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# Monthly Newsletter

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## Highlights from February - March 2026

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) continues to advance its vision of delivering a future-oriented legal education that integrates academic rigour with global exposure, interdisciplinary learning, and meaningful community engagement. This edition of the newsletter reflects the institution's dynamic academic environment, where legal education extends beyond classrooms into real-world engagement, research excellence, and societal impact.

The period witnessed a series of intellectually enriching academic engagements, including masterclasses on international taxation, workplace law, cyber law, and alternative dispute resolution, alongside global dialogues on entrepreneurship and startup regulation. These sessions, led by distinguished scholars and practitioners, enabled students to critically engage with evolving legal frameworks and contemporary global challenges.

Complementing these academic initiatives are impactful outreach programmes and institutional collaborations, including MoUs and community-driven initiatives, reinforcing VMLS's commitment to access to justice and social responsibility. The edition also celebrates notable achievements of faculty and students across national and international platforms—ranging from research presentations at global conferences and scholarly publications to recognitions in academic and extracurricular domains. These accomplishments reflect a culture of excellence, curiosity, and intellectual engagement nurtured at VMLS.

Through a blend of academic innovation, professional exposure, and community engagement,

VMLS continues to shape legal professionals who are not only competent and future-ready but also socially conscious and globally aware. This edition captures the spirit of a vibrant institution committed to knowledge, innovation, and the pursuit of justice.

In this edition, we hope you gain insight into the vibrant academic culture that defines Vinayaka Mission's Law School, a community driven by purpose, enriched by knowledge, and united in its commitment to justice, innovation, and societal progress.

**Editorial  
MOC**

### In this newsletter you can expect:

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ADR in Practice

Women, Ethics & Law

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Cyber Law & Privacy

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## Global Startup Law Dialogue



### VMLS Academic Engagement Series | March 2026

#### 10 March 2026 | VMLS Campus

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS), in collaboration with the Ganesan Incubation and Entrepreneurship Center (GIEC), hosted a distinguished academic engagement from 10–12 March 2026, marking a confluence of two institutions of excellence. The visit of Prof. Natasha Varyani, Professor of Law at Roger Williams University School of Law, represented more than a series of lectures—it reflected VMLS's sustained commitment to global legal education, interdisciplinary exchange, and the creation of meaningful international academic partnerships.

#### Global Startup Law Dialogue | 10 March 2026

VMLS organised a Fireside Chat on "Entrepreneurship & Starting-up: Navigating Key Global Legal, Regulatory and Policy Challenges," featuring Prof. Natasha Varyani in conversation with Mr. Siddharth Raja, Executive Dean. The discussion explored the role of law in shaping startup ecosystems, emphasising regulatory complexity, interdisciplinary thinking, and evolving global business models. The session encouraged students to engage with entrepreneurship as a dynamic legal field.



#### Women in Law Masterclass | 11 March 2026

Prof. Natasha Varyani emphasised the critical role of entrepreneurship in driving innovation and addressing contemporary economic challenges, while also highlighting the complex regulatory and policy frameworks that startups must navigate. She discussed the expanding role of legal professionals within startup ecosystems, underscoring the importance of interdisciplinary thinking and adaptability in modern legal careers. Mr. Siddharth Raja reflected on the dynamic nature of startup environments and the need for legal education to evolve in response to emerging global business models and regulatory landscapes.



#### International Taxation Masterclass | 12 March 2026

A Masterclass on International Taxation introduced students to global tax governance, focusing on the BEPS initiative and the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework. Prof. Varyani discussed Pillar One and Pillar Two, including GloBE Rules, and addressed challenges in taxing the digital economy. The session provided practical insights into international tax reforms and their implications. VMLS extends its gratitude to all contributors for facilitating these enriching academic engagements.



## MoU with RWU University



25 February 2026 | Chennai

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) has taken a significant stride in advancing its global academic vision through the formalisation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Roger Williams University School of Law, United States. This landmark collaboration, facilitated by Executive Dean Siddharth Raja, represents a strategic effort to foster meaningful international engagement and academic exchange. The partnership is envisioned as a dynamic platform that bridges legal education across jurisdictions, enabling students and faculty to benefit from diverse pedagogical approaches and cross-cultural perspectives.



A central feature of the MoU is the establishment of structured student exchange programmes, designed to provide immersive academic experiences in both India and the United States. VMLS students will gain first-hand exposure to the U.S. legal system, its institutional frameworks, and courtroom practices, while students from Roger Williams University will engage with India's evolving and multifaceted legal landscape. This reciprocal exchange not only enhances academic learning but also cultivates global competence, adaptability, and a nuanced understanding of comparative legal systems.



Beyond student mobility, the collaboration sets the stage for robust academic and research engagement. The MoU envisages joint research initiatives, co-authored scholarly publications, and the organisation of academic symposia and conferences. These initiatives will focus on contemporary and globally relevant areas such as comparative constitutional law, human rights, and climate law—fields that demand interdisciplinary insight and international cooperation. By encouraging collaborative scholarship, the partnership aims to contribute meaningfully to legal discourse and policy development on a global scale.

This MoU underscores VMLS's sustained commitment to positioning itself as a globally connected institution dedicated to excellence in legal education. By integrating international exposure with its forward-looking academic framework, VMLS continues to prepare its students to navigate and lead within an increasingly interconnected legal ecosystem. The collaboration with Roger Williams University School of Law stands as a testament to the institution's vision of cultivating globally aware, socially responsible, and future-ready legal professionals.

## ADR in Court Systems

**23 February 2026 | VMLS Campus**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) organised a session on "ADR in the Real-Time Court System" for Integrated 4th Year law students. The session was delivered by Advocate Siva Gurunathan S and coordinated by Dr. Fowmina C, Associate Dean, focusing on the practical role of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) within the contemporary judicial framework. The discussion highlighted increasing case pendency and the growing importance of ADR mechanisms such as arbitration, mediation, conciliation, and Lok Adalats under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and Section 89 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Key insights included court-annexed mediation, enforceability of arbitral awards, and integration of ADR within judicial processes. The interactive session enhanced students' practical understanding of dispute resolution, reinforcing VMLS's commitment to experiential and practice-oriented legal education.



## Women, Ethics & Legal Safeguards

**4 March 2026 | VMLS Campus**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS), through its Women Empowerment Cell, organised a session on "Voices of Care and Justice: Women, Medical Ethics & Legal Safeguards," delivered by Mrs. Swapna Sundar. The session explored the intersection of healthcare, ethics, and law, highlighting the evolving role of women in medical professions and the challenges they continue to face. Key discussions focused on ethical principles such as informed consent, patient autonomy, confidentiality, and duty of care, along with their reflection in legal frameworks including the National Medical Commission Act, 2020. The session also addressed legal protections available to women, including workplace safety and maternity rights. It encouraged students to view law as a tool for safeguarding dignity and promoting equitable healthcare.



## National Conference Achievements

**Saveetha School of Law**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) proudly celebrates the outstanding achievements of its students at the National Conference on Social Burden and Gender Inequality held at Saveetha School of Law. Two first-year LL.B. students, Mukundan TCA and Kanimozhi Kanika, secured the Best Presenter Awards, bringing distinction to the institution. Additionally, Jyothi P. M., Samraj David, M. Divya, Jaya Bharath Raj K., and Saromitha Kumar were ranked among the Top 10 presenters. In total, 13 students presented research papers, while 20 students participated as observers, reflecting strong academic engagement. The institution extends its appreciation to Prof. Aarthi Jonathan Kennedy for mentoring the students. These accomplishments highlight VMLS's commitment to nurturing confident, socially conscious, and research-oriented legal professionals.



## Women's Hygiene Awareness Drive

**6 March 2026 | Keezhpattu Village, Madurantakam**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS), through the Centre for Access to Justice (CAJ) in collaboration with Sri Ragini Dharmasthapanam, organised a Women's Hygiene Awareness Drive at Keezhpattu Village, Madurantakam. Guided by the theme "No woman shall be held back by her cycle," the initiative focused on promoting menstrual health awareness, safe hygiene practices, and addressing the persistent social stigma surrounding menstruation in rural communities. The programme reached over 250 women, including schoolgirls, through interactive sessions, open discussions, and the distribution of hygiene kits. A dedicated legal awareness component highlighted women's constitutional right to health and dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. The initiative reflected VMLS's commitment to community engagement, social responsibility, and empowering women through legal awareness and education.



## Global Research Presentation Honour

**13 February 2026 | University of Hamburg**

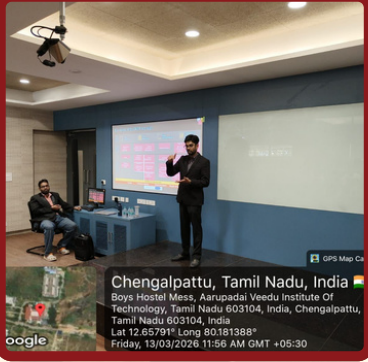
Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) proudly shares that Mr. Tathagat Sharma, Assistant Dean, presented his research paper titled "The Currency of Delay: A Political Economy Analysis of Incentives in the Indian High Courts" at the Mid-Term Meeting Law & Economics Conference hosted by the Institute of Law & Economics, University of Hamburg. His paper was among only 12 selected globally, and he was the sole presenter representing India and Asia, reflecting the international relevance and scholarly depth of his research. The conference is widely recognised as one of the largest global platforms in Law & Economics, hosted annually across leading academic centres. This achievement underscores VMLS's commitment to research excellence, global academic engagement, and advancing impactful legal scholarship.



## Cyber Law & Data Privacy

**13 March 2026 | VMLS Campus**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) organised a session on "Introduction to Cyber Law & Data Privacy in India under the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023," led by Adv. Roshan B. Corporate Counsel – India & Southeast Asia, RPM International Inc. The session provided a detailed overview of India's evolving data protection landscape, drawing comparisons with global frameworks such as the GDPR. Key discussions included the roles and responsibilities of Data Fiduciaries and Data Processors, the rights of Data Principals, and the consent-based structure governing lawful data processing. The session also addressed cross-border data transfers, data localisation concerns, and regulatory enforcement mechanisms. Emphasis was placed on compliance requirements and penalties for data breaches, while also highlighting emerging career opportunities in data privacy, cybersecurity, and digital governance.



## Book Launch: Life, Law & Literature

**14 March 2026 | Madras Bar Association, Chennai**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) was privileged to have nearly 65 students attend the distinguished book launch of "Life, Law & Literature: Reflections of a Judge" authored by Hon'ble Justice N. Anand Venkatesh. Organised by the Indian Association of Lawyers in collaboration with New Century Book House, the event brought together members of the Bench, Bar, academia, and public representatives. The programme was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. M. Sundresh, Judge of the Supreme Court of India. The session featured insightful reflections on the intersection of law, literature, and society, including addresses by Justice P. T. Asha and Mr. S. Raja. The participation provided students with valuable exposure to legal thought beyond the classroom. This engagement reflects VMLS's commitment to fostering intellectual curiosity and holistic legal education.



VINAYAKA MISSION'S LAW SCHOOL CONDUCTED A CAREER GUIDANCE & COMPETITIVE EXAM AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT CAUVERY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, MANAPPARAI.

## Career Guidance & Exam Awareness

**15 February 2026 | Cauvery International School, Manapparai**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) organised a Career Guidance and Competitive Exam Awareness Programme at Cauvery International School, Manapparai, in view of the upcoming Class 10 and Class 12 Board Examinations. The session was led by Prof. K. R. Narayanan Chandrasekar, Assistant Dean, and Dr. Shenbagavalli R, Associate Dean, with the presence of Ms. Merlin Stephen, Deputy Director of Admissions. The programme focused on guiding students through diverse career pathways and the significance of competitive examinations. Key discussions included structured preparation, goal setting, and effective time management. Students were also introduced to practical exam-writing strategies, presentation techniques, and methods to manage stress and anxiety. The initiative reflects VMLS's commitment to empowering school students with academic clarity, career awareness, and essential skills for future success.



## Mediation in RERA Disputes

**19 March 2026 | VMLS Campus**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) organised a session for the 4th Year Integrated Law Programme on the theme "Power of Mediation in RERA Disputes: Strategy, Leverage, and Settlement Design." The session was led by Adv. Vishwa Badrinath, who shared valuable insights into dispute resolution under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act (RERA). The discussion highlighted mediation as a time-efficient, cost-effective, and collaborative alternative to traditional litigation. Key aspects included negotiation strategies, the role of leverage, and the design of practical and sustainable settlement frameworks. Through interactive discussions and case-based examples, students developed a deeper understanding of case analysis, communication, and negotiation skills. VMLS extends its sincere gratitude to Adv. Vishwa Badrinath, Executive Dean Siddharth Raja, and Dr. Fowmina C for facilitating this enriching academic engagement.



## Student Leadership in Civil Services

**14 February 2026 | Bishop Heber College, Trichy**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) proudly shares that Vigneshwaran K, a 1 Year LL.B. (Hons.) student, was invited as a Resource Person and Guest Speaker at Heber IAS Academy, Bishop Heber College, Trichy. He conducted a comprehensive session for undergraduate students on the UPSC Civil Services Examination and other Central and State competitive examinations. The session covered key aspects such as syllabus structure, examination pattern, preparation strategies, and the evolving scope of civil services. He also shared practical insights, including effective study methods and common challenges faced by aspirants. Addressing around 25 students, the session reflected his academic clarity and leadership. This achievement highlights VMLS's commitment to nurturing confident, socially responsible, and future-ready leaders.





Achievements: Jessup Moot Judging Honour

**O.P. Jindal Global University**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) proudly marks a moment of distinction as Dr. Fowmina C, Associate Dean, was invited by the Jessup Committee to serve as a judge at the Indian Qualifying Rounds 2026 of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Hosted by O.P. Jindal Global University, the event witnessed participation from nearly 70 teams across the country, showcasing excellence in advocacy and public international law. Dr. Fowmina's presence as an external invitee and her representation as the only Tamilian judge added special significance to the occasion. This achievement reflects VMLS's commitment to academic excellence, global engagement, and leadership in legal education. The institution extends its appreciation to Executive Dean Siddharth Raja and the VMRF Management for their continued support.



Global Policy Research Publication

**International Academic Contribution**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) proudly shares that Prof. Nabeela Siddiqui has co-authored a timely and insightful article with Amit Ranjan in The Australian Outlook, published by the Australian Institute of International Affairs. The article examines India's water diplomacy with Pakistan and Bangladesh, highlighting the complexities of lower-riparian relations in South Asia. It critically analyses how geopolitical tensions continue to influence key water-sharing agreements such as the Indus Waters Treaty and the Ganga Water Treaty. The publication raises important questions on regional cooperation, sustainable water governance, and the role of law in managing transboundary resources. This scholarly contribution reflects VMLS's commitment to advancing research excellence, global engagement, and critical inquiry into contemporary legal and policy challenges.



Individual Research Achievement

**Academic Publications**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) proudly acknowledges the academic accomplishment of Sakthipriya B, III Year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), whose consistent research contributions have brought distinction to the institution. Her scholarly works span diverse areas, including property law, technology law, and constitutional jurisprudence, with publications in the Indian Journal for Research in Law and Management. Her research includes analysis on digitisation of land governance, emerging challenges in artificial intelligence and copyright law, and a case commentary on State of Madras v. V.G. Row (1952). These contributions reflect strong analytical ability, depth of research, and engagement with contemporary legal developments. Her achievement highlights VMLS's emphasis on academic rigour, research excellence, and nurturing future-ready legal professionals.



Kabaddi Team Runners-Up

**12-14 March 2026 | VIT Chennai**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) secured the Runners-Up position in Kabaddi at Lex Sportiva 2026, a prestigious intercollegiate sports tournament hosted by VIT Chennai. Competing against several leading institutions, the team demonstrated exceptional skill, determination, and teamwork throughout the competition. Their performance was marked by strong tactical awareness, physical endurance, and the ability to remain composed under pressure during crucial matches. The team's journey reflected consistent effort, coordination, and a deep understanding of the game. This achievement underscores VMLS's commitment to holistic education, recognising the importance of sports in fostering discipline, leadership, and team spirit. VMLS extends its heartfelt congratulations to the team and acknowledges the valuable guidance of coaches and mentors who supported this success.



Student Research Excellence

**Academic Publications & Conferences**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) proudly celebrates the academic achievements of Berdihin Shaliya S.F.M and Sakthi Priya, III Year LL.B. (Hons.) students, whose research contributions have earned notable recognition through prestigious publications and conference proceedings. Their work spans critical areas including intellectual property and social security law, with papers presented at international forums and published in reputed journals and edited volumes. Their research reflects rigorous analysis, engagement with contemporary legal challenges, and a strong commitment to scholarly excellence. Through their contributions, they have meaningfully advanced discussions on innovation, inclusivity, and labour rights. This achievement highlights VMLS's emphasis on research-driven education and its commitment to nurturing academically strong, socially conscious, and globally competent legal professionals.



# LEGAL MAXIM

**Meaning:** An act does not make a person guilty unless the mind is also guilty. (A person is not criminally liable unless there is criminal intent.)

**Legislative / Treaty Reference (International Law):**

A fundamental principle of Criminal Law recognized in most legal systems.

**Explanation:**

For a person to be guilty of a crime, two elements must generally exist:

- The wrongful act (actus reus)
- The guilty intention (mens rea)
- Without criminal intent, liability may not arise in many offenses.

**Example:** If a person accidentally breaks someone's window while playing cricket without any intention to damage it, it may not amount to a criminal offence.

**In Simple Words:** A crime usually requires both a bad act and a bad intention.

**Why It Matters:**

- Ensures fairness in criminal justice
- Distinguishes accidents from crimes
- Protects innocent individuals

"Actus Non Facit Reum Nisi Mens Sit Rea"

**பொருள் :** மனமும் குற்றவாளி எனில் ஒரு நபர் குற்றவாளி அல்ல. (குற்றவியல் நோக்கம் இல்லாவிட்டால் ஒரு நபர் குற்றவியல் பொறுப்பு அல்ல.)

**சர்வதேச சட்ட குறிப்புகள் :** பெரும்பாலான சட்ட அமைப்புகளில் அங்கீகரிக்கப்பட்ட குற்றவியல் சட்டத்தின் அடிப்படைக் கொள்கை.

**இவை பொதுவாக:**

ஒரு நபர் ஒரு குற்றத்தில் குற்றவாளியாக இருக்க, இரண்டு கூறுகள் பொதுவாக இருக்க வேண்டும்:

- தவறான செயல் (ஆக்டஸ் ரியஸ்)
- குற்றவாளி நோக்கம் (மென்ஸ் ரியா)
- குற்றவியல் நோக்கம் இல்லாமல், பல குற்றங்களில் பொறுப்பு எழக்கூடாது.

**உதாரணம் :** ஒரு நபர் தற்செயலாக ஒருவரின் சாளரத்தை உடைத்தால், அதை சேதப்படுத்தும் எண்ணம் இல்லாமல் கிரிக்கெட் விளையாடும்போது, அது ஒரு கிரிமினல் குற்றத்திற்கு பொருந்தாது.

**எளிய சொற்களில் :** ஒரு குற்றத்திற்கு பொதுவாக ஒரு மோசமான செயல் மற்றும் மோசமான நோக்கம் தேவை.

**ஏன் இது முக்கியம்?**

- குற்றவியல் நீதிக்கான நியாயத்தை உறுதி செய்கிறது
- குற்றங்களிலிருந்து ஏற்படும் விபத்துகளை வேறுபடுத்துகிறது
- அப்பாவி நபர்களைப் பாதுகாக்கிறது

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VMLS is imparting education to the marginalized students. The institution provides support to their students who can serve at the grassroot level and protect the national interest.

*Honorable Justice (Retd.) Dr. B.S. Chauhan,*

I'm delighted that the Vinayaka Mission's Law School has placed special emphasis on inclusive education, which is much needed in times of deprived opportunities. This will open a new window for a large number of young Indians.

*Honorable Justice (Retd.) S. Muralidhar*

Guided by the finest legal minds in the country, VMLS is delivering world-class education to the rural regions of Tamil Nadu, sparking a transformative movement.

*Honorable Justice (Retd.) Fakkir Mohamed Ibrahim Kalifulla*

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