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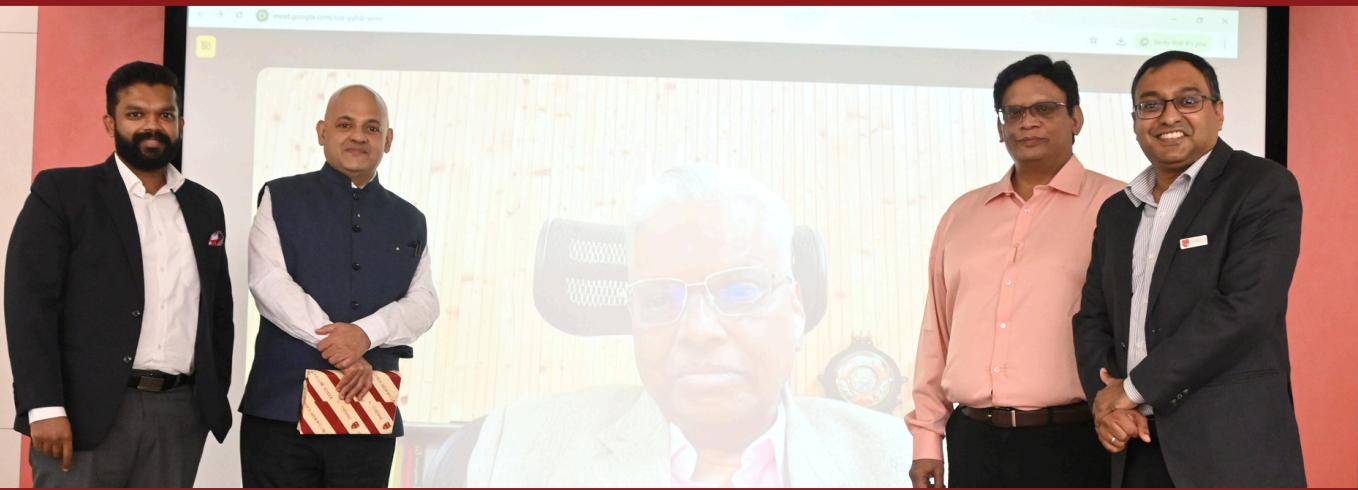


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Highlights from November and December 2025

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) continues to advance its mission of delivering a holistic, future-oriented legal education that blends rigorous academic engagement with meaningful community outreach. As the legal landscape evolves rapidly, shaped by technological advancements, shifting societal needs, and a globalised professional environment, VMLS remains steadfast in its commitment to cultivating legal professionals who embody integrity, competence, and social consciousness. This edition of our newsletter captures that vision in action, showcasing the diverse academic, professional, and outreach initiatives undertaken in recent months.

From enriching guest lectures delivered by esteemed members of the judiciary, seasoned practitioners, and distinguished academics, to large-scale legal awareness programmes aimed at empowering vulnerable communities, every effort reflects the School's dedication to accessible and quality legal learning. These sessions have expanded student understanding across a wide range of contemporary themes: criminal practice, mortgage law, ESG compliance, cyber safety, international legal cooperation, interdisciplinary education, and innovative research practices. The diversity of engagements highlights VMLS's belief that legal education must go beyond the classroom to embrace experiential learning, cross-disciplinary thinking, and real-world awareness.

This edition also celebrates outstanding student achievements on both national and international platforms. Their contributions to academic discourse through research presentations and conference participation embody VMLS's belief that the pursuit of excellence begins with curiosity, perseverance, and intellectual courage. We are proud to see our students stand among scholars and professionals across the country, representing the institution with distinction and thought leadership.

A significant highlight of this period is the appointment of our new Executive Dean, Mr Siddharth Raja, whose extensive experience in legal practice brings a transformative vision for the college's next chapter. His leadership promises a strengthened connection between legal academia and the profession, deepening the college's focus on practical exposure, industry collaboration, and multidisciplinary opportunities. The investiture ceremony and his interactions with the VMLS community serve as a reminder that visionary leadership forms the cornerstone of institutional growth.

Our expanding professional collaborations, including the MoU with Vivrti Law Firm, continue to create pathways for student development and enhanced industry engagement. These partnerships reinforce our commitment to ensuring that VMLS graduates emerge as capable, responsible, and confident legal professionals prepared for the complexities of modern legal practice.

As you explore the events and initiatives detailed 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.

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A New Era of Leadership: Appointment of Executive Dean



November 13, 2025 | VMLS Campus

Vinayaka Mission's Law School proudly welcomed Mr Siddharth Raja as the new Executive Dean, marking a transformative moment in the institution's journey toward academic excellence and professional expansion. With an illustrious background as a distinguished lawyer, industry expert, and thought leader, Mr Siddharth Raja brings a dynamic blend of legal acumen, strategic insight, and vision-driven leadership that promises to elevate VMLS to new heights. His arrival symbolises a renewed commitment to integrating practical legal exposure with academic rigour.



The appointment of Executive Dean Mr Siddharth Raja represents more than a change in leadership; it reflects the beginning of a fresh, ambitious chapter for VMLS. Mr Siddharth Raja's presence inspires confidence that the institution will continue to uphold its values while embracing innovative pathways in legal education. With his guidance, Vinayaka Mission's Law School looks forward to expanding its national and international presence, fostering excellence, and shaping the next generation of impactful legal professionals.



Mr Siddharth Raja's extensive experience in corporate practice, cross-border transactions, and governance frameworks positions him uniquely to guide students toward a future where law intersects powerfully with technology, policy, and globalisation. His leadership places strong emphasis on professionalism, research, ethical practice, and interdisciplinary growth qualities central to producing capable and responsible legal professionals.

During his first interactions with faculty and students, Mr Siddharth Raja emphasised the importance of curiosity, professional discipline, and continuous learning. His vision aligns with the institution's mission to cultivate lawyers who are socially aware, intellectually refined, and equipped for the complexities of the modern legal world. Mr Siddharth Raja also highlighted his commitment to strengthening industry collaborations, research opportunities, and experiential learning platforms like moot courts, internships, and legal aid initiatives.



Accessible Justice in Action: Free Legal Aid



November 15, 2025 | Kovalam Panchayat, Thiruporur

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) successfully conducted a comprehensive Free Legal Aid Camp at Kovalam Panchayat, reaffirming its commitment to ensuring that legal awareness and assistance reach every section of society. The initiative was designed to support residents who often face challenges accessing reliable legal guidance due to financial limitations, lack of documentation, or limited awareness of available remedies.

The camp focused on resolving everyday legal concerns, including property disputes, family and matrimonial issues, inheritance questions, documentation support, and clarification regarding government welfare schemes. A dedicated panel of VMLS faculty members provided expert counselling, ensuring that each individual received accurate, practical, and solution-oriented guidance tailored to their situation. The legal team also helped residents understand relevant procedures, rights, and preventive steps to avoid future disputes.



A highly enthusiastic group of student volunteers played a crucial role in the initiative. They facilitated smooth coordination, assisted participants in articulating their problems, and created a welcoming atmosphere that encouraged open interaction. Their involvement not only strengthened community trust but also offered them valuable hands-on experience in client interaction, ethical responsibility, and the social role of legal professionals. For many students, the camp served as a meaningful exposure to the realities of grassroots legal challenges.



Beyond providing immediate assistance, the programme emphasised the long-term importance of legal literacy. Awareness sessions were conducted on topics such as women's rights, cyber safety, public documentation procedures, and navigating government services. These efforts empowered residents with essential knowledge that promotes self-reliance and informed decision-making. The Free Legal Aid Camp stands as a testament to VMLS's broader mission of bridging the gap between the legal system and underserved communities. Through sustained outreach, the law school continues to champion justice, equality, and community empowerment, reinforcing its role as an institution dedicated not only to education but also to meaningful societal impact.



Global Pathways for Learners: Inspirational Session by Dr Joseph M.

November 20, 2025 | VMLS Campus

Dr Joseph M. conducted an inspiring session at Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS), introducing students to global education pathways and international career opportunities. He emphasised the importance of interdisciplinary skills, continuous learning, and exposure to diverse academic environments in shaping successful professional journeys. Students gained practical insights into scholarships, studying at foreign universities, and building a strong academic profile to compete globally. Dr Joseph M. also highlighted the value of effective communication, curiosity, and adaptability as essential traits for modern legal professionals. The session encouraged students to dream ambitiously and explore international avenues in law and allied fields, broadening their horizons and motivating them to pursue transformative global experiences.

Dream. Design. Develop: Interdisciplinary Perspectives by Dr Giri Rengasami

November 20, 2025 | VMLS Campus

Dr. Giri Rengasami delivered a thought-provoking session at Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS), emphasizing the significance of interdisciplinary learning in contemporary education. He encouraged students to tackle challenges with creativity, innovation, and an open mindset. The lecture highlighted how disciplines such as technology, management, and social sciences intersect with law, enhancing problem solving and decision-making skills. Students were motivated to develop analytical thinking, resilience, and adaptability—qualities essential for future-ready legal professionals. Dr. Giri Rengasami's core message, "Dream, Design, and Develop," inspired students to approach their careers with clarity, confidence, and a commitment to continuous learning, leaving a lasting impression on their academic and professional aspirations.



Honouring India's Spirit: Constitution Day 2025 Celebration

November 26, 2025 | VMLS Campus

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) celebrated Constitution Day with enthusiasm and purpose. The event commenced with a ceremonial reading of the Preamble, followed by engaging discussions on constitutional values, fundamental rights, and civic duties. Students actively participated in debates, quizzes, and presentations, which enhanced their understanding of India's democratic principles. Faculty members emphasised the importance of constitutional morality and the responsibilities of citizens in upholding justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. The celebration reinforced students' appreciation of India's legal heritage and inspired them to respect and internalise the guiding principles of the Constitution. The event exemplified VMLS's commitment to nurturing responsible, informed, and socially aware legal professionals.



Strengthening Professional Futures: VMLS Signs MoU with Vivrti Law Firm

November 13, 2025 | VMLS Campus

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Vivrti Law Firm, marking the beginning of a strategic academic-industry collaboration. The partnership is designed to provide students with enhanced training through internships, skill-development workshops, legal research projects, and mentorship from practicing professionals. Representatives from Vivrti Law Firm highlighted the value of practical exposure in shaping competent and confident legal practitioners. This initiative reinforces VMLS's commitment to connecting theoretical knowledge with real-world legal practice, enabling students to gain hands-on experience, develop professional skills, and understand the dynamics of the legal industry. The MoU reflects a shared vision for fostering holistic legal education.



Sustainability in Law: ESG & SEBI Disclosure Framework Lecture

December 4, 2025 | VMLS Campus

An informative lecture on ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) compliance and the SEBI disclosure framework was conducted at Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS). The session explained how businesses adopt sustainability practices to meet regulatory requirements and ensure transparency for investors. Students gained insights into ESG reporting standards, corporate governance principles, and India's evolving regulatory environment. Real-life case studies on sustainable business models highlighted the significance of ethical and responsible corporate conduct. The lecture enabled students to understand the critical intersection of law, corporate responsibility, and environmental considerations in contemporary legal practice. It provided practical knowledge to prepare students for challenges in corporate and regulatory law.

Advancing Tamil Legal Heritage: Guest Lecture by Prof. Dr. M. Muthuvelu

05 December 2025 | Tamil Development Department, Government of Tamil Nadu

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) proudly highlights the contribution of Professor Dr. M. Muthuvelu, who delivered a special guest lecture for the Government of Tamil Nadu. As part of the Tamil Development Department's training programme on the Tamil Nadu Official Language Act, he addressed officers of the Forest Department with his lecture on "The Historical Background of the Tamil Nadu Official Language Act, 1957." He explained the evolution of Tamil as an administrative language, its classical roots, the influence of British rule, and the post-independence efforts that reinstated Tamil as the official language. His clear, insightful presentation received high appreciation, reflecting VMLS's commitment to Tamil legal scholarship and public service.



Excellence in Constitutional Scholarship: Student Achievement by Aagash Samraj C

November 2025

Aagash Samraj C of Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) earned notable recognition for presenting his research at the esteemed National Conference on Constitutional Studies. His paper offered an in-depth exploration of contemporary challenges in constitutional interpretation, judicial accountability, and the evolving role of constitutional courts. Competing alongside scholars from leading institutions across the country, Aagash demonstrated remarkable analytical skills, academic rigor, and clarity in presenting complex legal ideas. His achievement highlights the vibrant research culture and scholarly encouragement at VMLS. It also exemplifies how the institution equips students to engage critically with pressing legal issues and contribute meaningfully to national and academic discourse in constitutional law, reinforcing VMLS's commitment to academic excellence.

Leadership in Labour Law Scholarship: Student Achievement by Samson Albert

December 2025

Samson Albert of Vinayaka Mission's Law School represented the institution at a prestigious International Symposium on Labour and Employment Laws. During the conference, he presented his research on workers' rights, gig economy challenges, and recent employment reforms, earning commendation for his analytical depth and clarity. Samson's presentation highlighted practical implications for labour law, demonstrating his ability to connect theoretical knowledge with real-world application. His accomplishment reflects not only his personal dedication but also VMLS's strong emphasis on nurturing research skills, academic excellence, and professional preparedness. This recognition reinforces the institution's growing prominence in national and international legal scholarship and showcases the potential of its students to contribute meaningfully to labour law discourse.



LEGAL MAXIM

Meaning: Peremptory norms of international law

(These are fundamental principles that no state can violate, even by treaty.)

Legislative / Treaty Reference (International Law):

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (1969)

Article 26: A treaty is void if it conflicts with a jus cogens norm.

These norms include:

- Prohibition of genocide
- Prohibition of slavery
- Prohibition of torture
- Basic principles of humanitarian law

Example: Countries cannot sign a treaty allowing slavery. Even if they do, the treaty is automatically void because it violates jus cogens.

In Simple Words: Some rules in international law are so important that no country can break them — ever.

Why It Matters:

- Protects fundamental human rights
- Ensures minimum standards of humanity
- Limits state power
- Forms the highest level of legal norms worldwide

"Jus Cogens"

பொருள் : மிக உயர்ந்த மற்றும் மீற முடியாத சர்வதேச சட்ட விதிகள் (இந்த விதிகளை எந்த நாடும் சர்வதேச ஒப்பந்தம் செய்தாலும் சட்ட—மீற முடியாது.)

சர்வதேச சட்ட குறிப்புகள் : வியன்னா உடன்படிக்கை, 1969 – உருப்பு 53

Jus Cogens உடன் முரண்படும் எந்த ஒப்பந்தமும் தானாகவே செல்லாது.

இவை பொதுவாக:

- இனப்படுகொலைக்கு தடை
- அடிமைத்தனத்திற்கு தடை
- கொடுமைப்படுத்தலுக்கு தடை
- அடிப்படை மனிதாபிமான சட்டங்கள்

உதாரணம் : ஒரு நாடு அடிமைத்தனத்தை அனுமதிக்கும் ஒப்பந்தத்தில் கையெழுத்திட்டாலும், அது தானாகவே செல்லாது. ஏனெனில் அது Jus Cogens விதிகளை மீறுகிறது.

எனிய சொற்களில் : சில சர்வதேச விதிகள் மிகவும் முக்கியமானவை. நாடுகள் அவற்றை ஒருபோதும் மீற முடியாது.

என் இது முக்கியம்?

- மனித உரிமைகளை காக்கிறது
- மனித குலத்தின் அடிப்படை மதிப்புகளை உறுதி செய்கிறது
- நாடுகளின் அதிகாரத்தை வரையறைக்கிறது
- உலகளாவிய சட்ட ஒழுங்கின் உச்ச விதிகள்

“ 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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