of the Supreme Court of India" in the VIPS Law Blog on 28th August, 2024.

Ms. Vaishali Kaur actively participated in a national workshop on 'R Programming' conducted online on 12th and 13th August 2024 in association with Knowledge Cafe, Bangalore.

Mr. Vijay Kumar Tyagi was invited as an expert by Lallantop to express his views on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024 to amend the Waqf Act, 1995. He spoke on the need to amend Sections 14 and 40 of the Act to prevent misuse.

Thinking Box

23 AUGUST: International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition



The International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is observed annually on August 23. This commemoration first took place in several countries, including Haiti (August 23, 1998) and Gorée Island in Senegal (August 23, 1999). The purpose of this day is to embed the tragedy of the slave trade into the collective memory of all nations. Aligned with the objectives of the intercultural project "The Routes of Enslaved Peoples," it aims to provide a platform for reflecting on the historical origins, methods, and impacts of this atrocity.

Recently, discussions about reparations for the descendants of enslaved people have gained momentum, with several countries and institutions contemplating financial compensation or symbolic gestures. Museums worldwide, such as the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, are enhancing their exhibits to spotlight the legacy of the slave trade. Additionally, there is a notable push for returning artifacts to their countries of origin, and new research is continually uncovering fresh insights into the history and impact of slavery. These developments highlight a growing global commitment to acknowledging and addressing the historical injustices of the slave trade.

Domestic Legal News

SC by a 6:1 verdict decided that SC/ST subcategorization is acceptable

The Supreme Court in the case of *The State of Punjab and Ors. v. Davinder Singh and Ors.* have declared that sub-classification of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is acceptable. The verdict was made based on six views, with Justice Bela Trivedi dissenting. The majority of the seven justices reached the same judgment, with Justice Gavai and the CJI concurring. Justice Nath and Justice Sharma concurred with the opinions of the CJI and Justice Gavai, while Justice Trivedi disagreed. The ruling overturned the previous decision in E.V. Chinnaiah v. State of Andhra Pradesh (2005 SC).

SC reiterates defence's liability in cheque bounce cases is not based on proving its case beyond a reasonable doubt.

The Supreme Court of India has reiterated that the liability of the defence in cheque bounce cases is not based on proving its case beyond a reasonable doubt. This ruling was made in a criminal appeal against a Karnataka High Court's acquittal for cheque dishonour. The court also clarified the principles of adjudicating challenges against an acquittal based on concurrent findings. The case, *Sri Dattatraya v. Sharanappa*, highlights the importance of acquittals in criminal cases.

Supreme Court states power of West Bengal should not be unleashed on people protesting peacefully

The Supreme Court in West Bengal has established a National Task Force (NTF) to address the safety and well-being of medical professionals following the rape and murder case of a postgraduate medic at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. The NTF is set up to address systemic issues regarding doctor safety across India. The incident, which occurred on August 9, 2024, raised concerns about the safety of doctors across India.



- Kaveri (IX-B)

SC sets aside Calcutta HC's remarks regarding female adolescent sexual behaviour

In Re: Right to Privacy of Adolescents, the court ruled against a Calcutta High Court decision that questioned the biological basis of sexual impulses in female adolescents, stating that libido is a natural phenomenon. In this case, a Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court, while hearing a Criminal Appeal challenging the conviction in the offences punishable under Sections 363 and 366 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act), acquitted the appellant of the aforementioned offences.

Statements recorded under Section 67 of the NDPS Act cannot be used as confessional statements at trial as per Supreme Court

The court in the *Ajay Kumar Gupta v. Union of India* reaffirmed that a statement recorded under Section 67 cannot be used as a confessional statement in a trial of an offence under the NDPS Act. The appellant's statement was not admissible in evidence and the court relied on the case of *Toofan Singh v. State of Tamil Nadu (2021)*.

Supreme Court ruled that a father cannot recover "stridhan" given to his daughter when she is alive, well, and capable of making decisions.

In the case of *Mulakala Malleshwara Rao & Anr. v. State of Telangana & Anr,* the Supreme Court held that a father cannot recover "stridhan" given to his daughter when she is alive, well, and capable of making decisions.

International Legal News

EU Artificial Intelligence Act officially enters into force

The European Union's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act officially entered into force. This AI Act is the first legislation on artificial intelligence in the world. This regulatory framework approved by the EU is founded on the values of Articles 2 and 6 of the Treaty of the European Union (TEU) such as human dignity, rule of law, and respect for the human rights enshrined within the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

ECHR rules that criminalization of prostitution in France is not a violation

The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) ruled that France's criminalization of the sale and purchase of sexual acts/prostitution does not constitute a violation of Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

Turkey to submit bid to join South Africa ICJ genocide case against Israel

Turkey has issued a statement that it will formally submit its declaration of intervention in South Africa's genocide case against Israel over the war on Gaza at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at The Hague. The ICJ has ordered Israel to refrain from any acts that could fall under the United Nations Genocide Convention and to ensure its troops commit no genocidal acts against Palestinians after South Africa accused Israel of state-led genocide in Gaza.

ICJ to hear oral submissions on states' climate change obligations

The UN General Assembly (UNGA) adopted by consensus a 2023 resolution seeking an advisory opinion from the ICJ on states' climate change obligations. The UNGA asked the ICJ to consider environmental obligations under various international legal instruments such as the UN Charter, the Paris Agreement, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

ICC prosecutor urges judges to rule on warrants for Israeli, Hamas leaders

The chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) has called on judges to "urgently" rule on his request for arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and others linked to the war on Gaza. ICC prosecutors have said there are reasonable grounds to believe Netanyahu and Gallant, as well as Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, military chief Mohammed al-Masri, and Hamas's political leader Ismail Haniyeh, bear criminal responsibility for alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity.

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