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Highlights from July - 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 guest lectures focusing on constitutional right to life, research publication and student engagement programme as well as invite for freshers and VMLS'S 2ND graduation ceremony. 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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5th Batch Inauguration Ceremony



10 August 2026 | VMLS Campus

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) formally welcomed its fifth batch of Integrated Law Degree students for the Academic Year 2026–2031 at an inauguration ceremony marking the beginning of their five-year academic journey. The ceremony brought together accomplished members of the legal profession, whose presence and insights provided the incoming students with an enriching introduction to the responsibilities and opportunities that lie ahead.



The event was graced by Ms. Chitra Narayan, Advocate; Ms. Elizabeth Seshadri, Partner, Iyer & Thomas; Mr. Arun Kumar R.L., Advocate, Madras High Court; and Mr. M. Muneeswaran, Advocate, Madras High Court. Through their addresses, the distinguished speakers shared perspectives on the legal profession, emphasising the importance of constitutional values, professional integrity, intellectual discipline, and a strong sense of responsibility in the pursuit of a career in law. Their reflections encouraged students to approach their legal education with curiosity, commitment, and purpose.



The inauguration thus marked more than the commencement of a new academic batch; it set the foundation for five years of learning, professional development, and personal growth, as the newest members of the VMLS community embark on their journey towards becoming responsible and principled legal professionals.



Aarambh – Fresher's Day 2026



September 2026 | AVIT Indoor Auditorium

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) organised "Aarambh – Fresher's Day 2026" on 10 September 2026 at the AVIT Indoor Auditorium to warmly welcome the new batch of students and introduce them to the VMLS community. The celebration, themed "New Beginnings, Brighter Tomorrows," provided a vibrant platform for the freshers to connect with their seniors, faculty members, and fellow students while beginning their journey at the institution. The event was organised under the guidance of Prof. Fowmina, Student Affairs, with the active involvement of the Student Council and witnessed the participation of nearly 250 including freshers, seniors, and faculty members.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Keerthana, President of the Student Council, VMLS, who warmly welcomed the new students and set the tone for the celebrations. This was followed by an address by Mr. Siddharth Raja, Executive Dean, VMLS, who welcomed the freshers and shared valuable thoughts and guidance for their academic and personal journey at VMLS. Ramanan, Vice President of the Student Council, VMLS, then conducted a session on "Life at VMLS," introducing the freshers to the various student activities, opportunities, and experiences that form an integral part of campus life.

The inaugural segment continued with an encouraging address by Dr. L. Prabhu, Vice Principal – Administration, AVIT, followed by energetic dance and music performances by the seniors. The event also featured an interactive Balloon Game, which added an element of fun and encouraged enthusiastic participation among the students. Following the scheduled activities, the participants proceeded for lunch before returning for the afternoon session.

The celebrations resumed with another round of senior performances, followed by "Lights. Camera. Talent.", a talent showcase that provided students with an opportunity to present their individual skills and talents on stage. The diverse performances added energy, entertainment, and excitement to the occasion.

The event concluded with the much-anticipated Mr. Aarambh and Ms. Aarambh title selection. Based on the polling conducted among the participants, Shreyas was awarded the title of Mr. Aarambh, while Prarthana was awarded the title of Ms. Aarambh. The winners were felicitated during the prize distribution ceremony, bringing the celebrations to a memorable close. Overall, Aarambh – Fresher's Day 2026 marked a vibrant and meaningful beginning for the new students, combining formal interactions, cultural performances, interactive activities, and talent showcases to create an atmosphere of camaraderie, enthusiasm, and belonging. The celebration reflected the welcoming spirit of the VMLS community and provided the freshers with a memorable start to their journey at VMLS.



VMLS 2nd Graduation Day 2026



September 2026 | Indoor Auditorium, VMCC, Chennai

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) successfully organised its 2nd Graduation Day on 13 September 2026 at the Indoor Auditorium, VMCC, Chennai, marking the formal conferment of degrees upon the graduating batch. The ceremony was held under the benevolence of Dr. A.S. Ganesan, Chancellor, VMRF-DU, and presided over by Dr. Anuradha Ganesan, Vice President, VMRF-DU.



The ceremony continued with the presentation of degree certificates and administration of the Graduation Pledge, before concluding with the Dissolving Ceremony and National Anthem. Mentored by O.P. Jindal Global University and Jindal Global Law School, VMLS continues to advance its commitment to nurturing future-ready, socially responsive legal professionals through an inclusive and forward-looking legal education ecosystem.



The programme commenced with the academic procession and formal proceedings, followed by addresses from Prof. Siddharth Raja, Executive Dean, VMLS, Mr. J. Suresh Samuel, Member, Executive Council, VMRF-DU, and Dr. A. Francis Julian, Chairperson, JGLS-VMLS Mentoring Committee and Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India. The Chief Guest, Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) Kurian Joseph, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, delivered the Graduation Day Address, sharing guidance and insights with the graduating students.





Research Publication

July 2026 | IGI Global

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) recognises the research contribution of Aarth Jonathan Kennedy, Assistant Professor of Law and Assistant Dean – Partnership & Student Engagement, with the publication of her chapter, "Social Media and Impulsive Buying: A Conceptual Review of Consumer Well-Being in the Digital Era," by IGI Global in 2026. The chapter develops a conceptual framework examining the relationship between social media exposure, impulsive buying, and perceived quality of digital life, drawing on behavioural economics, consumer psychology, and digital marketing. It explores the influence of social validation, influencer credibility, personalisation algorithms, and affective cues on impulsive consumption, while highlighting concerns related to financial stress, reduced self-control, and consumer well-being. The publication reflects VMLS's continued commitment to interdisciplinary research and academic engagement with emerging issues in technology and contemporary society.

Student Engagement at Mar Gregorios Arts & Science College

August 2026 | Mar Gregorios Arts & Science College, Mogappair

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) engaged with around 500 students from the Science and Commerce streams at Mar Gregorios Arts & Science College, Mogappair, as part of its student outreach initiatives. The interaction provided an opportunity to connect with students and introduce them to academic pathways and opportunities in legal education. The session was supported by Prof. Shubham Shukla and Prof. Abhinandita, whose coordination contributed to a meaningful engagement with the student community. Merlin Stephen, Deputy Director of Admission, and Aravinth, Manager – Outreach, also participated in the interaction. The engagement reflects VMLS's continued efforts to strengthen meaningful connections with prospective students and educational institutions while promoting awareness of opportunities in legal education.



Research Publication

August 2026 | Oxford University Press

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) recognises the research contributions of Dr. Anuttama Ghose, Associate Professor, and Prof. S. M. Aamir Ali, Assistant Professor (Senior Grade), with the publication of their research article, "Can the Law Learn to Smell Change? Olfactory Trade Marks and the CGPDTM's First Encounter with Scent Marks in India," in the Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice, an Oxford University Press Q2 Scopus-indexed journal. The article examines the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks' acceptance of a trade mark consisting of a floral fragrance reminiscent of roses for tyres, filed by Sumitomo Rubber Industries Ltd. It explores the significance of this development as India's first attempt to register a scent trade mark, while examining the conceptual and procedural challenges surrounding olfactory trade marks. The publication reflects VMLS's commitment to advancing contemporary intellectual property research and engaging with emerging legal developments.



Faculty-Student Research Publication

August 2026 | TaxGuru

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) recognises the faculty-student research achievement of Dr. Gaurav Shukla, Dean and Associate Dean – Research (Law), and Rajagopal P, III LL.B., with the publication of their research article, "GAAR: A Comparative Analysis of Developed and BRICS Economies," in TaxGuru. The article presents a comparative examination of General Anti-Avoidance Rules (GAAR) across developed and BRICS economies, analysing different approaches to addressing tax avoidance and strengthening the effectiveness of tax regulation. The publication highlights the value of faculty-student research collaboration, bringing together academic expertise and student scholarship to contribute to contemporary discussions on international taxation and tax policy. This achievement reflects VMLS's continued commitment to collaborative research, academic excellence, and meaningful engagement with emerging developments in legal scholarship.



Onam Celebration

August 2026 | VMLS Campus

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) celebrated Onam with a vibrant blend of tradition, fun, laughter, and togetherness across the campus. The celebration brought the VMLS community together through colourful and engaging activities that reflected the festive spirit of Onam. As part of the celebration, students participated in a fun challenge involving the selection and recreation of emojis, resulting in spontaneous reactions, joyful moments, and plenty of laughter. The activity captured the enthusiasm and excitement of the celebrations while creating memorable moments for the campus community. More than just a festive activity, the celebration offered a glimpse into the lively and colourful campus life at VMLS, bringing students together in the spirit of joy and togetherness. The occasion reflected the warmth of the VMLS community and the institution's spirit of celebrating traditions while creating meaningful and memorable experiences for its students.



Constitutional Right to Life

4 September 2026 | VMLS Campus

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) organised a Guest Lecture on "Evolution of the Constitutional Concept of Right to Life", featuring Mr. N.L. Rajah, Senior Advocate, Madras High Court, as the Distinguished Guest. The session examined the evolving dimensions of the Right to Life under the Indian Constitution and its significance in contemporary constitutional jurisprudence. Drawing from his experience in legal practice, Mr. Rajah offered students valuable perspectives on the development and interpretation of this fundamental right. The lecture provided an engaging academic platform for students to deepen their understanding of constitutional principles and connect classroom learning with contemporary legal practice, further strengthening VMLS's commitment to experiential and practitioner-led legal education.



Teachers' Day Celebration

5 September 2026 | VMLS Campus

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) celebrated Teachers' Day by recognising the teachers and mentors who have contributed to shaping the academic and personal journeys of its students. The occasion acknowledged the role of faculty members in providing guidance, encouragement, and valuable insights that extend beyond the classroom. Through their teaching, mentorship, and continued support, the faculty at VMLS contribute to creating a meaningful and enriching learning environment for students. The celebration served as a tribute to the educators whose dedication continues to inspire students, encourage them to strive for excellence, and make their experiences at VMLS more purposeful and memorable.



VMLS at Sports Summit

LEGAL MAXIM

Meaning:

- Pactum de non agendo means "an agreement not to sue." It is a covenant where a party promises not to initiate legal action for a specific time. Crucially, it suspends the remedy (the right to go to court) but does not destroy the underlying legal right.

Legislative reference:

Section 28 of the Indian Contract Act: Absolute, permanent restrictions on suing are void. However, this maxim is recognized because it is temporary or conditional, not a total bar to justice.

- Common & Civil Law: Enforced globally under settlement laws and promissory estoppel, provided there is valid consideration.

Example :

A bank agrees in writing not to sue a struggling business for 6 months, giving the business time to arrange funds. If the bank sues during this period, the business can use the agreement to dismiss the lawsuit.

Why it Matters :

- Encourages Settlements:** Gives parties breathing room to negotiate without immediate litigation.
- Judicial Economy:** Saves court time by preventing premature lawsuits.
- Business Flexibility:** Helps in debt restructuring and saves companies from unnecessary bankruptcy.

"Pactum de non agendo"

பொருள்:

Pactum de non agendo என்பது 'வழக்கு தொடரமாட்டேன்' என்ற உடன்படிக்கை என்று பொருள்படும். இது ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட காலத்திற்கு சட்ட நடவடிக்கை தொடங்கமாட்டேன் என்று ஒரு தரப்பு உறுதியளிக்கும் உடன்படிக்கையாகும். முக்கியமாக, இது தீர்வை (நீதிமன்றம் செல்லும் உரிமையை) தற்காலிகமாக நிறுத்துகிறது; ஆனால் அடிப்படையான சட்ட உரிமையை அழிக்காது.

சட்டப் பிரிவு குறிப்பு:

இந்திய ஒப்பந்தச் சட்டத்தின் பிரிவு 28: வழக்கு தொடர்வதற்கான முழுமையான, நிரந்தர கட்டுப்பாடுகள் செல்லாதவை. இருப்பினும் இந்த நெறிமொழி தற்காலிகமானது அல்லது நியந்தனைக்கு உட்பட்டது என்பதால் — நீதிக்கு முழுமையான தடையில் என்பதால் — அங்கீகரிக்கப்படுகிறது. பொது மற்றும் சிலில் சட்டம்: செல்லுபடியான பரிசீலனை இருந்தால், தீர்வு சட்டங்கள் மற்றும் வாக்குறுதி தடுப்பு (Promissory Estoppel) கோட்பாட்டின் கீழ் உலகளவில் செயல்படுத்தப்படுகிறது.

உதாரணம்:

ஒரு வங்கி போராடும் வணிக நிறுவனத்திற்கு எதிராக 6 மாதங்களுக்கு வழக்கு தொடரமாட்டேன் என்று எழுத்துப்பூர்வமாக ஒப்புக்கொள்கிறது; நிதி ஏற்பாடு செய்ய நிறுவனத்திற்கு நேரம் வழங்குகிறது. அந்த காலத்தில் வங்கி வழக்கு தொடர்ந்தால், நிறுவனம் வழக்கை தள்ளுபடி செய்ய அந்த உடன்படிக்கையை பயன்படுத்தலாம்.

இது ஏன் முக்கியம்?

- தீர்வுகளை ஊக்குவிக்கிறது:** உடனடி வழக்காடல் இல்லாமல் பேச்சுவார்த்தை நடத்த தரப்பினருக்கு சுவாசிக்கும் இடைவெளி வழங்குகிறது.
- நீதித்துறை சிக்கனம்:** முன்சட்டிய வழக்குகளை தடுப்பதன் மூலம் நீதிமன்ற நேரத்தை மிச்சப்படுத்துகிறது.
- வணிக நெகிழ்வுத்தன்மை:** கடன் மறுசீரமைப்பில் உதவி தேவையற்ற திவால் நிலையிலிருந்து நிறுவனங்களை காக்கிறது.



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