

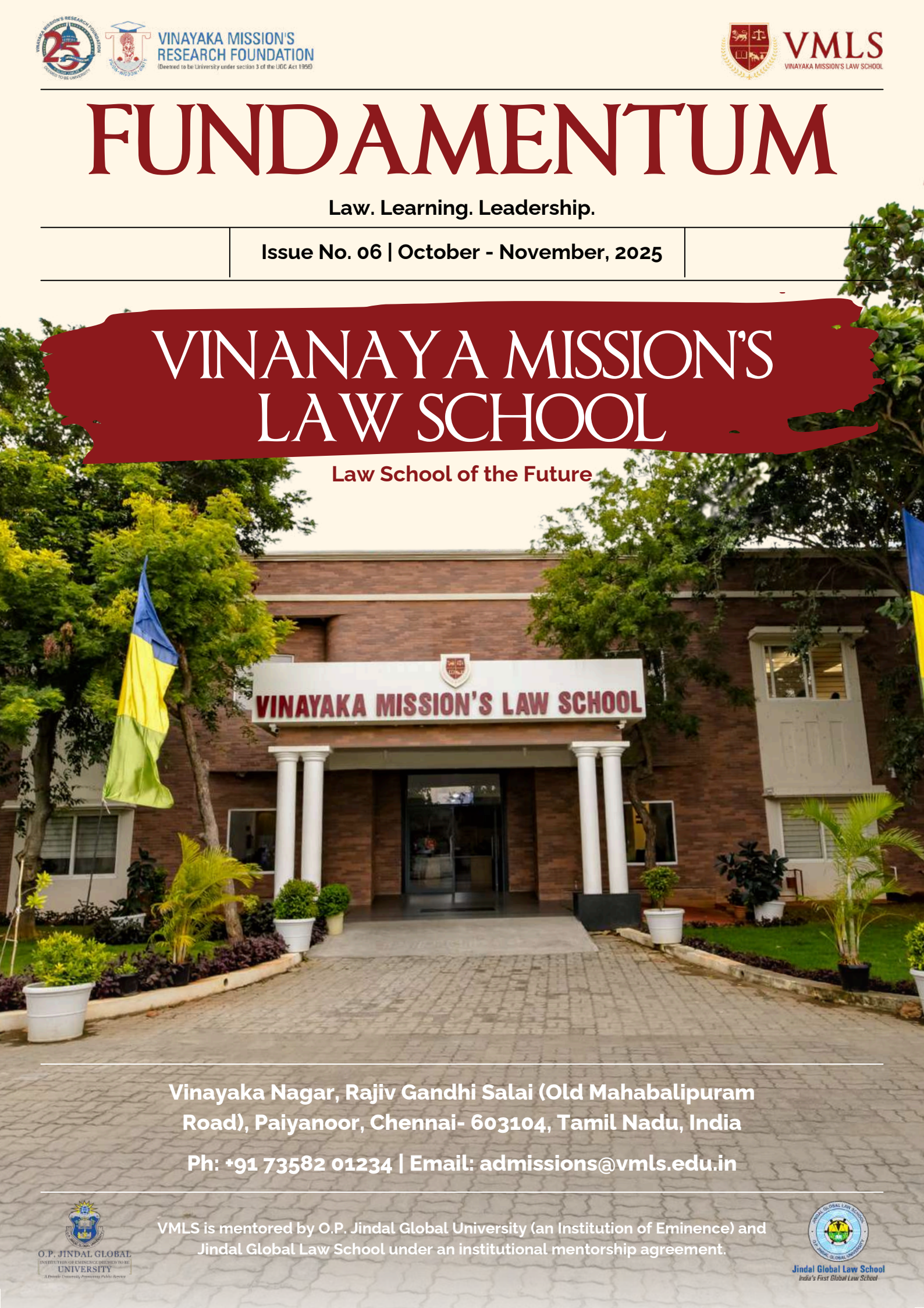
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Monthly Newsletter

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Highlights from October and November 2025

November 2025 was a transformative month for Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS), marked by a vibrant confluence of academic excellence, experiential learning, community engagement, and distinguished scholarly contributions. The institution witnessed a rich tapestry of events that collectively reflect its commitment to nurturing thoughtful, compassionate, and future-ready legal professionals.

The month opened with an inspiring academic energy as VMLS hosted a series of high-impact guest lectures delivered by renowned experts such as Justice (Retd.) P.N. Prakash, Ms. Ashwini Vittalachar, Adv. Sourav Banerjee, and Dr. A. Sivanandam. Their sessions offered students invaluable insights into criminal practice, contract drafting, mortgage law, and the emerging jurisprudence under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Through anecdotes, case experiences, and critical reflections, these lectures bridged theory with practice and deepened students' understanding of law as both a discipline and a public responsibility.

Institutional growth also took center stage with the signing of a landmark MoU between VMLS and D2R Study Abroad. This collaboration promises to expand global exposure, career readiness, and skill development initiatives for students in the coming year. Adding further academic depth, the inaugural Dr. A. Shanmugasundaram Annual Oration—addressed by the eminent economist Dr. C. Rangarajan—brought forth compelling discussions on inclusive growth and equity-driven development. These engagements reaffirmed VMLS's dedication to fostering intellectual leadership and broadening the horizons of legal education.

Experiential learning remained a defining theme of the month. The educational visit to the Central Prison, Kalapet, offered students an unfiltered view of prison administration, rehabilitation mechanisms, and the human dimensions of justice. A similar commitment to practical exposure was evident in the Chennai Port visit,

where students experienced the operational and regulatory complexities of one of India's major maritime hubs. Both visits strengthened VMLS's belief that legal education flourishes most effectively when rooted in lived realities.

Championing its mission of social responsibility, the Centre for Access to Justice led two impactful outreach programs—a Legal Awareness Camp for transgender citizens and a sensitization drive at Mariamma's Children Home. These initiatives empowered marginalized groups with essential legal knowledge, promoted a culture of protection and awareness, and demonstrated VMLS's unwavering commitment to justice beyond the courtroom.

The month also celebrated the achievements and civic spirit of VMLS students. From excelling in the Aspire Leadership Programme offered by Harvard Business School to participating in the CANSTOP Walkathon and volunteering at the Pro Kabaddi League fan engagement program, students embodied leadership, resilience, and community consciousness. Their accomplishments reflected the institution's holistic educational philosophy, where academic rigor meets character formation and social empathy.

Faculty excellence further enriched the month's achievements. Assistant Professor Hartej Singh Kochher's publication in the Economic and Political Weekly added scholarly distinction and showcased VMLS's expanding research footprint. His work on POSH in politics contributed meaningfully to critical national conversations on gender justice and governance.

Collectively, November 2025 stands as a powerful testament to the dynamism of VMLS—a space where knowledge meets action, inquiry meets innovation, and education evolves into a force of transformation.

**Editorial
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Meeting of minds

VMLS at the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) 2025 | Celebrating Sports, Spirit & Community

September 29 – October 10, 2025 | SDAT Indoor Stadium, Chennai

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) proudly participated in the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) 2025 Fan and Community Initiative, celebrating India's vibrant indigenous sport. A team of 26 enthusiastic students attended live matches and volunteered in fan engagement and coordination activities at the SDAT Multi-Purpose Indoor Stadium, Chennai. The initiative immersed students in the dynamic world of professional sports, offering firsthand experience in teamwork, sportsmanship, and event management. Through their active participation, they contributed to promoting inclusivity, collaboration, and community spirit in sports. This unique experience highlighted VMLS's commitment to holistic education—encouraging leadership, participation, and community engagement beyond the classroom.



Strengthening Legal Collaboration: MoU Signing Ceremony

October 17, 2025 | Salem Bar Association, Salem

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) proudly marked a milestone with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Salem Bar Association and the Civil and Criminal Bar Association on October 17, 2025. The collaboration aims to strengthen advocacy training, legal education, and professional engagement, bridging academia with practice. Dr. Fowmina. C and Dr. Krishna Kishore Padala represented VMLS at the ceremony, with active participation from student representatives Indumathi and Ramanan, and alumni Navitha and Nitesh. This partnership underscores VMLS's enduring commitment to experiential learning, leadership, and community-oriented legal development, aligning with its mission to nurture future-ready professionals.



Legal Literacy and Access to Justice Camp for Transgender Citizens

October 25, 2025 | VMLS Campus, Paiyanoor

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) successfully organized the Legal Literacy and Access to Justice Camp for Transgender Citizens at its Paiyanoor campus, Chennai. Conducted by the Centre for Access to Justice, the initiative empowered transgender citizens through legal awareness, inclusivity, and interactive sessions with experts and community leaders. Distinguished speakers included Ms. Saro (Program Manager, Blossom Trust) and Ms. Santhoshini (Founder, Anaiya Oli Trust), along with advocates from the Chengalpattu District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) who discussed identity rights, anti-discrimination laws, and welfare schemes. With participation from over 60 transgender citizens, law students, and professionals, the event fostered meaningful dialogue and community connection. As an act of solidarity, participants received one month's provisions—reflecting VMLS's enduring mission to integrate empathy, education, and social justice into legal practice.



Walk for a Cause: One Walk One Hope

October 26, 2025 | Island Grounds, Chennai

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) proudly participated in CANSTOP NGO's 16th Annual Walkathon – "One Walk One Hope", held in collaboration with Rotary District 3234 as part of International Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A group of 38 VMLS students joined over 5,000 participants from various institutions and organizations to spread awareness about breast cancer prevention and early detection. Wearing shades of pink and carrying powerful placards and slogans, the students embodied the spirit of hope, solidarity, and collective action against cancer. The initiative offered experiential learning beyond classrooms, reinforcing values of empathy, volunteerism, and civic responsibility. Their enthusiastic participation reflected VMLS's ongoing commitment to social awareness, health advocacy, and community engagement.



Dr. A. Shanmugasundaram Annual Oration

27 October 2025 | VMCC Campus, Paiyanoor

Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation – University, Chennai, proudly hosted the inaugural Dr. A. Shanmugasundaram Annual Oration, held in honour of Smt. Annapoorani Shanmugasundaram. The event featured a distinguished address by Dr. C. Rangarajan, who delivered a compelling lecture on economic growth, structural transformation, and the need for equitable development. He highlighted that sustainable progress is achieved only when economic expansion benefits all sections of society. A total of 42 students from BA LL.B, BBA LL.B, and B.Com LL.B programmes participated, gaining valuable insights into inclusive growth and contemporary macroeconomic challenges. This academic initiative reflects VMRF's commitment to fostering intellectual curiosity, policy-oriented thinking, and socially responsible scholarship.



Expert Lecture | General Exceptions and Offences Against Women & Children under the BNS

October 29, 2025 | VMLS Campus, Paiyanoor

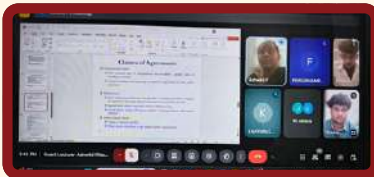
Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) successfully hosted an Expert Lecture on "General Exceptions and Offences Against Women and Children under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)" on October 29, 2025, featuring Dr. A. Sivanandam, Ph.D. in Cyber Law, Assistant Professor of Law, Saveetha School of Law (SIMATS), Chennai. An accomplished academic and legal professional with over a decade of teaching and research experience, Dr. Sivanandam delivered two engaging sessions focusing on the key provisions and evolving implications of the BNS. His lectures emphasized general exceptions and offences against women and children, drawing from his deep expertise in Criminal Law, Cyber Law, and Legal Pedagogy. The event fostered critical engagement through interactive discussions, bridging theory and practice. Organized as part of VMLS's academic enrichment initiatives, the session reflected the institution's mission to nurture socially responsible, ethically grounded, and professionally competent legal minds.



Guest Lecture | Fundamentals of Contract Drafting

October 31, 2025 | Online

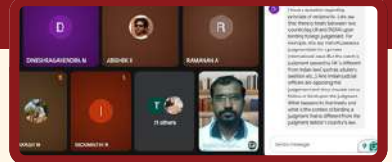
Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) successfully organized an online guest lecture on "Fundamentals of Contract Drafting" featuring Ms. Ashwini Vittalachar, Equity Partner at SAMVĀD: Partners and one of India's leading corporate lawyers. The session provided students with a deep dive into the principles of drafting precise, clear, and effective contracts. Drawing from her extensive experience in corporate law, Ms. Vittalachar highlighted essential clauses, common drafting pitfalls, and practical strategies for effective contract formulation. The interactive session witnessed active participation from students across law programmes, connecting theoretical knowledge with real-world application. This enriching session reaffirmed VMLS's commitment to experiential learning, equipping future lawyers with essential skills that form the cornerstone of a successful legal career.



Global Jurisprudence: Understanding Foreign Judgments

1 November 2025

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) successfully hosted an insightful online Guest Lecture on "Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments," delivered by Dr. Mukesh Rawat, Assistant Professor of Law at Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (Central University), on 1st November 2025. Dr. Rawat traced the historical evolution of recognising foreign judgments and highlighted their growing relevance in a globalised legal landscape. He explained the close interaction between Public and Private International Law and how these principles influence cross-border legal cooperation, judicial comity, and domestic jurisprudence. The interactive session deepened students' understanding of international legal frameworks and underscored the importance of developing a global legal perspective. The lecture reaffirmed VMLS's commitment to holistic legal education driven by expert-led learning and academic engagement.



Educational Visit to Central Prison, Kalapet

1 November 2025 | Central Prison, Kalapet

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) organised its first educational visit to the Central Prison, Kalapet, offering students a rare and meaningful exposure to the criminal justice system. Ninety-seven students, accompanied by Dr. Fowmina C, Prof. Saravanan Ravi, and Prof. Mike Ruban, explored administrative units, vocational centres, rehabilitation wings, and inmate welfare divisions. Guided by Mr. V. Baskaran, Superintendent-in-Charge, the visit provided practical insight into prison administration, correctional processes, and reform-centric governance. Interactions with inmates enabled students to understand the human dimension of crime, rehabilitation, and social reintegration. The visit strengthened the bridge between theory and practice, reinforcing VMLS's mission to cultivate empathetic, reform-oriented, and socially responsible legal professionals.



MoU Signing with D2R Study Abroad

6 November 2025 | VMLS Campus, Paiyanoor

VMLS proudly signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with D2R Study Abroad, launching a transformative international partnership for the academic year 2025-26. The collaboration aims to expand global exposure, employability, and skill development for VMLS students through a structured series of programmes. The initiative includes career mapping sessions, international university webinars, SOP and resume-building workshops, soft skills training, entrepreneurship development modules, and access to language learning opportunities. Students will also benefit from personalised guidance on scholarships, admissions, and overseas education pathways. This MoU reflects VMLS's commitment to nurturing globally competent, ethically grounded professionals equipped for modern legal careers and international engagement.



Guest Lecture by Kapildev Arulmozhi

6 November 2025 | VMLS Campus, Paiyanoor

VMLS hosted an inspiring guest lecture by Mr. Kapildev Arulmozhi, Co-Founder of Entrans Inc., Infisign Inc., and Thunai Inc., on the theme "Fueling the Future: Motivation as the Core Currency of New-Age Entrepreneurship." With over 18 years of experience in emerging technologies, he shared insights from AI, blockchain, and product innovation, emphasizing that motivation, consistency, and continuous learning are the foundation of entrepreneurial success. He also spoke about his environmental initiative "Live For Others," which earned him the title Green Man of Chennai. The lecture motivated students to embrace innovation-driven leadership, resilience, and purpose. The session embodied VMLS's commitment to fostering industry-aligned exposure and future-ready perspectives.



Guest Lecture by Justice (Retd.) P.N. Prakash

11 November 2025 | VMCC Campus, Paiyanoor

VMLS hosted a powerful guest lecture by Justice (Retd.) P.N. Prakash, Former Judge, High Court of Madras, titled "Life as a Criminal Lawyer – Experiences from the Bar and the Bench." With decades of distinguished service, he shared invaluable insights on professional integrity, advocacy, courtroom ethics, and the responsibility lawyers carry in shaping justice. His reflections bridged the worlds of litigation and adjudication, offering students a deeper understanding of the legal profession. The session inspired students to uphold fairness, diligence, and empathy in their future practice, reinforcing VMLS's vision of holistic legal education led by real-world perspectives.



Legal Awareness Drive at Mariamma's Children Home

13 November 2025 | Mariamma's Children Home, OMR

Under the Centre for Access to Justice (CAJ), VMLS conducted a meaningful Legal Awareness Drive at Mariamma's Children Home, OMR. Organised by Dr. Fowmina C, the event featured Mrs. Julie Ezekiah, Member of the Juvenile Justice Board, Kancheepuram, as Chief Guest. The team interacted with 35 children, offering engaging sessions on children's rights, responsible phone usage, cyber safety, and responding to online threats. The initiative created a safe space for learning, dialogue, and empowerment. The drive reflects VMLS's ongoing mission to extend legal literacy to vulnerable communities, fostering awareness, protection, and confidence among young individuals.



Guest Lecture on Mortgages by Adv. Sourav Banerjee

14 November 2025 | VMLS Campus, Paiyanoor

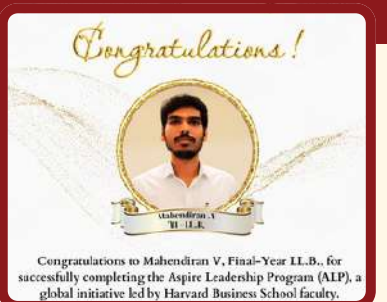
VMLS conducted an enriching guest lecture on "Mortgages", delivered by Adv. Sourav Banerjee, an experienced practitioner in property and commercial law. The session covered the fundamentals of mortgages under the Transfer of Property Act, 1882, along with practical insights into SARFAESI proceedings, property searches, auction processes, and borrower-lender rights. Students shared that the lecture offered much-needed clarity on both statutory concepts and real-world applications, making it invaluable for academic and professional growth. This initiative reflects VMLS's commitment to bridging doctrinal knowledge with practical skill-building, ensuring students develop a strong foundation in contemporary legal frameworks.



Student Achievement | Aspire Leadership Programme – Harvard Business School

October 2025 | VMLS Campus, Paiyanoor

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) proudly celebrates Mahendiran V (III Year LL.B. Hons.) and Kavin Kshathriya J.S (IV Year B.A., LL.B. Hons.) for successfully completing the prestigious Aspire Leadership Programme by Harvard Business School. This global initiative empowers emerging leaders through experiential learning, mentorship, and professional development. Their accomplishment highlights VMLS's commitment to nurturing globally minded, future-ready professionals who excel beyond academics. Both



students exemplify leadership, perseverance, and a dedication to lifelong learning—values that define the VMLS community. This recognition underscores the institution's mission to cultivate excellence and inspire students to achieve impactful success in the global legal and leadership arena.

Research Achievement: EPW Publication by Hartej Singh Kochher



November | Economic and Political Weekly Magazine

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) proudly congratulates Assistant Professor Hartej Singh Kochher for publishing his research article "The Unfinished Question of POSH in Politics" in Economic and Political Weekly (EPW), India's premier journal for policy and social science research. His article critically examines the gaps in implementing the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) framework within political institutions, reflecting on systemic challenges, gendered power structures, and the urgent need for accountability. This achievement highlights VMLS's strong research culture and commitment to advancing meaningful scholarship at the intersections of law, governance, and social justice. The publication stands as an inspiration for students and scholars pursuing impactful, policy-relevant research.



LEGAL MAXIM

Meaning: Agreements must be kept (It means that states are legally bound to honor the treaties they sign, and must perform their obligations in good faith.)

Legislative / Treaty Reference (International Law):

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, 1969

Article 26: "Every treaty in force is binding upon the parties to it and must be performed by them in good faith."

Principle of Good Faith: This maxim rests on the foundational rule that nations must comply honestly and faithfully with their international obligations.

Example: If Country A signs a treaty promising not to test nuclear weapons, but later conducts secret nuclear tests, it violates "Pacta Sunt Servanda".

Such a breach can lead to diplomatic protests, sanctions, or retaliation in international forums.

In Simple Words: When countries sign a treaty, they must do what they promised. They cannot ignore, deny, or break obligations simply because it becomes inconvenient later.

Why It Matters:

- Maintains trust and stability among nations.
- Ensures predictability in international relations.
- Protects the legitimacy of treaties.
- Forms the backbone of all international agreements.

"Pacta Sunt Servanda"

பொருள் : ஒப்பந்தங்கள் பூரணமாகக் கடைப்பிடிக்கப்பட வேண்டும் (சர்வதேச ஒப்பந்தங்களில் கையெழுத்திட்ட நாடுகள், அந்த ஒப்பந்தத்தின் கடமைகளை நேர்மையாகவும் நம்பிக்கையுடனும் செயல்படுத்த வேண்டும்.)

சர்வதேச சட்ட குறிப்புகள் : வியன்னா உடன்படிக்கை சட்டம், 1969

பிரிவு 26 : "செயல்பாட்டில் உள்ள ஒவ்வொரு உடன்படிக்கையும், அதில் பங்கேற்கும் நாடுகளுக்கு கட்டாயமானது; அவர்கள் அதை நம்பகத்தன்மையுடனும் நல்லநம்பிக்கையுடனும் செயல்படுத்த வேண்டும்."

நல்லநம்பிக்கை (Good Faith) கோட்பாடு : நாடுகள் தங்கள் சர்வதேச கடமைகளை நேர்மையாக பின்பற்ற வேண்டும் என்பதன் அடிப்படையில் இந்த சட்டச் சொற்றொடர் அமைந்துள்ளது.

உதாரணம் : ஒரு நாடு அணு ஆயுத சோதனையை நடத்தமாட்டோம் என்று ஒப்பந்தத்தில் கையெழுத்திடுகிறது. ஆனால் பின்னர் ரகசியமாக அணு சோதனைகள் நடத்துகிறது. இது "Pacta Sunt Servanda" என்ற கோட்பாட்டை மீறுவது. இதன் விளைவாக சர்வதேச எதிர்ப்பு, தடை, அல்லது அரசியல் நடவடிக்கைகள் ஏற்படலாம்.

எளிய சொற்களில் : ஒரு நாடு ஒரு சர்வதேச ஒப்பந்தத்தில் கையெழுத்திட்டால், அது வாக்குறுதி செய்ததை கட்டாயமாக பின்பற்ற வேண்டும். பின்னர் வசதிக்கேற்ப அதை மறுப்பதோ, மீறுவதோ செய்ய இயலாது.

ஏன் இது முக்கியம்?

- நாடுகளுக்கிடையில் நம்பிக்கையை உருவாக்குகிறது.
- சர்வதேச உறவுகளை நிலைத்தன்மையாக்குகிறது.
- சர்வதேச ஒப்பந்தங்களின் மரியாதையை காக்கிறது.
- உலக சட்ட ஒழுங்கின் முக்கியமான தூண்களில் ஒன்று.

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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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