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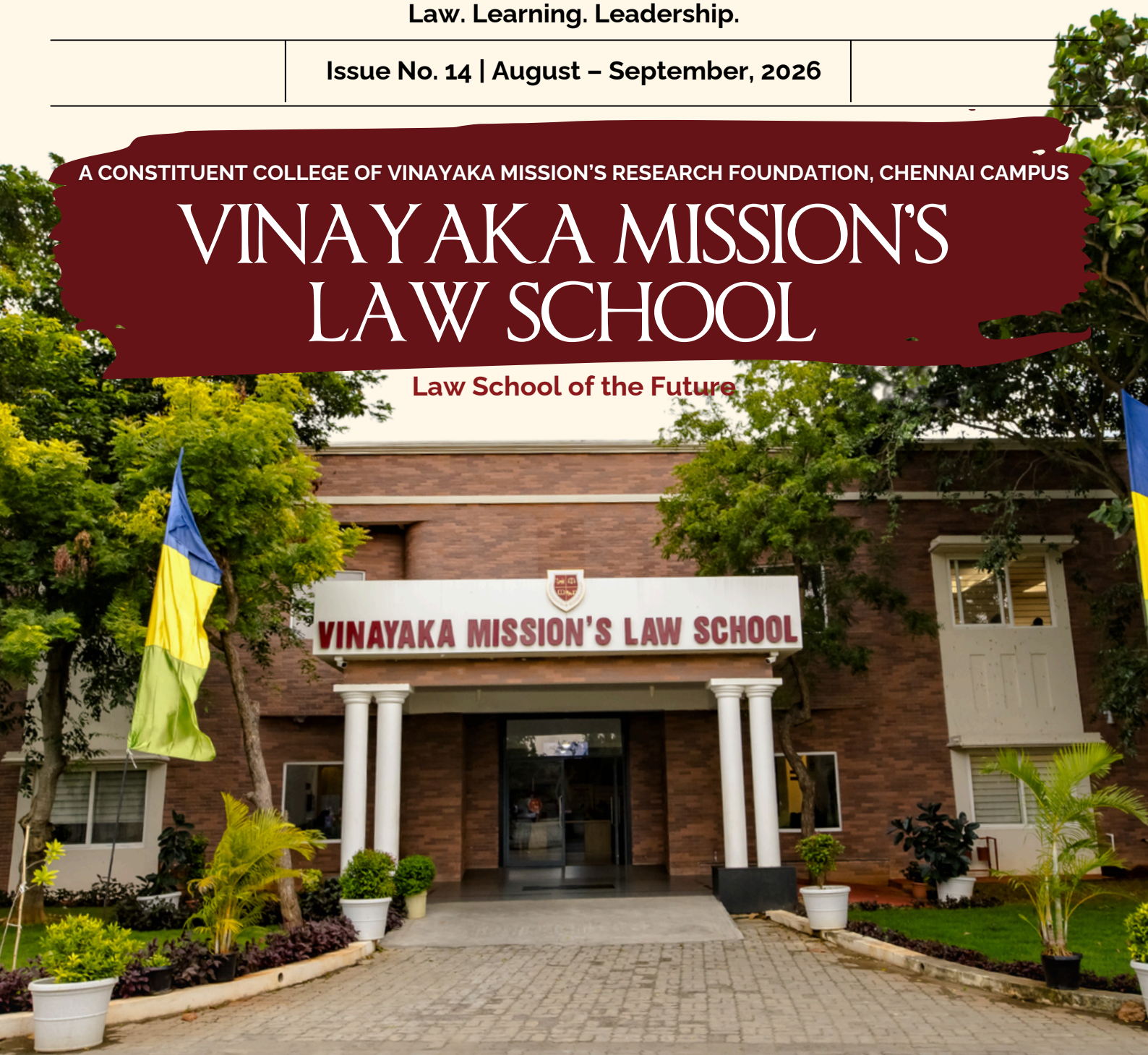
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Highlights from August - September 2026

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, Specialization in Maritime law , Taxation law, litigation, mediation and research publications as well as cultural activities including the law school premier league(LSPL). 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.

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Inaugural Ceremony – LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. Programmes, Batch 2026

26 September 2026 | Indoor Auditorium, TVR Block, VMCC, Chennai



Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) inaugurated the LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. programmes for the Batch of 2026 on 26 September 2026 at the Indoor Auditorium, TVR Block, VMCC, Chennai. The ceremony commenced with the Tamil Thai Vazhthu and the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by the ceremonial welcome and felicitation. Prof. Winfred Chelliah, Professor of Practice, VMLS, delivered the Welcome Address, followed by the Presidential Address by Dr. Anuradha Ganesan, Vice President, VMRF-DU, who highlighted the interdisciplinary nature of law, drawing on Nelson Mandela's legal journey and the growing relevance of law in artificial intelligence and technology. Mrs. Priya Kannan, Advocate, Madras High Court and Legal Consultant, delivered the Special Address, sharing insights from her nearly two decades in the legal profession. She discussed the evolving legal landscape, emerging technologies, social justice and the principles associated with Thanthai Periyar and Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer. Prof. Siddharth Raja, Executive Dean, VMLS, presented the institution's key highlights and academic environment.

The successful coordination of the admissions process and the inauguration was led by Ms. Merlin Stephen , Deputy director of the Admissions Team, whose dedicated efforts played a key role in driving the admissions process and welcoming the new cohort. The programme also featured the unveiling of VMLS and alumni reflections by Mr. S. Balaji, University Rank Holder from the first batch, under the theme A Journey of Excellence. Dr. Fowmina, Associate Dean – Student Affairs, delivered the Thanksgiving Address, followed by the National Anthem, student enrolment and lunch. Held under the benevolence of Dr. A. S. Ganesan, Chancellor, VMRF-DU, the ceremony marked the beginning of a new academic chapter, reaffirming VMLS's commitment to future-oriented legal education and preparing students to engage with the evolving relationship between law, technology and society.



Academic Engagement at Cunnan Auditorium

17 September 2026 | Cunnan Auditorium

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) was represented by Prof. Dr. M. Muthuvel, Director and Professor, Centre for Global Legal Tamil, who attended an event at Cunnan Auditorium as the Chief Guest on 17 September 2026. His presence brought valuable academic perspectives to the occasion and provided participants with an opportunity to interact with an accomplished academician. The engagement encouraged dialogue and knowledge sharing, highlighting the importance of connecting academic thought with legal education and the evolving role of law in society. The occasion reflected VMLS's continued commitment to meaningful academic engagement and the exchange of ideas beyond the classroom, contributing to a broader culture of learning and intellectual development.

Legal Research Methodology Lecture

15 September 2026 | Central University of Tamil Nadu



Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) congratulates Dr. Nabeela Siddiqui, Assistant Professor, on delivering a Special Lecture titled "Legal Research Methodology – From Ideation to Publication", organised by the Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Tamil Nadu. The session, conducted for faculty members and research scholars, explored key stages of legal research, including ideation, research design, methodology, academic writing, and scholarly publication. The lecture provided valuable insights into the research process, from conceptualisation to publication, emphasising the importance of a structured and rigorous approach to legal scholarship. Dr. Nabeela Siddiqui's academic engagement reflects VMLS's commitment to strengthening research culture, promoting scholarly exchange, and advancing excellence in legal education and research.



Student Achievement – International Day of Democracy 2026

September 2026 | Venue: High Court,Chennai

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) congratulates its students on their achievements in the speech competition organised as part of the International Day of Democracy 2026 celebrations. Rajagopal, third-year LL.B. (Hons.), secured first place in the Tamil speech category, while Jestifa Raj, third-year B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), secured second runner-up. In the English speech category, Vigneswaran, second-year LL.B. (Hons.), was recognised as first runner-up. Their accomplishments reflect their confidence, eloquence, and ability to articulate ideas effectively. The achievement highlights VMLS's commitment to nurturing public-speaking skills, critical thinking, and democratic awareness among future legal professionals.

Faculty Research Publication – Book Chapter

September 2026 | Publisher: Routledge, Taylor & Francis

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) congratulates Mr Shubham Shukla, Assistant Dean – PG Academics, on the publication of his book chapter, "The Ethics of Predictive Policing: Analyzing Privacy Concerns and the Social Systemic Bias," in Emerging Technology and the Law: Bridging the Gap Between Innovation and Regulation, published by Routledge, Taylor & Francis. Co-authored with Shobhitabh Srivastava and Kunal Rohira, the chapter examines privacy, surveillance, algorithmic bias, and the implications of predictive policing for fundamental rights under Articles 14 and 21 of the Indian Constitution. Indexed in Scopus, the publication contributes to contemporary legal scholarship on artificial intelligence, emerging technologies, ethics, and human rights, reflecting VMLS's commitment to academic research and excellence.





Faculty–Student Research Publication – Deepfakes and Digital Rights

August 2026 | Journal: International Journal of Current Science, Volume 16, Issue 3

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) congratulates Dr Aarthy Jonathan Kennedy, Assistant Dean – Partnerships & Student Engagement, and Ms Vinmalar Sankar, second-year LL.B. (Hons.), on the publication of their research paper, "Deepfakes and Digital Silencing on Women," in the International Journal of Current Science, Volume 16, Issue 3, August 2026. The paper examines the impact of deepfake technologies on women, focusing on online silencing, dignity, and emerging concerns surrounding gender and digital rights. This faculty–student research collaboration reflects VMLS's commitment to interdisciplinary scholarship, collaborative learning, and meaningful academic engagement. The publication contributes to ongoing discussions on the legal and social implications of emerging digital technologies.

Student Achievement – National Legal Drafting Competition

September 2026 | Organiser: The Erode College of Law

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) congratulates Ms Aruvi Akira R, second-year LL.B. (Hons.), on her achievement in Verbalegis II – 2nd Edition National Legal Drafting Competition, organised by The Erode College of Law. Centred on transgender justice, the competition recognised her legal draft among the top ten submissions received nationally. Her submission has also qualified for publication in the Sai Sindhu International Journal. This achievement reflects her commitment to legal research, analytical thinking, and effective legal drafting. The recognition highlights VMLS's efforts to encourage student scholarship and engagement with contemporary issues of justice, equality, and human rights.



Student Achievement – Best Research Paper Award

4 September 2026 | Venue: Saveetha School of Law



Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) congratulates Cressida Leya Jocelyn, second-year B.Com. LL.B. (Hons.), and Samiksha Vidyarthi, second-year B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), on receiving the Best Research Paper award at the International Conference on "Media, Mental Health and Responsible Journalism: Promoting Ethical Communication for Psychological Well-Being", organised by Saveetha School of Law. Their paper, "Media Law, Freedom of Expression and Responsible Communication: A Study of Online Defamation under Section 356 BNS," examines online defamation, freedom of expression, and responsible communication in the digital environment. This recognition reflects their commitment to legal research and highlights VMLS's efforts to foster scholarly engagement with contemporary legal issues.



Masterclass on Understanding Mediation

September 2026 | Venue: VMLS Campus

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) hosted Ms Chitra Narayan, lawyer, mediator, arbitrator, accredited mediator with TNMCC (Madras High Court), and Founding Partner of the Foundation for Comprehensive Dispute Resolution, Chennai, for a masterclass on "Understanding Mediation." The session introduced students to practical approaches to conflict resolution through the Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument, principled negotiation, and an interactive walkthrough of the mediation process. The experiential learning activities helped students understand different conflict management styles and the role of communication in resolving disputes constructively. The masterclass strengthened students' practical understanding of mediation as an essential alternative dispute resolution mechanism and its relevance to contemporary legal practice.

Faculty Achievement – Research Prizes 2025

30 September 2026 | Venue: Annapoorna Auditorium, VMKV Medical College & Hospitals, Salem

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) congratulates Dr S. Gnana Sanga Mithra, Associate Dean – Research (Interdisciplinary), on receiving the Research Prizes – 2025, comprising a cash prize and a Certificate of Appreciation. She was recognised for having the highest number of indexed Q1 and Q2 publications as first author among female faculty across the 25 institutions of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (VMRF) during the calendar year 2025. The award was presented during University Research Day 2026 on 30 September 2026. This recognition celebrates her scholarly contributions and reflects VMLS's commitment to strengthening interdisciplinary research and fostering a culture of academic excellence.





Author's Talk – Arbitration and Conciliation

September 2026 | Venue: VMLS Library

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) Library hosted an Author's Talk featuring Adv. Navod Prasannan on his book, A Practitioner's Casebook on the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. Moderated by Mr Siddharth Raja, Executive Dean, VMLS, and Prof. (Dr.) Hartej Singh, the session brought together students and faculty for an engaging discussion connecting legal theory with courtroom practice. The author shared practical insights into arbitration frameworks, procedural strategies, and the application of case law in real-world disputes. The interactive session enriched participants' understanding of alternative dispute resolution and highlighted the importance of practitioner perspectives in legal education.

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Res ipsa loquitur

Res ipsa loquitur is a legal doctrine meaning "the thing speaks for itself." It allows a court to infer negligence based purely on the nature of an accident, even without direct proof of how it happened.



Example

A surgeon leaves a sponge inside a patient during surgery. Because sponges do not end up inside people without carelessness, the injury itself proves negligence.

Legal Recognition

• Origin: Established in the 1863 English case Byrne v. Boadle , where a barrel of flour fell from a warehouse window onto a pedestrian.
• Global Status: Universally recognized in common law systems (including the US, UK, and India) as a standard rule of circumstantial evidence.

Importance

• Protects the Victim: It helps plaintiffs who cannot prove exactly what happened because they were unconscious (e.g., medical malpractice) or lacked access to the evidence.
• Shifts the Burden: Once applied, the defendant must prove they were not negligent to avoid liability.
• Enforces Accountability: It forces companies and professionals in exclusive control of dangerous items to maintain strict safety standards.

Res ipsa loquitur என்பது லத்தீன் மொழியில் "விஷயமே தன்னைப் பற்றி பேசுகிறது" என்று பொருள்படும். ஒரு விபத்து எவ்வாறு நிகழ்ந்தது என்ற நேரடி சான்றுகள் இல்லாவிட்டாலும், விபத்தின் தன்மையை மட்டுமே அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டு நீதிமன்றம் அலட்சியத்தை ஊகிக்க அனுமதிக்கும் சட்டக் கோட்பாடு இதுவாகும்.



எடுத்துக்காட்டு

ஒரு அறுவை சிகிச்சை மருத்துவர் ஆபரேஷனின் போது நோயாளியின் உடலுக்குள் ஒரு கடற்பஞ்சை விட்டுவிட்டார். கடற்பஞ்சுகள் அலட்சியம் இல்லாமல் மனித உடலுக்குள் சேர்வதில்லை என்பதால், காயமே அலட்சியத்தை நிரூபிக்கிறது.

சட்டரீதியான அங்கீகாரம்

தோற்றம்: 1863 ஆம் ஆண்டு ஆங்கில வழக்கான Byrne v. Boadle-இல் நிறுவப்பட்டது; இந்த வழக்கில் ஒரு கிடங்கின் சன்னலிலிருந்து மாவு பீப்பாய் ஒரு வழிப்போக்கரின் மீது விழுந்தது. உலகளாவிய நிலை: அமெரிக்கா, இங்கிலாந்து மற்றும் இந்தியா உட்பட பொது சட்ட அமைப்புகளில் சூழ்நிலை சான்றுகளின் நிலையான விதியாக உலகளவில் அங்கீகரிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.தோற்றம்: 1863 ஆம் ஆண்டு ஆங்கில வழக்கான Byrne v. Boadle-இல் நிறுவப்பட்டது; இந்த வழக்கில் ஒரு கிடங்கின் சன்னலிலிருந்து மாவு பீப்பாய் ஒரு வழிப்போக்கரின் மீது விழுந்தது. உலகளாவிய நிலை: அமெரிக்கா, இங்கிலாந்து மற்றும் இந்தியா உட்பட பொது சட்ட அமைப்புகளில் சூழ்நிலை சான்றுகளின் நிலையான விதியாக உலகளவில் அங்கீகரிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

முக்கியத்துவம்

பாதிக்கப்பட்டவரை பாதுகாக்கிறது: சுயநினைவிழந்திருந்த (எ.கா., மருத்துவ அலட்சியம்) அல்லது சான்றுகளை அணுக இயலாத நிலையில் இருந்த வாதிகளுக்கு உதவுகிறது. நிரூபண சுமையை மாற்றுகிறது: இந்தக் கோட்பாடு பொருந்திய பிறகு, பிரதிவாதி தான் அலட்சியமாக இல்லை என்பதை நிரூபிக்க கடமைப்படுகிறார். பொறுப்புணர்வை உறுதிசெய்கிறது: ஆபத்தான பொருட்களின் மீது பிரத்தியேக கட்டுப்பாடு கொண்ட நிறுவனங்கள் மற்றும் நிபுணர்களை கண்டிப்பான பாதுகாப்பு தரங்களை பராமரிக்க கட்டாயப்படுத்துகிறது.



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