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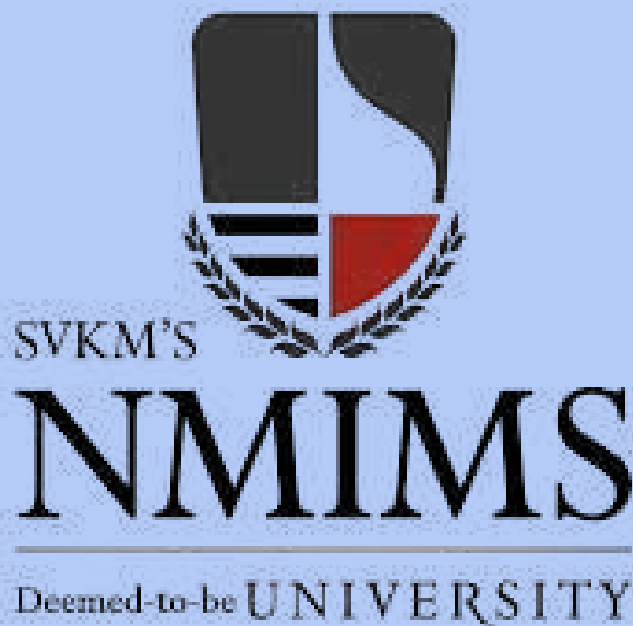
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WORDS OF DIRECTION AND VISION

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

It is with great joy that I extend my congratulations to the team that has brought forth the Third Edition of Solstice. At the School of Law, we encourage our students not only to engage with knowledge but to actively contribute to its creation. This publication stands as a distinguished reflection of that ethos. The articles, reflections, and achievements presented in these pages highlight the intellectual vitality of our student body, the invaluable guidance of our faculty, and the strong academic community we continue to build together. I am confident that this edition, like its predecessors, will leave readers both informed and inspired. Wishing the team continued success.



Dr. Narayani Ramachandran
Professor & Director,
SVKM's NMIMS, Bengaluru



Dr. Tanmeet Kaur Sahiwal
Chairperson, School of Law
SVKM's NMIMS, Bengaluru

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON & FACULTY INCHARGE

It gives me immense pride in commemorating the publication of the Third Edition of our annual newsletter Solstice. Each edition has not only been a chronicle of the vibrant academic and cocurricular life of our students and faculty but also a testament to their intellectual spirit and creative zeal. In a world where the legal profession constantly evolves, Solstice serves as a mirror reflecting our students' ability to think critically, write persuasively, and engage with contemporary issues meaningfully. I congratulate the editorial team, contributors, and faculty mentor for their dedication and vision. May this publication continue to inspire thought, dialogue, and excellence.

MESSAGE FROM OUR FACULTY MENTOR

It has been an enriching experience to support the continued growth of Solstice Third Edition. It is always encouraging to see students embrace the challenge of thoughtful writing and engage with issues that demand reflection and insight. This edition carries forward the legacy of Solstice as a platform that encourages meaningful dialogue, and fresh perspectives. It reflects a community of learners who are not only aware of the world around them but also are eager to contribute to it with purpose and clarity. To all who contributed, your words add value to the conversation. To those reading, may these pages offer new ways of seeing, questioning, and understanding.



Prof. Shraddha Chauhan
School of Law, SVKM's
NMIMS, Bengaluru

SINGHANIA & PARTNERS LLP

Dear Team at NMIMS School of Law, Bengaluru,

It is with great pleasure that we extend our heartfelt congratulations on the launch of Edition 3 of Solstice, your annual flagship newsletter. This initiative is a commendable testament to the power of knowledge, creativity, and intellectual discourse, providing a valuable platform for students, academics, and legal professionals alike.

We appreciate the dedication and effort of the Publications Committee in curating a publication that fosters insightful perspectives and meaningful conversations within the legal fraternity. Solstice is undoubtedly poised to make a significant impact, and we are confident that it will continue to serve as a source of inspiration and excellence.

On behalf of Singhania & Partners LLP, we convey our best wishes for the continued success of Solstice!

Ravi Singhania
Singhania and Partners



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INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE



INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE AT KHAITAN & CO

In the month of March 2025, I had an excellent opportunity to intern in Khaitan & Co., Bangalore in their Labour and employment team. This four-week internship turned out to be not just academically, but also professionally and personally inspirational. The warmth with which I was welcomed on my first day took me completely by surprise.

The team made it possible to work in a setting which was intellectually stimulating yet emotionally comforting. One of the biggest takeaways for me was realizing that while the work we do matters, it's the people we work with who truly define the experience. A sense of responsibility to mentor in the team and approachability made each day something to look forward to.

I was involved in several research work, the focus was labour and employment laws. I had an opportunity to explore related areas such as anti-money laundering laws. I worked on topics like retrenchment, contract labour, and compliance requirements according to the PMLA. Also, entrusted with the preparation of notes and internal summaries, both responsible and motivated towards producing quality work.

Most remarkable was the team's constructive approach to feedback. The space for learning opened up through quiet and clear pointing out of mistakes. It helped in sharpening my legal thinking to be a bit more concise in my write-ups with more belief in my abilities.

When I think of this internship, it will not remind me just of legal exposure; it was of being part of a team that valued growth, curiosity, and collaboration. An experience that will always stay with me.

~ Shreya Sharma
BA LLB, 5th Year

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE AT TRILEGAL

During my time at Trilegal Bangalore, I had the opportunity to work with the Employment and Labour Law team, where I engaged in a wide array of meaningful and intellectually stimulating tasks. One of my key responsibilities involved conducting in-depth legal research, particularly focusing on case laws related to sexual harassment under the POSH Act. I examined precedents and legislative intent to assist in advising clients on best practices for internal compliance and redressal mechanisms.

I also got a chance to work on drafting assignments, such as a detailed note on moral policing by Internal Complaints Committees under POSH, a compliance framework for contractors under the new OSH Code 2020, and case summaries on Section 33 of the Industrial Disputes Act, specifically around the issue of service condition changes during the pendency of disputes.

But beyond the work, what truly made the experience special was the office environment it was dynamic yet welcoming, and the culture was driven but not overwhelming. The associates were incredibly supportive — they took the time to explain concepts, involve me in discussions, and encouraged me to voice my thoughts. Their mentorship helped me grow both in legal understanding and professional confidence, and I was fortunate to build some really meaningful connections during my time there.

There were some informal engagements which made this internship memorable, from impromptu coffee breaks and lunchtime discussions to sharing playlists. The pantry coffee deserves a special mention — I had three cups every single day, and honestly, it became a small ritual that got me through long reading hours and drafting marathons! Overall, my experience at Trilegal wasn't just about learning the law; it was about being part of a vibrant legal community, developing practical insight, and enjoying the journey along the way.

~ Ankitha Iyer
BA LLB, 3rd Year

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE AT GNP REALITIES LLP

In December 2024, I had the opportunity to gain extensive experience in land law and real estate transactions during my tenure at GNP Realities LLP. This role provided invaluable exposure to the legal and regulatory aspects of property transactions, allowing me to develop a comprehensive understanding of title due diligence, legal compliance, and statutory frameworks governing land in Maharashtra.

One of my primary responsibilities involved drafting title deeds, preparing requisition lists, and conducting due diligence under the Transfer of Property Act (TPA). A substantial portion of my work revolved around properties located in the Navi Mumbai Airport Influence Notified Area (NAINA), a region subject to stringent regulatory oversight due to its strategic significance in urban planning and infrastructure development.

Beyond title verification, I gained significant experience in Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) laws, particularly in matters related to land allotment and acquisition. Working on these aspects required a deep dive into government policies governing industrial land, including understanding the leasehold rights, conversion processes, and conditions imposed by MIDC. Ensuring compliance with MIDC regulations was essential for facilitating seamless property transactions, minimizing legal risks, and preventing disputes related to land use and ownership.

Overall, my time at GNP Realities LLP significantly enhanced my legal expertise in property law, regulatory compliance, and transactional due diligence. It strengthened my ability to analyze legal documents, conduct thorough research, and ensure that real estate transactions comply with statutory and regulatory requirements. This experience has provided me with a strong foundation in real estate law and land governance, which I aim to build upon as I continue my legal career.

~ Pratthamesh Shindde
BBA LLB, 3rd Year

ARTICLES



JOINT VENTURE COMPLAINT UNDER CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

In the recent years, joint complaints under the Consumer Protection Act of 2019 have emerged as a crucial instrument for customers having similar complaints against the same constructor or service provider. Case laws in this field have made such complaints clearer. Important guidelines have been established by a number of seminal decisions, such as *Brigade Enterprises Ltd. v. Anil Kumar Virmani*, *Vikrant Singh Malik v. Supertech Ltd.*, and *Ambrish Kumar Shukla v. Ferrous Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.* These rulings highlight that the commonality of the grievance—rather than specific elements like the transaction's size, cost, or timing—is the main need for submitting a joint complaint. Furthermore, the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission's (NCDRC) jurisdictional threshold is established by the total value of the claims rather than their individual values.

In *Vikrant Singh Malik v. Supertech Ltd.*, the Hon'ble Supreme Court affirmed the principle that under Section 12(1)(c) of the Consumer Protection Act, the test applied is the "sameness of interest." It encompasses:

- Representation in Complaints
- Cumulative Consideration of Costs
- Importance of Sameness of Interest
- Necessary Averments

Conditions for Filing Complaint: The Court's ruling suggests that for a complaint to be accepted under Section 35(1)(c) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, it must meet either of the below conditions.

- Ensuring Representation
- Legal Framework: Section 58 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019

In addition to promoting more inclusive and effective dispute settlement, the focus on "sameness of interest" has improved access to justice for sizable segments of impacted customers. The NCDRC can more successfully resolve complex disputes by concentrating on the total worth of the claims, guaranteeing that consumer protection laws fulfill their stated function of defending consumer right.

~ Ishika Dutta
BA LLB, 4th Year

DEEP FAKES: THE RISING THREAT TO PRIVACY, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, AND DIGITAL TRUST?

Over the past few months there is widespread news about famous Bollywood celebrities being prey to deep fakes. It all began in 2017, when a software developer posted on an online platform swapped images of Hollywood celebrities with porn artists. In this era of AI and technology, deep fakes have been more prominent and are raising serious ethical and legal challenges in terms of Personal Data Protection and Intellectual Property Rights.

What are deep fakes?

Deep fake is a type of AI technology that creates fake images, videos and voice recordings. Morphing, cloning, superimposing pictures or entirely creating new images which are commonly seen in deep fakes. As the name suggests, it is a combination of deep learning and producing fake content. Technology has advanced to a level that even one single photo of the target is enough to create anything with that source.

Another major question that arises from this issue is that restricting people's access to creative content or limit their access to information violates the Fundamental Right of Freedom of Speech and Expression guaranteed under the Constitution of India. In the landmark Indian case of *Anil Kapoor v. Simply Life India & Others*, 2023, there was unauthorized use of Anil Kapoor's personality and public image. It included deep fake videos where his image was used without his consent. This had a negative impact on the actor's livelihood since their livelihood is majorly dependent upon their public image.

The right to privacy and the right to freedom of speech and expression are both fundamental rights. But while deciding over both, the courts should seek to achieve a balance and check the gravity of the wrong done. When it comes to determining the liability, usually in cases of Intellectual Property, the creator is held liable for any inappropriate content or engaging in unethical means. In traditional creations it was easy to trace the creator of the content. But when any content is AI generated, it is a difficult task to determine who exactly the owner of that content is. Whether it's the AI tool or the one who gave the prompt or the one who developed the AI tool? Moreover, AI tools are so widely used by a vast population, which makes it harder to keep track on who created what. This again brings us to the fact that the data fiduciary plays

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an important role who should manage how the data is accessed and processed. Passing off has been a major problem in traditional trademarks. It is when one party tries to misrepresent their goods or services as those of another using the famous trademark of the other. This causes confusion among the consumers and leads to a financial crunch. The original registered trademark owners suffer adversely, and the wrong doers are benefitting from it.

Due to the growth in technology, the process of creating a deep fake has been democratized. Because of the ease of accessing such technology it is hard to trace down the creator and the intent with which the deep fake was created. These deep fakes create a possible spread of misinformation and inappropriate content. In 2019, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) raised concerns regarding the same and stated that deep fakes are a serious threat to human rights mainly right to privacy. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) of The European Union (EU) states that, “the personal data of a person must be accurate and up to date. If there’s any inaccurate data, it must be erased or rectified without any delay”.

To tackle the issue, the DPDP Act defines personal data breach as, “any unauthorized processing of personal data or accidental disclosure, acquisition, sharing, use, alteration, destruction or loss of access to personal data that compromises the confidentiality, integrity or availability of personal data”.

This requires a multi-faceted approach. Data protection laws should be strengthened, AI-driven detection mechanisms should be enforced, data fiduciaries should regulate the content. The government along with tech companies and legal bodies should collaborate to implement the same. Moreover, public awareness and the integration of technologies like blockchain can help verify content authenticity.

~ Sanika Ravishankar
BA LLB, 3rd Year

A BEAUTIFUL LIE: REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN INDIA

Specifically referring to the refugees and asylum seekers in India our country does not have codified or written down laws and regulations for them however their protection comes covered in the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and in the Foreigners Act of 1946 in depth if you think about it even though our constitution does not include a separate law for the refugee protection however minor intricacies in our constitution look into safeguarding the rights of the people not only bound by the nations but also others residing in the nation. But does this alone stand as a good thing for the refugees and asylum seekers?

When a stand long ago was made to deport Rohingya refugees with UNHRC cards in New Delhi and detain them it was seen as an atrocious act, why and how could the government deport them back to the place that they were running from themselves. But what stood between that was the very fact that no refugee can be deported because our constitution protects not only citizens, but all those within the territory of India through Article 21, which obliges the State to protect the life and liberty of anyone within the territory.

Although the CAA protects the refugees in India was it really helping the Rohingya's was the next question, it was all good and fine when it was put down on paper however when it came to execution it was hard to determine if this act was a boon or bane to the asylum seekers from Myanmar. The specific part that even holds controversies even now is that it said it would fast-track citizenship to undocumented Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christian immigrants from countries such as Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

But Muslim refugees and asylum seekers were kept out. Was this discrimination? Yes, it was keeping out an entire ethnicity of people especially the ones that are at minority and were coming from other countries to protect themselves was the peak point for controversy. India even though tries its best to place and provide a shelter and all basic help to the refugees they still lack in providing to the Muslim minority they face a varied form of discrimination barring them from getting basic needs.

A BEAUTIFUL LIE: REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN INDIA

Women have no access to healthcare, the children are not allowed to go to schools in India, and even locals in the country treat them like outcast in society. To protect these people step one would be to help make them become documented citizens remove the shackles of ethnicity which stop them from not getting their basic rights and start by providing them the support they need.

Protecting the refugees becomes not only a duty but a responsibility of the neighbouring country to protect the people in Myanmar who have been harmed and who have been victims of the genocidal attacks. Why is it that the country like India doesn't seem to have solid law safeguarding the Refugees? Having this in mind it is also to be considered that India is a developing nation and that they are not within the capacity to bring in an entire ethnicity of people as refugees into the country owing to the already very large population numbers in India. Maybe India not signing the 1951 UN Refugee Convention does protect India from issues such as large influx of refugees and potential risks they may face.

India has amended Acts to include minority groups and promote equal treatment to refugees. Understanding the complexities of our nation is complicated and we cannot even fathom to think how hard it is for the government to include everyone while creating laws.

~ Anusha Nair
BA LLB, 1st Year

A CONSTITUTIONAL CRITIQUE ON ALLOWING COMPENSATORY SURROGACY

Surrogacy is a well-known method of alternative reproductive technique, wherein a woman agrees to bear the child of another (either being the traditional genetic mother or as a gestational carrier) by providing for gestating conditions for a baby to be born and handed over to a contracted party. India, once a global hub for commissioning cheap and affordable surrogates round the clock, has found itself shackled by the prohibition of commercial surrogacy through the legislative acts. The Surrogacy (Regulation) Act of 2021 comprehensively forbids commercial surrogacy on moral grounds of exploitation of labour of pregnant women, with a vow to end exacerbating inequalities, the commodification of children and ill treatment between the commissioning parents and the gestational mother.

The idea behind regulating surrogacy stems from the thought that the State not only has an active responsibility to realise the basic interest of individuals in having children and creating a family, but also to realise such interest in a way that it does not clash with the welfare motive of the state and the expanding contours of Article 21 such as Right to Reproductive Autonomy. The paradoxical nature of the blanket ban on commercial surrogacy seems to thrive on the aspect of deciding who can be allowed to have a baby through surrogacy, even for those who have to resort to such a practice as a last resort. Surrogacies for all?

However, if the carrier performs the task out of goodwill and compassion without receiving any financial compensation for the same, provided that the basic medical cost is taken care of, then it is referred to as altruistic surrogacy. The post proposes a middle ground which is compensatory surrogacy i.e. compensating the surrogate mother with state sponsored or state decided financial compensation along with close monitoring of the surrogate mother's living conditions, in order to help in accessibility of the service to more aggrieved couples. The need for such a middle ground for surrogacy stems from the lengthy processes of adoption and the blanket ban on commercial surrogacy, disincentivising potential surrogates to come forward and help.

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Not only this, but in many circumstances, intending parents are not able to find good surrogates through the altruistic surrogacy route. Thus, it becomes important for compensatory surrogacy to fill the gap.

The origins of the Doctrine of Transformative constitutionalism can be traced to BR Ambedkar's firm belief of the constitution as an evolving framework that constitution as an evolving framework that continues to transform with society to promote dignity, autonomy, and non-discrimination. Article 21's ever expanding approach through cases like B.K. Parthasarathi v. Government Of Andhra Pradesh and K.S Puttaswamy v. Union of India to also include the right to reproductive autonomy and the right to procreate is the result of the usage of such doctrine.

Route of Redemption: Compensatory Surrogacy

The Indian legislature's ban on commercial surrogacy aimed to halt India's rise as a global surrogacy hub by preventing the exploitation of economically vulnerable women by wealthy international clients. Thus, challenging the notion that poorer nations should provide reproductive labour for richer ones and reinforcing the principle that global inequalities based on class and race are unacceptable.

~ Harjas Singh Gulati
BA LLB, 4th Year

THE CRISPR PATENT BATTLE: A FAMILIAR STORY

The CRISPR-Cas9 gene-editing technology has transformed biotechnology, offering the potential to treat genetic disorders, improve agricultural crops, and even reshape entire industries. But along with its revolutionary promise, it has sparked one of the most contentious patent battles in recent history. At the heart of the dispute are two key groups: 1. Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer Doudna, who were the first to publish research on CRISPR-based gene editing in 2012 and later won the Nobel Prize for their work. 2. Feng Zhang and the Broad Institute, who secured the first granted patent for CRISPR in eukaryotic cells (i.e., human, animal, and plant cells), a crucial application of the technology.

The question of who owns CRISPR has led to legal disputes across multiple jurisdictions, with significant stakes for pharmaceutical companies, researchers, and investors. But while CRISPR is a product of modern science, its patent battle is part of a much older pattern—one that echoes the legal fights over another world-changing invention: the light bulb. Despite the time gap, the similarities are striking:

Multiple parties competing for control over a groundbreaking technology

- High commercial stakes shaping entire industries
- Legal battles playing out across international borders
- A complex patent landscape that could influence future innovation.

The light bulb transformed daily life in the 19th century, just as CRISPR is set to redefine medicine and agriculture. Both technologies mark pivotal moments in human progress, making the legal ownership of their patents a matter of global interest. Just as Thomas Edison and Joseph Swan independently developed the light bulb, Charpentier, Doudna, and Zhang have all contributed significantly to CRISPR-based gene editing. History shows that major scientific breakthroughs often emerge from multiple sources, leading to disputes over who should claim ownership. Edison's success was not just about invention—it was about refinement. His carbonized bamboo filament significantly extended the light bulb's lifespan, making it commercially viable. Similarly, the Broad Institute patented an improved version of CRISPR-Cas9 optimized for eukaryotic cells, demonstrating how modifications can play a crucial role in patent disputes. Today, CRISPR has fuelled a booming biotech sector, with billions invested in genetic research, pharmaceuticals, and startups. Control over such technology like the CRISPR dispute, like many before it will not just determine who profits, but it will also shape the future of medicine, biotechnology, and global patent law itself.

~ Maneesha Gupta
BA LLB, 3rd Year



POETRY

NEVER GIVE UP

A million of dreams in my eyes,
And I know where my peace lies,
But it's never in my reach,
'cause everyone just wants to preach,
In this story I don't know my part,
Someone said just follow you heart,
But no one said it was going to be so hard.
Otherwise I would have upheld my guard,
Now all the mean things are reason for my despair,
And I feel broken beyond repair,
But I believe that everything happens for a reason,
Tomorrow will be whole new happy season,
I know I act childish,
Some may even say foolish,
But I still want people to love me,
Still want them to respect me,
And I still want my freedom with me.....with me.

~ Vashya P Kumar
BBA LLB, 2nd year

क्या हुआ होगा

कितना पानी है कितना लहू,
कोई हिसाब न मिला ।
मेरे सवालों की अदालतों में भी,
कोई जवाब न मिला ।
कुछ ने पढ़ी कानून की किताबें,
की इन्साफ मिल सके ।
कुछ को सब कुछ मिला जहाँ में
बास इन्साफ न मिला ।

~ Hritik Raj
BA LLB, 3rd Year



TRIPLE TALAQ: EXAMINING FAITH BY SALMAN KHURSHID

PUBLISHER: OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS INDIA (2018)

Salman Khurshid's *Triple Talaq: Examining Faith* dives into one of India's most contentious legal and social debates: the practice of instant divorce (talaq-e-biddat) in Muslim communities. Written with clarity and depth, the book serves as both a legal analysis and a call for reform, making it accessible to students, scholars, and general readers alike. "Reforming traditions isn't about rejecting faith, it's about returning to its true spirit of justice." Salman Khurshid Khurshid, a senior lawyer and former politician, played a key role in the landmark 2017 Supreme Court case *Shayara Bano v. Union of India*, which declared triple talaq unconstitutional. His book dissects this verdict while exploring broader questions about Islam's compatibility with modern constitutional values like equality and justice.

He argues that practices like triple talaq—where a man can divorce his wife by saying "talaq" thrice—are not rooted in the Quran but are later innovations that harm women's rights. The book dives into the history of triple talaq, explaining how Prophet Muhammad originally introduced divorce rules to protect women, including a three-month waiting period (iddat) to allow reconciliation. Over time, however, some Muslim scholars twisted these rules into a one-sided, instant practice. Khurshid criticizes conservative groups like the All-India Muslim Personal Law Board for clinging to outdated traditions instead of embracing the Quran's emphasis on fairness. He also highlights the clash between India's constitutional values—like equality and justice—and religious customs, using philosopher Ronald Dworkin's ideas to argue that courts must prioritize human rights over discriminatory practices.

For instance, he praises the Supreme Court's decision to ban triple talaq as a step toward aligning religious practices with modern ethics. Khurshid doesn't just focus on India. He compares the country's struggles to Muslim-majority nations like Egypt and Tunisia, which have already banned instant divorce. This global perspective shows how India lags behind in updating personal laws, and he suggests adopting gender-neutral interpretations of Islamic divorce rules to bridge the gap.

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD BY HARPER LEE

HARPER COLLINS PUBLISHERS (11 JULY 1960)

The book “To kill a mockingbird” by Harper Lee narrates a timeless tale portraying injustice and prejudice through the eyes of a young girl Scout Finch. Set in the fictional town of Maycomb, Alabama, the novel offers critical observation into human behaviour and societal flaws during the Great depression. Racism permeates into judicial decisions and what follows is a tragic death of an innocent man.

A mockingbird symbolises innocent people and their contribution to the society. Just like a mockingbird does no harm but fills the world with musical chirp, is an innocent man whose existence delivers virtue but no pain. When an innocent man falls victim of prejudice by the very esteemed jury it shows complete failure of the principles of justice and morality.

The story revolves around Scout's father, Atticus Finch, an upright lawyer who defends Tom Robinson, a Black man falsely accused of raping a white woman, Mayella Ewell. Despite striking evidence proving Tom's innocence, he is held guilty by an all-white jury and is finally killed in an attempt to escape custody.

Right to a fair trial and equality before law are the cornerstones of constitutionalism. Arbitrariness and bias are the antithesis to the very principle of Justice. The death of Tom is not only a failure of the legal machinery but an irreparable scar on humanity and civil conscience.

The story subtly underscores through the character of Scout that how our childhood innocence is lost while adulting when faced with harsh societal realities. From seeing everything as right or wrong, Scout's perspective changes and she starts understanding intricacies of human nature.

The book explores a contradiction between deep rooted prejudice and humanity. With symbolic characters and vivid portrayals. The book leaves a mark on our understanding of society and justice.

~ Somsuta Paul
BA LLB, 2nd year

ACHIEVEMENTS

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UNITED NATIONS MILLENNIUM FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship is a program that supports students in advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This year's cohort focused on SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, through their project "Justice Reinvented: Empowering Institutions for Peace."

The cohort: published newsletters, curated a Peace Charter and Justice Blueprint, hosted an SDG Dialogue Table on unity, inclusion, and justice, and took over MCN's Instagram to showcase campus efforts. NMIMS School of Law was also represented at the Millennium Fellowship Global Graduation Ceremony.



COHORT OF 2024

Maneesha Gupta (Campus Director)

Sanika Ravishankar (Campus Director)

Cheruvu Amruta Saranya

Jay Kumar Gupta

Venkata Kishore Sreemalle

Rajashree Kishen Kumar

Shreya Shreeja

Khushal Goyal



WIPO SUMMER SCHOOL



Maneesha Gupta, a third-year student at NMIMS School of Law, Bengaluru, has been selected to attend the WIPO Summer School on Intellectual Property, hosted by the University of Geneva as part of its Geneva Summer Schools initiative.

MOOT COURT



Winners of 10th Annual
Moot Court Competition,
2025 conducted by SRM
School of Law, Chennai
Jay Kumar Gupta (2021-26)
Kishore Venkat (2021-26)
Amruta Chervu Saranya
(2022-27)



Winners of 1st Varaa
VynoLegal National Moot
Court Competition, 2025
Jay Kumar Gupta (2021-26)
Kishore Venkat (2021-26)
Amruta Chervu Saranya
(2022-27)

MOOT COURT



Best Advocate Award
4th National Moot Court
Competition,
LegalLock.
Somsuta Paul (centre)
BA LLB (2023- 2028)



Runners- up
10th National Moot Court
Competition, 2025
Jay Kumar Gupta (2021-26)- Best
Gentleman Advocate
Kishore Venkat (2021-26)
Amruta Chervu Saranya (2022-27)



Runners- up
National Moot Court
Competition, 2025, PES
University
Khushal Goyal (2021-26)(centre)
Dristi Baranwal (2021- 26)(right)
Shreya Shreeja (2021-26)(left)

MEDIATION & CONCILIATION



Best Mediator Award in the St.
Joseph's International Commercial
Law Mediation Competition, 2025
Amruta Chervu Saranya (BA LLB
2022-27)



Runners- up
2nd National Mediation Competition,
2024, The Legal Lock
Khushal Goyal (2nd from left) (2021- 26)
Yash Gupta (3rd from left)(2021- 26)



Runners- up
First National Labour Law Conciliation
Competition, 2024.
Jay Kumar Gupta (BBA LLB 2021-26)
(right)
Kishore Venkat (BBA LLB 2021-26) (left)
Amruta Chervu Saranya (centre) (BA
LLB 2022-27)- Best Conciliator

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Mewin D'Souza
(BA LLB 2024-29)

- High Commendation in the United Nations Human Rights Council, Symbiosis Institute of Business Management
- Honourable Mention in the United Nations Security Council, Christ University Bannerghatta MUN (CUBSMUN'25)
- High Commendation in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Aloysius MUN



Srinidhi Kalivendi
(BBA LLB 2024-29)

- Honourable Mention in the United Nations Human Rights Council, United Conference (UNICON'25)
- Verbal Mention in the United Nations Human Rights Council, Christ University Bannerghatta MUN (CUBSMUN'25)

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Sumanyu Mahapatra
(BBA LLB 2024-29)
Honourable Mention in the
All-India Political Party Meet,
United Conference
(UNICON'25)



Ayaan Shankar Ayatu
(BA LLB 2024-29)
Verbal Mention in the
International Press Corps,
School of India



Haniya Hussain
(BA LLB 2024-29)
Verbal Mention in the United
Nations Human Rights Council,
Christ University Bannerghatta
MUN (CUBSMUN'25)



Solaris 2.0, the flagship fest of NMIMS Bengaluru, was a spectacular blend of intellect, innovation, and inspiration. Bringing together students from across the country, the two-day extravaganza featured thought-provoking panel discussions, engaging competitions, and dynamic cultural events. Solaris 2.0 truly reflected the spirit of growth, excellence, and collaboration.



2ND JUSTICE C.K. THAKKER MOOT & MEDIATION COMPETITION 2025



The competition aimed to foster a holistic approach to dispute resolution by integrating moot court advocacy and mediation into a single platform. The competition is designed to equip law students with the skills necessary for effective legal practice, emphasizing both adversarial litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

ONE LAW'S EVIDENCE ENIGMA: CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION



The Film and Theatre Society organized an engaging Crime Scene Investigation event, blending creativity with critical thinking. Participants stepped into the shoes of detectives, analyzing clues and interrogating suspects to solve a thrilling mystery. The event captivated audiences, showcasing talent, teamwork, and storytelling in a uniquely interactive experience.

SCRIPTIVOX 1.0

ARTICLE WRITING COMPETITION



Scriptivox 1.0, the online article writing competition organized by the Publications Committee and the Literary Society of NMIMS School of Law, Bengaluru, is a competition designed to foster legal research, analytical reasoning, and scholarly writing among law students.

JASHN - E - JUNOON



Jashn-e-Junoon, organized by the Tarunya - Cultural Committee, was a vibrant celebration of talent and passion. The event featured mesmerizing solo and dual dance performances, soul-stirring singing, and an electrifying Battle of Bands. It brought together energy, creativity, and rhythm, leaving the audience enthralled and cheering for more.



ORIENTATION

Orientation Week for the freshers in August 2024 was a vibrant welcome into the world of law school, where they were introduced to the college, their enthusiastic seniors, and the charm of Bangalore. It marked the beginning of friendships, endless possibilities, and memories waiting to unfold.



CONVOCATION

The Convocation Ceremony for the seniors of the School of Law held in August 2024 was a heartfelt tribute to their journey, filled with pride, nostalgia, and celebration. As they donned their robes, the air shimmered with dreams fulfilled and futures waiting to unfold.



MOOT COURT SOCIETY

The esteemed society is entrusted with the responsibility of cultivating a thriving legal landscape by administering and facilitating all mooting-related activities at NMIMS School of Law, Bengaluru. The committee organized 2nd Justice C.K. Thakker Moot and Mediation Competition.

Convenor: Hemant Chopra (4th Year BBA LLB)

Deputy Convenor: Khushal Goyal (4th Year BA LLB)

THE BOARD OF ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

It stands as a distinguished catalyst for dispute resolution. Since its establishment in 2019, the Board has remained unwavering in its mission to acquaint students with the realm of out-of-court settlements and negotiation methodologies. Board of Alternate dispute resolution held a training session for Mediation on 1st August, 2024.

Convenor: Aakash Srivastava (4th Year BA LLB)

Deputy Convenor: Kashish Agarwal (4th Year BBA LLB)



Intra Moot X Mediation was held by Moot Court Society in collaboration with Board of Alternate Dispute Resolution (7th - 10th August, 2024). A training session for Moot and Mediation was held by both the committees (1st August, 2024), 2nd Justice C.K. Thakker Moot and Mediation Competition (20th and 21st March, 2025)

TARUNYA- THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE

It is more than just a group of individuals; it's a vibrant community where creativity, talent, and camaraderie come together to create unforgettable memories. Known as the heart of the college, Tarunya is the driving force behind the most colorful events on campus. The committee organized Jashn-E-Junoon – Cultural Fest.

Convenor: Manreet Kaur (4th Year BBA LLB)

Deputy Convenor: Aakash Sachdeva (4th Year BBA LLB)



Icebreakers (2nd August, 2024), Rubaroo (Tarunya) (12th August, 2024), Onam (13th September, 2024), Teacher's Day (5th September, 2024), Ganesh Chaturthi (6th– 8th September, 2024), Lohri (20th January, 2025), and Bollywood Day (6th February, 2025), Jashn-E-Junoon – Cultural Fest (20th & 21st March, 2025)

Every event from soulful devotional aartis to bhangra beats and cinematic flair showcased unity, creativity, and an unforgettable burst of culture and fun!



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ZENITH - THE SPORTS COMMITTEE

Championing the spirit of sportsmanship, Zenith organizes dynamic events, fosters a vibrant sporting culture, and proudly represents the college in intercollegiate competitions. Bringing energy, unity, and a much-needed break from law school rigor, Zenith truly keeps the campus spirit alive.

Convenor: Ganesh Ram (4th Year BBA LLB)

Deputy Convenor: Aryan Kohli (4th Year BBA LLB)



Rubaroo (Zenith) (13th August, 2024), BazBall (7th October, 2024), and Zenith Arena (13th – 14th February, 2025).

The momentum soared at Zenith Arena, a two-day sports bonanza where high-energy events kept the campus roaring with cheers and champion vibes!

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

ILHR championed human rights through powerful initiatives like the Inter-NMIMS Article and Slogan Writing Competitions, and the impactful inauguration of Human Rights Carta 3.0. Insightful panel discussions on women's workplace rights stirred meaningful dialogue across the year.

Convenor: Jay Kumar Gupta (4th Year BBA LLB)

Deputy Convenor: Saathvika S (4th Year BBA LLB)



Inter NMIMS Article Writing Competition (23rd – 25th Sept, 2024), Watch Word- Inter NMIMS Slogan Writing Competition (8th Oct – 7th Nov, 2024), Inauguration of Human Rights Carta 3.0 (10th Dec, 2024), Panel Discussion on Human Rights of Women at Workplace (8th Feb, 2025), and Circulation of International Women's Day Booklet, 2025 (8th Mar, 2025).

DEBATE SOCIETY

The Debate Society kicked off the session with a power-packed Training Session that honed debating skills and tuned arguments to precision. The Intra Debate followed with fiery clashes of wit and wisdom, where voices rose, ideas collided, and intellect ruled the room.

Convenor: Ananya Sharma (4th Year BBA LLB)

Deputy Convenor: Rithika CH (4th Year BBA LLB)



Debate Training Session (30th August, 2024) and Intra Debate (9th & 10th September, 2024).

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR LAW AND TECH

COE Law and Tech organized engaging events such as the “Tech Law Quest” to address pressing issues in technology law, alongside a competitive article writing contest and a vital Cyber Awareness Drive. These initiatives fostered learning, awareness, and innovative discussions in the rapidly evolving field of tech law.

Convenor: Shruti Aggarwal (4th Year BA LLB)



Tech Law Quest - Solve, Learn, Protect (20th – 21st August, 2024), Intra Article Writing Competition (19th February, 2025), and Cyber Awareness Drive (11th February, 2025).



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MODEL UNITED NATIONS SOCIETY

MUNSOC sparked diplomatic brilliance with Diplomacy Dash'24, an intense intra-college MUN that honed debating flair and negotiation skills. It was followed by NMIMS Global Diplomatic Conference 2.0, a national-level spectacle where delegates from different colleges showcased stellar diplomacy, strategy, and global insight.

Convenor: Sejal Das (4th Year BBA LLB)

Deputy Convenor: Devashish Mandal (4th Year BA LLB)



Diplomacy Dash'24 (Intra MUN) (27th – 28th Sept, 2024) and NMIMS Global Diplomatic Conference 2.0 (31st Jan – 1st Feb, 2025).

THE FILM AND THEATRE SOCIETY

The Film and Theatre Society lit up the stage with creativity all year — from the hilarious satire of The Business Debacle and the heartwarming Ganesh Chaturthi play to the fun of Twinning Day and the thrilling Evidence Enigma CSI competition. The committee organized Evidence Enigma: Crime Scene Investigation Competition.

Convenor: Kimaya Dalvi (4th Year BBA LLB)



The Business Debacle (Scam Roleplay) (10th September, 2024), Twinning Day (2nd August, 2024), and Ganesh Chaturthi Play (6th September, 2024), Evidence Enigma: Crime Scene Investigation Competition (21st March, 2025)



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THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE & SAHITYA - THE LITERARY SOCIETY

The Publications Committee is responsible for capturing and communicating the voice of our community. Whether it's through newsletters, event coverage, or creative projects, the committee works to make sure that what happens here is remembered and shared in a thoughtful way. The committee organized Scriptivox 1.0 in collaboration with Sahitya.

Convenor: Dristi Baranwal (4th Year BA LLB)

The Literary Society sparked minds with a year full of intellectual magic, from fierce debates and global article competitions to bookish bonds and fun literary games. With events like Books & Bonds, Literary Icebreakers, and a fiery panel discussion in collaboration with the Publications Committee, it was all about ideas, insight, and imagination coming alive!

Convenor: Ishika Dutta (4th Year BA LLB)

Deputy Convenor: Kriti Adesara (4th Year BA LLB)



Inter NMIMS Article Writing Competition (23rd Aug – 25th Sept, 2024), Books & Bonds (16th – 21st Oct, 2024), Ice Breaker Event (10th Sept, 2024), and Panel Discussion on “Justice in Books versus Justice in Practice: From Theory to Reality – Bridging the Gap in Theory and the System” (7th Feb, 2025), Scriptivox - Article Writing Competition – (21st March, 2025)



THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

The Placements Committee organized a series of insightful guest lectures and targeted training sessions, equipping students with strategic career guidance across diverse legal fields including IP, litigation, corporate law, and tax.

Convenor: Nethraa Nimbawat (5th Year BBA LLB)

Deputy Convenor: Abhyudaya Singh (5th Year BBA LLB)



Guest Lecture by Ms. Neela Badami: Navigating your Legal Career (24th Aug, 2024), Guest Lecture by Ms. Meghana Satish Singh: Unlocking Careers in Intellectual Property (21st Sept, 2024), Guest Lecture by Mr. Aditya Chatterjee: A Worm's Eye View to a Career in Litigation (28th Sept, 2024), Guest Lecture by Ms. Smitha Chandrashekhar: The Corporate Legal Landscape (5th Oct, 2024), and Guest Lecture by Mr. Brijesh Kothary & Ms. Saundarya Sinha: The Role of GST in the Era of AI and Automation (8th Mar, 2025).

Training Session: CV and LinkedIn Profile Building for 1st year (4th & 5th Sept 2024)

Training Session: CV and LinkedIn Profile Building for 2nd & 3rd years (17th Sept 2024)

Training Session: Mastering SOPs, Cover Letters, and LinkedIn Profiles for 1st year (15th Oct)

Mock Interview Session (18th Jan, 2025)

LEGAL AID SOCIETY

The Legal Aid Society championed awareness and justice with powerful and thought-provoking events.

Convener: Fatema Lokhandwala (5th Year BBA LLB)

Deputy Convener: Sudhanshu Singh (5th Year BBA LLB)



NMIMS Intra-School Poster Making Competition (14th Aug – 20th Sept, 2024), Masterclass on the theme of Taxation: “Role of Tax Law in Ensuring Access to Justice” (14th Sept, 2024), and representation in Third Prof. V.S. Mallar Memorial Legal Aid Competition 2024, Nukkad Natak and Jan Sunwahi Component (18th Oct, 2024).

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN CORPORATE LAW STUDIES AND GOVERNANCE

The Centre of Excellence in Corporate Law Studies and Governance (CLSG) stands as a dynamic hub for academic inquiry, experiential learning, and innovation in the fields of corporate law and governance.

Convenor: Manya Sharma (4th Year BBA LLB)

Deputy Convenor: Gargi Lad (4th Year BBA LLB)



The Business Debacle (Scam Roleplay) (10th September, 2024), organized in collaboration with film and theatre society.



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The Public Relations (PR) Cell of NMIMS School of Law, Bengaluru, plays a vital role in building and maintaining the institution's online presence and public image. They are entrusted with managing the official Instagram handle and LinkedIn page at NMIMS School of Law, Bengaluru, ensuring that the essence of every event, achievement, and initiative reaches a wider audience. From academic seminars and guest lectures to student-led initiatives and cultural events, the PR Cell actively works to provide timely coverage, curated content, and dynamic visuals that highlight the vibrancy of campus life.



Convenor: Mahika Chennamaneni (4th Year BBA LLB)

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