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About 'PU LAW TIMES' Newsletter

Welcome to our Volume 2 Issue 1 of '*PU LAW TIMES*'. We invite you to subscribe to our newsletter which will offer content that portray Department of Laws extraordinary breadth of excellence vividly and thoroughly. The newsletter aims to keep you up to date with key news, seminars and conferences in the Department, faculty publications and students achievements, so that we can offer prospective students an opportunity to have an insight into campus life. It will also offer important information on job, internship opportunities and other career resources. The newsletter will be released biannually to coincide with the Department semesters. Our e-newsletter will reach Department's alumni, faculty, staff, students and associates directly in their in-boxes.

From the Desk of Vice Chancellor



Prof. (Dr.) Renu Vig

I am delighted to present the Issue One of Volume 2 of the Newsletter of Department of Laws, Panjab University, which highlights the academic activities and the diverse achievements of the faculty as well as the Students of this Department. The Department of Laws, is always in action to create new opportunities and innovative activities for its students. The vigorous vision and strong commitment makes it the most popular choice for students.

Warmest thanks to all our Students, Faculty members and members of Non-Teaching staff for their community spirit and wholehearted dedication to the collective mission of this Department. I repose my faith in Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh, Chairperson, Department of laws who will take a lead and prepare the students for the exposure to cutting edge and competitive environment. I have full trust in your capabilities. I conclude my remarks with a quote by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, "Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence." I wish you all the success in your future endeavours!

From the Desk of Chairperson



Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh

From classes to brown bag lunches, and from research meetings to seminars with invited speakers, we are finally coming together this term as the interactive community of students and scholars of the pre-pandemic years. This has been a noticeable and welcome change, highlighting the value and the excitement of in-person interactions at academic institutions. This excitement also brings new light to the remarkable achievements of our faculty, students and alumni, a clear sign of the endurance of our mission. We lived through the second year of incredible challenges brought to us by COVID-19 and its variants. Nevertheless, the return to in-person teaching last Fall — thanks to the safe restrictions in place and the moving resilience and solidarity of our staff, students, and faculty — was a very welcome change from the many months of isolation that had prevented us from enjoying the intellectual conversations, artistic partnerships, and even trivial chit-chat that many of us had taken for granted before the pandemic. The slow attempt to move beyond these terrible and dreadful years has been a sobering reminder of the importance of personal touch — in literal and metaphorical ways — human interaction, and art and music as sources of collective well-being in our everyday lives.

However, rather than dwelling on the difficulties we have confronted, I wish to focus these lines on commending the achievements of our extraordinary community, from inspiring awards and honours to exciting new works and publications, and from the retirement of esteemed colleagues to the welcoming of new ones. In this issue of newsletter, we spotlight on the conclusion of NRI Marriage Awareness Campaign in Punjab along with beginning of our Pro bono Club.

Faculty



Prof. (Dr.) Shalini Marwaha, an esteemed personality in the field of Law with a wide expertise in the area of Jurisprudence, Constitutional Law, Human rights and Administrative Law. Prof Marwaha is a part of the department of laws for more than 20 years now. She has authored and co-authored several National and International publications and also, working as a reviewer for reputed professional journals. Prof. Marwaha has also served as a Chairperson of this department and has retired after 30 years of service rendered to the Department.

Prof. (Dr.) Meenu Paul, an accomplished professor, holder of Doctorate degree with specialisation in the field of Labour laws and Intellectual Property Rights. Prof. (Dr.) Meenu Paul, former Chairperson of the Department, due to her persistent nature successfully managed to coordinate the Departmental activities during the unprecedented circumstances of COVID-19.



Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit Kaur Sidhu, an authority in the field of Law of Evidence and Environmental Laws. Prof. Sidhu is known for her perfection and compassionate behaviour. We show our ardent gratefulness for your commitment to this department. Undoubtedly, the best teacher to inspire and encourage students as well as the faculty to achieve their goals. Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit Kaur retired after 30 years of service rendered to the Department. She shares a deep bond with the Department.

Prof. (Dr.) Geeta Joshi, a distinguished jurist with specialisation in the field of Criminal Law and Criminology. Prof. Joshi is honoured with the Army Commander's Commendation Award by GOC-in-C, Western Command for outstanding contribution as Principal, Army Institute of Law.



Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Arora

Prof. (Dr.) Vandana is jurist in the field of Commercial Laws, Human Rights and Criminal Law. Ma'am has actively participated in the various programmes conducted by the Department. Apart from being a regular member of the National Lok Adalat, she has also been appointed by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Panjab University as a member of various inspection committees to extend affiliation to various Law colleges and also appointed by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Punjabi University as a member of the Board of Studies in Law. Prof. Vandana has also been appointed by the Government of Punjab as the member of Academic Council of various Universities. She administered integrity pledge of citizens to all the staff and the students of Department. She along with Dr. Pathania organized the seminar on 'Cyber Security' and walkathon in observance of Vigilance Week. She has also coordinated the NRI Marriages Awareness programmes in the districts of Ferozpur and Amritsar.

Prof. (Dr.) Supinder Kaur

Prof. Supinder a pioneer in the subject of Family Laws. Prof. Supinder was recently elected as President of PUTA (Panjab University Teachers Association), Panjab University, Chandigarh in 2022 and has been an Executive Member since 2017. She is a regular visitor at NIPPCD, Mohali as a resource person in their various workshops and training programs for NGOs and other social works. Ma'am is instrumental behind initiating and continuing the series of National Debate competition in the memory of our beloved Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur. She has also coordinated the NRI Marriages Awareness programmes in the districts of Ludhiana and Ropar and she was also invited to deliver a special lecture on Basic Structure Doctrine on Constitution Day at Rayat- Bahra University.



Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Rattan

A phenomenal in field of International Law, Human Rights, Commercial Law. Ma'am has authored various books like Company Law, 1st Edition, 2022. Cyber Laws & Information Technology, 9th Edition, A textbook on Business Laws 2nd edition, Contract Act, Right to Information Act, 2005 6th Edition, Specific Relief Act 7th Edition, Taxation Laws 14th Edition, Public International Law 7th Edition, United Nations, Human Rights, International Humanitarian Law & International Criminal Law 7th edition and also Sale of Goods Act 5th Edition. She is also the member of various committees of Panjab University like Legal Committee. The celebrations of 76th Independence Day in the Department was coordinated by Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Rattan. The Department successfully conducted a Demonstration Moot under her coordination. Ma'am also coordinated the inauguration of Pro bono Club in the Department. She has also been appointed as the Nodal Officer of G20 Programmes in Panjab University. She has also coordinated the NRI Marriages Awareness programmes in the districts of Patiala and Jalandhar. Ma'am was also instrumental in collaboration of Department with the Manchester Metropolitan University. She along with Dr. Babita conducted a five days faculty development programme on "Redesigning Legal Education through E-learning and Clinical Legal Education".



Dr. Babita Devi Pathania

Dr. Babita, a connoisseur in Administrative Law and Service Law. She is Associate Professor. She coordinated various events in the Department viz. 3rd Punya Smaran Tithi in remembrance of Late Smt. Sushma Swaraj. She along with Prof. (Dr.) Vandana also organized the seminar on 'Cyber Security' and walkathon in observance of Vigilance Week. She coordinated the celebration of National Constitution Day. She has also coordinated the NRI Marriages Awareness programmes in the districts of Jalandhar and Amritsar. She along with Prof. (Dr.) Rattan conducted a five days faculty development programme on "Redesigning Legal Education through E-learning and Clinical Legal Education".



Dr. Shipra Gupta

Dr. Shipra Gupta, a sterling Associate Professor of Law and an epitome in the field of Law of Contracts. She along with Dr. Dinesh Kumar coordinated the 2nd prof. Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial National Debate Competition. The Department under her aegis organized its first National Moot Court Competition, 2022 in collaboration with the Competition Commission of India. She has also coordinated the NRI Marriages Awareness programmes in the districts of Ludhiana and Ropar.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar

Dr. Dinesh Kumar, an expert in the field of Criminal Law and Alternate Dispute Redressal and an Elected Fellow, Senate, Panjab University. The Department organised a special lecture on the topic, "The Challenge of Innovations in Legal Studies: A Look Ahead" under his coordination. He along with Dr. Shipra Gupta coordinated the 2nd prof. Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial National Debate Competition. He has also coordinated the NRI Marriages Awareness programmes in the districts of Moga and Ludhiana.



Assistant Professors (Part-Time and Guest Faculty)



Dr. Neetu Gupta

She successfully revised and issued 4th edition of two books namely, "Professional ethics, accountancy for lawyers and Bench Bar relations" and Basic Fundamentals of Legal Pleadings, Drafting and Conveyancing. She successfully completed the Faculty Development program on Exploring Dynamics of National Education Policy 2020 with reference to NAAC perspectives from 24th November to 30th November 2022 organised by SAGE University Indore and Bhopal, Christian Eminent College, Indore and Research Foundation of India and RFI- CARE. She also actively participated in G20 event held on 20th January 2023.

Dr. Reena Kansal

She successfully completed the Faculty Development Program on Exploring Dynamics of National Education Policy 2020 with Reference to NAAC Perspectives From 24th to 30th November 2022 Organised by SAGE University Indore and Bhopal, Christian Eminent College, Indore, Research Foundation of India & RFI- CARE. She coordinated quiz competition held under G20 event in the month of January 2023.



Dr. Sonia

She successfully completed the Five day Faculty Development Program & Training of Trainers organised by Department from 20th January to 25th January 2023. She also actively participated in the G20 event held on 20th January 2023.

Dr. Vibhuti Nakta

She successfully co- coordinated the 1st CCI-Panjab University National Moot Court competition organised by the Department in collaboration with the Competition Commission of India from 19 November to 20th November 2022 under the guidance of Dr. Shipra Gupta. The Patiala NRI Marriage Awareness Program was also co- coordinated by her under the guidance of Prof. Jyoti Rattan. She completed the Five-day Faculty Development Program & Training of Trainers organised by Department from 20th January to 25th January 2023.



Dr. Manisha Garg

She was a part of the organizing committee of 2nd Prof. Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial National Debate Competition organised by the Department under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Supinder Kaur, Dr. Shipra Gupta and Dr. Dinesh Kumar. She also co-coordinated NRI Marriages Awareness Campaigns at Ludhiana and Barnala. She is also a part of the editing team of Panjab University Law Review Journal Vol. 61 Part 1. She has also assisted in organizing special lecture on "The Challenge of Innovations in Legal Studies: A Look Ahead" by Prof. (Dr.) Bharat H. Desai.

Dr. Rohtash

He successfully completed his Ph.D program titled "Emerging Trends of Distributive Justice in Indian Contexts with Special Reference to Economic Legislation: An Analysis ". He was co- coordinator of NRI Marriages Awareness: Do's and Dont's programmes held in Hoshiarpur and Bathinda organised by National Commission for women in collaboration with Department. He also lead an awareness initiative at Malerkotla helmed by our recently established Pro bono Club. He is teaching Constitutional and Criminal Law. He was also part of G20 event held on 20th January 2023.





Mr. Benny Paul

Sir published the revised and updated edition(2022) of Alternate Dispute Resolution. The Revised Edition includes more explanations, case laws and more material for the students. Sir was also part of the G20 Event held in Janaury 2023.

Dr. Rohit Karwasra

Sir is a practicing advocate with more than 15 years of experience in civil, criminal and revenue matters at Punjab & Haryana High Court. He is teaching criminal laws providing theoretical as well as practical knowledge to the students in the field. He has been a resource person for CBI and ED. He also guides judicial aspirants.



Dr. Anju Sharma

She successfully completed the Five-day Faculty Development Program & training of Trainers on Redesigning Legal Education through E-Learning & Clinical Legal Education organised by Department of Laws from 20th January to 25th January 2023. She also actively participated in

Ms. Ajayita Sandhu

She presented a paper on “Artificial Intelligence and Data Protection: An Intrusion To Privacy, An Indian- Legal Perspective” at International Conference on Interdisciplinary Aspects relating to IPR, Technology and Competition Law, 2022 organised by MICH, Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria, Italy& MAIMS and on “Concatenation between Climate Change and Biological Diversity : A Road Ahead” in Environmental Challenges in the 21st century: Emerging Legal Framework organised by Army Institute of Law Virtual National Seminar. She also presented a paper titled, “Martial Rape Laws in India” at Boston University and on “Role of Gender sensitive refugee policies to build more equal world in the National seminar on Women Police organised by Centre for Women and Law, National Law University, Odisha.She also successfully completed International Faculty Development Programme on “ Law and Social Sciences” organised by School of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, RGNLU in collaboration with Kathmandu School of Law, Nepal and Faculty Development Programme & Training of trainers on “Redesigning Legal Education Through E- Learning & Clinical Legal Education organised by the Department. She also attended a course on International Humanitarian Law organised by CASH, RGNUL. She was also a facilitator at NRI Marriages Awareness campaign at Sri Muktsar Sahib and Amritsar.



Ms. Aneesha

She presented a paper on Abortion Rights of women in India in International conference on Gender Justice held in Punjabi University, Patiala. The Jalandhar NRI Marriages Awareness Programme was co-ordinated by her along with Mr. Negi and Sh. Hansraj under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Rattan and Dr. Babita. She also completed five day Faculty Development Program & Training of Trainer’s conducted by the department .



Ms. Aishwarya Jagga

She competed Five Day Faculty Development Program & Training of Trainers conducted by the Department. She Was also part of the G20 Event held in January 2023.



Mr. Gagan Kumar

He recently joined the Department. He was part of the NRI Marriage Awareness:Do's and Don'ts' program held in Hoshiarpur organised by National commission for women in collaboration with Department. He actively participated in G20 event held on 20th January 2023. He competed Five Day Faculty Development Program & Training of Trainers conducted by the Department.



Ms. Gauri Bajaj

She Recently Join the Department. She competed Five Day Faculty Development Program & Training of Trainers conducted by the Department. She was also invited as a jury member in the Law Fest organised by the Institute of Law, Kurukshetra University.



Ms. Dipti Bansal

She has recently joined the Department. She was part of the NRI Marriage Awareness: Do's and Don'ts' program held in Hoshiarpur organised by National commission for Women in collaboration with Department. She also actively participated in G20 event held on 20th January 2023. She also completed five day Faculty Development Program & Training of Trainers conducted by the Department.



Mr. Abhimanyu Singh Negi

He recently joined the Department. He was part of the NRI Marriage Awareness:Do's and Don'ts' program held in Jalandhar organised by National commission for women in collaboration with Department. He actively participated in G20 event held on 20th January 2023. He competed Five Day Faculty Development Program & Training of Trainers conducted by the Department. He also lead a awareness initiative on Drug abuse and Domestic Violence under Pro bono Club.



News at a Glance

- Prof. Renu Vig appointed as the officiating Vice- Chancellor of Panjab University.
- Prof. (Dr.) Supinder Kaur elected as the President of Panjab University Teachers Association (PUTA).
- Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Rattan appointed as the Nodal Officer to conduct G20 Programmes in Panjab University.
- Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit Kaur and Prof. (Dr.) Shalini Marwaha retired after more than 30 years of service rendered to the Department.
- Mr. Bhupinder Singh, Ms. Komalpreet Kaur, Ms. Nisha and Ms. Jasjot were elected as Department Representatives.

Conferences & Seminars

3rd Punya Smaran Tithi

The Department of Laws, Panjab University successfully organised 3rd Punya Smaran Tithi in remembrance of Late Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Former External Affairs Minister. In her remembrance, virtual lecture on the topic, "Independent India belongs to the Constitution" was organised. Prof. Balram Gupta was the Chief Guest and Guest of honour was Ms. Bansuri Swaraj. The Chief Patron of the lecture were our former Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Raj Kumar. Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India also graced the occasion with his kind words. The event was coordinated by Dr. Babita Pathania.



Independence Day Celebration

The Department of Laws, Panjab University celebrated 76th Independence Day. The event was coordinated by Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Rattan. The event was graced with the presence of Prof. Ranbir Kaur and Prof. Vijay Nagpal, former Chairpersons, Department of Laws, Panjab University. Various activities were organised for the students like Poetry Recitation, Essay Writing and Nukkad Natak. More than 100 students participated in the event.

61st National Teachers Day

The Department of Laws, Panjab University celebrated 61st National Teachers Day on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the second President of India. The faculty members, Dr. Rohtash, Ms. Ajayita and Ms. Aneesha along with the students of the department gathered under the aegis of Prof. Devinder Singh, the Chairperson of the Department. Views on the contribution of the teachers and their role in the development of students were shared. The students expressed their gratitude towards the teachers and applauded them in the nation building.





Demonstration Moot

On 14th October, 2022, the Department successfully conducted a Demonstration Moot in the Law Auditorium. A Demonstration Moot is a dummy court set up to familiarise the participants with the real functioning of the Court. The event began with a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Rattan, the coordinator of the event. The demonstration moot was presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sureshwar Thakur, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bharadwaj and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aman Chaudhary, Hon'ble Judges, Punjab and Haryana High Court. Advocates of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Adv. Pritish Goel, Adv. Shiva, Adv. Bhavya Julka, Adv. Sagar and Adv. Abhay argued and presented their sides of the students to understand the case. Students from all the semesters attended enthusiastically. The event was concluded with the Hon'ble Justices providing their words of wisdom to the students.

Special lecture on “The Challenge of innovations in Legal Studies: A look Ahead”

The Department of Laws organised a special lecture on the topic, “The Challenge of Innovations in Legal Studies: A Look Ahead”. Prof. (Dr.) Bharat H. Desai was the key speaker of the lecture. Prof. (Dr.) Supinder Kaur coordinated the event and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Dinesh Kumar. Faculty members, research scholars and the students attended the lecture in great number.



Intra Departmental Symposium

The Constitution Club for Public Policy and Governance, organised Symposium on various topics. The event was a great success. It was coordinated by Dr. Rohtash with the assistance of the active members of the Constitution Club.



Vigilance Week

Celebrating the Vigilance Awareness week beginning from 31st October 2022. Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Kumar, administered integrity pledge of citizens to all the staff and the students of Department of Laws, Panjab University. A special virtual lecture on the topic “Cyber Security” was organised wherein Dr. Charu Malhotra, Professor, Indian Institute of Public Administration was the Guest of Honour and key speaker. Ma'am emphasised on the need to raise digital footprints to prevent from falling prey to cyber-crimes. Professor (Dr.) Promila Pathak, Chairperson, Department of Botany, Panjab University and PUCASH graced the seminar. Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Arora and Dr. Babita Pathania organised these minar.



Walkathon

The Department of Laws, Panjab University conducted a Walkathon in observance of Vigilance Week from 31st October to 6th November, 2022. Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Arora and Dr. Babita Pathania joined by Dr. Rohtash, Ms. Aneesa and Ms. Harpreet coordinated the event. The students of the department actively participated in the event.

National Constitution Day

On Saturday, 26th November, 2022 the Department observed National Constitution Day to commemorate the formal adoption of the Constitution of India. Prof. (Dr.) Shruti Bedi, University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University delivered a lecture on the topic, “India: Mother of Democracy”. Prof. Bedi highlighted the significance of Indian Constitution in formulation of the Constitution of the other nations and uniqueness that our Constitution holds for the diverse population. A pledge of the Preamble was administered by Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh to the faculty members, staff and the students present. The event was coordinated by Dr. Babita Pathania.



ORANGE MARCH

An Orange March was organized on 1st December, 2022 to mark the beginning of UNiTE campaign (an initiative of 16 days of activism to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls around the world) started by UN Secretary General and UN Women which was followed by a pledge coordinated by Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh and Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Rattan to advance human dignity, equality and rights to commemorate the International Human Rights Day. It was followed by an interaction by the members of the Pro bono Club with students of Ankur School on the topic of Domestic Violence and Drug Abuse under the guidance of Dr. Parminder Duggal.



11th Global Alliance for Justice Education World Wide Conference

GAJE-IJCLE-SAULCA, Global Alliance for Justice Education, International Journal of Clinical Legal Education (20th Annual Conference) South African University Law Clinics Association organised a Worldwide Conference at Stellenbosch University, Faculty of Law on the theme of "Justice Education: Building Resilience and Strong Connections in Times of Global Challenges" from 11th-15th December, 2022. Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh along with Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Rattan, coordinator, Pro-Bono Club, (joined online) and Ms. Shruti Dahiya, Research Scholar presented a paper on "Role of Legal Aid Clinics in socio-legal Mobilisation: Case Studies of Punjab" on 12th December and showcased the activities organised by the Legal Aid Clinic and Pro-bono Club for mitigation of problems like Domestic Violence, Drug Abuse and NRI Marriage Frauds in state of Punjab.



Inauguration of Pro- Bono Club

The Department organised an event for the inauguration of Pro Bono Club under the scheme of the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India. The Chief Guest of the event were Hon'ble. Mr. Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan, Punjab and Haryana High Court. Sir was welcomed by our worthy the then Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Raj Kumar. Our Chief Guest motivated the budding lawyers to serve the society by giving free legal assistance to the needy and under privileged sections of the society. Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh formally welcomed the guests and vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Rattan. The other guests included Mrs. Geeta Sangwan, alumna, Department of Laws, Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit Kaur and other faculty members. More than 300 students attended the event and it was concluded with National Anthem.



2nd Prof. Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial National Debate Competition

In the memory of our beloved Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur, 2nd National Debate Competition was organized on the theme, "Same Sex Marriages: Rejection or Recognition?" The competition took place on the 10th November, 2022. 24 teams from educational institutions in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and other states registered for the competition. 10 teams qualified for the Semi-Final Round. The winning team was from Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla. The team from Army Institute of Law secured the position of Runner up. Award of Best Team was won by Bennett University, Delhi and the trophy of Best Debater was grabbed by UILS, Panjab University. The event was coordinated by Prof. (Dr.) Supinder Kaur, Dr. Shipra and Dr. Dinesh Kumar.



Legal Services Day

The Legal Aid Committee of the Department of Laws, observed Legal Services Day on 9th November, 2022 in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Rattan. During the celebration the students were enlightened with the aim and objectives of legal aid and were encouraged to actively take part in the pro bono services provided by the Legal Aid Committee. Furthermore, the students were informed about the constitutional mandate enshrined under Article 39A of the Constitution of India.



1st CCI- Panjab University National Moot Court Competition, 2022

The Department successfully organised the 1st CCI Panjab University National Moot Court Competition, 2022 held on 19th-20th November, 2022 in collaboration with the Competition Commission of India. The competition had teams participating across India from various Universities/ Colleges and Institutions. In total 25 teams registered. Teams from Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Patiala, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES), Dehradun; University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University and Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad qualified for the semi-final rounds. Based on knock-out rounds RGNUL, Patiala and UPES, Dehradun qualified for the final round judged by a panel of eminent judges consisting of Ms. Payal Malik- Economic Adviser, Competition Commission of India, Mr. Akshay Bhan- Senior Advocate, Panjab & Haryana High Court, Prof. (Dr.) Rajinder Kaur- Director, UILS, Panjab University, and Mr. Gautam Shahi- Partner, Dua Associates, Delhi. RGNUL, Patiala was declared the winner of the Competition and UPES, Dehradun was declared as the Runner-up. The prize for Best Advocate/ Speaker was won by Ms. Ihina Mukhopadhyay from Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad and the prize for the Best Memorial was won by UILS, Panjab University, Chandigarh. The event was successfully coordinated by Dr. Shipra Gupta. The Chairperson congratulated the organising committee lead by Dr. Shipra on the completion of the event



NRI

Marriages Awareness Campaign

As a part of series of awareness programmes on NRI MARRIAGES: Do's and DONT's launched by the National Commission For Women (NCW) under the chairmanship of Smt. Rekha Sharma in collaboration with the Department of Laws, Panjab University, Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh, has been appointed as the Nodal Officer of this campaign. To achieve the set objective of the NCW, the Department as mandated by the NCW collaborated with the concerned institutions like the NRI Commission, Punjab State Legal Services Authority, Punjabi University, Patiala; Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar; Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, colleges, local Police Stations, Panchayats, Local NGOs, etc. In this regard, fourteen programmes were successfully conducted in the various districts of Punjab wherein awareness about the NRI marriages was disseminated. For the active completion of these programmes our guiding light were, Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Arora, Prof. (Dr.) Supinder Kaur, Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Rattan, Dr. Babita Pathania, Dr. Shipra Gupta and Dr. Dinesh Thakur who coordinated the respective programmes. Each programme witnessed an audience of not less than 200 which reflects upon the pressing issue in the state of Punjab. Apart from the lectures delivered by the distinguished resource persons, a survey was also conducted based on the said programmes collecting data from the attendees.





Foreign Collaborations

Manchester Metropolitan University

The Department welcomed Dr. Damian Mather, Principal Lecturer and internal lead for Manchester Law School, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK who visited Panjab University to explore the possibility of mutual cooperation between the two law schools. Dr. Mather met Prof. Raj Kumar, the then Vice- Chancellor of Panjab University who assured him of full support. He emphasised the need for joint research programmes between the two Universities, student exchange programmes, joint publications and joint events in hybrid mode. Prof. Devinder Singh, Chairperson, Department of Laws, Prof. Deepti Gupta Nee Dhamija, Dean International Students graced the occasion which was coordinated by Prof. Jyoti Rattan. Dr. Mather also delivered a lecture on “Prohibition of Torture under International Humanitarian Law” and also interacted with the enthusiastic law students.



Western Sydney University

On 25th January, 2023, fifteen students of Western Sydney University, Australia from School of Business and Law visited Panjab University. The students were welcomed by Prof. Sushil K. Kansal, Dean, International Students and Prof. Devinder Singh. The students were accompanied by Dr. Grace Borsellino, lecturer in School of Business and Mr. Krishan Prasad, lecturer in school of business. Department organised a workshop for the students on Indian Commercial Laws and Regulations including Foreign Investment and trade Laws, Legal Ethics and Legal Education. Students were addressed by Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Arora, Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Rattan, Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh and Dr. Bharat from University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University. Adv. Amar Vivek addressed the students on Legal Ethics.

G20 Seminar

On 20th January, 2023, Panjab University in collaboration with Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Ministry of External Affairs successfully hosted a seminar as a part of G20 Events on topic '*Blurring Boundaries and Changing Societal Governance, G20 University Connect Engaging Young Minds*'. The program was conducted in the Law Auditorium. The purpose of the event is spreading awareness among the youth and academic community in the country- about G20 and the Indian Presidency of G20. India's G20 Presidency will work to promote this universal sense of one-ness. Hence the theme is - '*One Earth, One Family, One Future*'. Panjab University, Chandigarh has been selected as one of 76 universities across India for hosting lecture series and organising student centric activities. The event was graced by eminent dignitaries Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M. Kumar, Former Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court as the Chief Guest of the program; His Excellency Sh. Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Ambassador; Prof. (Dr.) Renu Vig, Vice-Chancellor (then Officiating), Panjab University; Prof. (Dr.) B.S. Ghuman, Former Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala; Dr. Abhishek Tandon, Member, Steering Committee, G20 Events; Mr. Syed Arslan Ali, RIS; Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Sharma, Dean, Alumni Relations, Panjab University; Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh; Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Rattan, Nodal Officer, Panjab University, Chandigarh.



Faculty Development Programme

The Department had organised a Faculty Development Programme & Training of Trainers on “Redesigning Legal Education through E-Learning & Clinical Legal Education” from 20th January, 2023 to 25th January, 2023. Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Rattan and Dr. Babita Pathania conducted the programme and the inaugural address was given by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Pandey, Director Clinical Legal Aid Programme, Jindal Global Law School. Prof. (Dr.) Balram Gupta along with other esteemed resource persons also addressed Faculty Members and Research Scholars were part of the programme. The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) M.R.K Prasad, V.M. Salgaocar College of Law in presence of the Chairperson. The technical support was provided by Ms. Shruti Dahiya, Research Scholar.



Get Together of Retired Senior Faculty of Department of Laws

The Department hosted a get-together of its retired and esteemed faculty members who are the pride of this institution. The gathering cherished their invaluable memories spent with each other in the Department.



Students Corner

The Department won the overall trophy in Akhada Championship organised by UILS including **Gold** in Cricket Mens.

Cricket team - **Rahul Nain, Sahil Bhankhur, Sahil Nagpal, Prakhar Singh, Omer Mahmood , Harsh, Khushal, Deepanshu, Suryansh, Manav, Ketan, Yuvraaj , Manjot GOLD** in Badminton - **Komal Solanki**



A photograph clicked by **Rajavikrant Sharma** was selected and was displayed at Sector 17 Chandigarh. MN Sharma Photography Award: A photograph captured by him was selected and was displayed at Sector 17 rose garden underpass. He ethically reported a security vulnerability to Disney+Hotstar, that had the potential to cause huge financial losses and receive goodies in return as a token of appreciation.



Ritika Chopra

Participated in International Cross- Examination Moot Court Competition held by Science Po, the New York University, Queen Mary University of London, and the National University of Singapore from November 28th to December 2nd, 2022.



Shivani Narwal

Painting sold in National Level Art Exhibition, a Tobuovimaan initiative 'Light of Hope' in Panjab Kala Bhawan.

Won 2nd prize in National level Public Speaking Online competition 'Shaping Public Speakers Building Future leaders' where only 20 students all over the India were selected.



Upcoming Events:

- 2nd Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial Lecture
- Special Lecture on “India: Mother of Democracy”
- Alumni Meet of Batch 1974-1977
- Legal Awareness Workshop
- Mediation Workshop
- Free Legal Aid Stall in Panjab University Rose Fest 2023
- G-20 Events
- Celebration of International Women’s Day
- Celebration of World Consumer Day
- National Seminar on “Completion of 50 years of Basic Structure Doctrine: The Way Ahead”
- Special Lecture on “Data Privacy Landscape in India”
- Mehr Chand Mahajan Memorial Lecture on “Fraternity: Foundational Feature of the constitution of India”
- Closing of NRI Marriages : Do’s and Don’t’s _ A Way Forward” Programs

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