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Bhagavad Gita Chapter 4, Verse 39

श्रद्धावान् लभते ज्ञानं तत्परः संयतेन्द्रियः ।
ज्ञानं लब्ध्वा परां शान्तिमचिरेणाधिगच्छति ॥ 39॥

[वे जिनकी श्रद्धा अगाध है और जिन्होंने अपने मन और इन्द्रियों पर नियंत्रण कर लिया है, वे दिव्य ज्ञान प्राप्त कर लेते हैं। इस दिव्य ज्ञान के द्वारा वे शीघ्र ही कभी न समाप्त होने वाली परम शांति को प्राप्त कर लेते हैं।]

*śhraddhāvānllabhate jñānaṁ tat-paraḥ sanyatendriyaḥ
jñānaṁ labdhvā parāṁ śhāntim achireṇādhigachchati*

[Those whose faith is deep and who have practiced controlling their mind and senses attain divine knowledge. Through such transcendental knowledge, they quickly attain everlasting supreme peace.]

Vice Chancellor's Message



I am delighted to welcome you to the inaugural edition of the University's newsletter. As we embark on this exciting journey of sharing our achievements, insights, and news, I shall take a moment to reflect on the remarkable progress our university has made and the vision we hold for the future.

This newsletter represents more than just an update—it is a testament to the vibrant and dynamic community that defines our institution and serve as a vital communication tool that bridges the gap between the administration and the university's diverse stakeholders. It is a platform for celebrating our collective successes, acknowledging the hard work of our dedicated faculty, showcasing the talents of our students, and keeping our alumni connected with the pulse of the university.

Our university is committed to fostering an environment of academic excellence, innovation, and integrity. As we continue to build on our strong foundation, we remain focused on equipping our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the complexities of the legal field. Our aim is not just to produce exceptional legal professionals but to cultivate thoughtful leaders who will contribute meaningfully to society.

In this first issue, you will find highlights of recent events, stories of exceptional achievements, and updates on upcoming initiatives. We hope this newsletter will keep you informed and engaged with the many ways our university is making an impact.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our shared mission. Together, we will continue to strive for excellence and drive positive change.

Prof. (Dr) Amar Pal Singh

About the University

The late eighties saw the beginning of the tectonic shift in perceptions about law as a career -from one of the least attractive to one of the most sought-after. It was a time of hope for the legal fraternity. The concept of a national institution to act as a pacesetter and a testing ground for bold experiments in legal education came up before the Bar Council of India in the context of the Council's statutory responsibility for maintaining standards in professional legal education (under the Advocates Act, 1961). Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University was established in 2005 by the U.P. Act No. 28 of 2005 of the Government of Uttar Pradesh. It was set up on January 04, 2006, to meet the new legal challenges and strengthen the vision of establishing a national law school in Uttar Pradesh based on the pattern of national law schools in the country.

The University Grants Commission New Delhi has recognized the University under sections 2(f) and 12(b) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956. It was initially incorporated as 'Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law Institute, Uttar Pradesh.' The word 'Institute' was substituted by 'University' and later by Amendment Act of U.P. Act No. 35 of 2006 on November 17, 2006. This was done to give a comprehensive national character to the Institute on the lines of the other premier National Law Universities of the country. The University has been receiving grants from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, which is committed to provide excellent infrastructural facilities and the best academic environment to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of the law.

The university aims to enhance the capabilities and skills of students and research scholars to create a sense of responsibility to serve society in the field of law by developing skills in advocacy, judicial and other legal services and legislation. The law must deal with problems of a diverse magnitude, and a student of law, the future Advocate, must be trained in professional skills to meet the challenges of globalization and universalizing law.

In this digital era, our society has been facing various problems and challenges due to social, economic, and political inequalities and technological challenges resulting in various disputes. It demands highly trained and skilled lawyers, judges, and legal professionals to resolve such issues. The University is well-equipped to provide legal education of higher standards to students and researchers so that they may become good lawyers and legal professionals.



Infrastructure of the University



Academic Block



Classrooms



Moot Court Hall



Seminar Hall



Auditorium



Guest House



Lawn Tennis Court



Badminton Court

Infrastructure of the University



Basketball Court



Gymnasium



Swimming Pool



Hospital



Commercial Complex



Girls' Hostel



Boys' Hostel



Library

Madhu Limaye Library

The Madhu Limaye Library (MLL) has adapted to the changing information landscape by providing a modern and comprehensive library experience. It boasts a vast collection of law, humanities, and social sciences in print and digital formats. The two-floor library has advanced infrastructure, including a Wi-Fi environment, automated housekeeping, and RFID-based solutions for smooth management.



Additionally, the library offers 24/7 access to e-resources through a cloud-based r-library

platform (<https://nlul.refread.com>). It offers video-conferencing services for online lectures and academic communications. The web-based OPAC serves as a gateway to millions of information content. The library remains open throughout the year, except for national and some gazetted holidays.



New Joining



Dr Amar Pal Singh, Professor of Law, University School of Law and Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi, joined as Vice-Chancellor at Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, on March 15, 2024. The faculty members, officers and staff members welcomed the new Vice-Chancellor.

Superannuation



Dr V. Vishalakshi, Professor of Law, Department of Legal Studies, retired from the service on June 30, 2024, after a successful teaching and research tenure at RMLNLU. She taught several subjects, including Company Law, Business Law, and Corporate Law, to B.A.LL.B. (Hons) and LL.M. students. 06 research scholars were awarded Ph.D. degrees under her supervision.

Farewell For Passing Out Students

The University organized a farewell party to the passing out batches of B.A.LL.B. 2019-2024 and LL.M. 2023-24 on April 16, 2024. This was a new initiative taken by the Vice-Chancellor. This event was organized at VC-Lawn in the presence of faculty members and university officers.



New Initiatives

Syllabus Updation & Review



A two-days syllabus updation for B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. Courses was undertaken with the help of the External Experts Committee on April 15-16, 2024. All the sessions were chaired by Prof. (Dr) Amar Pal Singh, Vice-Chancellor of the University with Prof. (Dr) V. K. Ahuja, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi and Prof. (Dr) Rakesh Kumar, Department of Law Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi. All the faculty members presented their courses to be taught in the monsoon session before the committee for review by the expert panel. These subjects included Administrative Law, Criminal Law, Corporate Law, Constitutional Law, Intellectual Property Rights, International Law & Alternative Dispute Resolution etc.

DPIIT-IPR CHAIR

Dr Manish Singh, Professor of Law Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, was nominated as 'Chair Professor' on April 22, 2024, for granting 'IPR Chair' at Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow by the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, New Delhi. The university established the IPR-Chair to comply with the SPRIHA guidelines (Scheme for Pedagogy & Research in IPRs for Holistic Education & Academia).



Under the leadership of Prof. Singh, the Chair focuses on advancing intellectual property education and research, primarily at the intersection of intellectual property law with public policy and international IP matters relevant to India. It aims to enhance awareness among students, researchers, academics, and practitioners through educational programs, events, outreach activities, and support for entrepreneurs and stakeholders. The overall objectives of the IPR Chair are laid out in the Scheme for Pedagogy and Research in IPRs for Holistic Education and Academia (SPRIHA). <http://copyright.gov.in/Documents/SPRIHA.pdf>



RMLNLUJ, Vol.15 (2023)

The Editorial Board of Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University Journal (RMLNLUJ) released its 15th Annual Volume in January 2024. It is one of the prestigious law journals indexed in the UGC-CARE list and the Indian Citation Index. It is available in full text in the SCC Online database, too. The contents may be accessed from <https://www.rmlnlu.ac.in/rmlnluj.html>.

Academic Programmes and Activities

CONFERENCE / SEMINAR ORGANIZED

Dr Aman Deep Singh and Dr Vikas Bhati, Assistant Professors of Law, organized a Session on '*Empowering Communities: Strategies for Effective Delivery of Free Legal Aid*' under the aegis of Pro-bono Club, RMLNLU, Lucknow at RMLNLU, Lucknow on April 06, 2024.



LECTURE / DISCUSSION SESSION ORGANIZED

- Dr Aman Deep Singh, Assistant Professor of Law, organized and moderated a Panel Discussion on the topic 'Third Gender Rights in the Digital Age' held under UPHRC Sponsored project 'A Study of Issues & Challenges of Digital Human Rights in the State of Uttar Pradesh' at RMLNLU, Lucknow on March 29, 2024.

INVITED LECTURES

Dr Aman Deep Singh, Assistant Professor of Law

- Delivered an invited lecture on 'Evolving Cyber Jurisprudence in India' at BIPARD, Gaya on January 15, 2024.
- Delivered invited lectures on 'Salient features of Minimum Wages Act' and 'Consumer Law' at BIPARD, Gaya on January 16, 2024.
- Delivered an invited lecture to the officers of Indian Railways in the course Law for Railway Officers on the topic: 'Environment Protection Law' on May 02, 2024, at IRITM, Lucknow.
- Delivered an invited lecture to the officers of Indian Railways in the course Law for Railway Officers on the topic: 'Consumer Protection Law' on May 03, 2024, at IRITM, Lucknow.
- Delivered an invited lecture to the officers of Indian Railways in the course Law for Railway Officers on the topic: 'Environment Protection Law' and 'Consumer Protection Law' on June 05, 2024, at IRITM, Lucknow.

Ms Priya Anuragini, Assistant Professor of Law

- Delivered an invited lecture on 'TRIPS Flexibilities: Compulsory License and other Flexibilities' at IUCIPRS, CUSAT, Cochin, June 12, 2024

Dr K. A. Pandey, Associate Professor of Law

- Delivered an invited lecture to Trainee Judicial Officers on 'Confession and Summary Trial' on February 27, 2024, at JTTRI, Lucknow (Offline).
- Delivered an invited lecture on 'CICL: A Forensic Science Perspective' at the International Conference on Criminal Justice and Forensic Science, organised by NUJS, Kolkata on March 20-22, 2024 (offline)
- Panelist and Resource Person in a Panel Discussion on 'Remission Policy in India', organized by UPES, Dehradun, on April 08, 2024 (offline)
- Delivered an invited lecture in a workshop for lawyers on BNSS, organized by Bar Association of India, New Delhi, on April 09, 2024 (OFFLINE)
- Delivered an invited lecture in a workshop for forensic experts on 'BNSS and Forensics', organized by NFSU, Delhi Campus on April 17, 2024 (OFFLINE)



- Moderator and Resource Person in a panel discussion on 'BSA' at a regional conference organized by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Govt. Of India, New Delhi on April 18, 2024 (OFFLINE)
- Delivered an invited lecture on 'POCSO and DV Act for functionaries of the OSC' organized by NIPCCD, Lucknow, on April 18 & 29, 2024. (Online)
- Delivered an invited lecture on 'Juvenile Justice: Issues and Challenges' in a workshop of panel lawyers organized by SALSA, M.P. at Jabalpur on April 27, 2024 (offline)
- Delivered an invited lecture to the District Judges of Uttar Pradesh on 'BNS and BSA', organized by JTRI, Lucknow, on May 01, 2024 (offline)
- Delivered an invited lecture on BNS FOR Chhattisgarh Police, jointly organized by Chhattisgarh Police and HNLU, Raipur, on May 24, 2024 (offline)
- Delivered an invited lecture on BNS in a workshop of officers of the Parliament, State legislatures and Ministries of the Central Government, organized by ICPS, New Delhi, on May 28, 2024 (offline)
- Delivered an invited lecture in a workshop for Telangana Police on 'BNS', organized by Mahindra University, Hyderabad, on June 05, 2024
- Delivered an invited lecture to the ADJs of Uttar Pradesh in a workshop organized by JTRI, Lucknow, on 'BNS and BSA', on June 08, 2024 (offline)
- Delivered an invited lecture on 'BNS', in a value-added course organized by the Department of Law, DDU Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur, on June 21, 2024 (online)
- Delivered an invited lecture on 'BNS' in a workshop of Income Tax Officers, organized by Income Tax Officers Training Institute, Lucknow, on June 25, 2024 (offline)
- Moderator and Resource Person in a panel discussion on BSA at a regional conference organized by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Govt. Of India, New Delhi, at Kolkata on June 16, 2024 (Offline)
- Delivered an invited lecture on 'BNS' for police officers of the Anti-corruption Bureau, U.P. Police, Lucknow, on June 29, 2024 (offline)
- Delivered an invited lecture on 'Juvenile Justice Act and POCSO Act' in a workshop of Varanasi Police, organized by Varanasi Police, Varanasi, on June 29, 2024 (online)
- Delivered invited lectures as a Master Trainer of U.P. Police in six training programmes in the months of March-May 2024 at U.P. Police Headquarters, Lucknow (Hybrid/offline)

Dr Maneesh Kumar Bajpai, Deputy Librarian

- Delivered 10 invited lectures in Ph.D. Course Work 2023-24 Programme of Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, from January 29 -March 04, 2024, on various topics (Open Access Publishing, Creative Commons, IPR and Copyright Issues, Information Communication Technologies, ICT application in Libraries, Security System and RFID technology, Cloud Technology and Web and Social Media applications in LIS.

PAPER PRESENTED

- ***Dr Ankita Yadav, Assistant Professor of Law***, presented a paper on the topic "The intersection of forensic science and legal admissibility: challenges and future perspectives" at the "5th International Conference on Comparative Law" organized by Amity Law School, Noida, Amity University Uttar Pradesh and School of Business and Law, Edith Cowan University, Western Australia on February 09-10, 2024.

- *Dr Manoj Kumar, Assistant Professor of Law*, presented a paper on the topic “Artificial Intelligence and Its Future Challenges” at the National Conference on 'Artificial Intelligence: Legal Implications and Challenges' held on February 24, 2024, organized by the Law Commission of India, Government of India and Ministry of Electronics and Information technology, Government of India and Dr B. R. Ambedkar National Law University, Sonapat (Haryana).
- *Dr Ankita Yadav, Assistant Professor of Law*, presented a paper on the topic “New Data Protection Regime in India: Challenges and Opportunities for Start-ups” in the 2-Day National Conference on Role of Academic Driven Startups in Developing Economy of J&K, RASE-2024 organized by Department of Holistic Education in collaboration with National Institute of Technology Srinagar and Central University of Kashmir on June 29-30, 2024

PH.D. DEGREE AWARDED

| Name of Scholar | Name of Guide | Ph.D. Viva Date | Research Topic |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Shambhavi Mishra | Prof. (Dr) Manish Singh | 18.03.2024 | Patenting Concerns in Emerging Biotechnologies in Globalized World: A Critical Analysis |
| Samiuddin | Prof. (Dr) Manish Singh | 11.05.2024 | Dissolution of Muslim Marriages: With Special Reference to Sunni Hanafi Law as Applied in India |
| Ravi Dubey | Dr Aman Deep Singh | 05.04.2024 | A Socio-Legal Study on Fintech and its Impact on Society in India |
| Divya Swamy | Prof. (Dr) Manish Singh | 18.04.2024 | Trends in Imposition of Penalties by the Competition Commission of India: Need for Penalty Guidelines |
| Smriti Singh | Dr Aparna Singh | 20.06.2024 | Developing Coherence Between International Environment and Trade Law: A Critical Study with Special Reference to Sustainable Development |
| Akanksha Pathak | Dr Aparna Singh | 10.06.2024 | Media Trial And Infringement of Right to Reputation and Privacy: Contemporary Issues and Challenges |

Research Projects

ONGOING PROJECT

Project Directors: Dr Aman Deep Singh & Dr Vikas Bhati, Assistant Professors of Law

- The ongoing UPHRC-sponsored project, titled '**A Study of Issues & Challenges of Digital Human Rights in the State of Uttar Pradesh**' at Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University (RMLNLU) in Lucknow, aims to address the unique challenges and issues related to digital human rights within the diverse state of Uttar Pradesh. The project focuses on critical areas, including data privacy, cyber security, digital literacy, and government surveillance's impact on individual freedom through empirical research, the project seeks to gather data on the awareness and experiences of various stakeholders to contribute to the development of more robust legal and policy responses to the challenges posed by the digital era, ensuring the protection of digital rights in Uttar Pradesh.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

- **Project Director: Dr Manoj Kumar, Assistant Professor of Law**

Completed Research Project of Rs.5,00,000/- on the title 'Socio-Economic Impact of Digital India Scheme in the State of Uttar Pradesh' under 'Special Call for Short- Term Empirical Research Project, 2023- 24' sponsored by Indian Council for Social Science Research, New Delhi in March 2024.

- **Project Director: Dr Aman Deep Singh, Assistant Professor (Law)**

Completed Research Project and submitted a report on 'Functioning of the State Human Rights Commission and District Human Rights Courts in Uttar Pradesh' under the aegis of Public Advocacy Initiatives for Rights and Values in India (PAIRVI), New Delhi.

Annual Book Exhibition

'Annual Book Exhibition-2024' was organized by Madhu Limaye Library of the University on February 26-28, 2024. Latest books, Bare Acts, reports and other documents on Law and allied subjects were displayed by prominent publishers- Oxford University Press, Thomson Reuters, Lexis Nexis, Sweet & Maxwell, Taxmann, Eastern Book Company, Wiley, Sage, Springer, Taylor & Francis, Oak bridge, Orient Blackswan etc. Many students, research scholars, faculty members and officials visited the exhibition and recommended books for the library. The event aimed to attract students, research scholars, faculty members, and officials to the library and promote reading habits.



Student Achievements

PUBLICATIONS

- **Aarya Parihar (B.A. LL.B. -2022-27 Batch)**

- Project-wise CIRP: To Order or Not?. Indian Review of Corporate & Commercial Laws. Available at: <https://www.ircl.in/post/project-wise-cirp-to-order-or-not>

- **Vaishnavi Singh (B.A. LL.B. -2022-27 Batch)**

- "Ageing With Dignity: Critical Appraisal of the 2019 Amendment to Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007" in Rights of Elderly People in India: Challenges and Priorities/ By Centre for Comparative Studies in Personal Laws, NLU Delhi Press, Page 353-368.

Tanya Verma (B.A. LL.B. -2021-27 Batch)

- "YouTube's Biggest Content A Hoax? - Probing into the Grey Areas of Streaming W.R.T. Free Speech & The Need for Specialised Courts" Published at- "CNLU, E-Journal of Academic Innovation and Research in Intellectual Property Assets (E-JAIRIPA)" 30 June 30, 2024. Available at: <https://cnlu.ac.in/storage/2024/07/E-JAIRIPA-Vol-IV-Issue-I-Jan-June-2023.pdf>

Akash Anand and Ishan Singh (B.A. LL.B. -2021-27 Batch)

- "Out of the frying pan, and into the fire: Extension of Police Custody under BNSS", Society for Advancement of Criminal Justice, NUJS Kolkata. (February 04, 2024. Available at: <https://www.nujssacj.com/post/out-of-the-frying-pan-and-into-the-fire-extension-of-police-custody-under-bnss>

Musharraf Ali (B.A. LL.B. -2023-28 Batch)

- The evolution and challenges of sports law in India. The Amikus Qriae'. Available at: <https://theamikusqriae.com/title-the-evolution-and-challenges-of-sports-law-in-india/>

DEBATE ACHIEVEMENTS

Tanya Verma (B.A. LL.B. -2021-27 Batch)

- Breaking adjudicator, UAE WSDC debate, 2024. January 20-21, 2024
- Breaking adjudicator, 16th NUJS Parliamentary Debate 2024. February 24-25, 2024
- Best adjudicator, Vaagyudh Debate, Banaras Hindu University, 2024. March 16-17, 2024

ADR COMPETITION ACHIEVEMENTS

Akash Anand (B.A. LL.B. -2021-27 Batch)

- Best Team, 4th J. S. Verma Memorial National Mediation Competition By MAIMS, March 21, 2024
- Winner, Nyayshastram – PSL Advocates 3rd Ratan K Singh National Negotiation Competition, January 23, 2024.
- Runner Up Best Mediator, Calcutta University International Mediation Competition, March 29, 2024

Ishan Singh (B.A. LL.B. -2021-27 Batch)

- Winner - Nyayshastram 3rd Edition Mediation Competition - January 26-28, 2024
- Best Advocate (Semi-Final Rounds)- Nyayshastram 3rd Edition Mediation Competition - January 26-28, 2024

PLACEMENTS

B.A. LL.B. -2019-24 Batch

| S. N. | Name of the Student | Name of the firm/organization | Position |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | Aarushi Gupta | Shashank Garg Chambers | Junior Lawyer |
| 2. | Abhilash Gaur | P & A Law Offices | Associate |
| 3. | Abhuday Jaiswal | Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas | Associate |
| 4. | Animekh Pandey | Encardio Rite | Assistant Legal Manager |
| 5. | Aryan Ahmed | Chambers of AOR Sudarshan Rajan | Junior Lawyer |

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| 6. | Dhaman Trivedi | Chambers of AOR Ankur Sood | Junior Lawyer |
| 7. | Goutam Mishra | PRO Global Advocates and Solicitors | Associate |
| 8. | Harshit Gupta | Bharucha & Partners | Associate |
| 9. | Irene Sarkar | Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas | Associate |
| 10. | Kishalaya Pal | Zepto | Manager I- Fulfilment and Documentation |
| 11. | Maruti Nandan | Dentons Link Legal | Associate |
| 12. | Mayank Bhandari | Saikrishna & Associates | Associate |
| 13. | Palak Jagetia | AZB & Partners | Associate |
| 14. | Ramya Singh | ANR Law LLP | Associate |
| 15. | Rishita Gupta | TLC Legal | Associate |
| 16. | Saloni Tripathi | EY (Ernst & Young) | Associate Consultant |
| 17. | Shruti Priya Mishra | Chamber of AOR Vivek Narayan Sharma | Junior Lawyer |
| 18. | Sidhant Kampani | PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers) | Associate |
| 19. | Simone Jain | RSA Legal Solutions | Junior Associate |
| 20. | Snehil Balani | Sadananda & Prasad | Associate |
| 21. | Sudhanshu Tewari | Chambers of Talha Abdul Rahman | Junior Lawyer |
| 22. | Sushmita Sharma | Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan | Associate |
| 23. | Varsha Agarwal | HSA Advocates | Associate |
| 24. | Vinayak Gupta | ASV Legal LLP | Associate |
| 25. | Ramya Singh | All India Rank 30 in the Supreme Court Law Clerk cum Research Assistant examination 2024. | |

INTERNSHIPS

Akash Anand (B.A. LL.B. -2021-27 Batch)

- Phoenix Legal - June 2024
- IAMC Hyderabad - May 2024
- PSL Advocates & Solicitors - March 2024
- HSA Advocate - January 2024



Academic Activities

RAM MANOHAR LOHIYA PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE (RMLPD)

Debate and Discussion Committee, RMLNLU organized its flagship event's 12th edition of the Ram Manohar Lohiya Parliamentary Debate (RMLPD) on March 01-03, 2024. It is also famous as the largest Asian Parliamentary debate in Uttar Pradesh, India. This annual event attracts participants from various educational institutions and is celebrated for its scale and intellectual rigour.



ARBITRATION WEEKEND

The Society for Excellence in Arbitration Law, in partnership with the RMLNLU Internship and Placement Committee and the Debate and Discussion Committee, held its first Arbitration Weekend on March 30-31, 2024. Highlights included an Arbitration Conference with Dr Prasenjit Kundu and speakers Radhika Bishwajit Dubey, Surjendu Sankar Das, and Shriya Misra; a Practical Session by Mr Surjendu Sankar Das; an Alternative Debate with panellists Ms Shruti Swaika, Mr Shivam

Grover, and Mr Akshat Bajpai; and a CV Fair & Mock Interviews for student practice.

Arbitration Weekend, organized by the Internship and Placement Committee in collaboration with SEAL, featured a CV Fair that gave students insights into arbitration careers. The event included experts such as Shruti Swalka and Surjendu Sankar Das, who shared their knowledge and engaged with students. The CV Fair offered mock interviews with top legal professionals, offering valuable real-world exposure and direct interaction with industry leaders.



MANTHAN 9.0

RMLNLU's annual event 'MANTHAN' was held on February 10-11, 2024, to advance students' legal careers. The 9th edition included:

- **Panel Discussions on Insolvency:** A Panel Discussion was organized on 'Cross Border Insolvency' and 'Airline Insolvencies'. Top lawyers from Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas and Deloitte were panelists of the programme.
- **Group Discussion Competition:** A Group Discussion Competition was organized on 'student communication and critical thinking skills'. Ms Ayushi Yeliminetti (Batch of 2026) won the first place.
- **CV Fair:** Leading Legal Professionals from Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas and Trilegal conducted Mock interviews and CV writing sessions for the students.
- **Workshop on White Collar Crime:** A workshop on White-Collar Crimes was conducted with the Law Offices of Panag and Babu for the students. Ms Tanya Ganguli and Mr Nilesh Sanwalka moderated the workshop.

SESSIONS ON CYBER SECURITY

On March 03, 2024, the Internship and Placement Committee (IPC) hosted a series of sessions on Cybersecurity and Privacy.

- **Session 1:** 'The Implementation Challenges of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023,' led by alum Mr Anubhav Chaudhary, who discussed the act's inception, challenges, and potential improvements.
- **Session 2:** 'Analyzing the Need for Cybersecurity Legislation,' presented by alumna Ms Monisha Purwar, covered the Indian cybersecurity framework, its global context, and regulatory issues related to emerging technologies.



MASTERCLASS ON IELTS

On April 4, 2024, the Internship and Placement Committee, in collaboration with IDP, hosted an IELTS Masterclass. The session covered the exam format, scoring, and preparation strategies and provided insights into studying abroad. A Counselling Desk was also available from April 4-6, offering personalized guidance and enrollment options for IDP courses. The Masterclass helped students gain essential IELTS knowledge and enhance their study abroad prospects.



WORKSHOP ON ROADMAP TO BETTER NEGOTIATION AND MEDIATION

Mr A.J. Jawad is a renowned mediator and a global faculty member at 'ADR-ODR International'. He organized a workshop at the University for students and participants as part of the 2TG-RMLNLU International Mediation Competition 2024. The workshop offered a nuanced exploration of negotiation and mediation, highlighting the collaborative nature of negotiation and the facilitated approach of mediation.



WORKSHOP ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MEDIATION, LITIGATION, MEDIATORS AND LAWYERS- BEST FRIENDS OR CASUAL ACQUAINTANCES?

Mr Andrew Miller, King's Counsel, is one of the world's most renowned mediators, having over 30 years of experience and 200 mediations. He organized a workshop at the University on "Relationship between Mediation, Litigation, Mediators and Lawyers- Best Friends or Casual Acquaintances?"



Acquaintances?" the session delved into the dynamic interaction between mediation and litigation.

THE 10TH 2TG-RMLNLU INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION

The 10th edition of the 2TG-RMLNLU International Mediation Competition was a confluence of academic and industry expertise, culminating in a resounding success. It is one of the oldest mediation competitions in South Asia. It was organized on March 08-10, 2024. Mr Satish Mahana, a Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly member, graced the event's Valedictory Ceremony as the Chief Guest.



3RD EDITION OF NATIONAL SEMINAR ON LAW AND TECHNOLOGY

The third edition of the National Seminar on Law and Technology, held on February 3-4, 2024, in collaboration with Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas and Co., featured over 80 research papers and attracted more than 150 participants. The seminar, supported by EBC Reader and SCC Online, focused on the intersection of law and technology, with notable guests including Justice Om Prakash Shukla and Dr Sonajharia Minz at the inaugural event. The valedictory session was graced by Justice Subhash Vidyarthi, Dr G.K. Goswami, and Advocate Mohit Singh.



Moot Court Activities & Achievements

CONCOURS-2024

Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, organized 'Concours-2024: a first-year mooting event' on January 13-14, 2024. Mr Shahid Raini addressed topics like intolerant politics, freedom of speech, media ethics, sexual violence, and justice administration. First-year students participated as speakers, researchers, or both and were judged by final-year students. The Competition included preliminary, advanced, and final rounds. Top-ranked participants were selected for the National Moot Court Competitions.

2ND RMLNLU-KOCHHAR & CO. ARBITRATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The 2nd RMLNLU – Kochhar & Co. Arbitration Moot Court Competition was organized with Kochhar & Co. as the title sponsor and featured partnerships with Taylor Wessing, EBC Reader, Law offices of India, APS Law Chambers, and SCC Online from February 23-25, 2024. The top 32 teams who cleared the memorial knockout round participated in the oral rounds of the Competition. The event included a panel discussion and rounds judged by experts from prestigious law firms, concluding with the final round in the Moot Court Hall, attended by Justice Alok Mathur and other dignitaries. Top performers received internships and cash prizes.



MOOT COURT ACHIEVEMENTS

- The team comprised of Ms Bhavna Bothra, Ms Sachika Vij, Ms Komal Aggarwal and Ms Mudrika Jha (Batch of 2021-26) was semifinalist in the **World Rounds of Ian Fletcher's International Insolvency Law Moot 2024** organized by INSOL International and International Insolvency Institute: February 17-25, 2024. The moot problem was based on the principles of cross-border insolvency law with a mix of U.S. and Spanish Bankruptcy Law.
- The team comprising Abia Usmani (Batch of 2027), Achala Baheti (Batch of 2027), Aditya Singh (Batch of 2025), Aman Anand (Batch of 2027), Aravind CS (Batch of 2027), Gaurav Choudhary (Batch of 2025), Maanya Kocher (Batch of 2026), Shubhendra Mishra (Batch of 2025) were adjudged:
 - ❖ Sixteenth Finalists in the 21st Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition held in Hong Kong [March 10-17, 2024]. **(This is the first team from RMLNLU to ever reach this far in the competition)**
 - ❖ Team Received Honorable Mention for Fali S Nariman Award for Best Respondent Memorandum in the 21st Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition held in Hong Kong [March 10-17, 2024]
 - ❖ Aditya Singh (Batch of 2025) Received Honorable Mention for Neil Kaplan Award for Best Oral Advocate in the 21st Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition held in Hong Kong [March 10-17, 2024]
 - ❖ The team was also the Semi-Finalist of the 14th Indian Vis Pre Moot organized by Jindal Global Law School. [February 23-25, 2024]
 - ❖ The team also qualified for the advanced Rounds of AIAC APAC Pre Moot (Team rank 14/140). [Held from February 01-04, 2024]
- The team of Mr Tanjore Agarwal and Ms Kyra Mathur (Batch of 2022-27) was the semifinalist in the 16th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot, 2024. Placed in the top 24 teams for the global rounds in Geneva and cleared the memo knockout rounds among the top 50 qualifying teams and the top 16 teams in the Asia Pacific region.
- Akash Ananad (BA.LL.B -2021-27 Batch) was the winner of CAM & CCI - 11th Mahanama Malviya National Moot, March 10, 2024 and 4th G.D. Goenka International Tech. Law Moot, April 14, 2024.

Extra-co-curricular Activities

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

The 75th Republic Day of India was celebrated by the RMLNLU fraternity on January 26, 2024, with full enthusiasm. Prof. (Dr) Sanjay Singh, officiating Vice-Chancellor, hoisted the national flag. All the students, Faculty members, Officers, and Staff members participated in the celebration. The Republic Day celebration was a momentous occasion that brought together the college community in a spirit of patriotism and solidarity. The organizing of the flag hoisting ceremony, the singing of the National Anthem, and the enlightening speech by the Vice Chancellor reminded us of the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters and the responsibilities we bear as citizens of a democratic nation.





RIWAAYAT-2024

Riwaayat is the flagship event of the Cultural Committee. Spanning four days, the event showcased the talents of our students and fostered a sense of unity and appreciation for the arts. On the first day, a Nukkad Natak, Nrityanjalki, and Alaap were featured, and a blood donation camp was organized. A quiz competition and the Spring Muse took place on the second day. Monoranjan, Nrityanjali, and Rangmanch programmes were organized on 3rd day.

COLOUR FOR FESTIVAL (Holi Celebration)

The Cultural Committee organized a lively Holi party, bringing together students to celebrate colors. The event featured traditional music, dance, and festive activities, creating a vibrant and cheerful atmosphere. The Holi party not only honoured the spirit of the festival but also provided an opportunity for students to relax, have fun, and create lasting memories.



LOHIYA JAYANTI

The Lohiya Jayanti was celebrated by the RMLNLU family with enthusiasm on March 23, 2024. Prof. (Dr) Amar Pal Singh, Vice-Chancellor of the University, along with the faculty members, Officers, and staff members, paid tribute to social-political leader and activist Dr Ram Manohar Lohia on his Birth Anniversary. Dr Lohia's contributions were discussed during the celebrations.

AMBEDKAR JAYANTI

Ambedkar Jayanti was celebrated at Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow on April 14, 2024. The students, faculty members, officers and staff members participated in the celebration and appreciated the contributions of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ram Ji Ambedkar. He was remembered for the creation of social engineering in our society.



PRO BONO CLUB

The Pro Bono Club at Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, was established to provide free legal aid to poor and marginalized communities under the Nyaya Bandhu Scheme by the Department of Justice, Government of India. Launched in April 2017, the program was updated as part of the Pan India Scheme on Access to Justice, known as "Designing Innovative Solutions and Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA)." The

Club engages law students in community service and supports panel lawyers offering pro bono assistance. Led by Dr Manish Singh, Associate Professor, the Club is managed by a 10-member Student Committee selected by the Faculty-in-Charge.

The Club organized Udaan Utsav on January 15, 2024, to celebrate Makar Sankranti and promote a sense of community among students and staff in line with PM's Panch Pran for Amrit Kaal. Other activities included a visit to Lok Adalat on March 9, 2024, and a "Trial, Liberty, and Bail" session by Adv Jayant Bhatt on March 11, 2024. Additionally, a District Jail visit on March 18 addressed bail proceedings and prison conditions under Project ASHA. In accordance with the Standard Operating Procedure set by the Nyaya Bandhu program, the Pro Bono Club RMLNLU has developed "Information Booklets" to educate citizens about their rights. Eight booklets have been published, each focusing on different rights of the citizens.

PRISON VISIT UNDER PROJECT ASHA

The Legal Aid Committee, in collaboration with the Legal Services Clinic and the Pro Bono Club, visited the District Jail of Lucknow on March 18, 2024.

During the visit, our team directly engaged with under-trial prisoners, documenting their legal challenges using a structured approach. The records were then corroborated by the website of the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad Court for accurate information.



VISITS AS PART OF PROJECT SHIKSHA

In January and February 2024, the Legal Aid Committee conducted several outreach activities in Lucknow. On January 30, 2024, they engaged with students and teachers at Prathamik Vidyalaya through educational videos and games. Later, on February 23-24, 2024, there were visits to the slums of Aliganj in collaboration with the Swapna Foundation to educate and empower them about various topics they were unaware of.



Sports Activities

AMBER SAROJ MEMORIAL LOHIYA PREMIER LEAGUE

The intra-college cricket tournament featured four teams assembled by a competitive auction, competing for the championship, where the Dark Warriors emerged victorious. The valedictory ceremony, held on January 18, 2024, marked the culmination of the tournament.





SAHIL ZAIDI MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The Intra College volleyball Tournament, the second of the FENZA series, took place from January 18-20, 2024, organized by the Sports Committee; the tournament featured three well-balanced co-ed teams formed after an auction. After intense competition over three days, Virgin Volley emerged as the champion. The event concluded with a medal ceremony honouring the outstanding performances of all participants.

AAVAHAN 8.0

AAVAHAN 8.0, the annual inter-college sports fest, was successfully organized from February 15-18, 2024. The four-day event, held under the theme "Hustle and Heart," featured various sports, attracting participants nationwide. The fest witnessed intense competition, camaraderie, and a vibrant atmosphere.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Mr Anandeshwar Panday, Secretary General of the Uttar Pradesh Olympic Association.



BALLS OF FURY

The Intra College Table Tennis Tournament, held in the University's Multi-Purpose Hall, concluded its third edition on March 11, 2024. After intense matches, Serve Aces emerged as the champions, with Ping Panthers as runners-up.

PANENKA

The ninth edition of the intra-college cage football tournament concluded successfully on March 15, 2024. Organized by the Sports Committee, the game featured both boys and girls teams competing in a unique cage football format. La Decima and Palmeiras emerged as the boys' and girls' champions, respectively.



CLAIM THE HOOP

The Intra-College Basketball Tournament, 'Claim the Hoop', concluded successfully on March 17, 2024. The tournament featured a player auction and intense competition. The Amazonians and Mambas emerged as the girls' and boys' champions.

RACKET RUMBLE

The Inaugural Intra-College Squash Tournament held between March 16-18, 2024, was a successful addition to the FENZA list. The event attracted significant student participation, showcasing their enthusiasm and interest in trying something new.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

The International Yoga Day was celebrated on June 21, 2024, by the Sports Committee of the University. The Yoga instructor conducted a Yoga Session.

Demonstrating their commitment to fostering a healthy approach to life through the practice of Yoga, Prof. Amar Pal Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Manish Singh, Chairperson of the Sports Committee, along with faculty members, administrative and supporting staff, participated in the said session with great zeal and zest.



Upcoming Programmes

- The University is going to celebrate its 3rd Convocation on July 13, 2024. Hon'ble Dr Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India, Yogi Adiyath, Hon'ble Chief Minister, State of the Uttar Pradesh, Mr Justice Vikram Nath, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Mr Justice Arun Bhansali, Chief Justice, Allahabad High Court and other dignitaries are going to join the event. Students from 2016 onwards of Ph.D., LL.M., BA.LL.B., PGDCL, PGDIPR and PDMME programmes will receive medals, certificates and degrees.
- National Symposium on Changing Contours of Indian Federalism organized by Committee to Organize Seminars, Workshops, Extra-Murals and Special Lectures, Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow on September 22, 2024.

Awareness Drive on Road Safety

The Road Safety Club at Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University (RMLNLU), Lucknow, is a student-driven initiative focused on promoting road safety awareness and education within the university and the broader community. The club aims to address the critical issues of road safety by organizing campaigns and events highlighting the importance of safe driving practices, traffic rules, and responsible behavior on the road.



Column for You

FORENSICS STANDS WITH “THE TRUTH”

Truth is integral to pursuit of justice but it often differs from one person to another, thereby creating perpetual tussle between “My Truth”, “Your Truth” and “The Truth”, which often form the crux of judicial proceedings. Justice and truth are intangible identities and inherently pose great challenge for decision making process. In fact, evidence is the baseline for exploring truth, and probity and integrity of evidence becomes paramount for delivery of justice. In life, everybody plays with truth and evidence, challenging judicial system, hence there is need for scientific corroboration of evidence. India has reformed its criminal justice legal framework by introducing paradigm shift from 'punishment' to justice'; since justice, irrespective of time and space, remains paramount necessity for human growth and development.

Forensic evidence, being neutral, braced with scientific validation and reliability, has proved its corroborative credence at global landscape. Forensic evidence never become party to the lis, and always stand with “the Truth” for ensuring justice, since expert opinion may be used as inculpatory evidence to prove guilt and may corroborate to establish innocence as exculpatory evidence. Forensics, broadly consists of technologies and procedures. The Frye Standard (1913, US Supreme Court) and the Daubert Standard (1993, US Supreme Court) regulate the reliability to validate the technology driven scientific evidence in the courtroom. In modern era, technology component in forensics is optimized and has minimal scope for manipulations. However, for ensuring quality assurance (QA) and quality control (QC), forensics at large involves assembly of procedures to be conducted by various stakeholders such as police, forensic experts etc., where chances of misconduct and malpractices cannot be ruled out. Forensic procedures have different stages such crime scene management, which include identification, lifting, packaging, labeling, transportation, storage etc. of the samples, need to maintain the chain of custody (CoC). Coding and decoding of the samples have utmost consequence for securing the integrity of forensic samples. Thus, the Standard Operating Procedures (SoP) and robust Protocols must be in place. Accreditation of forensic laboratories is the need of the hour.

The legal provisions for expert opinion under the new criminal legislation in India is largely a replica of the old procedural laws. Expert opinion may be provided by the experts from scientific (forensic experts) or non-scientific (art, law, anthropology etc.) domains. It is heartening that new introduced section 176(3) of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Samhita, 2023 has mandated compulsory examination of crime scene by the forensic expert in those offences where prescribed punishment is either seven years or more. Consequently, the role of forensic evidence gets front seat in criminal justice administration. The new provisions of law necessitate augmentation of resources



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both in terms of trained experts and forensic laboratories as well capacity building of various stakeholders of justice system within five years from the date of implementation, precisely till 30 June, 2029. Thus, the future of forensic experts in India seems bright and promising. The forensic professions will be instrumental in providing forensic-aid during judicial proceedings as well.

Interestingly, the term 'forensic' does not figure in the entire set of the Indian Evidence Act (IEA), 1872 nor in Bhartatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA), 2023. There is a dire need to define 'expert' under section 39 of the BSA, 2023, which is replica of section 45 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. The expression 'specially skilled' mentioned in these legal provisions has not been defined resulting in conundrum to decide who is an expert. In *State of Himachal Pradesh v. Jai Lal* [(1999) 7 SCC 280], the apex court elucidated expression 'specially skilled' of s. 45 which entails that an expert must have made a special study or acquired a special experience. Thus, an expert must be skilled with adequate subject knowledge.

Further, junk science & forensic quacks need legal and judicial attention. Various unreliable forensic evidence such as bite mark analysis, blood pattern analysis, hair microscopy has been found to be a potential source of wrongful conviction causing incalculable damage to justice system eroding public trust. Forensic misconduct, especially to support prosecution is yet another global challenge in forensic world. History is rife with live examples like Annie Dookhan, a drug analyst serving at the Hinton State Laboratory Institute in Massachusetts, who was convicted for dry-labbing (preparing concocted expert report without conducting analysis). Other examples include fraud at the Houston Crime Lab in the 2000s, the FBI Hair Analysis Scandal detected in 2015 involving flawed forensic testimonies from the 1980s to the 2000s, the 1997 Shirley McKie fingerprint scandal in Scotland, and the Birmingham Six and Adam Scott cases in the UK. The Anokhilal case (2024, Madhya Pradesh), is a glaring example of forensic misconduct in India where forensic errors led to death penalty being awarded twice in two separate trials due to misinterpreted DNA



evidence. The forensic flaws were uncovered during the third trial, and on March 19, 2024, this case marked India's first DNA-based exoneration.

Cross examination of the material witnesses is the right of an accused under the aegis of fair trial enshrined under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution. Section 328(2), 329(2) and 330(1) of the BSA, 2023 conjointly placed a legal embargo by shortening the fundamental right of the accused. Justice Scalia, in *Melendez-Diaz v Massachusetts* (2009 US SC), held that all analysts had to appear before court even if they “possessed the scientific acumen of Madam Curie and the veracity of Mother Tressa”. Anokhilal also reiterated the need for cross-examination of experts and quality of legal aid. In fact, the legal-aid must be supplemented by providing quality forensic-aid.

Public awareness on forensic science is necessary to enable access to justice to common people. Recent incident of rape with murder of a junior medico at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata is a gruesome example of forensic ignorance, where media has largely reported gang rape and alleged presence of 150 grams of seminal content collected from the corpse of the deceased prosecutrix during autopsy. Later, DNA established the involvement of only one accused. The author has coined term “Community Forensics” for spreading awareness among common mass on basic nuances of forensic justice, which need attention of the policy makers and the academia. Community Forensic Clinics may be introduced in Legal Clinics in the law schools and other institutions.

Law and forensics are complimentary and supplementary to each other, and same intent must be reflected in the epistemology and pedagogy for legal and forensic education. The author has suggested a concept “LAW with LABS”, where students of legal studies must be exposed to hands-on experience in forensic laboratories; and forensic education must incorporate basic concept of law in conjunction with moot court practice for the experts. The new criminal laws in India acknowledge the pivotal role of forensics in the pursuit of justice; but significant challenges remain to be addressed to judiciously translate the legislative intent.



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