

NEWSLETTER



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- Industry Academia Abridgement - Expert Sessions
- Additional Library e-Resources
- SOL Legal Aid Programmes - Pro Bono Counseling
- Projects Allocation & Study Materials



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- Mahadevan, B.A.LL.B. 2022 Certificate of Merit
- Singireddy Madhavi, B.A.LL.B. 2023 Certificate of Merit

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Vice-Chancellor's

Message

Mahindra University has become one of the pioneering private universities in Telangana in 2020, which has undertaken alliances with research institutions, partnership with government and industry along with other agencies and are leaving no stone unturned to ensure the quality of our academic programs. The five schools viz., École Centrale School of Engineering, School of Management, School of Law, Indira Mahindra School of Education and School of Media are fully prepared to ensure quality and prepare globally competitive human resources.

Just after the inception of the University, the School of Management started in 2021 with academic partnerships with the Cornell University's SC Johnson College of Business, USA. Our association with Cornell University ensures that our programs are of global standards as well as contemporary. This association focus as much on critical thinking and innovation and broadening of our students' horizons while simultaneously build the students' moral and ethical character, so that each student can individually and as a group contribute to the society around us and the world at large.

The mission of the University is to train multi-skilled leaders capable of innovations and committed to inclusive and sustainable progress. One who aims for interdisciplinary academic excellence integrating the study of science with technology and design. The students are trained to balance education with societal experience by solving challenges faced by the society through entrepreneurial projects. We have plans to ensure that cutting edge interdisciplinary measures are in place soon with the sole focus that the programs offered shall be interdisciplinary and contemporary. One of our strong founding principles is the intense focus on quality research at

the institutional level is to develop problem-solving skills and contribute to the rise of a new India, thereby to attain the mission "To Educate Future Citizens for and of a Better World".

We at Mahindra University will endeavour to bring about change in the academic scenario through critical thinking, focus and innovation and widening of our student's knowledge horizons. I would like to say that this is what we aim to achieve - an education that imparts skills, encourages out-of-the-box thinking and helps build character to contribute to society and the world. I invite you to experience the outstanding facilities and ambience at Mahindra University and be a torchbearer of the new generation and of a bright future.

I appreciate the pioneering efforts of **Dr. V. Balakista Reddy**, Dean, School of Law (SOL) in making ground breaking teaching, research efforts and other initiatives. I also acknowledge the efforts made by the other faculty members in this endeavour. I welcome the maiden issue of the SOL Newsletter that it pace-up the momentum that we envisioned. I wish the SOL family all the very best in their academic and research accomplishments.

Best Regards,

Dr. Yajulu Medury

Vice-Chancellor

Dean's

Message



The purpose of law schools should be to create an environment, wherein law is not merely learnt but also researched, criticized and reformed. Legal education should embrace within its fold the concept of nation building, so that the lawyers we produce have a broader framework and vision to contribute to society by playing an active role in it. In other words, not only should students be trained as advocates but also as judges, arbitrators, mediators, leaders and most importantly as visionaries who guide the public.

We at School of Law, Mahindra University follow the complementary teaching methodology of learning by doing, bridging conventional classroom teaching through legal aid clinics, help in developing the advocacy skills in the law students through Mock trials, Moot court competitions, client interviewing and counselling sessions. There are also varied academic pursuits such as carrying out legal research, editing of law journals, legal drafting and conveyancing, court visits, internships etc., in the curriculum, which are some of the legal methods to facilitate and enhance the value of performance-based education.

As we navigate through the academic year, I am pleased to share with you some highlights and updates from the School of Law, Mahindra University. We are embarking on another semester filled with promise and potential and I am honoured to address you as the Dean, School of Law.

At the heart of our mission lies a dedication to prepare the next generation of legal professionals, who are not only adept in dealing with the intricacies of law, but also equipped with the values of academic rigor, diversity, inclusivity, critical thinking, ethical discernment and empathy necessary to navigate a rapidly evolving legal landscape of the 21st century. Our faculty members

have been actively engaged in cutting-edge research and scholarly initiatives, contributing valuable insights to the legal domain. Their accomplishments reflect the calibre of intellectual curiosity and dedication that defines the very spirit of our School of Law.

Our students continue to excel, not only in the classroom, but also through their involvement in extracurricular activities and community service. Their passion for pro bono activities and commitment to make a positive impact upon the society are truly commendable.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the upcoming expert discourse, round-table discussions, international conferences, moot court competitions and other academic endeavours, which promises to be an enriching experience for the entire Mahindra University.

I wish to acknowledge the ongoing support, which we have received from the management, friends and partners. Your generosity allows us to enhance our programs, offer scholarships, and create new opportunities for our students to excel. As we move forward, let us remain committed to our mission of shaping the next generation of legal professionals and contributing meaningfully to the legal fraternity. I encourage everyone to stay connected, share your milestones, expertise and experiences, thereby fostering the soul of collaborations.

Thanking everyone for your continued support and wishing the best as we look forward to exciting new developments that lies ahead.

To new beginnings...

Dr. V. Balakista Reddy

Dean - SOL

EDITORIAL

Legal education plays an important role in developing lawyers, who act as social engineers and work towards the cause of nation building. In a globalized world, law schools face the challenges of creating institutions of excellence, which produce socially conscious lawyers who can deal with an array of global issues while struggling to maintain the changing social structures, values and attitudes. Competition is growing, people are increasingly turning mobile and the global economic centre of gravity is changing at an unprecedented pace. Governments have to address problems such as climate change, potential pandemics and food security that are global in scope and require a coordinated global response. One of the important roles of legal institutions and universities have been to make some of these changes possible. They have done this by educating an ever-greater proportion of the population and broadening their perspectives. A significant proportion of our better health, wealth and general welfare, in terms of environmental, cultural, social or spiritual, was made possible by the research performed by universities and through the actions of people who were drawing the benefits of their university education.

Incidentally, legal institutions have played a significant role in helping the society to understand why these changes are taking place. Academicians have identified the trends, examined them, considered their implications, critically examined them and explained their necessary continuity with what went before. Further, legal education should embrace within its fold the multi-dimensional approach, so that the lawyers we produce have a broader framework and vision to contribute to society as a part of implementing Academic Social Responsibility.

It is with great honour and pride I announce that the School of Law, Mahindra University is delighted to bring-out its first inaugural issue of Newsletter for Fall Semester from July, 2023 - January, 2024. This Newsletter briefly covers a variety of activities in School of Law including inculcating research values, improvisation of course curriculum and course materials, evaluation pattern, expert lectures on Industry-Academic abridgment and MOUs, legal aid activities, legal fests, conduct Moot Court Competitions, International Conferences, Workshops, Webinars and other academically enriching activities, publication of law journals,

creation of research centres, outreach events, launch of new interdisciplinary programmes and so on.

I am extremely thankful to **Dr. Yajulu Medury, Vice-Chancellor** for his constant, unconditional and encouraging support accompanied by his exemplary leadership, pleasing personality and exceptional administrative skills. I also extend my heartfelt gratitude to **Col. (Retd) Rajiv Chauhan, Registrar**, along with his team, for their flawless and continued support. I thank my fellow Deans, colleagues, administrative staff and my dear students for their encouragement and cooperation. My underlined appreciation to my editorial team, **Prof. Rishi Raj Bharadwaj, Prof. Aditi Nidhi, Prof. J. Lakshmi Charan, Prof. Bangaru Laxmi Jasti**, for their dynamic and round the clock support in bringing out this newsletter dead on time.

Hope you find this newsletter enriching, which provides an in-depth understanding of the rapidly changing global legal profession.

Indulge taking a dip in this piece of Art and Hard Work.

Dr. V. Balakista Reddy
Dean - SOL



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ABOUT MAHINDRA UNIVERSITY

Mahindra University, established in May 2020, is a multi-disciplinary global education and knowledge campus which offers industry-aligned curricula, a student-centered learning environment, and opportunities for international exposure. A university with a significant role in the global dynamics of R&D and higher learning, where students are motivated to attain their true potential. The faculty and staff aim to achieve excellence in pedagogy and contemporary frontiers of research and in providing services respectively while alumni strive to achieve global leadership. The University offers Undergraduate, Post Graduate and Ph.D. programs in its five Schools namely École Centrale School of Engineering, School of Management, School of Law, Indira Mahindra School of Education and School of Media and Liberal Arts.

The University has world class collaborations with Cornell Universities SC Johnson College of Business, Virginia Tech, University of Frankfurt, Centrale Supélec, BABSON and University of

Florida which serves inter-disciplinary learning through live industry projects and in-built flexibility of course choices, making the education very practical.

Mahindra University signifies Global Thinkers and Engaged Leaders. The professionals who think how the world is for them and others and how to make it a better place through positive engagement. Further who embodies the Mahindra Rise spirit of Accepting No Limits, Driving Positive Change and Alternative thinking. Research and innovation thrive at the heart of our academic pursuits at Mahindra University. Our world-class faculty and cutting-edge facilities foster groundbreaking discoveries across diverse fields. We foster a culture of curiosity, creativity, and collaboration, resulting in discoveries and solutions that address real-world challenges. Our commitment to excellence drives us to be at the forefront of research-driven innovation, making a meaningful impact on society and the world at large.



ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW

“Jnaanaarthe Pravasha, Sevaarthe Prasthanam” is an Upanishad sermon that means enter an institution with the sole purpose of securing knowledge and exit only to serve the society. The **School of Law, Mahindra University**, commenced in September 2021, is a new temple of law learning in Hyderabad, founded on the philosophy of securing justice, equality and service to all sections of society. With the ever-changing needs of society, the importance of the discipline of law is developing and gaining focus and influencing the thought process of society for its healthy growth. The School of Law provides both the pupil and people a platform where they gain the ability to understand the purpose of law and participate in evolving, just and civilized society. The rule of law, referred to as Raja Dharma in ancient texts, if understood and practiced properly, one can build pillars of peace, harmony and prosperity for a strong nation.

Mahindra University is a pioneer in its innovative educational systems, transforming teaching and learning to develop trained law professionals engaged in positive progress. School of Law aiming to make a difference to the legal profession and practice by providing a diverse and flexible

curriculum and pedagogy, touching on several aspects of domestic and international law appraising the students of the latest trends in academia and practice. To make learning a pleasant process, the School of law supports the students with a well-equipped library with an excellent collection of titles, online, offline databases and other required resources.

MU SOL currently offers 5-Years integrated undergraduate programs like Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law BA. LL.B (Hons) and Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Law BBA. LL.B (Hons) and 3-Years LL.B (Hons) to cater to varied needs of the profession with distinguished faculty.

Keeping the Research aptitude burning high, MU SOL is set to create two emerging Research Centres viz., Centre for Aerospace, Defence and Maritime Laws (CADML) and Tech-Mahindra Centre for AI and Cyber Laws (TMCACL). MU SOL is also planning to come up with 6-Year B. Tech LL.B (Hons), 1-Year LLM in Tech Laws, International Trade and Business Laws along with a Ph.D Programme in Law with its multi-disciplinary domains.



BCI INSPECTION

A Virtual inspection by the Bar Council of India (BCI) was conducted on 1st August 2023 at the SOL building, Mahindra University. The primary focus of the day involved a comprehensive examination of various aspects of SOL, encompassing infrastructure, library resources, the expansion of the BBA LL.B program, faculty interaction, and related details. The online BCI inspection also focused on the meticulous evaluation and an in-depth analysis of the course curriculum and its alignment with academic benchmarks. Additionally, an examination of faculty interaction dynamics was conducted to evaluate elements such as their pay band, leave entitlements, amount of dedicated time spent on campus, the subjects they teach, their specific areas of expertise, the nature of their appointments, and other related factors.

In essence, the BCI inspection aimed to delve into the minutiae of SOL, ensuring that it not only meets, but exceeds the expected standards across various domains, thereby reaffirming the institution's commitment to providing a robust and enriching academic environment. After satisfactory inspection, the BCI formally sanctioned an extension of one additional section for BBA LL.B (Hons) comprising of 60 seats. This further strengthens the faith of the regulator as well as the society in the SOL.



CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP - ARRIVAL OF NEW DEAN

The next awaited moment was the appointment of **Prof. (Dr.) V Balakista Reddy**, who formally joined on **02nd August 2023** as **Dean, School of Law, Mahindra University**. Prof. Reddy takes over as the Dean from the outgoing in-charge Prof. M. Sridhar Acharyulu, who continues as a Professor & Advisor, School of Law. Prof. Reddy is an acclaimed academician, and a seasoned professional with opulent academic & administrative experience. Before joining SOL, Prof. Reddy has many feathers in his cap as he was the **Former Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad**. He is also the Director, Centre for Aerospace and Defence Laws (CADL), Centre for Tribal and Land Rights (CTLR). Besides, he was the LL.M Course Coordinator of International Trade and Business Laws (ITBL), NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad.

Prof. Reddy incepted his academic journey from attaining his LL.M in International Law from Osmania University, M.Phil. and Ph.D. in International Air and Space Law from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. With more than three decades of teaching, research and administrative experience, Dr. Reddy's expertise in International Law earned him several prestigious accolades, including the Meritorious State Teachers Award from the Higher Education Department, Government of Telangana, in 2017 and NALSAR's Excellence in Research Award for his outstanding publications in the year 2021. Dr. Reddy is globally recognized for his work in the field of International Air and Space Law and has presented several research papers at prestigious national and international forums, including the United Nations. He played a crucial role in bringing the Nobel Peace Prize Award Winning "Institut De Droit International" i.e., Institute of International Law to NALSAR for its 78th Session during 3rd - 10th September, 2017, a first in India and second in Asia. Besides his academic pursuits, Dr. Reddy has been actively involved in various institutions and universities abroad as a visiting



faculty, contributing to the dissemination of legal knowledge internationally. Notably, he has been associated with institutes like Leiden University, McGill University, University of Cologne, and more.

As the Director of the Centre for Aerospace and Defence Laws (CADL), Dr. Reddy pioneered innovative and value-added courses in aviation, space, defence, and maritime laws to address the growing demands in these sectors. He also played a key role in drafting various legislations for the Indian government and the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. As a Director, Centre for Tribal and Land Rights (CTLR), Dr. Reddy had taken several initiatives on Land and Tribal Rights in the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, including the drafting of around 112 legislations on Land and Revenue, along with several legal aid camps to raise the rights of the tribals. Dr. Reddy's impact extended beyond academics, as he actively organized conferences, workshops, and training programmes to promote legal education and development in various sectors. He also supervised numerous Ph.D., M.Phil., and LL.M. students, helping them to excel in their academic pursuits.

Under his leadership as the Registrar of NALSAR, the university's infrastructure expanded significantly, and he played a vital role in securing increased annual grants from the Telangana Government. Apart from his teaching and administrative roles, Dr. Reddy is an accomplished author, with several internationally acclaimed books on Air and Space Law to his credit. He also serves as the Editor-in-Chief of multiple law journals, including the Indian Journal of Air and Space Law and the M.K. Nambyar SAARC Law Journal. Throughout his academic journey, Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy has demonstrated unwavering dedication to legal education, research, and administration. His contributions to the field of International Law and his commitment to nurturing students have established him as a respected figure in the legal fraternity both in India and abroad.

INDUCTION OF NEW FACULTY IN SOL – WELCOME ON BOARD



**Dr. Amit Kumar Jha,
Assistant Professor**

Dr. Amit Kumar Jha is currently working as Assistant Professor at School of Law, Mahindra University. He pursued his Ph.D. in Economics at Delhi School of Economics,

University of Delhi. He is having work experience of over eight years in various universities in India. He had research collaborations with Prof. Moneer Alam at the Population Research Centre of Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi. This work focused on the consumption pattern of elderly using NSS 50th, 55th, 61st, 68th rounds. In addition, Amit Kumar Jha worked with Prof. Arup Mitra on a project titled “Innovation and employment” funded by IDRC grant at Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi which dealt with firm level analysis of manufacturing industry.



**Dr. J. Lakshmi Charan,
Assistant Professor**

Dr. J. Lakshmi Charan is working as Assistant Professor at School of Law, Mahindra University. Her qualifications are B.A.LL.B. (Osmania University), LL.M., PGDCL (NALSAR

University of Law), Ph.D. (Andhra University). She pursued her Ph.D. in Law on the topic titled “A Study on Effective Implementation of Rape Laws in India with Reference to Medical and Forensic Aspects: Issues and Challenges” at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar College of Law, Andhra University (A.U.), Visakhapatnam. She possesses work experience of two years in various universities in India. Her academic journey is characterized by an array of distinguished achievements, reflecting her unwavering pursuit of knowledge and expertise. She has keen interest towards criminal law and authored several research papers in SCOPUS and UGC-Care Journals. She also published a patent on Governance Framework for Modern Cyber Attacks deals with cyber laws. She continues her research on the issues of gender studies, women rights, criminal law, medical and forensic laws.



**Ms. Aditi Nidhi, Assistant
Professor**

Prof. Aditi Nidhi is working as Assistant Professor, School of Law, Mahindra University. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Law at Gujarat National Law University, Gujarat. She

possesses extensive work experience of more than six years in various universities in India. Aditi's primary area of expertise and research lies in Environmental Law and related subjects. Her passion for these subjects is evident through her numerous paper presentations at both national and international conferences. Additionally, her commitment to academia is reflected in her ongoing research and contributions to scholarly publications, which have been featured in reputable SCOPUS and UGC-Care journals. She also played a vital role as a reviewer for the ILI Law Review, at Indian Law Institute (ILI) Delhi and many other International Journals. To further enhance her knowledge and teaching skills, she actively participated in various Refresher courses and faculty development programs under the auspices of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.



**Dr. Sridip Nambiyar,
Assistant Professor**

Dr. Sridip has over ten years of experience in legal academia. He completed B.A. LL.B. (H) from National University for Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi, where he was in the editorial board of NUALS law review and was a nominated member of their Moot Court Society. After a brief stint at Desai & Diwanji, Mumbai's general corporate team, he went on to pursue LL.M at Indian Law Institute (ILI), Delhi. He was awarded the gold medal for being the topper at ILI, where he majored in criminal law and human rights. He was awarded Ph.D. in International Human Rights Law by NUALS, Kochi. He began his academic career at Amity Law School, Delhi and joined NMIMS Hyderabad as one of its founding faculty members. At School of Law,

NMIMS Hyderabad, he was the faculty coordinator at the Centre for Criminal Law and Policy.



**Dr. Kamaraju Chitrapu,
Professor**

Prof. Kamaraju Chitrapu is best known for his pivotal role conceptualizing Intellectual Property Facilitation Centres (IPFCs) under the Ministry of MSME and Confederation of Indian

Industry (CII) as an enabler of public private partnership and also in part of a new age start up leading private law schools across the nation as a Dean and Professor. Prior to entering academia associated with International Labour Organization (ILO) Projects on Elimination of Child Labour, IP Horizons, IPR Law firm in Bangalore, KARVY Global Finance. He has had a transformative career at Indian School of Business (ISB) Centre for Entrepreneurship focused on applied research, models of entrepreneurship and their clinical application. His research interests focus on the interplay between international trade law and intellectual property issues with a development perspective.



**Ms. Bangaru Laxmi Jasti,
Visiting Faculty**

Prof. Bangaru Laxmi Jasti is working as Visiting Faculty, School of Law, Mahindra University. She is pursuing her Ph.D. in Law and she is also working as a Research Associate in Centre for

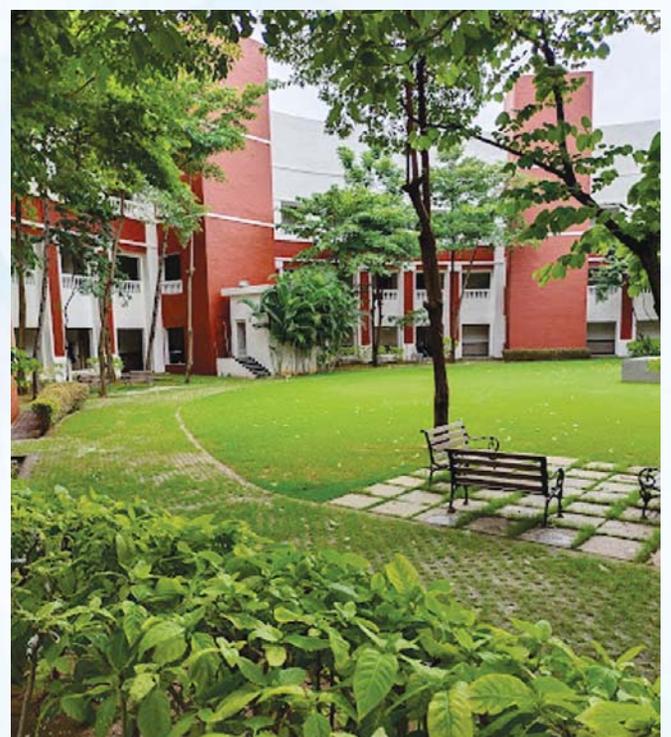
Aerospace and Defence Law (CADL) at NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. She pursued her B.A.LL.B. at Padala Rama Reddi Law College, Osmania University. She received a **Gold Medal** for her outstanding academic performance. Subsequently, she attained her LL.M. in International Law and International Security from University of Glasgow, United Kingdom. She also has Masters in Defence and Security Laws, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. She practiced as an Advocate in High Court of Telangana and she was associated in the Chambers of D. Prakash Reddy, Senior Advocate and former Advocate General for the state of Telangana.



**Mr. Harsh Mahaseth,
Visiting Faculty**

Harsh Mahaseth has recently joined as Visiting Faculty, School of Law, Mahindra University, Hyderabad. Prior joining to SOL, he has been working as an Assistant Professor and Assistant

Dean (Academic Affairs) at Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, India. He previously held the role of the Assistant Director of the Nehginpao Kipgen Center for Southeast Asian Studies and the Faculty Coordinator for the JGLS Client Counselling Society. He specializes in Public International Law, with a focus on Asian Legal Studies, particularly in South and Southeast Asia. He has completed his Master of Laws (Asian Legal Studies) from the National University of Singapore and his B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) from NALSAR University of Law, India. Additionally, he holds a Diploma in International Affairs and Diplomacy from the Indian Institute of Governance & Leadership. His research contributions have been recognized through various accolades, including the Award for Research Excellence, the Best Research Scholar Award, and the Emerging Scholar Award. He has also secured research grants from esteemed institutions and organizations including the Ministry of Law and Justice, the Government of India, the British Council, UNICEF, and UNFPA.

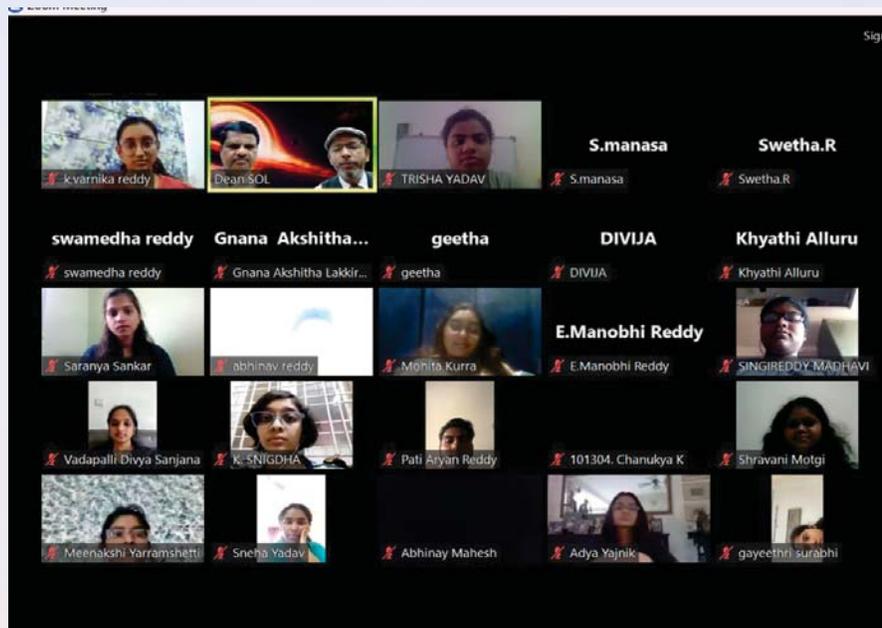


MULTI VERSUS, 2023 – WELCOMING THE FUTURE LAWYERS: BATCH 2023

Batch of 2023 had begun their journey with Mahindra University, School of Law, in the legal profession on 19th July, 2023. On this day, School of Law has commenced a Pre-Orientation Programme named as “Multi-Versus, 2023”, to make the students aware on the road-map, for their next five years at Mahindra University.

highlighted the inevitable complimentary and supplementary relationship between Internships and placements for Law students.

Day-5's was taken by Dr. Md. Imtiaz Quadri on the relationship between Political Science and Law. Dr. Quadri provided his insights on the current geopolitics and its implication affecting the interstate relations.



Day-1 of this Pre-orientation Programme started with virtual campus tour. They were introduced to the protocols and regulations for joining formalities, right from registration, payment of fee, hostel accommodation and transport facilities. Prof. Rishi Raj, Assistant Professor along with Mr. Juber Khan, Outreach Head, SOL and Mr. C. D. Joseph, Chief Manager, entertained and resolved the queries from students and parents through this online session. This session charted out the road-map for the forthcoming five sessions of this programme.

Day-2's session was taken up by Dr. Amit Kumar Jha on “Economics interfacing Law”. He discussed at great length on various aspects of economics and its inevitable connections and implications with law.

Day-3's session was taken up by Dr. Vinay Sharma on Cyber Laws. He explored the potentials and challenges of cyber space vis-à-vis to law. He also discussed the status-quo of data privacy and data theft in India.

Day-4's session was taken by Prof. Shruti Kakkar on Importance of Internship for Law students. She

Day-6's was taken by Dr. Manjula Mallepalli on interface between the law and sustainability. She highlighted the concept of sustainable development and its significance on international trade and environmental aspects. Further, she also highlighted upon 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As the pre-orientation Programme reached to its end, a new leaf of a new beginning joined in. That is to say, the School of Law was boarded by our new **Dean Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, former Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad**, on August 2nd, 2023. He graced this concluding session by highlighting the significance of legal education in the contemporary context in the global scenario. Further he also enlightened the students on the rising share of the legal dominion in its multi-disciplinary capacity and capability.

This pre-orientation programme was moderated by Prof. Rishi Raj, Assistant Professor, SOL.

On the **14th August, 2023** marks the beginning of the **New Batch 2023 in the University**. Preceding this, the Vice Chancellor convened a faculty

meeting at the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium on August 11, 2023, ahead of the commencement of the Fall Semester 2023. The registration process started from 9:00 AM in the morning with the help of Outreach and Registrar Office members and faculties at SOL. The venue was divided into three classrooms where the induction process started after the verifying their educational details, photographs, clearance form Finance department etc. The registration process went till 4:00 PM welcoming the new students [First Year BALLB & BBALLB and three-Year LLB) and ongoing batch on campus.

On the **16th August, 2023**, the semester commenced with great enthusiasm. The first half of the inaugural day of physical orientation for the new batch of 2023 took place in the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium starting at 10:30 AM. **Dr. Yajulu Medury, Vice Chancellor of MU**, delivered the welcome speech, emphasizing the students' commitment and hard work during their time on campus. He underscored the importance of setting definite goals and aspirations for success in life. Following this, **Prof. Bishnu Pal, Dean Academics EC SOE**, spoke about the significance of academics in students' lives and highlighted the quality

education provided at Mahindra University. The orientation program further continued with an address by **Registrar Col. (Retd.) Rajive Chauhan**, who briefed the students on discipline, responsibilities of the students, hostel rules & regulations, Anti-Ragging Measures & Committee and code of conduct protocols of the university. Further, **Prof. Arya Kumar Bhattacharya, Dean Research**, emphasized the importance of research in academia and discussed the research activities facilitated by Mahindra University. **Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Sukesh Rakshit, Chief Coordinator-Student Affairs**, focused on student involvement in various extra-curricular activities. The program also included session by **Dr. Raghu Kishore**, Member, POSH Committee, along with speeches from Deans representing different schools addressing practical aspects of students' experiences. Thereafter, students were acquainted with the IT infrastructure, by Mr. Naveen Chiguruwada, Manager - IT; Mr. Hemant Singh, ERP Head and Dr. Srikant Karnati, Chief-Librarian spoke about the library resources of MU. The orientation program concluded with speeches from the Local Superintendent of Police and an Officer from the Narcotics Enforcement Wing.

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Multi-Versus 2023
Welcoming

The Future Lawyers: Batch 2023

Pre-Orientation Program
19th July to 2nd August 2023 | 11 AM to 1 PM

It gives us distinct honour to formally invite you all for beginning your journey with Mahindra University, School of Law, in the legal profession. At this prologue moment, School of Law has organized a Pre-Orientation Week to make you aware about the road-map, which each one of you is going to chart in the next 5 years at Mahindra University.

The Pre-orientation Week, introduces you to all the major subjects, in your respective course with BA-LLB as well as BBA-LLB, along with the various windows of opportunities for enhancing your skills and legal acumen. Besides, it shall also give you a glimpse of the various interactive and learning sessions with Moot-Court, Internships etc. It will give you a first-hand exposure with the distinguished faculty of School of Law.

The multi-dimensional impact of law is omni-present and inevitable. Being a law scholar each of one you need to develop that vision, to achieve one's own, as well as the collective ambitions of the society, as you walk your path in the legal domain.

You all are cordially invited to join the Pre-Orientation Week, by clicking the Zoom Link, attached herewith.

Pre-Orientation Program Schedule
19th July to 2nd August 2023 | 11 AM to 1 PM

Day-Schedule	Session Particulars	Session Chair
Day - 1 19 th July 2023	Welcome Note Detailed Course Framework Campus Guidelines	Prof. Rishi Raj Bhardwaj Mr. Md. Juber Khan Mr. C.D. Joseph
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ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

16th - 18th AUGUST, 2023

Day-1 : 16th August, 2023 Lecture by E.Damodar, IPS (Retd.) IG of Police, Government of A.P. spoke on "What Ails Our Criminal Justice System? Is the Recently Introduced Bharatiya Sanhita Bills A Cure?"



In this session, E. Damodar discussed the recent criminal law bills and their impact on Criminal Justice System in India. He shared his practical experiences of crime investigation being a member of the police force. He explained the

Locard's Exchange principle i.e., criminal leaves his trace at the crime scene. It is the primary duty of the police officer to protect the crime scene until the CLUES team collects the physical evidence. Such physical evidence is used to scientifically prove the case. However, such evidence must be properly collected maintaining the chain of custody for admissibility of evidence.

Mr. E. Damodar comprehensively addressed the three criminal laws namely Indian Penal Code, 1860; Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. He also illustrated various heinous crime incidents such as Nirbhaya, Kathua and Disha Gang Rape and Murder Case. In addition, he also dealt with the fundamental concepts of the criminal justice system and its types

viz., adversarial and inquisitorial systems. It was discussed on classification of offenses, powers of police officers, rights of arrested persons, bails and its types viz., regular bails, anticipatory bails and statutory bails. He provided conceptual overview of the criminal laws.

Further, he highlighted the recently introduced three criminal law bills namely the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill, 2023; the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita Bill, 2023, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Bill, 2023 which will replace the existing criminal laws in India. It was opined that these bills overhauled the colonial era of criminal laws. The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill, 2023 largely retains the provisions of Indian Penal Code, 1860, however, it had incorporated new offences like terrorist acts; mob lynching; community service for specific crimes etc. This session provided valuable insights on criminal justice system and role of functionaries in the Indian criminal justice system, enhancing the audience understanding of legal processes and law enforcement mechanisms.

The session was moderated by Prof. Rishi Raj, Assistant Professor. At the end of the session, the concluding remarks were given by Prof. J. Lakshmi Charan, Assistant Professor and a token of appreciation was given by Prof. Aditi Nidhi, Assistant Professor.

Day-2 Session 1 - 17th August, 2023 - Lecture by Mr. Venu Gopal Koppada, Renowned Certified Life Transformation Coach and Inspirational Speaker spoke on "Segment Intending - A Powerful Way of Living Life Intentionally!"



Mr. Venu Gopal Koppada highlighted upon the powerful way of living life intentionally which involves mindfulness and being present in the moment. By being fully engaged in each experience and decision,

individuals can cultivate a sense of purpose and satisfaction. It also encourages the development of a positive mindset, resilience in the face of challenges, and a greater appreciation for the journey rather than just the destination. Further, the speaker also stated that Living life intentionally is a powerful approach that involves making conscious and deliberate choices to align one's actions with personal values, goals, and aspirations. It goes beyond simply reacting to circumstances and instead focuses on proactively shaping one's life in a purposeful manner. Intentional living requires self-awareness,

reflection, and a clear understanding of what truly matters to an individual. By defining one's values and priorities, individuals can make decisions that lead to a more meaningful and fulfilling life. This approach emphasizes the importance of setting specific goals, creating a vision for the future, and taking deliberate steps towards realizing those objectives. At last, the speaker emphasises upon Living intentionally is not about perfection but about making choices that align with one's authentic self. It requires a willingness to learn,

adapt, and grow throughout life's various stages. Ultimately, embracing a powerful way of living life intentionally empowers individuals to create a life that is true to themselves, fosters personal growth, and brings a sense of fulfilment and joy.

The speaker was introduced and the session was moderated by Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Dean, School of Law. The concluding remarks and vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) M. Sridhar Acharyulu, Advisor, MU.

Day-2 Session 2 - Lecture by Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Dean, School of Law on "Legal Education and Legal Profession: Past, Present and Future"



Professor Reddy's insightful session delved into the future of legal education, shedding light on five pivotal factors influencing its trajectory: globalization, liberalization, privatization, digitalization, and covidization. One

significant aspect discussed was the impact of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) within the World Trade Organization (WTO) on

legal education. This international agreement added a layer of complexity to the evolving global legal landscape, prompting law teachers to contemplate adapting their teaching methodologies to align with emerging global standards. He also enlightened upon the concept of Academic Social Responsibility, emphasized the need for multidisciplinary teaching in legal education, and stressed on the necessity of collaboration between academia, industry, and government. Drawing parallels with advancements in other fields, he questioned why legal education could not similarly benefit from technological innovations.

The session was moderated and concluded by Prof. Rishi Raj, Assistant Professor, School of Law.

Day-2 Session 3 - Lecture by Mr. M. Sunil Kumar, Advocate and Land Law Expert and Adjunct Faculty, CTLR, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad on "Law and Development: Role of Lawyers as Social Engineers and Developmental Professionals"



Mr. Sunil Kumar highlighted the role of lawyers as social engineers and developmental professionals, exploring the contribution of lawyers in the social development. It also covered various aspects such as client

counselling, role of legal experts in shaping policies and advocacy skills to achieve social justice.

The session highlighted the social responsibility of lawyers in litigation such as pro bono works, Public Interest Litigation (PIL), Social Interest Litigation

(SIL) etc. It also emphasized on initiatives and programs that lawyers can undertake to enhance access to justice. These initiatives include legal aid and legal literacy campaigns, community outreach, and other professional services. It is also highly essential to adopt innovative approaches for bridging the gaps in legal services. At this juncture, law students can contribute to bridge these gaps through their pro-active participation in rendering legal aid services, legal awareness campaigns and other activities. The session concluded with questionnaires from the audience relating to the role of lawyers in addressing the social and developmental aspects.

The session was introduced by Prof. Rishi Raj. The concluding remarks and vote of thanks were delivered by Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Dean, School of Law.

Day-3 Session 1 –Lecture by A.P. Suresh, Advocate, High Courts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and Founder of A.P. Suresh and Associates Law Chambers on "Interface between Transactional Legal Advisory and Dispute Resolution Advisory"



Mr. Suresh highlighted the interface between transactional legal advisory and dispute resolution advisory that represents a critical juncture in the legal realm, where proactive legal counsel meets the challenges of

potential conflicts. Transactional legal advisory focuses on providing guidance during various business dealings, contracts, and negotiations. On the other hand, dispute resolution advisory steps in when conflicts arise, aiming to resolve disputes through negotiation, mediation, arbitration, or litigation. He also focuses upon the synergy between transactional legal advisory and dispute resolution advisory is evident when the insights gained from handling disputes are fed back into the transactional process. Learning from past conflicts allows transactional legal advisors to refine their strategies, drafting more resilient contracts and

anticipating potential pitfalls. The speaker further stated that in any initial stages of business transaction, transactional legal advisors play a pivotal role. They assist clients in navigating complex legal frameworks, drafting contracts, and ensuring compliance with relevant laws and regulations. Their primary objective is to prevent potential disputes by crafting agreements that are clear, comprehensive, and legally sound. This phase requires a forward-thinking approach to identify and mitigate potential risks, laying a foundation for a smooth business relationship. At last, the resource person concluded by saying that the interface between transactional legal advisory and dispute resolution advisory is a dynamic and integral aspect of the legal profession. It demands a holistic approach, where legal practitioners navigate both the preventative and reactive aspects of legal counsel. By recognizing the interdependence of these two functions, legal professionals can contribute significantly to the success and resilience of businesses in an ever-evolving legal landscape.

The session was introduced and concluding remarks were delivered by Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Dean, School of Law.

Day-3 Session-2 Lecture by Dr. Kanneganti Ramesh, Founder Director, Center for Human Security Studies (CHSS), Hyderabad on "Research Internships and Career Opportunities in India and Abroad"



Dr. Ramesh offered valuable insights into the dynamics of research internships and the career opportunities in India and Abroad. He highlighted that the research internships in legal field is crucial to foster practical skills and knowledge.

Such research internships bridge the gap between academic learning and practice. He comprehensively addressed the exploration of research internship opportunities in India, encompassing various sectors such as academia, industry, and research institutions. He also

highlighted the significance of research skills to law students that enhances their academic and professional journey. He further provided insights on reputed offices offering research internships to law students such as Luthra and Luthra, Ganu and Co., Cam Internship Programme and others. These research internships provide exposure to practical legal aspects. This session concluded that the relationship between research internships and career development. The students gained insights into the dynamic nature of the research internships in the legal field and career opportunities in India and abroad.

The session was introduced by Prof. Rishi Raj, Assistant Professor. The concluding remarks were delivered by Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Dean, School of Law.

EXPERT LECTURES: INDUSTRY- ACADEMIC ABRIDGEMENT

M. Sunil Kumar Advocate and Land Law Expert and Adjunct Faculty, CTLR, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad on “Legal Aid and Law Students: The Role of Mahindra University School of Law”. - 23rd August, 2023.



Mr. Sunil highlighted the significance of Legal aid which plays a pivotal role in ensuring access to justice for marginalized and underprivileged communities, and law students can be instrumental in contributing to this noble cause. Mahindra University School of

Law recognizes the significance of legal aid and actively engages its students in activities that foster a sense of social responsibility and community service. Furthermore, he went on to shed a light on the overview of the activities held at Mahindra University School of Law as a part of legal aid initiative. The commitment to legal aid is deeply ingrained in the curriculum and ethos of the institution. Law students are encouraged to understand the societal impact of legal issues and the role they can play in addressing these challenges. The university provides a platform for

students to participate in legal aid clinics, pro bono projects, and community outreach initiatives. He further highlighted the need to foster institutional partnerships with legal aid organizations, NGOs, and government agencies, which creates a network that facilitates impactful collaborations. Through these partnerships, students will have the opportunities to work on projects that address issues, contribute to policy advocacy and promote legal awareness within communities. He concluded his lecture by seeing that though Mahindra University School of Law recognizes the transformative potential of legal aid and actively involves its students in initiatives that go beyond the traditional boundaries of legal education, but it should combine theoretical knowledge with practical experience and the university should take active measures in shaping a generation of legal professionals who understand the power they wield in making justice accessible to all.

The speaker was introduced by Prof. Rishi Raj and the concluding remarks were delivered by Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy.

Prof. P.V. Rao, Former Director, Indian Ocean Studies and Visiting Professor CADL, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, on “Project Writing / Legal Research” - 23rd August, 2023.



Prof. Rao discussed the significance of legal research and techniques for project writing. This session provided valuable inputs to the students on how to conduct legal research for a project writing. The term "Research" has been derived from two words i.e., “re” and

“search”. It is a systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources in order to establish facts and reach new conclusions. He highlighted the significance of research initiatives at Law Schools. To start a research, students have to select a research topic and then they need to brain storm the ideas in order to articulate the topic. The student has to conduct a literature review to find out the existing gaps in the research. It is crucial to find out the gaps

to support that this research adds to the existing knowledge.

He comprehensively emphasized that the students should access primary and secondary sources. He cited a few of the digital legal databases like Westlaw, HeinOnline, SCC Online and other databases for up-to-date legal information. He furthered his discussion that the student / researcher needs to identify the readers of the study, so that they can articulate the project writing from the readers' perspectives. Project writing is an art of expressing ideas clearly and precisely, which comes out of practice. The students need to keep detailed notes of the findings and cite sources accurately. They need to provide proper citation which is essential for the credibility of the project. Footnotes and bibliography should be cited with uniform style such as Bluebook Citation, OSCOLA etc.

The session was moderated by Prof. Imtiaz Quadri and vote of thanks were delivered by Prof. Rishi Raj.

E. Damodar, IPS (Retd.) IG of Police, Government of A.P. on “Criminal Justice System in India” - 30th August, 2023.



Mr. Damodar discussed about the Criminal Justice System in India. He shared his practical experiences of crime investigation being a member of the police force. He gave an overview of the Indian criminal justice system which maintains law and order, investigates

to find out the culprit and punishment for such acts. He emphasized the role of various functionaries of the code, especially, the police at the pre-trial stage. The police officers often act as the first responders to a crime scene. It is the duty of the police to protect the crime scene for non-tampering of evidence. The investigating officer files a police report stating his opinion on the case.

The session comprehensively addressed the trial process before various courts. At the trial, the courts shall ensure that the fair trial is being

conducted viz., legal aid to accused, legal representation etc. He also addressed the challenges in the Indian criminal justice system such as lack of training of law enforcement agencies, lack of infrastructure and shortage of expert staff etc. It is also witnessed that courts were overburdened which led to delays in the disposal of cases. Hence, there is a need to take necessary measures for speedy trials such as establishment of special courts, limited adjournments, judicial recruitments etc. There is a need for reforms to address issues such as lack of modern equipment, and inadequate training. It is also necessary to adopt advanced technology for better crime detection, investigation, and court processes. Lastly, correction and prison administration shall take measures to rehabilitate the convicted persons such as community services etc.

The session was introduced by Prof. Rishi Raj and the concluding remarks were delivered by Prof. Vinay Sharma.

T S P V Kishore, External Consultant with NITI Aayog, on “Changing Paradigms of Political and Regulatory Environment: Role of ICT” - 30th August, 2023.



Mr. Kishore started his session by emphasizing the role of ICT in shaping and influencing political and regulatory environments, which has become increasingly significant, ushering in new paradigms that redefine governance,

communication, and citizen participation. ICT has emerged as a catalyst for transparency and accountability in political systems. The accessibility of information through digital platforms has empowered citizens to stay informed about government policies, decisions, and actions. Governments, in turn, are compelled to operate more transparently and respond to public concerns in real-time, fostering a more accountable political environment. He also highlighted the role of ICT in facilitating e-governance initiatives. Digital

platforms enable citizens to interact with government services online, reducing bureaucratic red tape and enhancing the efficiency of public administration. This shift towards e-governance not only improves service delivery, but also promotes a more inclusive and accessible political and regulatory system. He concluded by stating that the changing paradigms of the political and regulatory environment underscore the transformative impact of ICT. As technology continues to advance, its role in shaping governance, communication, and citizen participation will only become more pronounced. Adapting to these changes responsibly, is the key for harnessing the full potential of ICT in building a more transparent, accountable and participatory political and regulatory landscape.

The session was moderated by Prof. Kamaraju and the concluding remarks were delivered by Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy.

Naram Sri Raghunandan Kumar, Founder Secretary & Director at Planetary Society, India on “Space Technologies: India on the Moon and Beyond” - 13th September, 2023.



Mr. Raghunandan launched the session underlining the untapped potential of India as a formidable player in the realm of space exploration, with ambitious missions and ground - breaking achievements capturing the attention of the global scientific

community. As the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) continues to push the boundaries of space technologies, the nation sets its sights on celestial bodies such as the Moon, Mars, Sun, Venus, and beyond, marking a new era in India's space endeavours. He elated that India stands among an exclusive group of nations as one of the pioneers in space technology. The Moon

mission Chandrayaan I and II as well as the recent Chandrayaan III have demonstrated the success potential and occasional challenges, that the Indian space programmes have witnessed. However, no one can ignore the fact that despite the challenges in conducting a space programme for a developing country like ours, India has chosen the right path in prioritising scientific and technological development that aims at fulfilling the aspirations of the people. In short, the democratic principles that underlie the setting up of the space programme has resulted in engraving an exceptional success story for India. He concluded that, India's journey in space exploration has brought the country among the best of its peers.

The session was introduced by Prof. Rishi Raj and the concluding remarks were delivered by Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy.

Priya Iyengar, Advocate, High Court of Telangana, and Visiting Faculty, NALSAR, Hyderabad on “Making the Right Career Choices in the Legal Profession” - 20th September, 2023.



Advocate Priya Iyengar discussed the career pathways necessary in legal profession. She shared her own journey and decisions in striving to become an exceptional lawyer. Furthermore, she delved into the crucial aspects denoted by three “C's” in the legal field, such as

Communication, Consistency and Continuity, while enduring perseverance and more. Additionally, she provided instances illustrating the art and challenges encountered by individuals in the legal profession.

She emphasized the importance of paying attention to the finer details and practical factors while making well-informed decisions in the legal field. She involved a thoughtful evaluation of various factors, including personal interests, skills, long-term goals, and the diverse opportunities available within the legal sector. She laid emphasis on understanding different legal specialties, assessing the demands and expectations of each role, considering work-life

balance, evaluating potential for growth and advancement, and staying abreast of the latest trends and developments in the legal industry. Overall, she highlighted the importance of strategic decision-making and thoughtful planning to forge a meaningful and prosperous career in the legal profession. She also focused upon the purpose of making a right career choice in legal profession which implies a deliberate and thoughtful approach to career decision-making, considering a multitude of factors such as individual interests, skill sets, values, and ambitions. She also stated that, in the legal profession, the decision-making process involves evaluating the diverse areas of law and legal practice, each with its own specialized focus and demands. She concluded that “Making the Right Career Choices in the Legal Profession” encompasses a holistic approach, where individuals carefully weigh their options, consider their aspirations and capabilities, and make strategic decisions that lead to a rewarding and fulfilling legal career.

The session was introduced by Prof. Aditi Nidhi and the concluding remarks were delivered by Prof. Mohammed Imtiaz Quadri.

Advocate Apurbalal, Partner in IndusInd Law Firm, Hyderabad on “Internships and Placements in Law Firms” - 20th September , 2023.



Advocate Apurbalal discussed the importance of internships and placement and other career opportunities in legal profession. He provided valuable perspectives on the workings of research internships and the career prospects both in

India and internationally. He laid emphasis on importance of legal research internships in developing practical skills and knowledge, serving as a vital link between academic studies and real-

world application. He thoroughly discussed the exploration of research internship possibilities in India, covering diverse sectors like academia, industry and research institutions. He underlined the importance of developing research skills for law students, enriching both their academic and professional pursuits. He also concentrated on providing insights into Tier-I & II law firms throughout the country, discussing strategies for approaching these law firms. He concluded to be proactive right from the early semesters rather waiting till the eleventh hour.

The session was moderated by Dr. Vinay Sharma and the concluding remarks were delivered by Prof. (Dr.) V Balakista Reddy.

Vineet Vij, Global General Counsel Tech Mahindra Limited on “AI Applications in the Legal Domain” - 28th September, 2023.



Mr. Vineet discussed the importance of Artificial Intelligence in the legal domain. He emphasized that in the digital age where Technology is all pervasive and as Artificial Intelligence (AI) continues to disrupt across industries, including

the legal services, undoubtedly AI will continue to expand exponentially as a critical technology for bringing new tools and features to improve legal services and access to justice as well. As such, the role of Technology and AI in legal entrepreneurship and legal industry as whole is pivotal in today's age. Lawyers today are not limited to court rooms and they have evolved in

multiple ways and manner in which the legal services are delivered to (internal & external) clients. Therefore, use of Technology to create more efficient legal practice in harmony with traditional models to practice law is the need of the hour.

He concluded by saying that the significance of Technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in legal entrepreneurship and the legal industry as a whole is crucial in the contemporary era. These advanced technologies play a pivotal role in shaping and transforming various aspects of the legal landscape. They contribute significantly to streamlining processes, enhancing efficiency and providing innovative solutions, thereby influencing the entire legal profession.

The session was moderated by Prof. Rishi Raj and the concluding remarks were delivered by Prof. (Dr.) V Balakista Reddy.

Prof. (Dr.) G. B. Reddy, Chair Professor IPR and Former Dean and Principal, Faculty of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad on “A Hands-on Approach to Moot Court” - 28th September, 2023.



Dr. G. B. Reddy highlighted upon engaging oneself in a practical and immersive approach to moot court exercises which are essential for honing-up the skills required in the legal profession. Moot court which is a simulation of court proceedings and

operations, provides law students with a unique opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge to real-life scenarios. This hands-on approach allows participants to delve into the intricacies of legal argumentation, courtroom etiquettes and persuasive advocacy. Furthermore, the practical aspect of moot court was also focused by him, which is considered instrumental in bridging the gap between theoretical understanding and practical application. Moot Court offers aspiring

lawyers a chance to develop necessary skills, such as legal research, case analysis, and oral presentation. By simulating courtroom experiences, students can refine their ability to think independently, construct compelling legal arguments and respond effectively to questions from judges. Lastly, he focused upon the advantages of participating in moot court that allows students to receive constructive feedback from experienced legal professionals, faculty members and peers. This feedback becomes a valuable tool for improvement, helping students finetune their legal reasoning, presentation skills and overall courtroom appearance. He concluded that the practical skills developed through these exercises are indispensable for future lawyers, ensuring that they are well-prepared to navigate the complexities of legal practice with confidence and competence.

The session was introduced and concluded by Prof. (Dr.) V Balakista Reddy.

Dr. Saif Mahmood, Advocate of the Supreme Court of India on “Muslim Law in India: Myth and Reality” - 15th November, 2023.



Dr. Saif Mahmood discussed the Muslim Law in India: Myth and Reality, through an online session. He delved into the multifaceted aspects of Muslim Law in India, addressing both perceived myths and grounded realities. In India,

Muslim Law has evolved through a confluence of

Islamic legal traditions and indigenous legal systems. The legal framework governing Muslim personal laws in India were enshrined within the broader constitutional framework, emphasizing religious freedom and cultural diversity. However, common misinterpretations contribute to stereotypes and misconceptions. The session emphasized in the landmark judgments such as Shah Bano case, triple talaq case, Uniform Civil Code etc.

The session was introduced by Prof. Sehar Khwaja, and the concluding remarks were delivered by Prof. Mona Pattnaik.

E-Library Workshop on “Hands-on Experience on Use of E-library Resources” - 15th November, 2023.



This session was jointly delivered by the resource persons namely Mr. Sandeep Yadav – Manupatra, Mr. Arvind – SCC Online; Mr. Shailesh Jain – EBC. Dr. Srikant introduced the resource persons. He

also familiarised the Mahindra University's rich and abundant library and digital library resources. This workshop was aimed to train students with the effective use of digital libraries, including open-access sources and legal databases. The resource persons further laid down emphasis on their digital library sources including open access (OPAC) resources and legal databases like SCC Online, Manupatra, EBC reader. They conducted a hands-on training session on how to use e-resources for locating relevant legal materials at on-campus as well as off-campus. The session concluded with questionnaires from the students relating to e-resources.

The session was introduced by Ms. Vandana, Assistant Librarian and the concluding remarks were delivered by Dr. Srikant.

Mr. Rajesh, GMR Airports, on “A talk on Regulation, Under-Regulation & Over-Regulation in Business” - 5th October, 2023.



Mr. Rajesh provided a nuanced exploration of the complex regulatory landscape governing various sectors such as aviation, food, entertainment, manufacturing industries, sports etc. He addressed the need for regulations

as some of the industries were under-regulated, while, other industries are over-regulated. He provided certain instances in the food industry, wherein, younger generations are more prone towards fast foods (such as burger, pizza, noodles) rather than slow cooked foods. In India, there are hardly any such regulations found relating to fast foods. Many countries have strict regulations on food industry. For instance, McDonald is banned in

Iran, Yemen etc. In Over-the-Top (OTT) Platform, movies are sold at different prices which is also under-regulated. Such under-regulation is also found in the aviation sector. If the passenger purchases an air ticket and the flight gets delayed or cancelled. Then, the passenger doesn't have any specific remedy and thus, the passenger is at the mercy of the airline. The manufacturing industries are producing electric vehicles (EV) cars and bikes to reduce the environmental pollution. EV cars and bikes must be plugged-in to charge the batteries with energy from the electrical grid. In India, electricity is largely produced from the coal mines and water resources. It can be simply stated that the manufacturing industries had passed on their environmental liability to one another, rather working together in a sustainable manner.

The session was moderated by Prof. Bangaru Laxmi Jasti and the concluding remarks were made by Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy.

Advocate A. P. Suresh, Advocate, High Courts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and Founder of A.P. Suresh and Associates Law Chambers on “Guest Session on Civil Procedure Code for Third Year Students” - 1st December, 2023.



Advocate Suresh was invited by the School of Law to enrich the practical experiences of third year students in line with the subject of Civil Procedure Code. Adv. Suresh focused over Civil dispute adjudication, which are conducted within the contours of Civil Procedure Code, 1908. Besides, he also touched

upon several case-based illustrations, which provided to incorporate the understanding of civil adjudication and emphasized a comprehensive understanding of civil dispute procedures. He concluded with the promise to empower students with the tools and understanding necessary knowledge to navigate the complexities of civil litigation as they transition from academia to the professional legal landscape.

The session was moderated by Dr. Mandeep and the concluding remarks were made by Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy.



NEW DEAN - NEW INITIATIVES

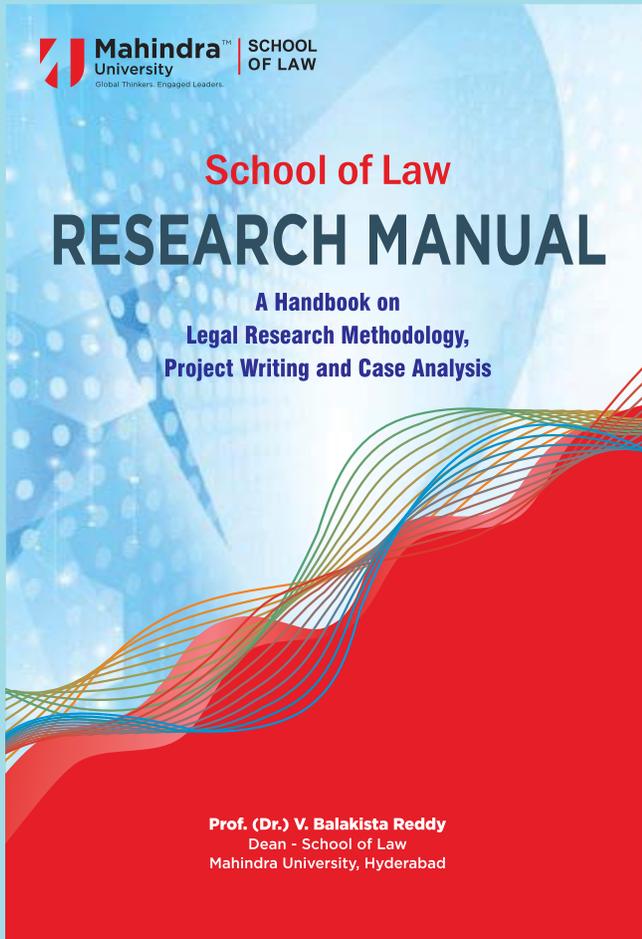


The School of Law has faced many problems and challenges being a young law school in its initial days. Regular teaching and proper conduct of classes were not taking place. Since activities of the School of law were not streamlined properly nor monitored in a systematic way, confusion and chaos prevailed everywhere. This even led to other schools opine that it's a lawless school and portrayed a negative image in the market. In the early days, School of Law research culture was at a nascent stage and nothing substantial had happened here. Both students and faculty members displayed a lack of punctuality in attending the university and there was a notable absence of corrective measures. The absence of a proper visionary and leader resulted in insufficient guidance and support for the students as well as faculty, leaving them without a reliable source of assistance. There were no activities that were carried out in School of Law which speaks about the sad state of affairs for the school. The library exhibited inadequacies, lacking proper books, journals, e-databases, and other essential resources. The department lacked a standardized framework for examinations, assessment techniques, course variation, and grading, contributing to an absence of consistency in these aspects.

Some of the recent progressive and corrective measures that the present Dean, School of Law, Mahindra University has implemented are mentioned below:

Allotment of Subjects: Upon assuming the office as Dean School of Law, Mahindra University the first change brought about was the allotment of a single subject to one faculty, rather multiple faculty handling one subject. As a correction measure, just to quote the subject of Legal Methods was allocated to a faculty specifically assigned for it. This resulted in mitigating discrepancies, variations in marks, differences in teaching styles and the assessment techniques. This approach aimed to ensure that each faculty member is not burdened with multiple subjects across different batches. This allocation provided ample time for preparation of the subject to faculty, avoiding confusion among students. This is a wholesome approach which was welcomed by the students and faculty as well.

Research Manual: The new Dean prioritized cultivating a research-oriented culture among both the faculty and students of SOL. Recognizing the importance of research in the legal profession and to keep up with the latest developments and address contemporary concerns. He took the lead



to develop a Research Manual in collaboration with his team to maintain the uniformity in research parameters and procedures. This manual serves as a comprehensive platform, aiming to empower students in articulating insightful ideas and refining capacities such as critical thinking, reflection, understanding, analysis, and continuous learning through collaborative efforts involving all stakeholders. The SOL being a young school actively engaged in the ongoing development of its library facilities, and as part of this initiative, it has introduced a Research Manual which includes Open-Source Databases, guidelines for research papers and case comments, practical applications of citation analysis tools, and more. Following its preparation, the manual was distributed to students and faculty, signalling a clear message to foster a research environment within the School of Law for the first time.

Developing Research Culture at SOL and allotment of mandatory research projects: The introduction of mandatory research projects by the Dean shows the commitment to continuous learning. Under the Dean's guidance, each student was tasked with a research project, fostering independent thinking, research skills, and

presentation abilities. This initiative not only enriches the academic experience but also provides students with a platform to engage with contemporary issues in their respective fields. Such a progressive research process will yield remarkable results in the quality of studies of the School of Law and increase its benchmark when in comparison with other legal institutions.

Streamlining Project topic selection and execution process: The project topics were carefully selected by the Dean and his expert team, considering current and relevant contemporary issues. As an illustration, recent cases from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in Public International Law were chosen and disseminated to students as their research project topics. To assist the students, he developed a research manual, providing them with a base to write their projects. SOL also recruited **Prof. Bangaru Laxmi** (Visiting Faculty, School of Law, Mahindra University) exclusively for this task. She took concerted efforts to deliver the lecture in each class about the ways and means to write the research projects. She emphasized the elements to incorporate within their project, such as the research problem, objectives, research questions, hypothesis, research methodology, and the approach to search for articles on electronic databases. Following that, the research topics were distributed among the students in line with overseeing the coordination of logistics for proposal submission and review at every stage. To ensure meticulous attention to detail, individual reviews were provided to each student by the Dean and team, facilitating refinement of their projects and honing writing skills for scholarly articles. Additionally, the dean and the team employed Turnitin to assess academic integrity, offering feedback and engaging in one-to-one communication with each student. Furthermore, the Dean invited legal luminaries to speak on various issues, providing practical exposure to students at all levels. This initiative highlights the dean's visionary goal of establishing the School of Law as the premier law school in Hyderabad.

Study Material: Recognizing the paramount importance of fostering a conducive learning environment and ensuring a comprehensive understanding of legal subjects, the School of Law (SOL) has embarked on a transformative journey by introducing a robust detailed Reading/Study

Material system under the supervision and guidance of Dean. The study material was designed to emphasize the basic understanding of each subject topic and was written in detail by every faculty member. This approach aims to ease the students' understanding on the subject. The study material reflects the foresightedness of the dean, that will help the students to grasp the basics of the subject before the commencement of the semester. These materials serve as invaluable resources that go beyond traditional textbooks, offering students in-depth insights into the intricacies of legal concepts. These materials were prepared by the experienced faculty members, which covers detailed study on each topic, concept, doctrines and case laws. At the heart of this initiative is a visionary perspective aimed at nurturing a culture of proactive learning. By providing students with study materials well in advance of the semester, empowered them with a foundational understanding of the subjects. This foresighted vision is a testament to our dedication to academic excellence and ensuring that students are well-prepared to navigate through the complexities of legal studies. As we embark on this exciting endeavour, we anticipate that the implementation of Reading/Study Material at SOL will not only enhance the learning experience but

also contribute to the holistic development of our students. Through this initiative, we aspire to cultivate a community of engaged and informed legal scholars who are well-informed and appropriately equipped to excel in their respective academic pursuits and future professional endeavours.

Transparent Evaluation and Assessment:

Previously, the assessment techniques were unclear, lacking a standardized system for evaluating students. Each faculty employed individual methods, leading to widespread confusion all over. One of the key components of this initiative was the restructuring of assessment methods that aims continuous assessment. The Dean introduced a balanced approach, allocating marks across various components, including Project Evaluation (25 marks), Mid-Term Examinations (25 marks), and End-Term Examinations (50 marks) for all Law and Non-Law courses. This strategic distribution aimed at fostering a more comprehensive evaluation of students' understanding and application of course material. A Uniform Question Pattern technique, incorporating both theoretical and application-based questions, was introduced in exams. The mandatory inclusion of research projects, along with each student presenting before the Dean and his team, illustrates ongoing engagement with students in terms of improvised assessment and overall guidance. This not only ensured a fair evaluation process but also encouraged students to develop a well-rounded understanding of the subject matter. In few courses Open-book System was also introduced during this semester.

Library Resources: The Dean took proactive measures to enhance the library resources under his purview by incorporating three crucial online legal databases: EBC, HeinOnline, and SCC. These databases were selected for their comprehensive coverage and relevance to legal research. Additionally, he expanded the library's electronic resources, encompassing a diverse range of materials such as books, journals, and magazines.



SCHOOL OF LAW MAHINDRA UNIVERSITY, HYDERABAD

Course Material
II Semester
BALLB/BBALLB

(LAW OF CONTRACT-I)

Compiled by:
Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy
Ms. Aditi Nidhi

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This strategic enhancement aimed to provide students and faculty with a more extensive and up-to-date repository of legal information, fostering a conducive environment for research, academic

exploration, and intellectual growth within the institution.

Change in Curriculum: In a transformative move, our esteemed Dean embarked on a groundbreaking initiative to revamp the existing curriculum, ushering in a new era of academic excellence within the School of Law. The dean noted that previously, students were taught seven subjects initially, which proved to be overburden for them in terms of learning and comprehension. He realised that the change is must and worked upon providing an ideal curriculum and nurturing student perspectives, thereby relieving the excess burden on them.

Industry Oriented Studies: The visionary undertaking by the Dean is fuelled by a commitment to align the educational framework with contemporary needs and fostering an environment that nurtures holistic development. The Dean's initiative began with a comprehensive evaluation of the existing curriculum, identifying areas for improvement and adaptation to current educational trends. Courses such as International Law and Clinical courses serve as integral components linking various subjects, providing

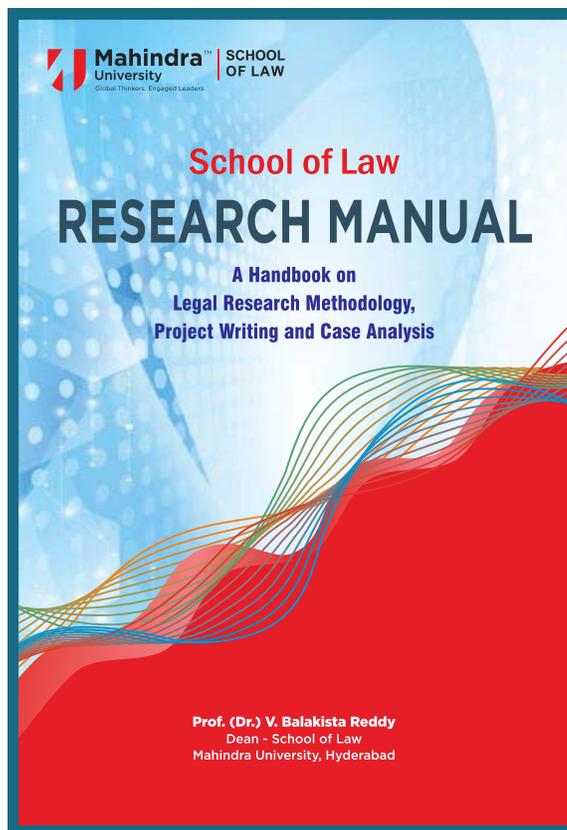
students with valuable skills for participation in diverse national and international competitions.

Student Connectivity: In order to bring a sense of belonging among the students, the Dean decided to evaluate them in each class. Furthermore, he had one-to-one session with the students to understand their concerns and resolve their long-awaited grievances, academic as well as non-academic. To nurture and develop a research aptitude in students, he initiated an eco-system which can facilitate their creative research into a professional arena. To achieve this, he had chosen Legal Methods as a reference subject for first-year students. He collaborated with the assigned faculty for the course and with his team generated 148 research topics, which were then distributed among the students. The same process was repeated for the IPC subject for the second year, and the CrPC for the third year, Jurisprudence and Public International Law for first and second year's of three-year LLB program.

In summary, the School of Law has set its foundation in developing an effective research ecosystem by taking initiatives like launch of research manual, streamlining project topics and enhancing the library resources. Furthermore, the curriculum taught at school of law is not only industry acclaimed, but also matches the needs for an effective abridgement between academia and industry. Finally, the building blocks of the means and the ends, viz. the young students of School of law are now availing a healthier evaluation and transparent assessment practices, timely delivered reading material along with better student connectivity.



LAUNCH OF SOL RESEARCH MANUAL



Mahindra University is committed to the advancement of knowledge by preparing future leaders to contribute positively in the realm of research world. Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Dean, SOL introduced mandatory projects in the curriculum at School of Law, in line with the University's mission. The School of Law focused to inculcate research into its teaching and learning pedagogy, to foster a culture of high-quality research and facilitate open exchange of ideas. Such knowledge exchange will improve innovative thinking, providing students with opportunities to explore diverse perspectives.

The SOL introduced mandatory projects to strengthen the academic capabilities of the students, and to promote research-centric atmosphere through the interaction among the students and faculty members. This approach empowers the students to explore, identify, and analyze diverse issues at the intersection of law and society. It also promotes to formulate legal theories, encompassing both doctrinal and non-doctrinal aspects, to advance knowledge in the legal field. This emphasis on research equips students to continually adapt, learn, and refine their concepts and ideas, which they can then apply to various research projects throughout their academic journey.

Additionally, Dean and his team drafted a Research Manual, SOL titled "A Handbook on Legal Research Methodology Project Writing and Case Analysis". This manual serves as a comprehensive guide which outlines the methodologies, citation styles, and uniform formatting guidelines that the students must adhere to project submission. The manual also enables faculty members to efficiently navigate and evaluate the projects in a standardized manner. It is useful for faculty members having different research backgrounds to maintain uniformity. The manual also offered students a systematic and structured approach to the research process, by guiding them with the intricacies of formulating research questions till citation style.

Furthermore, the research manual provided clear and standardized guidelines, which promoted consistency and uniformity in the project submissions made by the students. It also ensures that all students follow a cohesive set of rules while crafting and presenting their research projects. The manual carries significance of uniformity extends beyond student submissions to the faculty members responsible for evaluating of the projects. This manual carries significant future implications on the uniformity of academic research. It also encourages students to actively engage in crafting research projects/papers, aiming for publication in the esteemed legal journals.

UGC INSPECTION 2023

On 1st November, 2023 UGC inspection was done by the UGC Expert Committee headed by Prof. Kamlesh Joshipura, Former Vice Chancellor, Saurashtra University, Rajkot, Gujarat as Chairperson; Prof. Enakshi Bhattacharya, Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Madras, Chennai; Prof. R.S. Dubey, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat; Prof. Bindu Puri, Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences JNU, New Delhi; Shri P. Vishnuvardhana Reddy, Member, Bar Council of India, Dr. Sunil Kumar Gupta, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi Prodyogiki Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal as members and Dr. R. Manoj Kumar, Joint Secretary, UGC as Coordinating Officer.

The UGC team conducted a virtual inspection on 1st & 2nd November, 2023 at Mahindra University. They interacted with all the concerned stakeholders including faculty, non-teaching staff, students, research scholars and the administrative staff. As part of the virtual visit, Shri P. Vishnuvardhana Reddy, Member, Bar Council of India visited the School of Law and interacted with Dean and other Faculty Members. While inspecting the SOL, he visited Moot court Hall, Legal Aid Centre, Library Resources and other facilities and complemented for the efforts. Further, he stated about the improvement of the library that it should be equipped with more e-resources.



WEEK LONG SAMVIDHAN DIWAS CELEBRATION - LAWGIX 2K23

LAWGIX 2K23, a week-long initiative hosted by the School of Law at Mahindra University from November 20 - 26, 2023, aimed to provide a comprehensive and dynamic experience for the law school community. The event commenced on Monday, 20th November, with a grand inauguration by Prof. Balakista Reddy, Dean, SOL in the august presence of Prof. Sridhar Acharyulu, Advisor, SOL and other faculty members. During the inaugural address, Prof. Reddy had highlighted the importance of students' participation in the cultural events. The opening ceremony also set the tone by emphasizing the importance of the upcoming activities in promoting educational enrichment, experiential learning, and community building.

On Tuesday, 21st November, participants actively engaged in the Legal Writing Competition organised by the Constitutional Club, SOL. The legal essay event focused on "Legal Implications of Exempting Border Lands for Strategic Linear Projects: National Security vs. Environmental Conservation in the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill, 2023." Additionally, Mr. Vinay Agarwal, Global Head of HR Business Partner, conducted an insightful HR session, offering valuable inputs on the intersection of law and human resources. He discussed the various forms of leadership models in HR sector, specifically the servant leadership model. The day concluded with an exciting and interactive Escape Room challenge, promoting teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Wednesday, 22nd November, featured a Quiz Competition organized by the Law Literary and Debate Club, SOL challenging participants on legal knowledge across various domains. Simultaneously, a debate competition was conducted providing a platform for participants to express and defend their perspectives on the topic "Innovation or Surveillance- Navigating the AI Frontier in the Age of Privacy." Participants were also given the opportunity to submit entries for the "Make Your Own Law Competition," addressing legal and social challenges faced by same-sex couples in India. The day concluded with the continuation of the Escape Room challenge, enabling participants to apply their legal acumen in a practical setting.

On Thursday, 23rd November, participants continued the Escape Room challenge, implementing accumulated knowledge and skills

to solve complex scenarios. Concurrently, a Case Commentary Competition was put open to all law students, focusing on selected legal cases. A thought-provoking panel discussion on "Social Media and Free Speech" explored a delicate balance between online expression and content regulation, featuring experts in criminal law and cybersecurity.

The concluding day, Friday, 24th November, commenced with an Awards Ceremony, recognizing outstanding achievements and winners across various competitions. The LAWGIX Closing Ceremony marked the end of the week-long celebration, highlighting successes, learnings, and camaraderie fostered during the events. A lively dance performance in front of the School of Law added an entertaining and celebratory note to the conclusion of LAWGIX 2K23.

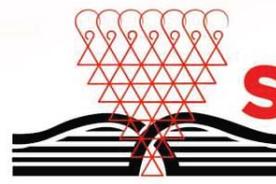
In conclusion, LAWGIX 2K23 successfully achieved its objectives, providing an enriching and educational experience for the law school community. The diverse range of activities, competitions, and sessions not only deepened legal knowledge but also fostered a sense of community and camaraderie among students, faculty, and staff. The event's well-structured schedule contributed to the promotion of holistic legal education, combining academic excellence with practical skills, ethics, and a broader understanding of the legal profession. The closing ceremony served as a fitting conclusion, encapsulating the spirit of LAWGIX 2K23 and leaving a lasting impact on all participants.



SARASWATI PUSTAK MAHOSAV - 2023



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SARASWATI PUSTAK Mahotsav 2023

6TH TO 8TH DEC | 9 AM TO 5 PM

 JC BOSE READING HALL, CENTRAL LIBRARY

Participating Publishers:



The book exhibition took place from December 6 - 8, 2023 at JC Bose Reading Hall in the Central Library. Various renowned publishers such as Wiley, CRC Press/Routledge, Springer, Harvard Business Review, Bloomsbury, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Sage, and Penguin Publishers participated by showcasing their books. Notably, Law Publisher books from HART, BRILL, ELSEVIER(LWW), and others also attracted attention.

The event received an encouraging feedback from many faculty members from the School of Law and other departments. The three-day Mahotsav captured the interest of both students and faculty, reflecting the enthusiasm of students in choosing books to broaden their knowledge in specific subjects. These exhibited

books, in addition to the library collection, were recommended by numerous faculties to become a part of the School of Law library as reference materials for students, supplementing the standard books already available in the library.

The Dean, School of Law also conveyed satisfaction and interest at the showcased books during the exhibition, emphasizing the importance of having such events regularly. He suggested that frequent exhibitions would keep faculties, students, and others well-informed about the latest books which are entering the market. Prof. Reddy, Dean personally recommended foundational books on subjects like Public International Law, Intellectual Property Rights, International Environmental Law, Criminal Law, and more to be incorporated into the School of Law's collection.

SOL LEGAL AID PROGRAMMES - PRO BONO COUNSELLING

Legal Literacy is indeed the nucleus of all the efforts to ensure that the promise of 'Access to Justice for All' is transformed into a meaningful reality. Article 39A of Constitution of India envisioned equal justice and free legal aid through the 42nd Constitutional amendment Act, 1976. The objective of legal aid is to ensure that everyone has equal access to justice, regardless of their financial situation. The Central Authority constituted under section 4(k) of the Legal Service Authority Act, 1987, in consultation with the Bar Council of India, advocates for free legal aid programmes. Furthermore, the clinical legal education aims to promote guidance and supervision of the

establishments and their working of legal services clinics in universities, law colleges and other institutions. The Law Schools helps to bridge the gap between legal education and practical legal needs in the community, thereby, promoting social justice and equal access to the legal system. The School of Law, Mahindra University provides Free Legal-Aid, Family & Legal Counselling Centre, trains the Students and Para-Legal Volunteers with recent trends of Practical, Legal, and Procedural Issues for achieving the speedy "Access to Justice".

A Glimpse of the legal aid initiatives and operations can be observed in the following photographs..

LEGAL AID ACTIVITIES

LEGAL AID EVENT AT THE TANK BUND

Date: Friday, 8th October 2021

On the occasion of the 'World Mental Health Week' from 4th October 2021 to 10th October 2021, the students of the law school have visited the mental health hospital at Erragadda, Hyderabad to understand the impact created by the Covid pandemic, the problems faced by the mentally ill trying to live in a society because of social stigma, about mental health. During the course of this program, the students have learnt the manner in which, the legal aid can be provided to this stratum of people, especially in the times of crisis, when their own families have abandoned them or are not ready to take them back. The students also had a personal interaction with a few of the inmates, who were sane enough to discuss their concerns to them. This was a full day program, in which students could observe and understand the issues regarding mental health during the pandemic.



Date: Tuesday, 12th October 2021

Under the auspices of the City Civil Court, Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad a program was organised as a legal aid event on 12th October 2021. The Legal Aid program was to create legal awareness on the Rights of the Girl Child and for them to understand their role as the mainstay of the society in India. The occasion was graced by Mr. R. Murali Mohan, Judge, Telangana State who addressed the participants on the importance of the Girl Child in society and their rights under the Constitution, Civil and Criminal Laws. It also highlighted the need for the Girl Child to approach legal aid centres in case of need and to stand up for their rights and fight to create a just and equitable society.





LEGAL AID EVENT AT MUGHULPURA DATE: Sunday, 24Th OCTOBER 2021

As a part of Pan India legal awareness and outreach programme, The National legal services authority, on 24TH October 2021, organized an exhibition on Tank bund in Hyderabad. Law students from Mahindra university school of law volunteered in the program and raised awareness about the Free Legal Aid. Secretary of the city civil court legal services commission, Mr. Murali Mohan, explained the importance about women rights and safety and laws pertaining to it. Dr. Madabushi Sridhar, Dean of Mahindra University- School of law, also participated in the event. URDUGHAR



DATE: Tuesday, 12 OCTOBER 2021

On Occasion of international girl child day on 12th October, Shaheen women resource and welfare association and the city civil court legal services commission jointly conducted an awareness seminar on Girls rights at Mughulpura urdughar. Faculty Members (Dr. Sehar Khwaza, Dr. Paromita Das Gupta and Ms. Tatheer Fatima) and Students from Mahindra university - school of law participated in the event and threw light on the rights of girl child, child trafficking and teenage pregnancy.



October 2022 onwards

Dr. Vinay Sharma and Prof. Rishi Raj Bhardwaj, have been involved in providing pro bono legal advice to many other non-law faculty members of the other schools on various topics of Transfer of Property and Income Tax.

Prof. Rishi Raj Bhardwaj has been working as a pro bono IPR consultant in various start-up projects of students from the AI and other engineering background in the local area.

HR LAW CERTIFICATION PROGRAM: A CORPORATE CONSULTANCY INITIATIVE

A Fourteen Weeks Online Law Certification Program was organized by School of Law between July to October 2023. **Program Coordinator Prof. Rishi Raj Bhardwaj** and Corporate Counterpart **Mr. Roshan Zameer from Tech Mahindra** had multiple rounds of the meeting with the Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from academia as well as from the industry to finally settle on the course curriculum. Dr. Manjula Mallepalli, Dr. Vinay Sharma along with Prof. Rishi Raj were the Subject Matter Experts from the School of Law to deliver a few of the sessions in this pilot program. This session targeted the HR executives of Tech Mahindra across the country. The program was also enriched by other industry SMEs from E & Y, Deloitte and TechM, in the domain of Human Resources Policies, Industrial and Labour Laws and practices. School of Law have generated a revenue of more than 1,00,000/- INR. through this initiative. The corporate consultancy efforts of the School of Law were appreciated by Mr. Richard Lobo Chief People Officer of Tech Mahindra and Dr. Yajulu Medury, Vice-Chancellor. Mahindra University and Dr. Balakista Reddy, Dean School of Law. Dr. Reddy truly appreciated the efforts of Mr. Roshan Zameer enriching the legal acumen of Tech Mahindra employees through this program.

SOL is pushing beyond diagonals by providing academic supports to other departments/ Schools at Mahindra University. For example: In School of Management our faculty members are delivering sessions on Business Law/Contractual Laws. In School of Engineering SOL faculty are delivering productive courses on Property Laws for Civil Engineers, Intellectual Property Rights Laws to Computer Science and Engineering Department and History sessions to other engineers; for School of Media, we are planning to synergize their curriculum with our inputs on Media Laws, Ethics, Media and Human Rights etc., for Centre for Sustainability, the SOL faculty shall be putting a credit course for an interface between law and sustainability, sustainable development laws etc. for the Centre for Life Sciences, we are engaging our faculty members to offer value added courses on biodiversity and law and so on.



WEBINAR ON SETTING THE NORMS FOR RESEARCH CULTURE IN SOL: THE JOURNEY FROM RESEARCH PROJECTS TO SCHOLARLY ARTICLES



SCHOOL OF LAW, MAHINDRA UNIVERSITY

Setting the Norms for Research Culture in SOL: The Journey from Research Projects to Scholarly Articles

MEET THE SPEAKERS



Prof. (Dr.) V
Balakista Reddy



Prof. (Dr.) G B
Reddy



Adv. A.P. Suresh



Mr. Harsh
Mahaseth



Ms. Bangaru
Laxmi Jasti



Ms. Sai Bhavna
Vemuri

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95979579579?pwd=anOzZXJ2Nys0TndNVVMwY1B5V0dydz09>

Date: 6th January 2024

Time: 10:00 AM -1:00 PM; 2:00 PM- 5:00 PM



A One-Day Webinar was conducted titled “Setting the Norms for Research Culture in SOL: The Journey from Research Projects to Scholarly Articles” on 6th January, 2024. This webinar encouraged the students to turn their projects into scholarly articles. To grace this occasion, distinguished speakers like Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Prof. (Dr.) G B Reddy, Advocate A. P. Suresh, Prof. Harsh Mahaseth, Prof. Bangaru Laxmi Jasti, and Advocate Sai Bhavna Vemuri shared their valuable insights and experiences during the webinar.



The webinar was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Dean, School of Law, Mahindra University. Prof. Reddy highlighted the significance of inter-disciplinary, multi-disciplinary research. In today's world, law is interfacing technology, medicine, history, political science, sociology, economics etc. Therefore, there is a need to approach inter-disciplinary, multi-disciplinary research in the legal field. He shared his

experiences in the form of mandatory research projects in the legal curricula at SOL. As a first endeavour, he along with his team prepared the Research Manual, which provided guidelines for project writing / case analysis. This manual highlighted the significance of research, tools of Legal Research, challenges and considerations for Legal Research and other guidelines including citations etc. He inculcated a research aptitude preaching his personal as well as professional expertise while supervising a thrilling 350+ projects in the School of Law. Prof. Reddy shared his vast experience of innovative legal research in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), NALSAR and at Mahindra University.



Prof. (Dr.) G. B. Reddy discussed the topic on “Significance of Research in the Legal Profession”. He started his session by highlighting the need for legal research as a continuous process before as well as after the judgement, thereby, a research never stops. Furthermore, it challenges the researcher to

upscale his / her critical thinking skills, analytical capability, identification of relevant issues for reaching the final conclusion. These skills are essential for lawyers, judges, academicians and others to be successful in the legal field. It is a crucial skill for legal fraternity at large who wishes to understand or apply the laws. Law students must be equipped with these skills for their career upgradation.



Advocate A.P. Suresh discussed the topic on “Demystifying Legal Research”. He quoted that “Law is not static and it's an infer forever.” He emphasised a lawyer has to bear many expertise in medical and engineering domains with reference to its

legal implications. He advocated that young interns/scholars should not be over dependent on internet rather they should read bare acts and correlate them with relevant issues/case. He shared his personal and professional experiences of legal research skills in the capacity of a senior lawyer expanding more than a decade. He concluded his session that jurisprudence is the soul of every judgment and every researcher, whether practitioner or novice has to balance law as a living being.



Mr. Harsh Mahaseth discussed the topic on “Experiencing from a Young Academic: Transforming Projects into Publishing Works”. He started the session by introducing the techniques and methods to convert every research initiative into a publication.

He underlined there are no secrets and no researcher are alone in their pursuit of research. He said that a researcher should not get lost in the abundance of information and learn from their mistakes. He emphasized to increase the possibility of publication by choosing a topic by its relevance and novelty. He advised each research paper to be well proof-read before being sent to publication. His commendable achievement can be recognized from the very fact that he got 49 papers published out of his 50 research projects and that too in the esteemed legal journals.



Ms. Bangaru Laxmi Jasti discussed the topic on “Pitfalls in the Legal Projects”. This session provided valuable insights into pitfalls often encountered in legal projects and practical strategies to prevent these issues. She comprehensively addressed

the project planning is crucial step for successful legal projects. Firstly, the student has to choose a research topic and one of the pitfalls while choosing a wrong research topic is that it lacks precision. Secondly, the researcher has to find an adequate literature review to identify the research gaps. If a researcher fails to recognize biased literature, it leads to misleading results, thereby raising concerns regarding the integrity of the project. It is important to mention the scope and limitations of the research which is ignored at times. Further, every researcher should appropriately cite the facts and other sources from which the idea is contemplated. Such citations must be cited uniformly in the prescribed format.

Advocate Sai Bhavna Vemuri, discussed on “Editing Written Articles and Types of Publications”. This session provided insights into effective editing techniques for enhancing the quality and impact of articles. It also understands the different types of editing tools, which allows to express clear ideas at various stages of the writing process. Further, a researcher should choose a suitable journal for possible publication, which requires scope of journal, style, and specific submission requirements.



The session was moderated by Prof. Aditi Nidhi and vote of thanks was given by Prof. Rishi Raj.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



Prof. (Dr.) V Balakista Reddy, Dean School of Law



- He is serving Committee Member of an Institute of Engineers, (India) Telangana State Centre, Aerospace Engineering Division for the year 2023-24 & 2024-25.
- **Eminent Speaker** at MIT-World Peace University School of Law, Pune - 3rd International Symposium on Law and Peace on 8th & 9th December 2023
- **Chief Guest** in the Student Led Conference and Mathematics Day Celebrations at Hitech Scholars Residential School, Medchal on 22nd December, 2023
- **Resource Person** in the Seminar on Intellectual property Rights organized by Jawaharlal Nehru Technology University (JNTU), Hyderabad in collaboration with Department of Science & Technology (DSTO) and Intellectual Property, India on 26th August 2023
- **Resource Person** on “International Patent Laws” in a State Level Workshop organized by Patent Information Centre (PIC), TSCOST with the support of Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, at Golkonda Hotel, Hyderabad on 14th November, 2023
- **Guest of Honour**, 9th Manipal Ranka International Moot Court Competition 2023 organized by Manipal University, Jaipur on 2nd October, 2023
- **Guest of Honour**, at SNATAKA 2023 (Mini Convocation), Aurora's degree and PG College, Hyderabad held at Shilpakala Vedika, Hitech City, Hyderabad on 7th November 2023
- **Resource Person** for “Aviation Regulation: Contemporary Issues and Challenges” & “Space Technology and Space Law: Contemporary Issues and Challenges” held

STUDENT LED CONFERENCE & "MATHEMATICS DAY" CELEBRATIONS
Chief Guest
Professor V. Balakista Reddy,
 Dean and Professor
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9TH MANIPAL RANKA INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2023

NALSAR convocation: Justice Kaul emphasises case methods for teaching

Delivering the convocation address, the Supreme Court judge reflected on the developments in legal education and incorporating experiential learning in classrooms; many students awarded gold medals in recognition of their academic performance



Supreme Court judge, Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul releasing a book authored by Balakista Reddy (second from right), Dean, School of Law, Mahindra University, at the 20th convocation of NALSAR University of Law, in Hyderabad.

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NALSAR University of Law hosted its 20th convocation where Supreme Court Judge, Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, delivered the convocation lecture.

Supreme Court judge Justice P.S. Narasimha was the guest of honour, while Justice Alok Aradhe, Chief Justice, High Court of Telangana, presided. Justice Kaul offered some reflections on the developments in legal education, emphasising the importance of using different methods of instruction such as the case method, Socratic Dialogue and incorporating experiential learning in the classroom.

Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR, presented the annual report of the university's activities and explained the gradual growth of the institution over the last 25 years, which now offers full-time taught programmes in Law and Management, as well as numerous degrees and diplomas taught in the distance and online mode.

While six candidates were awarded Ph.D., degrees were also conferred on the graduates from the LL.M. programme (Masters in Law), M.B.A programme (Masters in Business Administration), five-year integrated B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) programme, and as many as seven B.A. programmes offered in the

distance and online mode. Gold medals were awarded to students in recognition of their academic performance. Krishnannairi received 7 gold medals – emerging as the batch-topper in the B.A., LL.B. programme, while Nishitha Gupta received four gold medals. V. Shantani Reddy received the gold medal for being the most outstanding student of the batch for overall excellence in academics and extra-curricular activities.

Justice Kaul and other guests released a book titled, 'Aviation and Space Industry: Future Transport: Opportunities and Challenges', authored by Balakista Reddy, Dean, School of Law, Mahindra University.

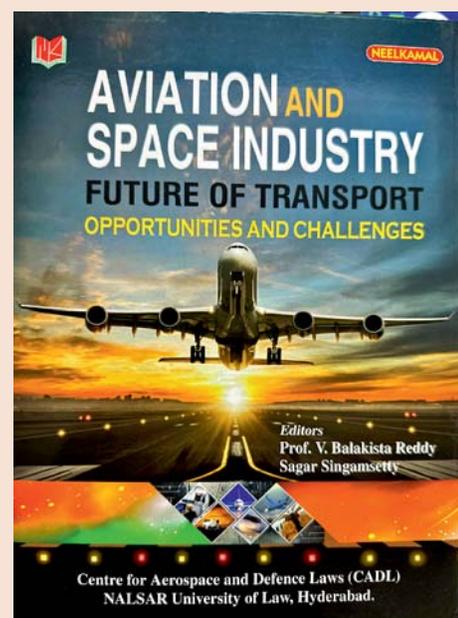


as part of 8th edition of GNLU Air and Space Law Academy (GASLA) at Silvassa Campus on 23rd September, 2023

- **Exclusive Interview** on “Space law and contemporary Issues” with Spacepreneur Editor, Mr. Kartikeya for A Space Explore Edition, Vol-I, Issue-4, Sept-Oct, 2023.
- **Resource Person** for “Legal Education in the 21st Century: Role of Law Teachers” at Southern Region, 'Law Teachers Conclave 2023-2024' on Empowering Legal Educators for Tomorrow organized by RV University, Bengaluru on 20th January, 2024.
- **Keynote speaker** for International Seminar on Citizen-Centric Governance- Need of Transparency: Challenges Ahead and Reform Strategies organised by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Law College, Hyderabad on 8th November, 2023.
- **Exclusive Interview on Collegedunia:** <https://collegedunia.com/news/c-57221-interview-prof-balakista-reddy-dean-school-of-law-at-mahindra-university> on 20th November 2023
- **Article on Shiksha.com** titled, as **Global Integration: India's Legal Market Opens up fueling demand for International Law Proficiency.**

<https://www.shiksha.com/law/articles/global-integration-india-s-legal-market-opens-up-fueling-demand-for-international-law-proficiency-blogId-144685>

- **Reviewed the case** titled, 'Appeal relating to the jurisdiction of the ICAO Council under Article 84 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (BAHRAIN, EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES V. QATAR)' Department of Legal Studies, The Open University of Sri Lanka Volume 1 Issue I, Sri Lanka Journal of Legal Studies – 2023.
- **Co-Editor of the book, 'Aviation and Space Industry Future of Transport Opportunities and Challenges'** published by Neelkamal Publishers, Hyderabad, released by Hon'ble Sri Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge Supreme Court of India in the august presence of Honour Shri Justice P S Narasimha, Judge Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble Sri Justice Alok Aradhe, Chief Justice of Telangana High Court on 2nd September, 2023.



Dr. J. Lakshmi Charan, Assistant Professor of Law, was awarded Ph.D. by Andhra University in December 2023.



- Attended Intellectual Property Rights Vis-a-Vis Climate Crisis Management: Contemporary Issues and Opportunities organized by University of Engineering & Management, Kolkata from December 23 - 28, 2023.
- Published article titled, 'Rape Sentencing in India: Need for Uniform Sentencing Guidelines, International Journal of Law Management & Humanities, ISSN - 2581-5369, Volume 6 Issue 6, Pg. 1940-1950 (Dec., 2023)'
- Published article titled, "FIR in India: A Comprehensive Review of their Evidentiary Role", Humanities and Social Science Studies, Vol. 12, Issue 2, No. 8, July - December: 2023;
- Published article titled, "A Legal Frame Work on Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Places in India", Central European Management Journal, Vol. 31 Issue 3 (2023), ISSN:2336-2693, E-ISSN:2336-4890.
- Associate Editor for Multidisciplinary Approaches in Social Sciences, Education & Languages (Vol-9) Book, ISBN: 978-93-5879-471-7, DOI: 10.25215/9358794712.
- Attended Two Days National Level Workshop on Forensic Science - A Catalyst in cracking a Crime organized by Seshadripuram Law College, Bangalore on 22nd and 23rd December, 2023.

Dr. Sridip S. Nambiar, Assistant Professor of Law



- **Awarded Ph.D.** by NUALS, Kochi, in September, 2023.
- Participated in international conference on 'From Research to Impact:

Towards Just and Resilient Agro-Food Systems' organized by CGIAR and Indian Council of Agricultural Research, October 9-12, 2023.

- Presented a paper at the 4th All India Legal History Congress organized by NUJS, GGSIPU and ICSSR, December 6-8, 2023.
- Resource person at the NMIMS, Hyderabad FDP on Research Methodology and Teaching Methodology, December 18-22, 2023. Keynote Speaker at UGC-STRIDE course on Law and Social Transformation - Contemporary Issues, organized by Mahatma Gandhi University, 9th-21st October, 2023.
- Participated in Faculty Development Program on 'Contemporary Developments in International Law' organized by Symbiosis International University, Pune, 25 October - 1 November, 2023.
- Presented a paper titled at National Conference on Law and Economics in the Society and policymaking organized by NLIU, Bhopal, 7-8 December, 2023.

Dr. Vivek Sherawat, Associate Professor of Law



- Acted as a Visiting Scholar, ADM+S Centre, University of Sydney June-August, 2023
- Presented paper at University of Sydney ADM+S Center of Excellence on AI: liability challenges under tort law (August, 2023).
- Published article titled, 'COVID-19: Ineffective and Inadequate Biological Weapon Convention, New Zealand Yearbook of International Law (December 2023)

Ms. Aditi Nidhi, Assistant Professor of Law

- Published article titled, 'Katowice Climate Package: Analysis, Assessment and Outlook' in Nature Environment and Pollution Technology, (SCOPUS), Vol. 22, No. 3, September 2023; ISSN- 2395-3454;



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EPT.2023.v22i03.039.

- Published article titled, 'Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain: A Breakthrough Collaboration in I.P.

Law? Journal of Intellectual Property Law, (SCOPUS) ISSN- 0971-7544. Journal of Intellectual Property Rights Vol 28, September 2023, pp 383-391;doi: 10.56042/jipr.v28i5.981.

- Published article titled, 'The Crossroad between Intellectual Property and Clinical Trials: Balancing Incentives for Innovation with Access to Healthcare, Journal of Intellectual Property Law, (SCOPUS)-Vol. 28 No. 4, July 2023, ISSN- 0971-7544;doi.org/10.56042/ jipr.v28i4.77 are few of them.
- Invited as a Judge for gracing the Dr. M. V. V. S. Murthi 4th National Virtual Moot Court Competition organised by GITAM School of Law under the GITAM Moot and Advocacy Committee (GMAC) on 5th-8th October 2023.
- Completed a four Week Faculty Induction/Orientation Programme for "Faculty in Universities /Colleges/ Institutes of Higher Education" from 20 September - 19 October, 2023 under the aegis of Ministry of Human Resource Development [MHRD] Pandit Madan Mohan Malvaiya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching; organised by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi.
- Submitted Ph.D. Thesis and Waiting for Open-Defence at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar (GNLU)

Dr. Anindita Chakrabarty, Assistant Professor

- Published article titled, 'Few among them are, 'How has Covid-19 pandemic impacted undocumented migrants' children? Locating Precarity and Marginalisation in India in B. Jojo & A. Dutta (Eds.), Children and Scars of



C O V I D - 1 9
Pandemic in India:
Issues and
Challenges.
Routledge.

- Presented paper at the International Conference on

River Islands Redefining the Anthropocene at Ashoka University, held on October 16-17, 2023 titled, 'Living the 'transient': Navigating citizenship in the chars of Assam'.



Dr. Nisha Mary Mathew, Associate Professor



- Published article titled, 'Strongman's Brokers: Old Diasporas and New Networks in the age of Populism' by Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.
- Delivered a talk on 'Indian Ocean in the Age of Empire'.

Dr. Vinay Sharma, Assistant Professor



- Completed EU GDPR Certification, in FAS and Data Protection Officer (DPO) from E-Compliance Academy, EU, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Mr. Rishi Raj Bhardwaj, Assistant Professor



- Invited for a guest talk in DPS Dubai on the Impact of Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies on 7th and 8th October 2023 at DPS, Dubai and Sharjah.

- Completed IND AS/IFRS, Financial Modelling and Valuation with reference to the accounting/legal requirements as per US GAAP and Indian GAAP from Grant Thornton, USA/India.
- Resource person with Tech Mahindra in the certification program on Labour Laws to Group I employees of the HR Dept across India.
- Member of the International association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). Member of the Society for Construction Arbitration, India.
- Attended the International Conference on Construction Arbitration in New Delhi and spoke on the need for arbitration laws in the present era with special reference to local laws and RERA.
- Resource person to share about the glimpse of School of Law, Mahindra University to the students who visited MU. This campus tour of Rockwell, Hyderabad students provided them to explore more opportunities about the career perspectives after finishing class 12th.
- Invited as a Panellist to deliver a talk on 'Perception and Realities in Legal Studies' at Patna in December 2023.
- Submission of Synopsis for PhD at Bennett University, Noida this academic Year.





STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Sri Chandana Rachuri: BBA, LL.B. 2022 Batch

- a) Received the Young Achiever Award at "Rashtrapathi Bhavan", on the occasion of Children's Day.
- b) Received "Swarajyam Memorial" young writers award by Dr. Mamidi Hari Krishna, Director, Dept of Culture, Government of Telangana, at Telugu University, in the august presence of Smt Sumathi, IPS (Intelligence Wing), MLC Mrs Vani and Padmashri Smt Padmaja.



- c) Felicitated by the Mayor and Dy. Mayor, GHMC for her outstanding women talent of Telangana, on the occasion of International Women's Day, 2023.
- d) Featured in the ETV "YUVA" program, showcasing young achievers.
- e) Participated in Aksharayan Kavi Sammelana @Dil Raju foundation and received appreciation. Performed at the event, as the Brand Ambassador of Aksharayan, an international women writers forum.
- f) Received appreciations during Book release of "Sriman Narayana Sumadura Geeta Maalika" (Part-1) from Seethakka, Minister for Women and Child Welfare, Government of Telangana.

2. K Nihal Krishna: LL.B. 2022 Batch

- a. Vice President of Street Cause, the Largest Student run NGO of Telangana, which is now a National Level NGO, spreading across 6 cities.

- b. Exceptional Service Award for exemplary performance in the field of Public Service showing outstanding leadership.
- c. Exemplary Appreciation certificate from the Hon'ble MP of Mahabubabad for creating impact among the rural youth across the entire constituency of Dornakal by creating awareness on the importance and power of Right To Vote under the initiative Project Nirvachana Nirdhaarana during the 2023 Telangana Assembly Elections.

3. Mahadevan: B.A. LL.B, 2022 Batch

- Certificate of Merit for securing 2nd Position in Debate Competition for the t o p i c , 'Innovation or Surveillance-Navigating the AI frontier in the age of Privacy in LawGix Law Fest conducted by School of Law, Mahindra University during 20th - 24th November, 2023



4. Singireddy Madhavi: B.A. LL.B, 2023 Batch

- Certificate of Merit for securing 2nd Position in Case Commentary Competition in LawGix Law Fest conducted by School of Law, Mahindra University during 20th -24th November, 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS OF SOL

- Mahindra University (MU), Hyderabad School of Law will be offering **6-Year B.Tech. LL.B. (Hons.), 1-Year LL.M. in Tech Laws** and in International Trade and Business Laws, **Ph.D. in law** and multidisciplinary domains from academic year 2024-25.

- **Establishment of the Research Centres:**

Mahindra University School of Law is set to create the following two new research centres:

- a) **Centre for Aerospace, Defence, and Maritime Laws (CADML), and**
- b) **Tech Mahindra Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Laws (TMCACL).**

The idea behind establishing the aforementioned centres is to address an overlooked and emerging fields that lacks representation in many universities. These areas hold contemporary significance and have substantial potential for future development, making them highly relevant in today's world.

- **Proposed Mahindra Journal of Law and Technology (MJLT)**

Research is one of the core strengths of SOL. Thereby, SOL is committed to launch a Bi-annual Journal viz., **Mahindra Journal of Law and Technology (MJLT)**. Sponsored by Mahindra Educational Institutions (MEI), a subsidiary of Tech Mahindra, the flagship of IT company of Mahindra and Mahindra Group.

The objective of this journal is to address the ongoing impact of technology on the legal field. By discussing this contemporary issue on regular basis, the journal aims to explore the constantly evolving landscape of technology that will continue to shape our world in unpredictable ways. This presents opportunities for progress, creativity, and discovery. As we move into an increasingly digital and interconnected world, it becomes more important than ever to consider the ethical and societal implications of our technological advancements. In recent times, we

witnessed how technology and law worked in tandem during the COVID-19 pandemic or Covidization era.

- **Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs)**

SOL aims to enter into academic-industry-government partnership with many institutions/organisations working in diverse fields including NGOs, policy makers, governments organisations, civil societies, think-tanks, law firms etc. The tripartite agreement between Industry-Academia-Government will aim to provide a wide range of opportunities for students not only on campus, but also in the local community to experience things at various levels. Industry-Academia collaboration will provide organizations with a blend of practical expertise and academic rigor. Industry professionals contribute first-hand knowledge of contract administration challenges, while universities offer research-based actionable insights and cutting-edge theories.

- **Upcoming Events of Pre-Conference/ International Conference /International Moot Court Competitions**

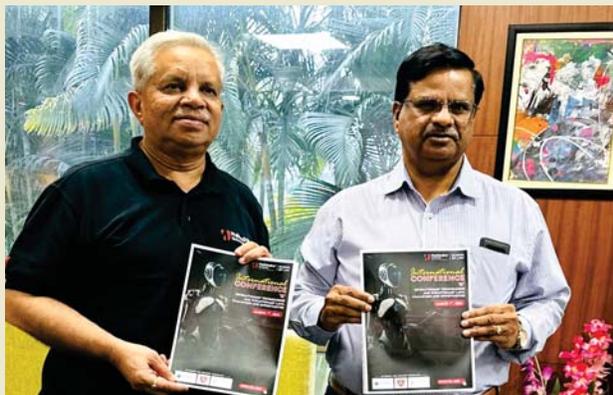
- a) **An Expert Talk on “Space: The Final Frontier” on 10th February, 2024**

The launch of Sputnik-I in 1957 marked the beginning of humanity's venture into space exploration, prompting the international community to establish a legal framework for space activities. The evolution of space endeavours, ranging from satellite launches to exploration of Mars, Moon, and Sun, space stations, colonization, tourism, and private participation, has raised complex issues such as state liability and environmental concerns. Existing space treaties like the Outer Space Treaty and Liability Convention, though foundational, face challenges in addressing contemporary activities like space tourism and mining. While India's space programs have achieved significant milestones, the legal aspects governing these achievements remain unaddressed. This session aims to assess the current state of these issues at national and international levels,

examining initiatives by states and organizations to bridge legal gaps. It seeks to educate both students and experts on the importance of space laws, emphasizing the need for comprehensive legislation to support long-term advancements in Indian space activities beyond existing policies.

b) Pre-Conference Workshop on “Data Governance in the Age of Artificial Intelligence” on 29th February, 2024

A half-day hybrid mode workshop on 'Data Governance in the Age of Artificial Intelligence' is being organized by the School of Law, Mahindra University (MU SOL), Hyderabad in collaboration with the Grayspace Law and Policy Consulting, Belgium on 29th February 2024 from 2:00 PM IST to 6:00 PM IST. The focus of the workshop will be to address, how to govern data in the age of artificial intelligence? The workshop will engage participants in interactive sessions allowing them to



further connect with peers and experts in the field of law and technology.

c) International Law and Technology Conference “Revolutionary Technologies and Evolutionary Laws: Challenges and Opportunities” on 1st March, 2024

The School of Law, Mahindra University, (MU SOL), Hyderabad, in collaboration with the Grayspace Law and Policy Consulting, Belgium; Centre for Human Security Studies, Hyderabad and A.P. Suresh and Associates, Law Chambers, Hyderabad are organizing a pioneering One-Day International Law and Technology Conference on “Revolutionary Technologies and Evolutionary Laws: Challenges and Opportunities” on March

1st, 2024. This conference boldly endeavours to seek out plausibility of potentials as well as apprehensions about law keeping pace with emerging technologies. The conference aims to foster a symbiotic relationship between law and technology, where one can navigate the complexities of the digital age and ensure a harmonious coexistence that benefits society as a whole.

d) 1st MU International Moot Court Competition on 2nd and 3rd March, 2024.

This prestigious annual event marks the international expansion of Mahindra Law School's flagship national moot court. The Competition's central objective is to equip future legal professionals with the practical skills and knowledge necessary to navigate the dynamic legal landscape, including research, analysis, writing, and oral advocacy. By providing a platform for discourse and practical application of legal theory, the Competition seeks to cultivate a new generation of legal scholars and practitioners who can adapt to the evolving legal landscape and rise to the challenges of the future.



LEGAL TITBITS

In Re: Article 370 of the Constitution, 2023 SCC Online SC 1647

Maharaja Hari Singh is the ruler of the Jammu and Kashmir state. In October, 1947, Jammu and Kashmir faced the threat of invasion by tribal militias from Pakistan. During this critical period, India offered assistance to Maharaja Hari Singh on the condition that he shall sign an Instrument of Accession (IOA). On 26th October, 1947, Maharaja Hari Singh signed the Instrument of Accession agreeing to accede to the newly independent India on three matters namely defence, foreign affairs, and communications. However, clause 7 of IOA stated that the Jammu and Kashmir's accession to India was conditional upon the state retaining the right to have its constitution and a significant degree of autonomy. Thereby, this clause served as a foundational element that led to the creation of Article 370 of Constitution of India.

On 17th October 1949, Article 370 was added to the Indian constitution that permitted the State of Jammu and Kashmir to draft its own Constitution. In 1954, Presidential Order incorporated Article 35A based on the recommendation of the Jammu and Kashmir Constituent Assembly. Article 35A originated from Article 370 which empowers the Jammu & Kashmir legislature to define the permanent residents of the state, and their special rights and privileges. On 5th August 2019, President Ram Nath Kovind issued a Presidential Order (C.O. 273) superseding the Presidential Order of 1954, and making all the provisions of the Indian constitution applicable to Jammu and Kashmir. It was based on the resolution passed in both houses of India's parliament with two-thirds majority.

On 9th August, 2019, the Union Parliament bifurcated the State of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories by passing the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019. The two new Union Territories are Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. Further, the Jammu and Kashmir retained a legislative assembly. Consequently, Advocate Shakir Shabir and Mohammed Akbar Lone and Hasnain Masoodi, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference leaders filed writ petition before the Supreme Court of India. This Writ Petition challenged the constitutionality of the presidential order (C.O. 233) and the

bifurcation of the State of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories. On December 11, 2023, the Constitution Bench upheld the validity of the Indian Government's decision of abrogation of Article 35A and 370 were temporary provisions.

Priya Indoria v. State of Karnataka, 2023 SCC Online SC 1484

A person allegedly under intoxication beats another person with an iron rod in the State of Goa. The victim of the attack is injured. The alleged assailant travels to Rourkela, Odisha, where he is working in a factory. Meanwhile, the family of the injured registered a First Information Report (FIR) for the offence of causing grievous hurt under Section 326 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at the Bicholim Police Station, Goa. On coming to know about the same and apprehending his arrest, the alleged assailant files an application for anticipatory bail before the District and Sessions Judge, Sundargarh, Odisha, having jurisdiction over Rourkela. Whether the alleged assailant's application is maintainable or not?

The Supreme Court has held that High Courts and Sessions Court have power to grant interim/transit anticipatory bail, even, when the First Information Report (FIR) has been registered in another State. The Supreme Court laid down the conditions for the grant of limited anticipatory bail as follows -

Notice to Investigating Officer and Public Prosecutor: Before passing an order of limited anticipatory bail, the investigating officer and public prosecutor involved in the FIR must be issued notice on the first day of the hearing. The court retains discretion to grant interim anticipatory bail in appropriate cases.

Reasoned Order: The order granting limited anticipatory bail must provide detailed reasons explaining why the applicant fears an inter-state arrest and the potential impact of such protection on the ongoing investigation.

Offence not excluded from scope of anticipatory bail by state amendment: Jurisdiction Clarification: The jurisdiction in which the cognizance of the offence has been taken does not exclude the said offence from the scope of anticipatory bail by way of a State Amendment to Section 438 of CrPC.

Grounds to be pleaded: The applicant seeking anticipatory bail must convince the court of their inability to seek relief from the court with territorial jurisdiction. Grounds for such requests may include immediate threats to life, violations of personal liberty, arbitrary actions, or medical status/disability.

Existence of territorial nexus between the accused and the Court – There should be some territorial nexus between the accused and the court. Such a link with territorial jurisdiction could be by way of place of residence or occupation, work or profession. It is implied that the accused cannot travel to another state only to seek anticipatory bail. There must be reasons to believe or an imminent apprehension of arrest for non-bailable offence.

Supriyo @ Supriya Chakraborty & Another v. Union of India, 2023 SCC Online SC 1348

This batch of cases consisted of twenty petitions filed by same-sex couples, transgender individuals, and LGBTQIA+ activists. These petitions collectively challenged the provisions of the Special Marriage Act 1954, Hindu Marriage Act 1955, and the Foreign Marriage Act 1969. Specifically, they contended that these legislations, in their current form, do not recognize non-heterosexual marriages, thus perpetuating discrimination against the LGBTQIA+ community. During the course of the hearings, the bench had clarified that it will confine the challenge only to the Special Marriage Act and will not touch personal laws.

These petitions were filed by same-sex couples, transgender individuals, and LGBTQIA+ activists upon the decriminalization of consensual sexual activity under section 377 IPC. In *Naz Foundation v. Government of NCT Delhi*, a Division Bench of the High Court of Delhi held that the Section 377 IPC to exclude consensual homosexual sexual activity between adults. On appeal, in *Suresh Kumar Koushal v. Naz Foundation*, a Division Bench of Supreme Court overturned the Judgment of Naz Foundation, whereby, Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code has been reinstated. In *Navtej Singh Johar v. Union of India*, the Supreme Court held that Section 377 IPC is unconstitutional to the extent that it criminalizes consensual sexual activities by the LGBTQ community.

In this case, the Constitutional Bench of Supreme Court refused to grant legal recognition for queer marriages in India. However, the Constitution bench has unanimously held that transgender persons in heterosexual relationships have the right to marry under the existing laws or personal laws. Further, all the five judges in the Constitution Bench unanimously held that the Supreme Court cannot strike or read down the provisions of the Special Marriage Act and Foreign Marriage Act to recognize queer marriages. The bench stated that the same lies within the domain of the parliament and the legislature and the court cannot step into the same. CJI DY Chandrachud and Justice Kaul have cited "institutional limitations", while, Justice Bhat, Justice Kohli, and Justice Narasimha stated that the Court could not create a legal framework for queer couples as it was for the legislature to decide owing to several aspects pertaining to policy to be taken into consideration.

Animal Welfare Board of India v. Union of India, (2023) 9 SCC 322

In this case, the Supreme Court examined the constitutionality of the State amendments made to the central law of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act by the States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Maharashtra.

In *Animal Welfare Board of India v. A. Nagaraja*, the Supreme Court observed that the animal welfare laws have to be interpreted, keeping in mind the welfare of the animals and species. Any exceptions made to the reading of these laws will be on justified human necessity mentioned in section 11(3) and 28 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. The court also held that activity which are avoidable and which are not exceptions under the provisions of Section 11(3) and 28 cannot be permitted and so even the tradition of Jallikattu cannot be permitted. It also observed that the Jallikattu and Bullock Cart races, in the manner they are conducted have no support of Tamil tradition or culture. In 2016, the Union Government issued a notification to direct the concerned States such as Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Maharashtra to comply with this judgement.

A writ petition has been filed before Supreme Court challenging the notification issued by the

Union Government. During the pendency of the petition, the Tamil Nadu government passed the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act, 2017. In this amendment, the Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu recognized the practice of "Jallikattu" as a part of Tamil tradition. In 2017 and 2018, Maharashtra and Karnataka passed similar amendments, allowing bullock cart races commonly known as "Kambala." The pending writ petitions were amended after that challenging the new act passed by Tamilnadu, Karnataka and Maharashtra. But the issue before the supreme court was quash of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act, 2017 and similar legislations. Section 28-A of Tamilnadu Amendment Act, 2017 legalized the practice of Jallikattu.

In 2018, Division Bench of Supreme Court referred the matter to a constitutional bench. The Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of the State amendments made to the central law Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act by the States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Maharashtra to allow the conduct of animal sports like Jallikattu, Kambala and bull-cart racing in these respective States. The Constitution Bench observed that these laws cannot be construed as "colourable legislations" and that the State legislature had the legislative power to make these amendments as per Entry 17 to List III of the Seventh Schedule. The judge bench comprising Justice KM Joseph, Justice Ajay Rastogi, Justice Aniruddha Bose, Justice Hrishikesh Roy and Justice CT Ravikumar observed that these amendments do not go contrary to the ratio of the judgment in Nagaraja. These laws cure the defects pointed out by the judgment in Nagaraja's case. The effect of these laws is to minimise the pain and suffering caused to animals. It also noted that the amendments, having received the assent of the President, cannot be faulted.

The Supreme Court has expressed its disagreement with the 2014 judgment in Animal Welfare Board of India v. A. Nagaraja and Others, insofar as it held that Jallikattu is not a cultural practice in Tamil Nadu. As per the materials placed before the Court, Jallikattu is going in Tamil Nadu for at least last one century and whether or not it as an integral part of Tamil culture could not have been decided by the

Court. When legislature has declared that Jallikattu is part of cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu state, judiciary cannot take a different view. Legislature is best suited to decide that. The preamble to the state amendment had stated that Jallikattu is a part of cultural heritage of the State. We will not disrupt the view of the legislature that it is part of the cultural heritage of the state.

Ritu Chhabaria v. Union of India and Others, 2023 SCC Online SC 502

An FIR was lodged under Section 120 B read with S. 420 of the IPC along with Sections 7, 12 and 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, wherein the writ petitioner's husband was not named. Subsequently, supplementary chargesheets were filed, wherein the writ petitioner's husband (accused) was made a prosecution witness in a supplementary chargesheet, however, in such chargesheets, the accused was not named. Thereafter, the investigation of the case was transferred to another investigating officer, and the accused was then arrested by CBI and remanded to custody. Multiple other supplementary chargesheets were then filed, wherein he was named as a suspect, and his remand under Section 309(2) of CrPC was renewed and continued from time to time, and he was never released on default bail. Against the backdrop of these facts, the wife of the accused moved the instant criminal writ plea before the Supreme Court against his continuation of custody, and the scuttling of relief of default bail contending that every Supplementary chargesheet filed in the case was an attempt to ensure that her husband is not released on default bail. The Supreme Court held that without completing an investigation of a case, a chargesheet or prosecution complaint can't be filed by an Investigating Agency only to deprive an accused of his right to default bail under Section 167 of CrPC.

Courses Offered

The School of Law at Mahindra University embarked its transformatory journey in 2021 with an avowed objective of imparting justice, equality and service to all the stakeholders of the society. Law has evolved as an important profession that requires more focused and thought-provoking approach with ever-changing needs of the society. School of Law, Mahindra University upholds its legacy to deliver the lawyers of tomorrow. We are committed to inculcate human values at its very core, while keeping up the spirit of justice and equality at large. We take pride in our distinguished faculty, innovative curriculum, and unwavering dedication to preparing the next generation of legal professionals.

Why Choose Mahindra University School of Law?

Cutting-Edge Curriculum: Our curriculum is designed to equip the students with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in a dynamic legal landscape. Stay ahead with the courses that integrate traditional principles with the latest advancements in law.

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State-of-the-Art Facilities: Immerse yourself in a conducive learning environment with our state-of-the-art facilities. Our

modern library, moot courtrooms, and collaborative spaces ensures the students everything they need for academic success.

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Make Your Mark: Whether any student aspire to practice law, contribute to policy, or lead in the business world, MUSOL provides the foundation for your success. Join us in shaping the future of the legal profession.

Current Programs:

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Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law (Honors) (B.A., LL.B.) and Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Law (Honors) (B.B.A., LL.B.), both are a 5-years integrated programs. In the initial two years, while B.A., LL.B. (H) emphasizes on the Arts domains like History, Political Science and Sociology, the B.B.A., LL.B. (H) focusses on Management domains like Finance, Marketing, Human Resources, International Business and Artificial Intelligence (AI), along with law subjects. From the 3rd year onwards, both programs culminate in to core law subjects in civil, criminal, corporate, public and private international realms. In order to be make the law scholars industry ready, mandatory internship exposure is provided with the leading law firms in India and abroad. Student-exchange programs are also integral part of the regular curriculum.

LL.B. (Honors) Bachelor of Law – LL.B. (Honors) is a 3 years program that cultivates the legal acumen in law scholars with corporate exposure as well as with research aptitude in legal arena. This program not only provides a rigorous training for core law domains with robust focus on clinical approaches, it also imbibes the vital legal research skills as per the changing paradigms of industry and global society. It also entertains the students from varied backgrounds like engineering, arts, medicines etc. And finally, it distinctively enables the young lawyers to be industry ready.

Proposed Programs:

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The Bachelor of Technology and Bachelor of Law (Honors) is a 6-years integrated program that combines the depth and comprehensiveness of the legal system with the intricacies of the engineering. The students are exposed to broader areas such as Mechatronics, Nano Technology, Computer Science, Computation and Mathematics on the engineering side, while the Intellectual Property Rights, Cyber Laws, AI Policy, Robotics Law, Drone Laws and Aero-Space Laws from the legal domains. This unique dual degree program blends technical knowledge with legal acumen, making it a highly sought-after course in both dimensions of law and technology. To suit the need of rise of engineers and technocrats, this industry-backed course has the potential to create the most sought out techno-lawyers to serve the global community.

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