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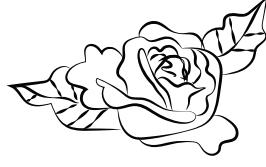


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# An ode to our resilience and fortitude

As we step into a new year, Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) looks back at the past year with immense pride and contentment. The last one year has been challenging, but has also been incredibly rewarding for the institution. The students and faculty alike had gone through testing times but have shone even brighter. The aim of this magazine is to track this journey of great resilience and fortitude. The faculty with their revolutionary techniques, the students with their indelible commitment, and the management with their visionary leadership have built up an academic culture that is inclusive, empathetic, and inquisitive. These virtues of empathy, fortitude, and resilience can only be captured by the word "Arram" (அறம்).

The word "Arram" can be loosely translated as "Morality" in English. But such a translation narrows down the scope and depth of the word. Arram refers to righteousness, but not a mere shallow virtue signaling. Arram refers to an attitude of great sincerity, a worldview that encompasses equality and progressiveness. The great poet Thiruvalluvar explains the attitude of Arram as follows.

“மனத்துக்கண் மாசிலன் ஆதல் அனைத்தறன்  
ஆகுல நீர பிற”

It says that a person who practices "Arram" is a person of pure conscience. It is with such purity of conscience that VMLS treaded its path in the past year. From a period of uncertainty to a period of stability and to a period of flourish, VMLS has shown incredible resilience and adaptability. Our Dean Dr. Ananth Padmanabhan has been the one in forefront of this journey of transformation. His visionary leadership, enthusiasm, and righteousness have helped VMLS in keeping its soul intact. The guiding values of the Institution: Inclusivity, Bilingual education, and future thinking have helped the institution in making tremendous progress in its promise of making future-ready lawyers. As VMLS turns a new leaf in 2024, we invite the readers to witness this story of resilience. We dedicate this magazine to all our students, faculty members, and support staff whose unrelenting hard work has kept the institution on the path of Arram.



# Chancellor's Message



Dear Members of the Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) Community, As we stand on the threshold of releasing the inaugural edition of our annual magazine, I find myself engulfed in a profound sense of pride and gratitude. This magazine is not merely a collection of pages filled with words and images; it is a tapestry woven with threads of dedication, diversity, and dynamism that each member of our esteemed community brings to our beloved VMLS.

Our law school is a vibrant garden where the seeds of curiosity are sown, nurtured by the waters of knowledge and wisdom, enabling the blossoming of competent and compassionate legal professionals. The pages of this magazine echo the arduous work, remarkable achievements, and the transformative journey that our faculty, students, and staff have embarked upon over the past year. In the spirit of inclusivity, we have endeavoured to create a bilingual fabric that respects and celebrates the diverse linguistic backgrounds of our community members. This is not merely a linguistic choice but a reflection of our commitment to fostering a space where every voice is heard, every culture is respected, and every idea is valued. The essence of education lies not just in the acquisition of knowledge but in the cultivation of a mindset that values justice, equity, and social responsibility. At VMLS, we are not just teaching law; we are molding custodians of justice, architects of a just society, and advocates for the voiceless.

In a rapidly evolving global landscape, legal education is not immune to the winds of change. We must remain adaptable, innovative, and steadfast in our commitment to excellence. Our vision is clear – to be a beacon of legal education that is grounded in values, propelled by innovation, and dedicated to producing leaders who will leave indelible marks on the legal landscape. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the editorial committee for breathing life into this wonderful initiative. Your efforts illuminate the rich tapestry of accomplishments, stories, and milestones that make VMLS an extraordinary place of learning.

To our students: you are the heartbeat of VMLS. Your enthusiasm, resilience, and pursuit of excellence are the driving forces that propel us forward. Continue to be curious,



compassionate, and courageous in your journey.

To the parents, thank you for entrusting us with the precious responsibility of nurturing your wards. Your support and faith fuel our commitment to providing an enriching and transformative educational experience. Let this magazine be a mirror reflecting our collective efforts, achievements, and the incredible journey we are on. May it inspire us to soar to new heights, embrace challenges as opportunities, and continue making impactful contributions to the world of law and beyond.

Best wishes,  
Dr. A. S. Ganesan,  
Chancellor, VMRF (DU)





# Message from Dr. Anuradha Ganesan



Dear VMLS Family, I wholeheartedly congratulate the entire Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) college team on the release of the college bulletin. The legal profession represents a noble calling committed to safeguarding the rights and freedoms of individuals. During this year's inauguration, our distinguished guests Honourable Justice Shri Ibrahim Kalifulla and Vice Chancellor Dr. Sudhir Krishnaswamy, shared invaluable insights, setting the tone for a bright future. They reinforced the great responsibility that future lawyers and judges bear in protecting the people of our country through the system of law and justice.

Saint Thiruvalluvar emphasized the role of unbiased judgment, that "justice is seen to be done when the judge is upright in words and deeds."

சொற்கோட்டம் இல்லெள செப்பம் ஒரு தைலயா  
உட்கோட்டம் இன்மை பெனின்.

Our dedicated faculty members, experts in their respective fields, are committed to nurturing young minds. They provide the highest quality education, ensuring that our students receive the knowledge and skills they need to excel. VMLS distinguishes itself by nurturing effective communication skills using Moot courts, engaging in debates and discussions, and encouraging critical thinking. Under the leadership of Dr. Padmanabhan, our esteemed Dean, VMLS aspires to an international standard of education. His commitment to the local environment while incorporating global best practices exemplifies our institution's dedication to excellence. Thirukkural reminds us that knowledge is the greatest wealth.

கேடில் விழுச்செல்வம் கல்வி ஒருவற்க்கு  
மாடல்ல மற்றை யவை

Education, as the verse suggests, remains with us throughout our lives, an inseparable part of who we are. This institution, founded by the illustrious Dr. A. Shanmugasundaram,

continues his legacy of promoting education's transformative power. Our Chancellor, Dr. A. S. Ganesan, guides VMLS towards excellence in academics, research, and social responsibility. VMLS is committed to enhancing the student experience through infrastructure development. We eagerly anticipate the unveiling of top-notch sports facilities, a library that's a treasure trove of knowledge, new hostels designed for a well-rounded college experience, and an impressive auditorium.

To our parents, we understand the trust you've placed in us, and we take the responsibility for your children's safety and well-being seriously. Rest assured, they are in capable hands. As we unveil this inaugural magazine, we welcome you to the VMLS family. May it be the first step in an extraordinary journey filled with knowledge, growth, and success. Thank you for being part of our journey.

Dr. Anuradha Ganesan,  
Vice President, VMRF (DU).



# Message from Mr. Suresh Samuel



Dear VMLS Folks,

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, it is a time for reflection, not only on our achievements and milestones but on the profound role that education plays in shaping our destiny.

At Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS), we have a sacred duty—to cultivate not just students but future leaders, well-equipped with knowledge, skills, and a moral compass to work on the Sustainable Development Goals. In a world where challenges are dynamic, we need to build more than just foundations for the future with continuous focus on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) initiatives.

The philosophy of multidisciplinary education has become our guiding light. VMLS spearheading innovative multidisciplinary courses that delve into the dynamic intersections of law with technology, health, sports, and more will navigate the intricate legal challenges arising in the digital age, encompassing the realms of cybersecurity, data privacy, and intellectual property rights etc. Chomsky's vision of intellectual responsibility seamlessly aligns with our mission at VMLS. We don't merely aim to educate; we aspire to kindle a sense of responsibility that transcends the norm. We cultivate individuals who dare to challenge the status quo, question injustice, and craft innovative solutions to the labyrinthine issues of our age.

As we embark on this journey, let us remember our collective duty—to uphold the pillars of justice, ethics, and intellectual curiosity. Let our institution continue to be the crucible where these values shape the leaders who transcend boundaries, think beyond limits, and work tirelessly to build a brighter future for the well-being of humanity.

For our students and teachers, VMLS is a canvas where knowledge from diverse horizons of VMRF 14 faculties across health and non-health sciences converges to paint the portrait of innovation with limitless possibilities, where law transcends conventions and stands as a beacon of justice.

So, as we step into this new year, let's do so with the understanding that every lecture, every discussion, and every moment in the classroom is a brushstroke on the canvas of



tomorrow. I am glad that VMLS periodical magazine will further enlighten this horizon. Allow me to conclude with the words of Malala Yousafzai, the world's youngest Nobel Prize laureate whose message resonates deeply with the spirit of our institution: "Let us pick up our books and our pens. They are our most powerful weapons. One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world."

Best!

Mr. Suresh Samuel,  
Member, Board of Management, VMRF (DU)



# Dean's Message



Dear VMLS Students, their families, and my colleagues Benjamin Barber, an eminent political theorist, once said, “I don’t divide the world into the weak and the strong, or the successes and the failures..... I divide the world into learners and non-learners.”

This insightful quote, and some of the early observations among kindergarten and primary school students in the United States, helped Professor Carol Dweck, an eminent psychologist from my alma mater, Stanford University, develop a whole new theory on the human brain which is considered one of the most impactful learning and motivation theories of our times. This is the theory on growth versus fixed mindset, one that its leading exponents like PV Sindhu and MS Dhoni display on the field day in and day out, and corporate leaders like Satya Nadella of Microsoft have alluded to as a key aspect of organizational transformation. In short, those with a growth mindset consider their abilities, intellect, and skills to be a work in progress, incrementally building up each day the array of problem-solving and critical thinking abilities they have. Fixed mindset people however hold rigid their belief that they only have a certain finite “level” of abilities, be it intellectual or physical, and can never do much more than what this level permits.

When I took charge as the Dean of Vinayaka Mission’s Law School, first virtually in January and then physically in July, I had a single-point agenda: make VMLS a place filled with learners, and eradicate the negatives of a non learner culture. To achieve this, we had to instill a growth mindset in our learners, one where they are unafraid of failure and are constantly learning and evolving. This mission is easier said than accomplished, and we have many more milestones to achieve before we can claim anything close to success in this direction. But the journey – and it is truly a journey without a destination, as learning never stops for those with a growth mindset – has been extremely fulfilling and rewarding. From the time I took charge to now, I have seen tremendous attitudinal changes within our students. If I were to lay a finger on when the much-needed cultural and learning transition started happening, I would single out the time when our first internal moot court competition took place, over 25-26 May, 2023.

As students appeared before the best of judges handpicked from among law firms and legal practitioners, explaining the nuances of their case and getting challenged in turn by these judges, what we saw was a remarkable ability in our students to start reflecting on their learning curve. A motivated student with far lesser abilities is a hundred times easier to teach than a demotivated one with many more talents.

The inaugural internal moot court competition was the trigger that we needed very much in this direction, sparking the learner motivation within many of our students to keep trying and doing better. This in turn started making our classroom experience far more interactive and engaging for both students and faculty. Another trend that we observed, and which we continue to build on, is that our students love to hear from those on the field, those who are fighting the good fight in courts, boardrooms, governance bodies, and other places that directly impact the lives of millions of people. Capitalizing on this trigger for learner motivation, we started inviting several guest speakers into our campus or virtually, using the remarkable smart classroom facilities that we have. The presence of Justice Ibrahim Kalifulla, retired judge of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, must be notably mentioned here, both for the eminence of his stature, and the impact of his motivational speech on our young minds. Doyens like Justice Kalifulla inspire our students, making them realize that there are no boundaries to their success if they are willing to work. And that, precisely, is the growth mindset we are aspiring to achieve.

As the year unfolds, there are many more activities lined up for our students. All our centres for Excellence will have inaugural events this year, where students shall be involved in organizing them. On November 4, we started in earnest, with Justice (retd.) Dr. S. Muralidhar delivering the inaugural lecture for our Centre for Justice through Technology (CJT). The Centre for Promotion of International Law is all geared to launch on November 25, with three reputed academics engaged in a panel discussion to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We are planning a marquee event early next year to launch our Centre for Maritime Law and the Global Tamil Law Centre, a matter of pride for all of us situated in the State of Tamil Nadu. These centres have begun their work in full swing, with funded research projects, student competitions, translation of legal texts to Tamil, and inviting guest speakers, all falling within the wide range of their respective Mission's and mandates.

Not even one of these initiatives would have taken place without the support of our extremely committed faculty and dedicated staff. They have burnt the midnight oil, ensuring that a cutting-edge curriculum is designed and delivered, course manuals are transparently shared, evaluation is both fun and rewarding, and their networks are effectively leveraged for the benefit of our students through internships, research projects, conferences, and external experts. From humble beginnings, today we have a faculty strength of 20 highly accomplished individuals, with impeccable educational credentials from institutions as diverse and reputed as Stanford, Oxford, UPenn, Jawaharlal Nehru University, NLSIU Bangalore, Jindal Global Law School, University of Melbourne, Queen Mary University of London, and many more. We also have a committed coordinator for our recently created Communications and English Language Lab (CELL), which is now looking to scale its operations to wider skilling and leadership initiatives, both for faculty and students.



Finally, behind the success of any institution are some key external forces that come together to support its management, leadership, and team to deliver on its core vision and promise. In our case, this is the mentoring committee, set up under the aegis of our institutional mentorship agreement with Jindal Global Law School, the country's finest private law school, to steer our law school towards great success in the years to come. Each one of its members are highly accomplished individuals, with many pressures on their time. Yet, they come together every fortnight to take stock of how well VMLS is doing, where we can improve, and how we grow from here. This is truly a growth mindset in real time for you.

Another major constituency in this regard are our internship partners. Our internship program is a central pillar in our quest for excellence through inclusivity, and our aspiration to be global in Vision while pursuing our mission at the local and the grassroots.

With this intent, we have curated a diversified pool of internship partners. Boutique firms and law offices like Al tacit Global and Kria Law (Chennai), Arista Chambers and Crypto Legal (Bangalore), TKC Partners and PSA (New Delhi), NGOs like AWARE and People's Union for Civil Liberties, lawyers across Tamil Nadu and outside TN, and new age outfits like GSPR (an online sports law journal), Corn Troopers, and many others already constitute a vital part of our internship network. The hunger of our students to keep learning through practical interactions and engagements spurs us to keep widening the network and working towards a self-declared target of 200 internship partners by the end of this academic year.

I would like to close by quoting the lyric of a deeply inspiring song from the movie Lagaan, one of my all-time favorites both for its message and the hardships that went into its making. In minds where truth and courage join forces, victory shall ultimately be theirs to cherish. I am truly happy to see VMLS evolve into a crucible for such minds, and promise to give myself to the fullest for the attainment of this objective.

Dr. Ananth Padmanabhan,  
Dean, Vinayaka Mission's Law School



# Message from Associate Dean (Academics)



Dear Esteemed Faculty, Students, Parents, and the VMLS Community,

In the pursuit of academic excellence, I am pleased to address you in this annual message with a special focus on the distinctive educational environment we've cultivated at VMLS, shaping the "Law School of the Future." As Rabindranath Tagore wisely said, "The highest education not only imparts knowledge but also harmonizes our lives with all existence." This message testifies to the remarkable work accomplished over the past year, demonstrating the creativity and dedication of our academic community, echoing Tagore's wisdom.

At VMLS, we firmly believe that each student responds uniquely to their educational opportunities, and this belief forms the core of our educational philosophy. Recognizing the diversity and inclusivity of experiences and perspectives as our greatest asset, we are guided by Eleanor Roosevelt's insight: "The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the fullest, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experiences." We aim to nurture the individuality of each learner, inspired by our vision of creating a "Place that Matters," the "Law School of the Future."

The environment created by the collective effort of the team at VMLS plays a pivotal role in shaping the foundations of healthy development and learning. This idea transcends the nature-versus-nurture debate, emphasizing that both nature and nurture are essential in a student's development. Each student's surroundings are as unique as their fingerprint, influenced by a complex web of factors. In the spirit of our commitment to knowledge and understanding, we acknowledge that the place where a student grows, learns, and plays can introduce countless factors that either bolster or hinder educational opportunities. Clean air, clean water, and safe spaces foster resilience and positive outcomes, while pollution, lead exposure, or lack of greenspace can be detrimental. As we navigate the challenges of the 21st century, we must confront the realities of climate change and its impact on our students' health and learning experiences. Our responsibilities extend beyond the

classroom into the broader environment where critical decisions are made. This is an opportunity for us to shape positive environments and promote holistic well-being, in line with our vision of VMLS.

We are creating a "Place that Matters," countering systemic factors that lead to disparities in access to quality education and resources. Inequities arise from systemic issues such as redlining and institutional disparity. To address these challenges, the idea of VMLS came into existence, a place with the dedication and collective effort of our academic community to bring about meaningful change in pursuit of inclusivity. The existence and growth of VMLS reconfirm and reinforce our commitment to diversity and inclusivity, ensuring that our platform is accessible to all segments of society. We believe that embracing diversity and inclusivity is not only a moral imperative but also a strategic and economic one. It is part of our vision to be the "Law School of the Future," and no external factors can change that commitment.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to academic excellence and the betterment of our community. I look forward to the continued collaboration that will shape our educational landscape for generations to come.

I would like to finish with the spirit of Ben Parker, 'With great education comes great responsibility.' Join us at VMLS, and let's change the world together.

Sincerely,

Nishant Sheokand,  
Associate Dean (Academics)









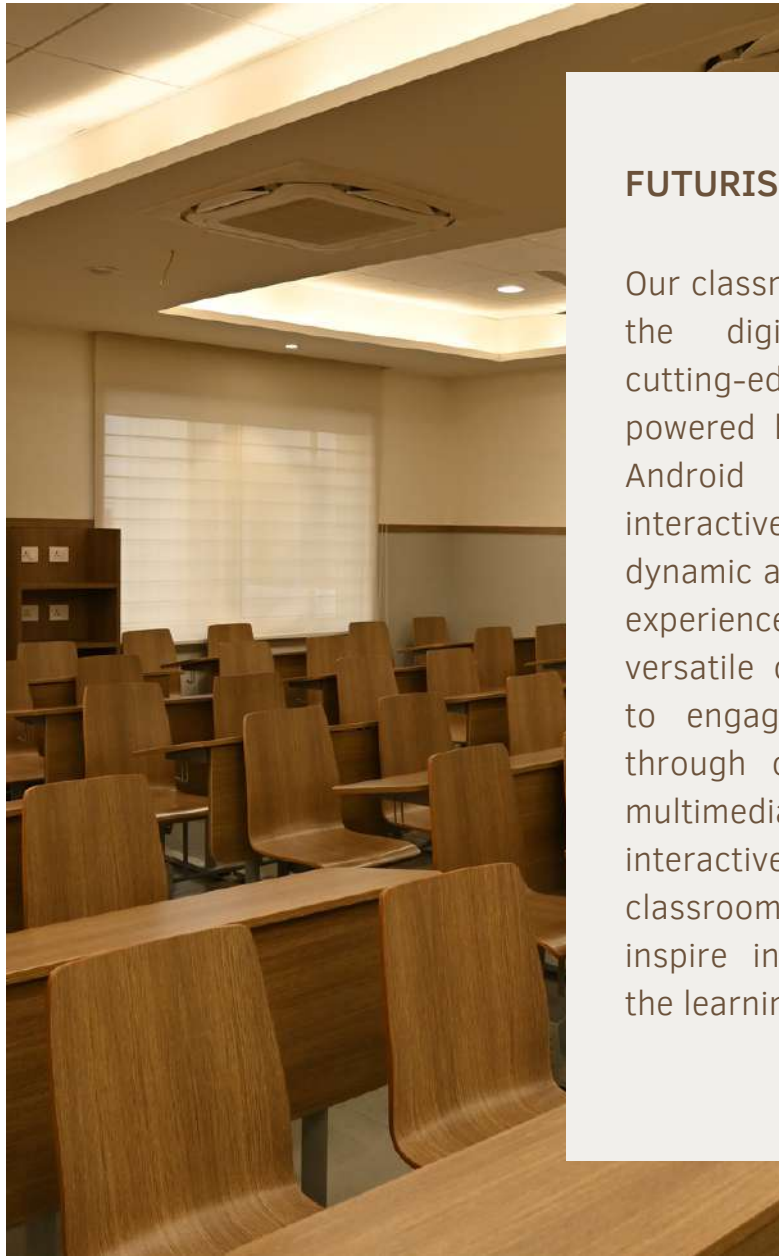
# INFRASTRUCTURE



## MODERN ARCHITECTURE

The VMLS architecture seamlessly blends state-of-the-art technology with the principles of modern design. Guided by simplicity and minimalism. Our campus prioritizes functionality over grandeur, creating open and flexible spaces that instill a sense of spaciousness and fluidity. Large windows and glass walls enhance the connection between indoor and outdoor areas, fostering a collaborative and inspiring environment. With flat roofs and straight lines, our building embodies clarity and simplicity, a deliberate departure from the chaotic complexity of medieval architecture.





## FUTURISTIC CLASSROOMS

Our classrooms are equipped for the digital age, featuring cutting-edge smart boards powered by both Windows and Android platforms. These interactive boards facilitate dynamic and immersive teaching experiences, providing a versatile canvas for instructors to engage students. Whether through collaborative projects, multimedia presentations, or interactive discussions, our classrooms are designed to inspire innovation and elevate the learning journey.

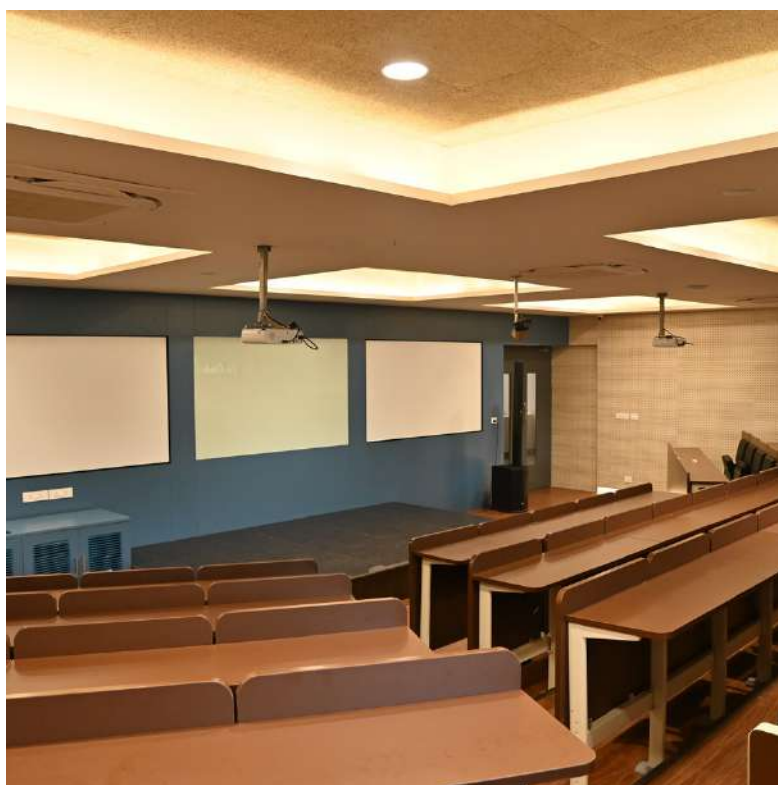






## TECHNOLOGICALLY ADEPT STUDY SPACES

Our study spaces reflect a blend of cutting edge technology with the timeless traditions of legal education. they are thoughtfully designed to inspire creativity and excellence. Our seminar halls boasts state-of-the-art stereo surround systems, AI powered camera tools, and high-end projectors. The halls are also enhanced with fully digital classroom setup ensuring seamless connectivity and engagement.





## LIFE AT VMLS

At VMLS Law School, student life is a transformative journey characterized by inclusivity, approachable faculty, clinical legal aid, excellent infrastructure, a home-like experience, and international quality education. Our campus is a vibrant community that celebrates diversity, ensuring every student feels valued and included. The faculty's approachability fosters a supportive learning environment where students receive personalized guidance. Through clinical legal aid, students gain practical insights, preparing them for real-world legal challenges. The outstanding infrastructure, coupled with advanced technology, creates a conducive atmosphere for academic and personal growth. Many students describe their time at VMLS as a "home-like experience," emphasizing the close-knit community and supportive relationships. The international quality of education at VMLS enriches student perspectives, equipping them for a globalized legal landscape.







## STUDENT EXPERIENCES

“VMLS offers a unique space for me to connect with diverse peers, fostering a rich learning environment. The program provides extensive legal knowledge and insights into real-world applications. The exceptional faculty makes every aspect of law engaging and informative. Grateful for the valuable experience at VMLS.”

- Navin Kumar, LL.B.

“VMLS campus life is vibrant, fostering personal growth and camaraderie. With engaging events and a supportive community, it offers a dynamic environment. State-of-the-art facilities enhance the overall experience, creating a lively hub for academic and social interaction.”

- Srinithi, LL.B.





“VMLS cultivates my growth as a future lawyer with an inspiring and empowering faculty. The inclusive atmosphere fosters community and collaboration, backed by state-of-the-art facilities. The institution's commitment to holistic development ensures academic excellence and personal growth.”

- Gayatri, B.A.,LL.B  
(Hons).



“VMLS is unique in that it offers a fantastic learning environment with excellent faculty members. It induces argumentative thinking and moral practices. Combining theoretical knowledge with practical experience, like through moot court and internship programs, VMLS trains students to be ready for long successful careers. Its excellence and contribution to society sets VMLS apart among law schools.”

- Diwakar, B.A.,LL.B  
(Hons).







# Centres of Excellence

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## CENTRE FOR JUSTICE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY



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*Empowering Justice in the Digital Age*

Technology has become the backbone of this century. With globalization and an ever expanding usage of technology, the ambit of legal application in many allied areas has become necessary. With this evolution, law is bound to wrap and adapt to the needs of the modern society. This need has left us experimenting with technological solutions, to provide access to justice for all. A number of such products which have improved processes have been launched and incubated by incubators housed in various law firms across the globe. This change has effectively started after the SDG 16 focus was emphasized by the UN Secretariat recently. These visions and goals have fostered development of marginalized communities. The use of technology in legal systems has made them more efficient and responsive. One cannot imagine the future legal world elusive of technology.

Therefore, in today's rapidly evolving world, it is fundamental to equip students with the skills to navigate through the landscape of emerging technologies, leveraging it to address multifaceted challenges within our justice system. This encompasses not only access to courts, but to the larger system of legal literacy, awareness and access to constitutionally guaranteed rights, interaction with local government, rights as citizens, professionals, and entrepreneurs, all within the framework of justice - social, economic, and political.

The Centre for Justice through Technology (CJT), at Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS), was created with the objective of providing scholastic perspectives and offering up practical contributions to this new era of adjudication and lawyering. Be it evaluation of potential technology pathways for resolution of long-standing problems in the world of law and justice, policy recommendations for responsible and user-friendly deployment of technology, or engagement with the myriad new ways in which emerging technologies shall interact with law and policy, the Centre aims to take the lead in these areas and emerge as a pioneering voice for shaping thought and action.

With this objective in mind, the inaugural CJT lecture, delivered by the Honorable Justice Muralidhar, focused on the digital transformation of courts. Justice Muralidhar's lecture was an intellectual exploration into how contemporary technology is reshaping the legal system, while equally providing practical perspectives on solving one particular problem that had ailed the Indian judiciary for long – resort to excessive paper and a poor record keeping and retrieval system dependent on manual tasks. Keeping this evolving paradigm shift in mind, the key stakeholders in this process who are lawyers need to be sensitized, equipped and trained to better their practice.



## CENTRE FOR THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW



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*In pursuit of Global Justice*

The Centre for the Promotion of International Law at Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) embodies a vision for the future of international law, particularly in the context of developing countries such as India. The Centre aspires to be a beacon of knowledge and collaboration, and help shape the landscape of international law and foster inclusivity and diversity.

In a more interconnected world than ever, international law plays a crucial role in maintaining peace, resolving conflicts, and upholding justice. The first step towards a better world is understanding international law. Throughout its historical evolution, international law has transformed from a subject of peripheral importance to a multifaceted branch of law.



This evolution encompasses many critical domains, including public international law, international organizational law, investment law, law of the sea, international human rights law, cyber law, and international arbitration practice. Our Centre offers comprehensive courses, workshops, and webinars that help individuals, students, and professionals grasp the fundamental principles of international law. But we don't stop at understanding. We're dedicated to advancing the field through rigorous research.

With its potential to influence the policy landscape, the emergence of international law's prominence raises concerns about the developmental priorities of developing countries. The Centre aims to address these concerns, supporting the development of international law, particularly in the context of India. Our research initiatives tackle contemporary issues and address the most pressing challenges facing our world today. International law knows no boundaries, and neither do we. We foster international collaboration by connecting experts from different corners of the globe, creating a global community that thrives on cooperation.

The envisioned activities of the Centre encompass several critical aspects. Our mission extends beyond education and research. We actively promote peace and justice. Our team works with stakeholders to facilitate peaceful dialogue and resolution of conflicts. Human rights and sustainable development are at the core of our values. We collaborate with NGOs and government agencies to protect human rights and promote sustainable development. Our work doesn't just impact today. It empowers the future.

The Centre for the Promotion of International Law at VMLS is an ambitious vision that holds great promise in shaping the future of international law, with a particular focus on inclusivity and diversity. Its foundational principles, aspirations, and activities indicate its potential to significantly impact the study and practice of international law in the developing world. The Centre for the Promotion of International Law aspires to transform the world by reshaping the pedagogy of international law, fostering a reality where education, research, collaboration, peace, and justice converge to enhance our global community.



## GLOBAL TAMIL LAW CENTRE



## GLOBAL TAMIL LAW CENTRE

*Bridging the local and global through Tamil*

விநாயகா மிஷனின் சட்டக் கல்லூரியில் (VMLS) உலகளாவிய தமிழ் சட்ட மையம் நிறுவப்படுவது ஒரு முன்னோடித் திட்டமாகும். "தமிழ்" என்ற சொல் பெரும்பாலும் தென்னிந்திய மாநிலமான தமிழ்நாடு மற்றும் இலங்கையின் வடக்கு மற்றும் கிழக்குப் பகுதிகளில் பெரும்பான்மையாக வசிக்கும் தமிழ் மொழியில் தொடர்பு கொள்ளும் நபர்களைக் குறிக்கிறது. புலம்பெயர்ந்த தமிழர்கள் கனடா, ஐக்கிய இராச்சியம் மற்றும் பல நாடுகளை உள்ளடக்கிய உலகளாவிய சிதறடிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளனர்.

உலகளாவிய தமிழ் சட்ட மையம் (GTLC) என்பது தமிழ் சமூகம் எதிர்கொள்ளும் சட்ட சிக்கல்கள் மற்றும் கவலைகளை நிவர்த்தி செய்வதில் குறிப்பாக கவனம் செலுத்தும் ஒரு சட்ட நிறுவனம் ஆகும். மேற்கூறிய மையம், கிராமப்புறங்களில் இருந்து வருபவர்களுக்கு சிறப்பு கவனம் செலுத்தி, மாணவர்களுக்கு பல நன்மைகளை வழங்குகிறது. கூடுதலாக, இது இருமொழிக் கல்வியை செயல்படுத்துவதற்கும், பிராந்திய, தேசிய மற்றும் உலகளாவிய மட்டங்களில் சட்டப்பூர்வ நிலப்பரப்பில் குறிப்பிடத்தக்க பங்களிப்பைச் செய்வதற்கும் முயற்சிக்கிறது.

இந்த மையம் சட்ட ஆலோசனை மற்றும் பிரதிநிதித்துவம் வழங்குதல், தமிழ் சமூகத்தைப் பாதிக்கும் சட்டப் பிரச்சனைகள் குறித்து ஆய்வு நடத்துதல், சட்ட விழிப்புணர்வு பிரச்சாரங்களை ஏற்பாடு செய்தல், தமிழின் உரிமைகள் மற்றும் நலன்களைப் பாதுகாக்கவும் மேம்படுத்தவும் கொள்கைகள் மற்றும் சட்டங்களில் செல்வாக்கு செலுத்துதல் போன்ற பல செயல்பாடுகளில் ஈடுபடும். தனிநபர்கள்.

GLTC இன் உருவாக்கம் மற்றும் செயல்பாடு சமூக நீதிக்கான அர்ப்பணிப்பை பிரதிபலிக்கிறது மற்றும் வெவ்வேறு கலாச்சார மற்றும் மொழியியல் சமூகங்கள் எதிர்கொள்ளும் சட்ட சிக்கல்களை அவர்களின் குறிப்பிட்ட தேவைகள் மற்றும் அனுபவங்களுக்கு ஏற்ப நிறுவனங்களால் சிறப்பாக தீர்க்க முடியும். கலாச்சார அடையாளத்தைப் பாதுகாத்தல், மனித உரிமைகளை முன்னேற்றுதல் மற்றும் தமிழ் சமூகத்தில் உள்ள தனிநபர்களின் உரிமைகள் உரிய அதிகார வரம்புகளின் சட்டங்களின்படி மதிக்கப்படுவதையும் பாதுகாக்கப்படுவதையும் உறுதி செய்தல்.



## CENTRE FOR MARITIME LAW



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*Sailing through the legal waters*

The world's trade heavily relies on sea routes, which facilitate 90% of global commerce. The products essential to our daily lives are predominantly transported through maritime channels. Maritime Law is a specialized legal field that revolves around matters related to activities conducted at sea. It encompasses diverse domains such as navigation, commercial shipping, marine resource exploration, compliance with environmental regulations, maritime security, dispute resolution, the impact of emerging technologies, and safeguarding human rights within the maritime domain. The VMLS Centre for Maritime Law (CML) aims to foster study, debates, discussions, and research in Maritime Law in India.



India, with its vast coastline, boasts 12 major ports and hundreds of minor ports, where maritime trade has thrived for centuries. While maritime law in India has deep historical roots, there have been several recent developments. Issues pertaining to court jurisdiction, procedural and substantive laws concerning admiralty and maritime matters are yet to evolve in India in alignment with current international developments.

CML's primary focus is on researching contemporary maritime law issues that align with technological advancements. This includes topics such as cryptocurrency and Bitcoin payments, electronic bills and documentary credits, and the rise of automated unmanned ships. Through such research, CML aspires to garner both global and local recognition by enhancing capacity building and providing relevant legal guidance to stakeholders in the maritime industry.

Strategically located in Chennai, a city with major ports and a significant shipping and trading hub in India, the Centre holds a pivotal role in promoting research and teaching in Maritime Law. The Madras High Court, a chartered and coastal High Court, exercises Admiralty jurisdiction, with Admiralty Lawyers practicing this branch of law for over 150 years.

#### **Primary Aims and Objectives of the Maritime Law centre:**

- To Undertake teaching, research, and the publication of significant topics in Maritime law and related subjects.
- To Promote research at an institutional level on related areas within VMLS.
- To Influence policy-making on maritime matters and issues at the State, National, and International levels.
- Establish academic collaborations with both National and International Universities in the field of Maritime law.
- Establish a resource centre for students, academics, and maritime lawyers to access on-campus studies and research.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LAB



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*Empowering Communication Excellence*

Communications and English Language Lab (CELL) is one of the unique initiatives at Vinayaka Mission's Law School to support language skills for students. The student community at VMLS comes from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, most of whom need targeted language support to get used to the legal system.

For a student of law, important aspects that support their practical skills are mooting experiences and legal aid clinics. The former is research-oriented and heavily argumentative, while the latter depends on interpersonal skills. With interdisciplinarity coming into play, new-age lawyers must stay updated about all the areas of study which intersect with law, in addition to the traditional courses they learn as students.

To achieve excellence in the skills mentioned above, the first step is to thoroughly understand how the legal language works. CELL aims to bridge this gap for the students the areas of study which intersect with law, in addition to the traditional courses they learn as students. To achieve excellence in the skills mentioned above, the first step is to thoroughly understand how the legal language works. CELL aims to bridge this gap for the students.

**CELL focuses on the following outcomes:**

- Track the language needs of each learner to facilitate a smooth transition into legal language learning
- Monitoring the language skills according to the needs of each learner
- Improving functional literacy among students
- Training initiatives to improve learning outcomes for students across different courses
- Supporting professional development activities simultaneously

**Activities successfully conducted through CELL are:**

- Building legal vocabulary
- Email and resume writing
- Workshop on using Google Docs
- Guest lecture on 'Reading the Facts' by Ms. Neera Majumdar, former Senior Assistant Editor at The Print

**Future plans for CELL would be:**

- Activating a reading circle in each class
- Developing an easy-to-use grammar toolkit for students





## COMMITTEES

VMLS has a robustly functional student body that promotes the all-round development of students.

Co-curricular and Extra-curricular activities are conducted regularly at the campus, making our students quality contributors to society. Our committees are run by students and with faculty coordinators to support them.

- Cultural and Arts Committee
- Moot Court Committee
- Literature and Debating Committee
- Media and Outreach Committee
- Faculty-run and Statutory Committees
- Anti-Ragging Committee
- Disciplinary Committee





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### **India's Last Chance to Attain Glory in a Fast-Fading Format**

- Abinеш, II B.A.,LL.B (Hons).

#### **Introduction:**

In the modern world, people are relentlessly pursuing various goals, be it wealth, recognition, achievements, or even just the basic need to survive. The pace of contemporary human life has become exceedingly fast-paced and demanding, and people find it difficult to allocate time for activities that rejuvenate the soul. But even amid this hectic life, the desire for entertainment still exists. However, even the modest of entertainment have been shortened. Researchers argue that the popularity of reels and shorts over long-format videos reflects the dwindling attention span of millennials. When it comes to sports, the preference for shorter and faster games over longer ones can be seen in the popularity of football over golf, blitz over classic chess, and T20 over ODI cricket.

#### **The fading format:**

Cricket pundits agree that the real beauty of the game lies in Test cricket,

and the International Cricket Council (ICC) has taken numerous steps to protect the purest form of the game. The Test championship cycle played over two years is one example of the initiatives taken by the ICC to promote Test cricket. The shortest international format, T20, has already gained popularity worldwide through franchise cricket. Among the



three formats of cricket, it is One-day internationals (ODI) that are left to fade into oblivion. However, this format also has a certain beauty to it. ODI is a mixture of both Test and T20 formats. The first 10 overs are approached like a T20, and the middle 30 overs are played like Test cricket, prioritizing wicket protection over wham-bam shot-making. The final 10 overs are again approached like a T20 game. This ODI format requires mental fortitude and physical strength. In ODI matches, the

game is taken till the last, and players need to be prepared for any situation in the game. One of the greatest captains and finishers of the game, M.S. Dhoni said that ODI is his favorite format. "The beauty of this format is that there will be pressure in the game; we will absorb the pressure and then we will start putting pressure on the opponent. In the end, we will see who finishes the game properly", says M.S. Dhoni. But owing to the growing popularity of the shortest format and the Puritans' will to preserve Test cricket, ODI cricket is on the verge of extinction.

#### **Conclusion:**

At this crucial juncture, the 2023 World Cup comes to India. It has been more than a decade since India has laid its hands on silverware. It is one of the last chances for India to win the World Cup before the ODI format loses its glory and fades away. It is also one of the important reasons for the fans to enjoy and support India in this World Cup.

(PS: India has lost the final of the 2023 World Cup. This would mark the end of an era for many



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Indian stalwarts like Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, yet the wait for a 3rd world cup still continues)

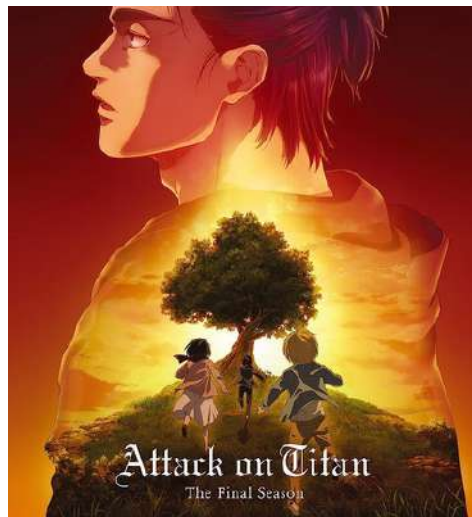
### **Hobbes, Kierkegaard and Attack on Titan**

**- Kavin Kshatriya, II  
B.A., LL.B (Hons).**

#### **Introduction:**

Before the COVID lockdown, the term "anime" was unfamiliar to a large number of people in India. Apart from a very small group of individuals, everyone thought that anime was for kids and not for adults. However, after the boom of Over-the-top platforms (OTT), anime series like Naruto, Death Note, and Jujutsu Kaisen have become popular among young adults in India. Unlike cartoons produced in the West, anime is rich with philosophical subtexts that appeal to a more mature audience. For example, Death Note explores the idea of justice and delves into character studies of individuals with God complexes. Another anime, Code Geass, is an adaptation of Machiavelli's Prince.

Many visionary filmmakers have been vocal about their anime inspirations. Filmmakers such as Darren Aronofsky, James Cameron, Martin Scorsese, and Edgar Wright have all drawn inspiration from Japanese anime. The aim of this work is to establish anime as an art form through a thorough examination of the anime called Attack on Titan, an anime



fused with the idea of Immanuel Kant, Hobbes, and Carl Schmitt.

#### **Story Plot:**

In a world where humanity lives within walled cities to protect themselves from giant humanoid creatures known as Titans, Eren Yeager, his adopted sister Mikasa Ackerman, and their friend Armin Arlert lead peaceful lives. However, chaos ensues when the wall is breached by a giant creature called the Colossal Titan. The trio joins the

military to fight the Titans and uncover the secrets behind their existence.

As they progress through military training, they become part of the Survey Corps, an elite group of soldiers who venture outside the walls to confront the Titans. Along the way, they encounter political intrigue, betrayal, and terrifying truths about the origins of the Titans. The series explores themes of survival, freedom, sacrifice, and the moral complexity of humanity in the face of extinction. As the war against the Titans intensifies, the characters face unimaginable challenges, forcing them to confront their deepest fears and fight for the survival of humanity.

#### **Philosophies of Attack on Titan:**

AOT is infused with the ideas of the German philosopher, Carl Schmitt. In AOT, society is divided by literal walls. Inside Wall Maria, the lower class resides closer to the Titans and faces immediate threats of extinction. The upper class enjoys increased protection. The

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upper class exploits the labor of the lower class residing inside Wall Maria, reflecting Carl Schmitt's idea of inequality.

AOT also views humans through the lens of Thomas Hobbes, who considered the basic human nature as short, nasty, and brutal. Hobbes believed that a stronger sovereign could protect society from this chaos. In the show, a highly stratified society is governed by a dictatorial government, embodying Hobbes' concept of a stronger sovereign. As the series progresses, existential philosophy comes into play, closely related to the ideas of philosopher Søren Kierkegaard. The people inside the walls are completely brainwashed by the government. Their understanding of existence is limited to what the government tells them, isolating them from the real world. This blind belief from people epitomizes Kierkegaard's "leap of faith." This challenges viewers to critically analyze government narratives and decisions. It asks us to think about all the decisions made by our government and the reasons

and stories they tell us to justify it.

But my favorite philosophical nugget comes from a side character named Kenny Ackerman, who states that "everyone is a slave to something." Some are enslaved by their desire for money, power, women, or drugs. This notion prompts viewers to reflect on their own passions and desires



### Conclusion:

Tolstoy defined art as "a human activity consisting in this, that one man consciously, by means of certain external signs, hands on to others feelings he has lived through, and that other people are infected by these feelings and also experience them." AOT imparts essential existential philosophies through excellent animation and storytelling. It warns us about the dangers of a government that restricts us in the name of nationalism, state welfare, and

collective identity. This message of critically analyzing government narratives is crucial in today's highly divisive political climate.

### Success

- K. Mahendran, II LL.B.

Success is just the visible tip of the Iceberg. What people don't see is the most important factor-Hard work. Some people assume that hard work and dedication are not required for success. Examine the structure of an iceberg floating in water. Only a small portion of an iceberg is visible above the water line, while the majority of an iceberg is submerged beneath the water.

Similarly, everyone can see the outcome of a successful person's actions and most of their accomplishments, but the work required to achieve such a conclusion is hidden and unseen.

I am here to demonstrate to my peers that everyone has the capacity and ability to achieve remarkable things in their lifetime. To achieve success in life, you must first believe in yourself. Identify your strengths and abilities, create a vision and

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put your strategy into action. Do what you like and do what you are good at. Maintain a continual positive frame of mind. Positive thought has the ability to change your life. I am a firm believer in the words of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. His inspirational quote about dreams has inspired me countless times. "Dream is not something that you see in sleep; a dream is something that doesn't let you sleep".

These inspirational words aided me on my path to achievement. It never allowed me to sleep. I made progress towards my goal of becoming a councilman. I worked hard to overcome numerous difficulties and problems, and now I have achieved my goal. If you are willing to take risks, focus and develop goals, be persistent, fail and recover, take significant action, sacrifice every day, build positive habits and most importantly work hard. You will succeed. If you want to shine

like the sun, first start by burning like the sun and create your signature as your autograph.

### **Thalapathy Vijay's Bloody Sweet entry into politics**

**- M. Ashwin II B.A.,LL.B (Hons).**

Tamil Nadu, a state where politics and the film industry have been inseparable for decades, could soon witness another actor's dive into active politics. The famous South



Indian actor Vijay, one of the highest-paid actors in Tamil cinema, is likely to enter politics when Tamil Nadu goes to elections in 2026. Unlike his senior actor Rajinikanth, who hesitated for decades, Vijay is building up his groundwork for political entry through his fan club 'Vijay Makkal Iyakkam.' Fondly referred to as Thalapathy (The General) by his fans, Vijay has carefully crafted his on-screen and off-screen persona with the aim of entering politics. His movies in the last decade have tackled numerous social issues such as farmer suicides,

terrorism, medical mafia, freebie culture, and voting patterns.

### **Eye on the 2026 Assembly Elections?**

Though Vijay did not explicitly mention anything about his political entry, his recent felicitation of Tamil Nadu school students and his call to his fan clubs to focus on social service are early signs of his political ambitions. During the felicitation ceremony, Vijay turned heads when he advised students to read extensively about leaders like Dr. Ambedkar, Periyar, and Kamarajar. The fact that Vijay chose to honor toppers from the 234 Assembly constituencies in Tamil Nadu is seen as a pointer to his inclination towards politics.

While late matinee idol M G Ramachandran, J. Jayalalithaa, and Vijaykanth made it big in politics, later entrants like Kamal Haasan couldn't recreate the same magic off-screen. Vijay has been carefully planning his political entry for the past few years. The powerful dialogues in his films criticize issues of mass interest such as GST (Goods



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and Services Tax), essential drug prices, and corruption. His commentary on political issues has begun to ruffle feathers, as evident from the controversies that arose during the release of his recent movie "Leo". He making political statements at the audio launches of his upcoming films through his "short stories". Additionally, he also blessed his fans to contest local body elections in 2021 and 2022 as independent candidates. Leaders like Jayalalitha and MGR thrived long in the past due to their leadership style and personal charisma, but can Vijay recreate the same success? It is true that Vijay has a strong and loyal fan base in South India, but is that enough to thrive in contemporary politics? If the rumors about actor Vijay entering politics are true, it would mark the continuation of another era of movie stars entering politics in the Dravidian land.

### Conclusion:

The people of Tamil Nadu have accepted the transformation of MGR and Jayalalitha from actors to politicians. Whether the same could happen with

Vijay is yet to be seen. Politics is different from cinema; it requires knowledge, patience, and tolerance. If Vijay is prepared to undergo this trial by fire, Tamil Nadu will witness a cinema-styled electoral battle in 2026.



### **Problem of Gendered Language**

**- Naveen Kumar II B.A.,LL.B  
(Hons).**

Any keen observer of society in recent times will be intrigued by the question, "How many genders are there?" To this deceptively simple question, one finds varied answers. Some would assert that there are only two: male and female. Others would acknowledge the concept of transitioning from one gender to another, recognizing gender

identity as fluid. Some scholars argue that gender exists on a spectrum, with individuals assuming the identity of either male or female depending on their position in the biological spectrum. In addition to this complexity, when we consider sexuality and sexual orientation, the understanding of gender and sexuality becomes further complex. As modern science grapples with the ever-evolving concept of gender, society in general often feels left behind. This is due to the social and political institutions that make up the lives of ordinary people, which are often biased and resistant to change. This reluctance is also reflected in the legal language that governs society. With modern science revealing profound insights into human psychology and behavior, it is the duty of the law to incorporate these insights into everyday life. This can only be achieved through legal language that is non-judgmental in nature.

Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, which deals with the offense of rape, reads in material part as below:

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"A person is said to commit rape when they penetrate, to any extent, the vagina, mouth, urethra, or anus of another person or make them do so; or... insert, to any extent, any object or a part of the body, other than the penis, into the vagina, urethra, or anus of another person or make them do so..."

It is clear that the law defines rape as something that can only happen to a woman. It fails to include people who identify as women, those who have transitioned, and in several cases, even men. In a country like India, where discussions of sex are often considered taboo and there is a lack of proper sex education, sexual crimes occur across gender lines. Since the law defines rape as something committed by a "Man" against a "Woman," sexual crimes against individuals who don't identify strictly as either gender are often overlooked.

If laws associated with fundamental rights, such as the right to life, are not inclusive, more abstract rights related to meaningful life and work will never be inclusive. It is high time that these laws are reexamined and rewritten to include different genders, paving the way for greater inclusivity in terms of property and marital rights.





# From the pens of Arram

சுதந்திரம்!

P. Vignesh

ஆணவக் கொலைகள்  
அடங்கியதாக உணர்கிறேன்  
தீண்டாமைகள் தீயிடப்பட்டதாக  
கருதுகிறேன்  
வகுப்பில் அனைவருடனும்  
சமமாக அமர்கிறேன்.  
காலணி அணித்து ஊர் வீதிகளில்  
உலாவருகிறேன்

கிழிசல் இல்லா உடைகள் தான்  
அணிகிறேன்.  
கோவிலுக்குள் தான் கடவுளை  
தரிசனம் செய்கிறேன்.  
கோவில் குளத்தில் தான் புனித  
நீராடுகிறேன்.  
பொது தொகுதியில் தான்  
போட்டியிடுகிறேன்.  
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அருந்துகிறேன் .  
ஊர் கிணற்றில் தான் நீர்  
இறைக்கிறேன்.

ஆம், சமபந்தியில் தான்  
பசியாறுகின்றேன்  
ஆம், ஊரின் முக்கிய வீதியில்  
தான் குடியேறி உள்ளேன்  
ஆம், என் ஊரில் தான் பேருந்து  
ஏறுகிறேன்  
ஆம், சபையில், நாற்காலியில்  
தான் அமர்கிறேன்  
இன்னும் பட்டியலிடலாம் இப்  
பட்டியல் இனத்தானை,

என் முப்பாட்டனுக்கு எட்டா  
கன்னியான சுதந்திரத்தை  
எனக்கு எட்டிப் பறிக்க எனக்கு  
உதவியது என் கல்வி.

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# *From the pens of* *Arram*

## **FREEDOM**

**Dr. Fowmina C., Assistant Professor of  
Law, VMLS**

Freedom, a precious, boundless  
light,  
In its embrace, our spirits take  
flight.


It's the right to dream, to live, to  
be,  
A force that keeps our hearts  
flying free.

In the open sky and open mind,  
Freedom's the joy we all hope to  
find.

A gift to cherish, protects, and  
shares,  
In a world where compassion  
and justice are fair

It's the melody of voices, united  
and strong,  
A reminder that we all do  
belong.

In the story of life, it's the  
sweetest theme,  
Oh, how we cherish the beauty  
of freedom's gleam.



# *From the pens of* *Arram*

**FIRDAUS**

**Prof. Gunjan Saxena, Assistant  
Professor of Law, VMLS**

Ke wo puch baithe humse ye  
khuld ka ikhlaas kahi dekha hai  
tumne??

(They asked me what is the  
truthfulness of heaven?)

Hum is qainaat mey poshida  
(hidden) har noor pey aa rukey  
aur badmizajiyat mey puch liya  
(I stopped to think of all the  
hidden gems of the world and  
questioned back)

Kabhi Chand ki Reshmi Chandni  
ko Baadalo mei dhua hotey  
dekha hai?

(Have you seen the moonlight  
disappearing in the white light  
of the clouds?)

Ya siyaah raat mei ped ke ird  
gird timtimatey huye jugnuon ko  
patto ke sath naachte dekha  
hai?

(Have you seen fireflies dancing  
with the leaves of a tree in the  
darkest of nights?)

Kabhi nihara hai misri si mehekta  
madhukamini ki phoolo ki  
chadar ko?

(Have you gazed at the sweet  
smelling orange jasmine  
(Vengarai) blooms due to their  
sweet smell)





# *From the pens of Arram*

Ya pehli bearish ki aandhi mey thandey  
bichey gulmohar ke kaleen pr nangey  
pairon se chaley ho?

(After the first rains when gulmohar  
flowers have fallen on the floor have you  
ever walked on it)

Aur nahi ye bhi toh apne saaye se lukka  
chuppi khelte huye kisi bachhey ki  
khilkhilati kulkari mei khoye toh hogey  
(Even if not this then have you ever got  
lost in the pure laughter of a child  
playing with his own shadow)

Ahad us noor ki chaashni hamari nazron  
ne chakhi hai

(I have witnessed the beauty of these  
simplest moments and the intensity of  
their truth)

gar ye firdaus nahi toh aur kiski firaaq  
mei mashroof hain aap?

(If this is not heaven then what are you  
searching for?)

Rooh ki justju ka kafila hai janaab  
(Its the search for the soul my friend)

nazrein badal ke toh dekhiye,  
(Try to change your perspective my  
friend)

aks afreen ho jayenge  
(Reflections will become beautiful)  
aur nazare roohani ho uthenge  
(And you will then witness the divine  
scenery)

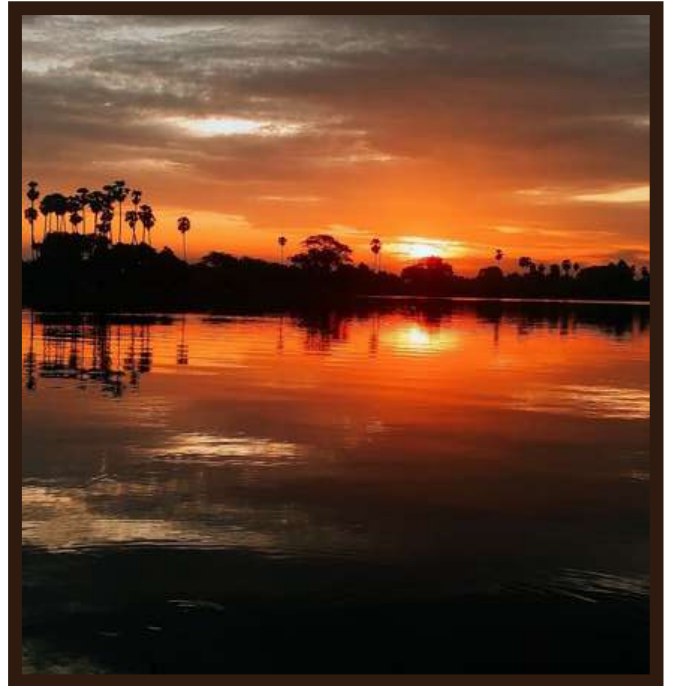
- Prof. Gunjan S.



# Student Photographs on Nature



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LL.B.





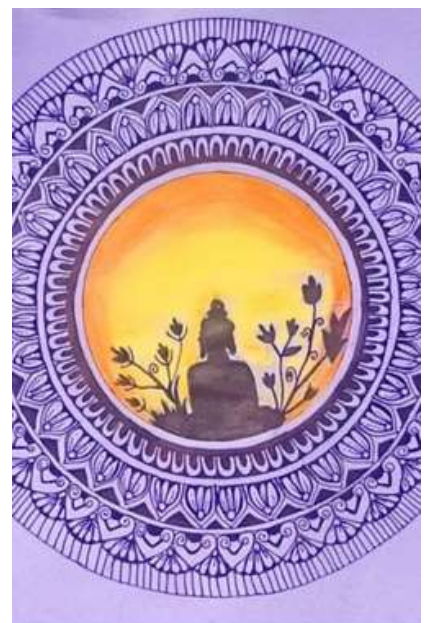
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# STUDENT ART







# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

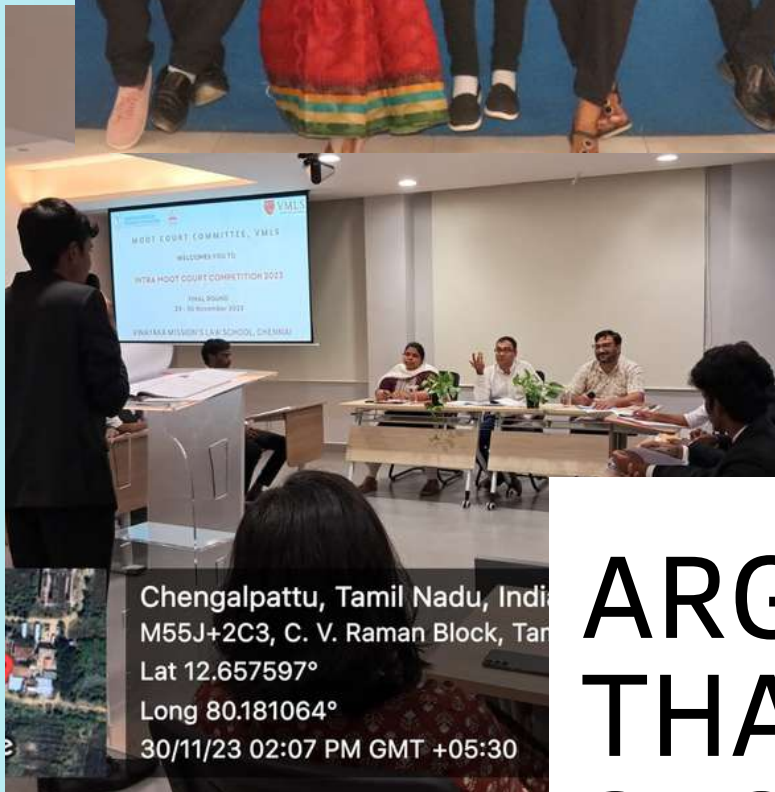


# MOOT COURT



## MOOT COURT 2023

Moot courts, integral to legal education, provide students with a unique platform to hone their advocacy skills and immerse themselves in simulated legal scenarios. These moot court competitions offer an invaluable opportunity for law students to apply theoretical knowledge to practical situations, fostering a deeper understanding of legal principles and courtroom procedures.



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# ARGUMENTS THAT STOOD OUT



# MOOT COURT



## WINNERS 2023 (APRIL)

### Speaker 1:

Prasanna Margrate Jenila S.

### Speaker 2:

Balaji E.

### Researcher:

Priyanga M.

## RUNNERS (APRIL)

### Speaker 1:

Mohammad Razick

### Speaker 2:

MD Haris SD

### Researcher:

Pramoth K.S



# ARGUMENTS THAT STOOD OUT



# MOOT COURT



## WINNERS (NOVEMBER 2023)

### **Speaker 1:**

Naveen Kumar (B.A. LL.B.)

### **Speaker 2:**

Ramanan (B.A. LL.B.)

### **Researcher:**

Purushothaman (B.A. LL.B.)

## RUNNERS (NOVEMBER 2023)

### **Speaker 1:**

Dinesh Ragavendra (B.A. LL.B.)

### **Speaker 2:**

Siva Prasanth (B.A. LL.B.)

### **Researcher:**

Jyothi (B.A. LL.B.)



# ARGUMENTS THAT STOOD OUT

# ORATION



## WINNERS OF SPEECH COMPETITIONS 2023.

Our students have participated in various state-level, national-level, and university-level competitions. Here is a list of all the winners in the year 2023. These competitions include a state-level speech competition conducted by the government of Tamil Nadu in remembrance of former CM Dr. Karunanithi, and other university-level competitions.

Vibitha (B.A. LL.B.)

Krithika (LL.B.)

Aakash (B.A. LL.B.)

Krish (B.A. LL.B.)

Prasanna Margrate Jenila S (LL.B.)



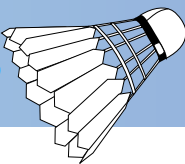
## SPEECHES THAT WERE STRIKING

# BADMINTON



## MEN'S SINGLES & DOUBLES

Navin LL.B. IIyr Singles 1st	Kathirava LL.B IIyr Doubles 1st	Vignesh LL.B 3rd yr Doubles 1st
	Karthick kannan LL.B IIyr Doubles II	
E. Balaji LL.B 3rd yr Singles II	Lena Tamilvanan LL.B IIyr Singles II	Keerthi Vasan LL.B 3rd yr Doubles II



## WOMEN'S SINGLES & DOUBLES

Kirthiga LL.B IIyr Doubles 1st	Gayathri B.A.LL.B IIyr Doubles 1st	Jayashree LL.B IIyr Singles 1st
	Jothi B.COM LL.B IIyr Singles II	
Jeboli B.A.LL.B IIyr Doubles II		Parkavi B.COM.LL.B IIyr Doubles II

SHUTTLES  
THAT  
REFUSED  
TO FALL



# KABADDI



YOU PULLED  
MY LEG  
ENOUGH



Navin	LL.B II year
Kathirava	LL.B II year
Madhan Kumar	LL.B II year
Naveen kumar	B.A.LL.B II year
Ramanujan	B.A.LL.B II year
Thirugnanam	LL.B II year
Sharvin	B.A.LL.B II year
Praveen kumar	B.A.LL.B II year



Abishek	B.A.LL.B IIyr
Karthick kannan	LL.B IIyr
Kishore	LL.B IIyr
Hari krishnan	B.A.LL.B IIyr
Gandhi vijaya sekar	LL.B IIyr
Krish	BBA LL.B IIyr
Jayasudhan	LL.B IIyr
Manikarupaiya s	BA.LL.B IIyr



# SLAM DUNKED TO GLORY



<b>Balaji</b>	<b>LL.B III yr</b>
<b>Lena</b>	<b>LL.B IIyr</b>
<b>Tamilvanan</b>	<b>LL.B IIyr</b>
<b>Ajee</b>	<b>B.A.LL.B IIyr</b>
<b>Manikarupaia</b>	<b>B.A.LL.B IIyr</b>
<b>Abishek</b>	<b>LL.B IIyr</b>
<b>Keerthyvasan</b>	<b>LL.B IIyr</b>
<b>Kabilan</b>	



<b>Kathirava</b>	<b>LL.B IIyr</b>
<b>Sivaramakrishnan</b>	<b>B.A.LL.B IIyr</b>
<b>M.D.Haris</b>	<b>B.A.LL.B IIyr</b>
<b>Navin</b>	<b>B.A.LL.B IIyr</b>
<b>Sharvin</b>	<b>B.A.LL.B IIyr</b>

# THROW BALL



## BLAZING WITH FIERY THROWS



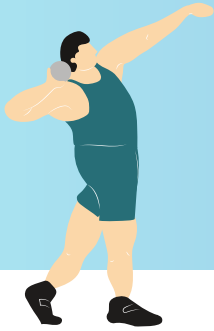
Kirthiga	LL.B IIyr
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Jayashree	LL.B IIyr
Indhumathi.K	B.A.LL.B IIyr
Indhumathi.G	B.A.LL.B IIyr
Keerthana	B.A.LL.B IIyr
Asha P	LL.B IIyr
Thulasiya	B.A.LL.B IIyr
Keerthika	B.A.LL.B IIyr



Prasana M. Jenila	LL.B 3rdyr
Priyanga	LL.B 3rd yr
Dhilsath Rihaina	LL.B IIyr
Farzila	LL.B IIyr
Parkavi	B.A.LL.B IIyr
Priya	B.A.LL.B IIyr
Kalanjiya	B.A.LL.B IIyr
Neevetha	LL.B 3rd yr
Jebaoli	B.A.LL.B IIyr
Deepthi	B.COM LL.B. II
Navitha	BA LL.B.



# SHORT PUT



UNLEASHING  
THE POWER  
OF  
PRECISION



Gayathri  
Navin N

S B.A.LL.B IIyr  
LL.B IIyr



Prasana M. Jenila  
Keerthivasan

LL.B 3rd yr  
LL.B 3rd yrr

# DISC THROW



STRECHING  
OUR ARMS  
RIGHT



Gayathri  
Navin N

S B.A.LL.B IIyr  
LL.B IIyr



Prasana M. Jenila  
Keerthivasan

LL.B 3rd yr  
LL.B 3rd yrr

# TENNIKOIT



## PLAYING WITH THE RINGS



Prasana M. Jenila	LL.B 3RD yr
Priyanka	LL.B 3rd yr
Kirthiga V	LL.B II yr
Deepthi S	B.COM LL.B II yr
Kirthiga V	LL.B II yr
Priyanka M	LL.B 3rd yr

# VOLLEY BALL



WHERE  
TEAM  
SPIRIT  
SHINED



VIGNESH	LL.B II
SIVA RAMAKRISHNAN	B.COM LL.B II
NAVIN	LL.B II
RAGHU SHASTHA	LL.B 3RD
NAVEENKUMAR	BA LL.B II
KATHIRAVA	LL.B II
SHARVIN	BCOM LL.B II
PURUSHOTHAMAN	BALL.B II
RAMANUZAN	BALL.B II



KEERTHI VASAN	LL.B II
DINESH KUMAR	LL.B II
KABILAN	LL.B.III
BALAJI E	LL.B II
ABISHEK S	BA LL.B II
KRISH S	BBA LL.B II
AJITHKUMAR	BA LL.B II
KARTHICK KANNAN R	LL.B II
LENA TAMILVANAN V	LL.B. II





# Events

## நிகழ்ச்சிகள்



# JANUARY

## Pongal Celebration

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) began the year by warmly celebrating the Tamil harvesting festival, Pongal, within the campus in January. The air was filled with joy as students and faculty came together to commemorate this auspicious occasion, emphasizing the law school's commitment to fostering a sense of community and shared heritage.

Amidst the aroma of traditional Pongal dishes and vibrant decorations, VMLS not only honors the cultural richness of the festival but also underscores the importance of celebrating life. This event in January serves as a poignant reminder of our law school's dedication to nurturing culturally aware and well-rounded legal professionals.



# APRIL

## Webinar on Tech-Savvy Lawyers

VMLS initiated its commitment to cultivating Tech-Savvy Lawyers with a webinar in collaboration with OP Jindal Global University. Renowned panelists, including Dean, Prof (Dr). Ananth Padmanabhan, Prof. Krishna Deo Singh Chauhan from O.P. Jindal Global University, and Mr. Antony R Julian, Supreme Court Advocate, shared invaluable insights. Focused on the profound

impact of technology on legal education and the profession, this event marked a significant step in preparing VMLS students for the evolving landscape of the legal field. The collaboration with OP Jindal Global University underscored VMLS's dedication to providing a comprehensive understanding of technology in legal practice.



# MAY

## Intra Moot-Court Competition

The Moot Court Cell (MCC) successfully conducted the Internal Moot competition, spanning two days and featuring eight participating teams. The event included knockout rounds, semi-finals, and finals judged by experienced advocates. Team VIM010 emerged as the winners, with Team VIM006 securing the runners-up position. Individual awards were presented for Best Speaker, Promising Speaker, and Promising Memorial.

The competition showcased students' advocacy skills, providing a platform for growth and expert feedback. Congratulations to all participants for their exceptional performances and commitment to mooting excellence, underscoring the significance of this event in shaping future legal professionals.





# JUNE

## Green Campus Initiative

The Green Campus Initiative, held on June 2, 2023, was an endeavor that aligns rightly with our mission to cultivate the lawyers of the future. Apart from building technologically equipped students, VMLS is also determined to prepare students to address the challenges of tomorrow, including depleting resources and ecological imbalances. The event instilled a commitment to creating a greener and more sustainable world, producing

who are not only well-versed in cutting-edge technologies but also deeply conscious of their environmental responsibilities. This holistic approach ensures that these future lawyers are not only adept at addressing legal challenges in our increasingly tech-driven world but also dedicated to championing ecological values and sustainability in their practice.



# JUNE

## Legal-aid Cell Program

Vinayaka Mission's Law School's Legal Aid Cell successfully orchestrated an orientation program titled "Free Legal Aid - Role of Law Students." This event, emphasizing students' pivotal role in providing legal assistance, garnered remarkable enthusiasm and participation. The program illuminated the significance of pro bono services for marginalized communities, motivating students to leverage their legal expertise

for societal welfare. We express gratitude to guest speaker Mr. V. Sundharesan for his impactful insights. Special acknowledgment goes to Dean Dr. Ananth Padmanaban for his unwavering support, instrumental in the program's success. This orientation underscored the potential of law students as proactive contributors to positive societal change through free legal aid.



# JUNE

## Webinar on Legal Education

On June 24, 2023, Vinayaka Mission's Law School orchestrated a thought-provoking webinar, uniting legal scholars to delve into the intersection of law and interdisciplinary studies. Notable experts, including Krishna Deo Singh Chauhan from Jindal Global Law School, Ms. Samudyata Sreenath, Assistant Professor at VMLS, and Dr. Debdulal Thakur, Professor of Economics, VMLS, contributed to the event. Skillfully moderated by Mr. Nishant Sheokand, Assistant Dean Academics

VMLS. The webinar underscored the institution's dedication to instill a comprehensive understanding of the legal field to its students. By fostering discussions that transcend conventional legal boundaries, Vinayaka Mission's Law School exemplifies its commitment to cultivating an interdisciplinary approach, preparing future legal professionals





# JULY

# PSLM

# 2022-2023

VMLS's commitment to shaping future lawyers is evident in the introduction of the August 2023 pre-semester learning module. Guided by Dean Dr. Ananth Padmanabhan, seven modules aimed to acquaint students with legal education intricacies. Sessions included discussions with the Dean, moot and advocacy insights by Ms. Gunjan Saxena, language-law explorations by Ms. Sheetal Mary, Ethical dimensions of Law by Assistant Dean Mr. Nishant Sheokand, Access to

justice and challenges by Mr. Krishna Kishore Padala, Practical economics by Dr. Debdulal Thakur, and Guidance on Legal institutions by Dr. Gnana Sanga Mithra. This holistic program reflects VMLS's dedication to providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal landscape, preparing them for excellence in legal education and practice.



# AUGUST

## Masterclass on Financial Law

In August, Prof. Anand Shrivastava orchestrated a lecture series titled "Nail a Niche," focusing on financial law. Throughout the series, Prof. Anand Shrivastava provided in-depth insights into the complexities of primary market transaction law and Capital maintenance law. The lectures served as a valuable platform for participants to delve into the nuances of financial legalities, gaining a comprehensive understanding of primary

market transactions and the principles governing capital maintenance. Prof. Anand Shrivastava's expertise contributed significantly to enriching participants' knowledge in these crucial areas of financial law.



# SEPTEMBER

## Inaugural Week 2023-2024

On September 11, 2023, Vinayaka Mission's Law School, VMRF proudly initiated its third cohort for both the 5-year and 3-year law programs. The inauguration was honored by the distinguished Chief Guest, the Honorable Justice Ibrahim Kalifulla, a retired Judge from the Supreme Court of India, and Dr. Sudhir Krishnaswamy, the Vice-Chancellor of NLSIU. The event saw the presence of key figures integral to VMRF (DU) and Vinayaka Mission's Law School, including

Dr. Anuradha Ganesan, Mr. J. Suresh Samuel, and Mr. Senthil Kumar. This inauguration reaffirms Vinayaka Mission's Law School's commitment to delivering excellent legal education and nurturing the future generation of legal professionals.



# SEPTEMBER

## FDP

## 2023-2024

The Professional Development Programme at VMLS, held on September 15, 2023, emerged as a resounding success, thanks to resource persons, Prof. Dr. SG Sreejith & Prof. Dr. Bhupinder Chimni. Their engaging sessions on inspiring teaching & leading a "life of the mind" left participants motivated to elevate their teaching practices. Special appreciation extends to Dean Dr. Ananth Padmanabhan for his steadfast support & dedication in the event's success. The programme covered essential topics such as the Craft of Pedagogy, Art of Writing,

Ethics of Teaching, Publishing in High-Impact Journals and Team-Building. Noteworthy highlights included discussions on innovative teaching techniques, effective academic writing strategies and ethical teaching principles. Gratitude to resource persons Prof. Dr. Tanushree Sharma, Prof. Dipika Jain, Prof. Dr. Mousumi Mukherjee, Prof. Arjya Majumdar & Prof. Tanushree Sharma for their enriching contributions. VMLS remains committed to fostering excellence in education & eagerly anticipates future enriching events.



# SEPTEMBER



## Research Blog Launch

In September, Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) intensified its focus on legal research, emphasizing its pivotal role for aspiring lawyers in judiciary, litigation, and corporate settings. Aligned with the Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (VMRF), VMLS launched 'VMLS Research' blog on LinkedIn. This dedicated page aims to share valuable updates, insights, and thought-provoking content to enhance understanding of the dynamic legal landscape.

The initiative reflects VMLS's commitment to fostering a vibrant research culture and inclusivity within the legal community. Whether you're an expert or a curious mind, join us on this transformative journey towards an informed and inclusive law school. Stay updated and informed at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/vmls-research>.



# OCTOBER

## York University Visit

In October, a distinguished delegation from York University, Canada, visited Vinayaka Mission's Chennai Campus. This meeting served as a significant platform for fostering potential opportunities in partnerships, academic exchanges, and collaborative research between the two esteemed institutions. The visit highlighted a shared commitment to enhancing educational experiences,

facilitating knowledge exchange, and promoting collaborative research endeavors. Vinayaka Mission's and York University aim to strengthen their global academic networks, providing students and faculty with enriching cross-cultural experiences and expanding the horizons of collaborative learning and research initiatives.



# OCTOBER CELL Guest Lecture

In the same month, Vinayaka Mission's' centre for English Language Learning (CELL) orchestrated an enlightening session titled "Reading the Facts." Led by Neera Majumdar, a communication specialist from the Council on Energy, Environment, and Waters (CEEW), the session aimed to empower students in interpreting and comprehending news effectively. With a focus on enhancing media literacy, the session provided

valuable insights on navigating the complexities of information, fostering critical thinking skills, and enabling students to discern reliable sources. Such initiatives by CELL contribute significantly to equipping students with the essential skills for informed and discerning engagement with news and current affairs.



# OCTOBER

## Cultural Jamboree

In October, the Cultural & Arts Committee (CAC) at Vinayaka Mission's organized a vibrant cultural program, showcasing the diverse talents of students in performing arts. The event provided a dynamic platform for students to express their creativity, with enthusiastic participation spanning a spectrum of performances. The cultural extravaganza featured a delightful array of talents, including traditional dances that reverberated with cultural

richness and contemporary expressions in pop art. Students exhibited their skills with passion, contributing to a lively and engaging atmosphere. The CAC's initiative not only celebrated the cultural diversity within the student body but also underscored the importance of fostering a vibrant arts community within the academic setting.



# OCTOBER

## Mental Health Awareness

Mental health, an issue that transcends boundaries and impacts individuals across diverse spectrums. Addressing it with empathy is not only a moral obligation but a vital element of a just legal system. Empathy serves as a tool to break barriers, fostering an environment that encourages seeking help, contributing to a mentally healthier and more equitable world. In line with this ethos, VMLS organized Mental Health Awareness Day, featuring

Dr. Sunilkumar Vijayan, founder of Mindzone, Adayar, Chennai, hosted by Dr. Sanga Mithra. The event aimed to illuminate the often-neglected aspect of human well-being, advocating for inclusivity and a collective acknowledgment of mental health's significance amid the overwhelming pressures of contemporary society.



# OCTOBER

## Flipcase Legal Designing

The FLIP CASE Legal Design Competition, a groundbreaking convergence of legal expertise and technological innovation, achieved a significant milestone. Students were challenged to devise creative technological solutions for real-world legal issues, showcasing remarkable creativity and technological prowess. This initiative underscores our commitment to fostering innovation and preparing students for the evolving legal landscape.

As we bridge the gap between law and technology, shaping the future of legal practice, stay tuned for updates and opportunities.

The competition's success amplifies our dedication to empowering the next generation of legal professionals with the skills needed in our dynamic and tech-driven world.



# OCTOBER

## PCOS

## Awareness Walkathon

Our students embarked on a walkathon to promote basic awareness about the Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS). Being aware of the common health issues prevalent in the society enables our student community to advocate for the rights of the general public in relation to such cases. It also fosters a sense of inclusivity and empathy which are important for the development of well rounded individuals.

This understanding is vital for those interested in shaping public policy and ensures that law students can counsel clients effectively on managing their health while navigating the legal system, offering more comprehensive legal support.



# OCTOBER

## Workshop on Child Rights

On October 26th and 27th, VMLS, in collaboration with iPro bono, conducted a certificate course on Laws Relating to Children - In Theory and Practice. Over two enriching days, students immersed themselves in crucial legislations concerning children in India, acquiring both theoretical understanding and practical insights. The comprehensive journey covered significant acts including the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act,

Juvenile Justice Act, Child Labor Act, Immoral Traffic Act, Child Marriage Act, and the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act. This initiative reflects our commitment to providing holistic legal education, empowering students with knowledge essential for addressing contemporary societal challenges.



# NOVEMBER

## LEGAL AWARENESS RALLY

Vinayaka Mission Law School's Legal Aid Clinic orchestrated a rally commemorating National Legal Service Day, advocating for community empowerment under the theme "Know Your Right - Access to Justice is the Right for All." Positioned at Thiruporur Bus Station, our students wielded placards emphasizing equal justice access. The rally, supported by local residents, concluded at Thiruporur Government Higher Secondary School. Here, free legal consultations

and pamphlet distribution enlightened the community about their rights. This impactful event significantly heightened awareness regarding legal services' importance, delivering the resonant message that "Access to Justice is the Right for All" throughout Thiruporur.



# NOVEMBER

## FOOTBALL Competition

In November, a six-a-side football game unfolded at the VMLS, emphasizing the gender equality & Transformative impact of sports. Organized by "Students for Human Rights". The event featured both male & female players on the same teams, highlighting VMLS' commitment to equal opportunities. Beyond fostering friendly competition, it delivered a powerful message about the importance of gender equality & human rights, showcasing the transformative potential of sports.

This initiative exemplifies our dedication to inclusivity & the proactive role of Students for Human Rights in championing equality & educating the campus community about human rights principles, setting the stage for further initiatives promoting an equitable and informed campus environment.



# NOVEMBER

## Digitization of Courts

The lecture on Digitization of Courts, orchestrated by VMLS centre for Justice through Technology (CJT), delved into the E-Courts Integrated Mission Mode Project's transformative path and Justice S. Muralidhar's visionary strides in leveraging technology for justice seekers. This event exemplified VMLS's commitment to fostering future-thinking in legal education, emphasizing the crucial role of technology in administering justice. In his keynote speech, Justice Muralidhar

stressed the urgent need for court digitization and a nationwide robust e-court system. Recognizing a technological divide among lawyers, he advocated for a supportive approach, showcasing VMLS's dedication to bridging gaps through practical initiatives. Stressing leadership, cooperation, and dedicated technical support, Justice Muralidhar highlighted VMLS's role in shaping the future of legal technology.



# NOVEMBER

## GTLC Legal-Camp

In anticipation of Constitution Day, Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) embraced the idea of the Dr. Ambedkar, promoting social democracy as a way of life that upholds liberty, equality, and fraternity. On November 18th, the VMLS Global Tamil Law centre organized a legal literacy camp for the Irular Tribes, aiming to raise awareness about the POCSO Act, advocate for education, and combat early child marriage.

VMLS students took on the responsibility of enlightening the Irular community on the importance of education, the essentials of the POCSO Act, and the repercussions of early child marriage, employing innovative methods like gameplay, skits, and talks that resonated with both children and parents. The event's success was evident in the smiles on the faces of the children and their parents.



# N O V E M B E R

## GO GREEN Diwali Celebration

Vinayaka Mission Law School joyously celebrated Diwali with the theme "Go Green This Diwali." The festivities featured a thrilling treasure hunt, an eco-friendly Rangoli competition, an Ethnic Wear Walk showcasing cultural diversity, and a delightful sweet tasting competition highlighting traditional culinary skills. Students enthusiastically engaged in these activities, expressing their eagerness to

participate in campus Diwali celebrations while embracing the ethos of sustainability. The event successfully blended tradition, creativity, and environmental consciousness, fostering a sense of community and shared joy among the students.



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# NOVEMBER

## Lecture on Environmental Rights

In November, the centre for the Promotion of International Law (CPIL) at Vinayaka Mission Law School orchestrated a guest lecture exploring the "Significance of Procedural Environmental Rights and Their Importance in Climate Change." The distinguished speaker was Prof. Dr. Bharti, a revered law professor from the National Law School, Delhi. This illuminating session delved into the critical role of procedural environmental rights

, emphasizing their relevance in addressing the challenges posed by climate change. The event, a testament to CPIL's commitment to fostering legal awareness, provided students with valuable insights from an esteemed legal scholar, enriching their understanding of international law and environmental issues.



# NOVEMBER

## CPIL-Journal Launch

The Centre for the Promotion of International Law (CPIL) stands out as a beacon of progress and global thinking within VMLS. A pivotal moment this year was the successful event at the Madras Management Association on November 25, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The event marked the launch of the VMLS International Law Review, a significant milestone for CPIL, dedicated to

fostering scholarly dialogue on international legal issues. Esteemed panelists engaged in thoughtful discourse, delving into the UDHR's impact on global legal frameworks. CPIL looks forward to advancing the conversation around international law, shaping a future grounded in inclusivity



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## Moot court Competitions 2023

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) witnessed the successful organization of its second Internal Moot Court Competition by the Moot Court Committee (MCC) from November 28 to 30, 2023. Guided by Dean Ananth Padmanabhan, the competition unfolded seamlessly, culminating in an exciting award ceremony immediately after the Finals. The MCC welcomed new Conveners—Md Haris, Mohd. Razeek, and Ms. Prasanna—for the upcoming semester.

The Winning team, Naveen Kumar.S, Purushothaman.J, and Ramanan.A, and the Runners-Up, Dinesh Ragavendra.M, Siva Prasanth.S, and Jothi.R, showcased remarkable legal skills. VMLS congratulates all participating teams, emphasizing its commitment to nurturing legal excellence and fostering a vibrant legal education culture.







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## The Pedagogical Prelude: Teaching as the Masterpiece of Performing Arts



- Nishant Sheokand, Associate Professor of Law, VMLS

**“Good teaching is one-fourth preparation and three-fourths theatre.”**

**~ Gail Godwin**

The debate surrounding teaching and its rightful place among other professions has been a topic of contention for decades. Is teaching a science, rigorously following a set of well-defined principles, or is it an art, dependent on the innate talents and creativity of the practitioner? While some argue for a scientific approach, suggesting that a body of pedagogical knowledge can be applied universally, we'll explore the idea that teaching is, in fact, a performing art. This perspective emphasizes the uniqueness of the teacher-student relationship, the creativity required in the classroom, and the need to acknowledge the distinct talent of educators.

In the whimsical world of television, there's a character who perfectly embodies the challenges of teaching as a performing art. Enter Sheldon Cooper, a Nobel Prize-winning physicist featured in the popular sitcom on Netflix. In one memorable episode, Sheldon is invited to share his profound expertise in physics with a group of undergraduate college students. The stage is set, and the expectations are high as both the characters in the sitcom

and the audience is curious to find out what is going to happen.

However, as Sheldon begins his lecture, the room quickly takes a turn from eager anticipation to stifled yawns. His meticulously delivered scientific insights, while undoubtedly brilliant, fail to captivate his audience. The students are seemingly drifting into a collective slumber, and the lecture hall resonates with whispers of boredom. They accuse Sheldon of being a human lullaby, capable of putting them to sleep with his monotonous delivery. It's a stark reminder that the mere possession of knowledge does not guarantee effective teaching.



As the episode unfolds, Sheldon experiences a moment of revelation. He comes to understand that teaching is not solely about the mastery of one's subject matter or scientific skills. It's not a mere science but, in essence, a performing art. The realization dawns upon him that to truly engage and educate, a teacher must don the hat of a performer and understand the delicate art of holding an audience's attention. Sheldon's journey in that sitcom episode mirrors a broader truth in the world of education. It's not enough for teachers to possess vast knowledge; they must also be skilled in the art of presentation.

Teaching requires the ability to connect with students, to infuse life into the subject matter, and to make it relatable and enjoyable. Just like a performer on a grand stage, teachers are tasked with captivating their audience, leading them on a journey of discovery, and leaving a lasting impression.

This entertaining episode featuring Sheldon Cooper serves as a humorous reminder that the divide between science and art in teaching is not as distinct as one might think. To be an effective teacher, one must be both a scientist and a performer. The science is in the content, the knowledge, and the methodology, but the art lies in how that knowledge is shared, how it inspires, and how it transforms students' lives.

In the world of education, as in any performance, it's not just what you know but how you convey it that truly matters. The fusion of science and art in teaching creates a harmonious symphony where knowledge is not just transferred but celebrated, where learning becomes a captivating journey, and where teachers, like Sheldon, transform into maestros of the educational stage.

### **Unraveling the Science of Teaching:**

The idea that teaching is a science emerged during the 20th century when educators began to search for a pedagogical counterpart to the field of medicine. While the medical profession thrived through the marriage of science and practice, pedagogy struggled to establish a coherent scientific basis for teaching. This elusive quest has led to various educational reforms, emphasising the improvement of materials and methods, but often overlooking the heart of the matter – the teacher. Educational researcher Donna Kerr, in her essay on teaching competency, suggests a science-based

approach to teacher preparation and evaluation. Her recommendations include three-year Ph.D. programs in education grounded in research and complexity, aiming to differentiate teaching from other professions. However, such a vision may be misguided, as teaching inherently defies strict scientific categorization.

### **The Heart of the Matter:**

Teaching, at its core, is a human performance, a delicate artistry that unfolds in the dynamic and unpredictable realm of the classroom. It involves the teacher's capacity to captivate students with knowledge and ideas, fuelling their curiosity and inspiring lifelong learning. The act of teaching goes far beyond the



simple application of techniques and methods; The analogy of teaching as a performing art encourages a focus on the teacher as the essential ingredient in this intricate dance. Just as painters, musicians, or actors, educators possess unique talents that go beyond mere intelligence or training. This raises the question: can great teachers be nurtured, or are they born with a gift that sets them apart?

### **In a Quest for the Perfect Performance**

The teacher's "performance" extends beyon-



beyond the delivery of lessons; it includes the ability to adapt, inspire, and manage the diverse dynamics of the classroom. Therefore, teacher preparation should be approached differently, modelled after the methods used in the performing arts. Teachers should be selected not solely on their academic qualifications but on their innate teaching aptitude. This would involve an audition-like process where educators are evaluated based on their classroom performance.

The teaching studio emerges as a novel concept, reminiscent of the way artists learn their crafts. Within this studio, apprentices would imitate the practices of master teachers, as musicians emulate legendary performers. Through a dynamic process of observation, emulation, and reflection, apprentice teachers would find their unique teaching voice and develop their style.

### **Realism in Teacher Training:**

Training teachers would not be complete without practical experience. Just as actors need a stage, teachers require a classroom filled with real, unpredictable students. Simulation classes and peer group interactions would serve as powerful learning tools, preparing educators for the complexities of the real classroom. The apprenticeship period would help identify innate talent, laying the foundation for ongoing growth.

### **Rewards and Recognition:**

In the world of the performing arts, talent is acknowledged, nurtured, and rewarded. Teachers should be no exception. Evaluation and compensation for educators should mirror should recognise outstanding performances, and encourage professional growth. Such an approach

may replace the current adversarial relationship in education and foster a culture of continuous improvement.

### **Conclusion:**

Teaching, as a performing art, is a unique and complex profession that goes beyond the boundaries of a mere science. The attempt to frame it solely as a scientific endeavour has hindered progress in education. By shifting the focus to the teacher as an artist, we can potentially revolutionise teacher preparation, evaluation, and recognition. Embracing the artistic aspect of teaching will allow us to harness the innate talents of educators and lead our education system to new heights, beyond the limitations of science.



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## The need for Culturally Responsive Teaching (CRT) strategies in India



- Nabeela Siddiqui, Assistant Professor of Law, VMLS,

Culturally responsive teaching (CRT) is an educational approach aimed at nurturing inclusivity and augmenting learning effectiveness by recognizing and incorporating students' cultural diversity, experiences, and perspectives. While CRT principles have often been associated with the United States, they can be included in educational contexts, including India. India's rich tapestry of languages, religions, customs, and traditions underscores the importance of CRT, which begins with a thoughtful acknowledgment and appreciation of this diversity.

Educators are stimulated to invest time in comprehending their students' cultural backgrounds and experiences. CRT entails modifying the curriculum to resonate with students by relating it to their local context. This involves using examples and materials relevant to students' lives, taking into consideration the particular region or community they originate from. India is a country characterized by its multilingual population, and within classrooms, leveraging these diverse mother tongues can serve as a treasured bridge for teaching various subjects. By integrating teaching

materials, literature, and resources that mirror India's wide-ranging cultures, histories, and experiences, students can better relate to the educational content, seeing their identities reflected in the curriculum. It's crucial to acknowledge that students possess different learning styles, some favouring oral storytelling traditions, while others gravitate toward written or visual learning methods.

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particular cultural backgrounds.

Reassuring students to critically reflect on their own cultural biases and stereotypes while simultaneously establishing an environment where students feel empowered to challenge such stereotypes and biases through discussions and projects represents a positive step. Integrating the celebration of cultural events and festivals into the curriculum serves to nurture inclusivity and promote an appreciation for the wealth of cultural diversity. Implementing culturally responsive teaching strategies within the Indian educational system is imperative, as it paves the way for a more inclusive and effective approach that values and honours the diverse cultural identities of its students. It's crucial to tailor these strategies to the specific cultural and regional context in which one is teaching, recognizing the substantial variations in cultural diversity across different Indian states and communities.

## Mastering the Art of Drafting, Pleading and Conveyancing



-By Sinjini Sen, Assistant Professor of Law,  
VMLS

The study of law is a very fascinating profession. Besides building stellar

academic and professional careers, many other skills are nurtured when studying law. For instance, participating in debate competitions and moot court presentations—which are regularly held in law schools—helps you hone your public speaking skills. Similarly, legal writing is just as significant as speaking when studying law. Drafting and pleading are skill sets that all law students should focus on immediately. Drafting and pleading are skill sets that all law students should focus on immediately. When crafting a document, it is essential to address three fundamental questions:



why are you drafting this document? What information do you aim to convey through this document? And whether you can structure the client's factual instructions to facilitate the application of the law in achieving legal remedies for your client. While drafting, we must remember that the manuscript we create serves as the road we build to guide our clients toward achieving their desired legal remedy.

Thanks to technology, we have numerous AI tools available to assist in drafting real-life documents. Despite these advancements, I firmly believe that the art of drafting is a skill set that should not solely depend on technology.

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At VMLS, we aim to provide real-world experience by hosting lectures on pertinent topics and conducting workshops.

As one of the crucial subjects, we recently hosted two seminars delving into the intricacies of drafting, pleading, and conveyancing. One of the guest speakers, Madras High Court attorney Vasantha Raj, discussed the essentials of drafting written statements and plaints. Another guest lecturer, media and entertainment attorney Akanksha Badika, covered a contract's fundamental components and structure. Students learned from the practitioners, who gave them first-hand knowledge in comprehending the legal settings of creating legal documents

In the ever-evolving landscape of legal education and practice, mastering the art of drafting, pleading, and conveyancing remains a timeless and essential skill. It's not just about creating documents; it's about being the guiding hand that leads clients toward their desired legal remedies. At VMLS, we are dedicated to nurturing this skill in our students, emphasizing the human touch that complements technological advancements promoting inclusivity, diversity, and empathy in the law school of the future.

## **Experiments with Stakeholder Role Play in Company Law Course**



Anand Shrivasa, Assistant Professor of Law, VMLS

Under the innovative guidance of Professor Anand Shrivasa, students in our Company Law class have been engaging in dynamic and interactive learning experiences. Through the use of stakeholder role play, Professor Shrivasa has crafted engaging scenarios that immerse students in the complexities of company law.

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Through these simulations, students discerned the nuances of fairness and unfairness in company decisions, ultimately leading to engaging debates and discussions mirroring real-world scenarios.

Professor Shrivas organised a mock 'Shark Tank' scenario to enhance their understanding of entrepreneurial dynamics. Students embraced the roles of entrepreneurs, negotiating for specific percentages of shareholdings to gain control of the company. This exercise provided invaluable insights into the intricate balance between entrepreneurial vision and corporate resolutions, offering a first-hand glimpse into the world of business dealings.

Under Professor Anand Shrivas' mentorship, our students have not only grasped the theoretical aspects of company law but have also developed a profound understanding of its practical applications. These immersive learning experiences have undoubtedly enriched their knowledge, created an entrepreneurial mind set and prepared them for the complexities of the corporate world.

Transforming legal education by way of experiential learning, our Company Law class has delved into immersive and interactive learning experiences, fostering an environment that promotes inclusivity, diversity, and empathy. These experiential exercises empower students with a deep understanding of legal intricacies and equip them with the skills to navigate the complexities of law school and the diverse corporate landscape with empathy and adaptability.

## Linkages between Labour Migration and Sustainable Development



-Dr. Krishna Kishore Padala, Assistant Professor of Law, VMLS.

Labor migration is a global phenomenon with profound linkages to sustainable development. Sustainable development, as defined by the United Nations, aims to meet the needs of the present



without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. While the economic and social impacts of labor migration are often discussed, its deep connection to sustainable development deserves attention. In this article, we explore the intricate ties between labour migration and sustainable development and how both can mutually reinforce each other. One of the most immediate and visible impacts of labour migration is its economic contribution to both host and home countries. Migrant

workers often fill labour gaps in host countries, boosting economic productivity, competitiveness, and overall growth. Additionally, they typically send remittances back to their home countries, which can significantly contribute to development in these regions. Remittances are a vital link between labor migration and sustainable development. These financial inflows are often used to improve education, healthcare, infrastructure, and various other aspects of development in recipient countries. Families receiving remittances experience an increase in their standard of living, better access to healthcare and education, and reduced poverty rates. Thus, labor migration indirectly helps alleviate the socio-economic challenges faced by developing countries, contributing to sustainable development. Labor migration also leads to the transfer of knowledge and skills. Migrant workers bring new ideas, technologies, and work practices that can positively impact the host country's economy. The exchange of knowledge and skills can enhance the host country's capacity for innovation and economic diversification, fostering a more sustainable and competitive economy. One challenge associated with labour migration is the concept of "brain drain," where highly skilled workers leave their home countries for better opportunities abroad. However, it's essential to recognize that labour migration can also result in "brain gain" for the home country. Many migrants acquire new skills and experiences abroad and eventually return with enhanced expertise and perspectives that can contribute to their home country's development.

The gender dimension of labor migration is crucial in the context of sustainable development. Women make up a significant portion of labor migrants, often working in sectors like healthcare and domestic work. Their remittances and contributions to the host country's economy can have a

substantial impact on gender equality and women's empowerment. By working abroad and sending money back home, female migrant workers often challenge traditional gender roles and promote women's economic independence. Furthermore, labour migration can have environmental implications. In some cases, migration can lead to reduced pressure on natural resources in the home country as it eases population growth and lowers the environmental footprint.



However, it's essential to consider the environmental impact of the host country, where migrants may contribute to increased resource consumption and waste generation. Labour migration creates social and cultural ties between home and host countries. These connections can facilitate cross-border collaborations, tourism, and investment, promoting cultural exchange and understanding, and fostering a sense of global interconnectedness, which is essential for global sustainable development efforts. Nevertheless, labour migration is not without its challenges. Migrant workers often face discrimination, exploitation, and abuse, particularly in low-skilled and informal sectors. Addressing these issues is crucial to ensure that the positive linkages between labour migration and sustainable development are maximized.



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In conclusion, labour migration and sustainable development are intricately linked. The economic contributions, remittances, knowledge transfer, and cultural connections resulting from labour migration can significantly impact the development trajectory of both host and home countries. However, to harness these benefits fully, it is essential to address the challenges and vulnerabilities migrant workers face. By fostering safe and fair migration practices and policies, the world can ensure that labour migration continues to be a force for sustainable development, benefiting individuals, communities, and nations alike between labour migration and sustainable development is complex, but when managed properly, it can potentially drive positive change for the betterment of societies and economies worldwide.

## Pro-Life Versus Pro-Choice



-Sphurthi.S.Krishna, Assistant Professor of Law, VMLS

The ongoing debate between the pro-life and pro-choice perspectives has endured for an extended period. The legal discourse concerning the rights of unborn infants has not yet fully developed within our country. In the context of Indian law, the rights of the unborn primarily revolve around issues of succession and property rights. Existing legal frameworks predominantly address the legalization of abortion and pregnancy termination on grounds related to health concerns, humanitarian considerations, and eugenic factors. However, they often do not explicitly emphasize a woman's right to autonomous decision-making and her choice in matters of reproduction.



The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act (MTPA) though seems to be a pro-choice legislation, predominantly focuses on protecting doctors from legal penalties for conducting terminations. Nevertheless, the right to abortion is regarded as a fundamental right under Article 21, and abortion laws should be approached from a rights-based perspective.

According to international human rights law, an individual is endowed with human rights only upon birth; an unborn fetus is not considered an entity with human rights (R v. State of Haryana, 2016 SCC OnLine P&H

18369). Gujarat High Court, in the case of *Ashaben v. State of Gujarat* (2015 AIR CC 3387), presented an intriguing perspective. The court, drawing on foreign statutes and cases, acknowledged that the right to life of a fetus is subject to implicit limitations, allowing for pregnancy termination to safeguard the mother's life.

Arguments advocating for the fetus's right to life are often rooted in ethical and moral considerations. However, it is recognized that social morality is inherently subjective and should not be used to unduly intrude into an individual's personal domain. Therefore, it is essential to acknowledge that an unborn fetus should not be placed on a higher moral pedestal than a living woman. Betty Friedan's words underscore the significance of women's control over their bodies and reproductive choices. She asserts that there can be no true freedom, equality, or complete human dignity until women assert their autonomy over their bodies and reproductive processes.

The right to have an abortion is a matter of individual conscience and conscious choice for the women involved. Women should not be prevented from making decisions about their own bodies and lives. Reproductive rights are an essential part of gender equality and autonomy and should be respected and upheld.

The Supreme Court's ruling, which acknowledges the importance of reproductive and decisional autonomy as a fundamental human right, affirms that a woman's right to make choices about her reproductive health without unwarranted state interference is at the core of human dignity. Any denial of access to reproductive healthcare, as well as any harm to the emotional and physical well-being of women, undermines their dignity. Nevertheless, achieving genuine autonomy of this kind hinges on bringing about material, social, and cultural transformations.





# FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

## HIGHLIGHTS



Dr. S. Gnana Sanga Mithra

- Best presenter Award- International Conference, Curtin University, Dubai
- Situational Leader in Education Sector, Working Women Achiever's Award- Ooruni foundation, Indonesia
- 2 Scopus indexed publications and Best budding researcher award, University Putra, Malaysia
- Worked as Project Consultant for Eco Development activity component of TBGOCCR scheme of TN Forest department under Japan International cooperation Agency funded Project



Mr. Nishant Sheokand

- Delivered a keynote address in Colombo on 'Sri Lanka's Gambling Regulatory Authority: Embracing Responsible Gaming for a Secure Future.'
- Conducted a groundbreaking study on Online Skill-Based Gamers in India under CJT, securing 7,50,000/- INR in extramural funding.
- Appointed as Arbitrator for International Football Arbitration (IFAM), 2023 edition at Platja d'Aro, Spain.



Ms. Nabeela Siddiqui

- Chaired a session at the International Conference on Law and Emerging Issues, August 24-25, October by Auro University, Surat, Gujarat
- Published opinion piece in The Hindu (National Newspaper) on 26th October, 2023 titled 'The legality of using white phosphorus'
- Nominated as a Reviewer to the International Journal of Social Research and Innovation (IJSRI) published by Villa College, Maldives

# RESEARCH STATS

## HALF YEARLY RESEARCH STATISTICS



Scopus Indexed publications: 5

UGC care Publications: 3

Book Chapters Published: 5

Books published: 2

Conferences attended  
(national/international): 20+





# Our Internship Partners



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Sl No	Name of the Organization	Nature of the organization	location
1	DS Legal	Law Firm	Chennai
2	Julian Law Offices	Law Firm	Chennai and Delhi
3	Arista Chambers	Law Firm	Bangalore
4	Altatic Global	Law Firm	Chennai
5	TKC Partners	Law Firm	New Delhi

SI No	Name of the Organization	Nature of the organization	location
6	PSA	Law Firm	New Delhi
7	BND	Law Firm	Chennai
8	Corn Troopers	Company	Mohali
9	GSPR	Online journal	Kolkata
10	The Law Offices of Krishna Dutt Kalaskar	Advocate's Office	Banglore
11	Hemapriya & Associates	Advocate's Office	Chennai
12	AWARE	NGO	Chennai
13	Jus Dharma	Law Firm	Chennai
14	Karan Dahiya	Advocate's Office	Supreme Court of India, New-Delhi
15	CRYPTO LEGAL	Law Firm	Banglore
16	Centre for Competition Law and Economics	Research centre	New Delhi



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17	Karma Law Advocates and consultants	Law Firm	New Delhi
18	Puneet Jain	Advocate's Office	Supreme Court of India, New-Delhi
19	Centre for Competition Law and Economics	Research centre	New Delhi
20	S. Anbarasu	Advocate's Office	Chennai
21	Regstreet Law Advisor's	Law Firm	Mumbai
22	KRIA Law Firm	Law Firm	Chennai









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