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To evolve as an internationally acclaimed institution striving for excellence in interdisciplinary legal education while inculcating ethical values and promoting the advancement of justice.

MISSION

- To impart legal education on par with the highest global standards, promoting research, enhancing employability, encouraging entrepreneurship and contributing towards national development.
- To adopt unique, practical and innovative teaching pedagogies focusing on socially relevant and intellectually stimulating arenas so as to ensure the scholars emerge as professionally competent to face the challenges of a competitive world.
- To imbibe a holistic approach towards legal education encompassing research, community outreach and service and the commitment to values and socially responsible behaviour in society.

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BUILDING & CLASS ROOMS



RCL is situated in an expansive green campus with a creative and practical design which offers a sense of security of a home and the serenity conducive to learning. The presence of various constituent colleges of GEF (E&GS) within the same campus gives more opportunities to students to engage in interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary learning. The College has smart classrooms which are completely digitalized with state-of-the-art facilities. An efficient implementation of ERP system

facilitates the smooth transition to virtual learning during the pandemic times. Attendance records and other important notifications are made accessible to the students and their parents through this platform. The College building is equipped with lifts which can be accessed from all floors including the basement. The entire building is under CCTV surveillance. The college canteen offers quality vegetarian food to the students at an affordable price. With the presence of a super specialty hospital, bank, post office etc., within the campus the students will have a very comfortable University ambience.



MOOT COURT



RCL Moot Court Committee facilitates, regulates and fosters the mooting and allied activities of the College in a just and fair manner to foster a vibrant and dynamic mooting culture in the College. The committee works closely with the students and encourages them to demonstrate their interest in advocacy and competence as an advocate to prospective employers. The college is equipped with a spacious, well-furnished state-of-the art Moot Court hall to help the students with their practice, preparation and presentations for moot court competitions.

LIBRARY

The RCL Library is well equipped with Books, Commentaries, Periodicals, Journals, Newspapers and Online Resources: Manupatra, Lexisnexis and Lloyd's Law Report. The library has a total collection of more than 16167 Books, 56 CDS/DVDs, 1814 Bound Volumes of Journals, Reports and also the library subscribes to 37 Print Journals out of which 3 International Journals, 10 Newspapers & 15 General Magazines.



COMPUTER LABS



The RCL maintains a computer lab for educational, research and academic purposes which are accessible by

all the students and faculty members of RCL.

SPORTS



Sports Committee of RCL provides an opportunity to the students to showcase their sports skills and promotes a state of physical well-being. It actively organizes the Intra and

Inter-College Sports Tournaments, Training sessions for the students with the aid of sport professionals, organizes recreational sports activities for faculty members and students and also help students to participate in competitions elsewhere.



DIRECTOR (ACADEMICS) SPEAKS

Ramaiah College of Law, established in 1995, has been striving to reach heights in quality Legal Education. It focuses on developing advocacy skills in students besides enabling them to be through with the intricacies of Law, thereby equipping them for the legal profession and in the various avenues open to law graduates. While knowledge in a subject is acquired through the years, we emphasize on inculcating in our students social, moral, religious and ethical values which are paramount in attaining professionalism.

We offer an intensive integrated five year Law Course: B.A., LL.B., B.B.A., LL.B., & B.Com., LL.B. We have introduced Certificate Courses in Human Rights Law, Right to Information & Law and Medicine. We train our students for an overall personality development. We conduct Moot Courts within the class in the respective subjects and organize National Moot Court Competitions. We have a lively Literary and Debating Society, Sports club and Eco-club. We have a Centre for IPR & we have opened three more Centres of learning in the academic year 2020-2021, viz

- Centre for Human Rights, International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law.
- Centre for Women & Child Welfare Policy.
- Centre for Legal Aid & Alternative Dispute Studies.

The Legal Aid Cell is committed to inculcating in students a sense of social responsibility besides providing a solace to the needy.

We are proud to have an eminent team of committed faculty and renowned Professors and Judges as Visiting Faculty from India & Abroad besides a dedicated Administrative Staff.

We are happy and proud to move in to a new five storied building exclusively for the Law faculty providing smart class rooms and all facilities & opportunities for the academic and professional growth of students so as to be on par with world-class Institutions.

It is with pride that I present this edition of the Newsletter and I appreciate the Faculty editors for their relentless efforts in bringing on to the same.

I am certainly proud of our students and I take this opportunity to wish them a bright future.

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to be 'S. S. S.', is placed above the printed name of the Director.

Director (Academics)
[Former Vice - Chancellor, NUALS, Kochi]

NEW INITIATIVES OF RCL

CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, IHL AND REFUGEE LAWS

The Centre for Human Rights, IHL and Refugee Laws was established in September 2020, with the aim of creating social awareness about issues related to Human Rights, IHL and Refugee Laws. The focus shall be on undertaking research in core areas of Human Rights, IHL and Refugee Laws, with the active participation of students.

The objectives of the Centre are:

- To create social awareness about the problems and to educate regarding the policies relating to Human Rights, IHL and Refugees.
- The Centre intends to enter into collaborations with other stakeholders and also to undertake research activities on the contemporary issues on Human Rights, Refugees and IHL.
- To initiate projects to promote the dissemination of information related to basic human rights, solutions available in case of violations and also conduct studies in the areas that affect refugees within India and globally.

CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND CHILD WELFARE POLICY

The Centre for Women and Child Welfare Policy was established in November 2020. The Centre works towards the development of Women and Children. The Centre functions under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese, Director (Academics), RCL and Prof. (Dr.) V. Shyam Kishore, Principal In-charge, RCL.

The Centre has a set of basic objectives such as to create social awareness about the problems relating to women and children. To educate women about the existing welfare policies. To undertake research on the contemporary issues with respect to Women and Child Welfare and to initiate projects to promote the advancement of women and children.

CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID & ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION STUDIES

The Centre for Legal Aid and Alternative Dispute Resolution Studies (CLAAS) was established in September, 2020 with the objective of providing Legal aid, Creating Legal awareness and promoting studies on resolution of disputes through Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms. CLAAS aims to create awareness, conduct legal aid camps, bring out publications, organize seminars/workshops and undertake research projects in collaboration with the industry, Bar Council of India, State Bar Councils and individual experts on issues pertaining to Legal Aid and ADR.

FACULTY ACADEMIC DISCOURSE

It was with great poise and confidence that RCL inaugurated the Faculty Academic Discourse program on February 17, 2021. The accomplished and esteemed faculty of the Law School will on each Wednesday have an academic discourse on topics of relevance ranging from legal to interdisciplinary subjects of law such as sociology, political science, economics, management, art, literature and other fields.

It was inaugurated in the august presence of Shri. B.S. Ramaprasad, Chief Executive, GEF, Shri. G.Ramachandra, Chief of Finance, GEF, Prof.(Dr.)Rose



Shri. B.S. Ramaprasad, Chief Executive, addressing the faculty members

Varghese, Director (Academics), RCL & Prof. (Dr.) V Shyam Kishore – Principal In-charge, RCL & the faculty members.

The first session was conducted on the same day by Dr. Anuja S, Associate Professor (Law), RCL on “Law in Text, Law in Context and Law in Action- Lessons from Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996”. The Session was enlightening with insights from the chief guests as well as faculty members.

PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS

RISHII: RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONALISATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN INDIA PROJECT

RCL is a partner institution for the project on Resources for Internationalisation of Higher Education Institutions in India (RISHII) in collaboration with 19 partner Institutions across India and Europe, with the project being coordinated by the University of Deusto, Spain. The project aims to contribute to the modernization of Indian Higher Education through equipping the Indian Higher Education Institutions with procedures, tools, human resources and continuous professional development mechanisms necessary for Curriculum Internationalization and creating institution-wide thriving cultures of Internationalization. The project is coordinated by Dr. Chetan Singai, Associate Professor, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences and Ms. Rajashree. K, Assistant Professor Sr. Scale(Law), RCL.

Details of the project may be accessed from the below mention web link: <https://rishii-project.com/>

PROJECT ON POLICE SYSTEM IN INDIA

In India, the year 2019 -20 marks the 70th anniversary year of adoption of the Indian Constitution. On this occasion, it is important to review and analyse the working of Criminal Justice System in the country. The Government of India initiated some steps to revamp the criminal justice system. Police, the most visible face of

the government, sets the wheels of Criminal Justice System in motion. It is, therefore, becomes important to study the Police system in India keeping the federal structure in mind. A group of academicians, practitioners, experts and researchers, along with Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy Training (MILAT) – a think tank - have started a project 'Police System in India'. This project will be published in book form with state-wise volume for all the States and Union Territories as well as the central police organizations (separately about 35 volumes by 2021). It is expected that the data and findings in this project report will contribute to a better understanding of the priority areas in policing while focusing on greater public welfare. Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru has been working on the project & representing for the Karnataka State Police from June 2020.

MOU WITH BIMACC

Ramaiah College of Law, Centre for Legal Aid and ADR Studies (CLAAS) has agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Bangalore International Mediation Arbitration and Conciliation Centre (BIMACC). The objective of the MOU is to strengthen the legal aid and ADR activities at RCL by conducting mediation training programmes, organizing guest lectures, conducting National ADR Competitions besides organizing legal aid camps and awareness programmes.

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

The meeting of the Governing Council of RCL was held on November 21, 2020 virtually. The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Justice Sri R. Gururajan, Former Judge, High Court of Karnataka. Dr. Sairam Bhatt, Professor of Law, National Law School of India University, Sri. M.T. Nanaiah, Senior Advocate, Sri. Sashikiran Shetty, Senior Advocate, Sri.L.Shrinivasa Babu, Advocate & University nominee, KSLU, Sri. B.S. Ramaprasad, Chief Executive, GEF, Sri. G. Ramachandra, Chief of Finance, GEF, Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese, Director(Academics), RCL, Prof. (Dr.) V. Shyam Kishore, Principal (In-charge), RCL, Dr. Omprakash, Assistant Professor, Sr. Scale (Law) and Ms. Rhea Roy Mammen, IQAC Coordinator& Assistant

Professor Sr. Scale (Law). The Council focused on how RCL handled the pandemic and the transition in academic approach. The Council reviewed the AQAR for the academic year 2019-2020. The revised vision and mission of RCL and the proposed activities were also placed before the Council for their consideration.

3RD SURANA & SURANA & DR. M.S. RAMAIAH NATIONAL TORT LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION & JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION, 2020

The 3rd Surana & Surana and Dr. M.S. Ramaiah National Tort Law Moot Court Competition & Judgment Writing Competition, 2020 was virtually organised by RCL, Bengaluru in collaboration with the Surana & Surana International Attorneys from August 28 to 30, 2020. Despite the challenging circumstances created by the public health emergency that we witnessed across the globe, the competition received an overwhelming response with the participation of a total of 48 teams from all over India.

On the first day of the Competition, a researcher's test was conducted and on the basis of researcher's test scores and memorial scores, the top 16 teams were promoted to the Octa-Final Rounds. The Octa Finals and the Quarter Final Rounds were conducted on the second day. The four highest scoring teams from these rounds got promoted to the Semi-Finals. The Semi-Finals and the Finals were conducted on the third and the final day followed by a Valedictory Session on the same day.

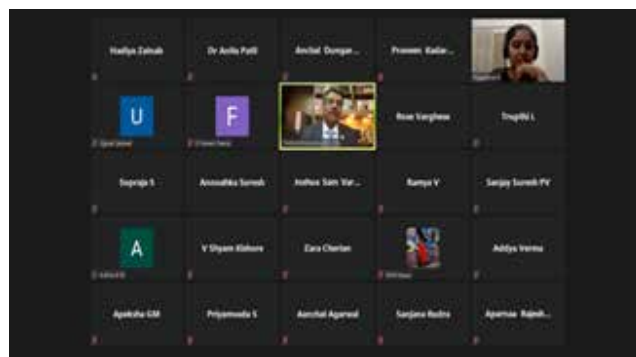
In the Final Round that witnessed awe-inspiring, formidable and lively performances from the participating teams, the University Law College, Bangalore emerged as the Winners of the Competition while the Tamil Nadu National Law University secured the 2nd position. The Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur obtained the 3rd position in the Competition.

In the Judgment Writing competition which was held as a part of the Competition, the participants were required to write and submit the judgements on the

same moot problem. Pravin Gandhi College of Law, Mumbai emerged as the Winners.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS OF PROFESSIONAL COURSES UNDER GEF

The Centre for Legal Aid and Alternative Dispute Resolution Studies (CLAAS) conducted an awareness programme virtually on January 18, 2021 on the topic titled "Mediation – The Best Option for Conflict Resolution. The Resource person was Shri. B. C. Thiruvengadam, Advocate and Hon'ble Director of Bangalore International Mediation Arbitration and Conciliation Centre, Bengaluru. The session was organized for the students of GEF professional courses, including Medicine, Dentistry, Engineering, Management and Law. The Programme was initiated under the aegis of Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese, Hon'ble Director (Academics). The objective of the Programme was to create general awareness amongst the students with regard to the availability of various Redressal Mechanisms for resolution of disputes outside the Court and on Mediation in particular.



Shri.B.C.Thiruvengadam, Advocate addressing the virtual audience.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME FOR RCL STUDENTS

The Outreach Programme was initiated by RCL with a view to sensitize the students to the social realities and problems confronting our society and to work out modalities to implement a more effective justice administration in society. Besides, these activities enrich their understanding of doctrinal and non-doctrinal research and contribute in refining the mediation and coordination skills. The Programme will not only

embody a sense of team spirit amongst the students but will also support understanding the reasons for the inadequacies in bringing about an effective and efficient administration in society. Reports based on their field visits were submitted by the students at the end of the Semester. This provided them with the opportunity to voice their opinion supported by authentic data and statistics. Thereafter, it is proposed that the relevant suggestions submitted in the reports will be sent to the government authorities for appropriate and necessary action, where possible. The Programme enhances unique institutional activities, making our institution distinct in that our focus is not on exclusive theoretical knowledge.

The first edition of National RCL Online Law Quiz Competition- 'INVICTUS 2021' was organised by the 'Centre for Human Rights, International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law', under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese Director (Academics), RCL & Prof. (Dr.) V Shyam Kishore, Principal In-charge, RCL. There was an enthusiastic participation with 55 law students across the nation to compete, learn and in the process, expand the boundaries of their legal knowledge. It offered an unmatched quizzing experience wherein the traditional classroom learning along with practical knowledge of the students was tested.

was awarded a cash prize of INR. 3000/- along with the Certificate of Merit. Ms. Sanchita from the Institute of Law, Kurukshetra University secured the third position and was awarded a cash prize of INR.2000/- and a Certificate of Merit. In addition to this, the students who secured the next five positions were awarded Certificates of Merit.

Participants of INVICTUS, 2021

An orientation for the first year students was held on September 21, 2020 for B.B.A.,LL.B. and B.Com., LL.B. and September 22, 2020 for B.A., LL.B. via G-Meet. The class teachers oriented the students about the Courses followed by Prof.(Dr.)V.Shyam Kishore, Principal In-charge extending a hearty welcome to the students and giving an insight into the Course, its applications and its prospects. The Principal threw light on the legal profession and also on the code of conduct of the Institution.

PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



Ms. Jency Thomas conducting the Chinese Whisper activity

MENTORING PROGRAMME- PROFESSIONALISM AT THE WORKPLACE

On September 10, 2020, RCL organized a mentoring programme for the faculty members. Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese, Director (Academics), RCL & Prof. (Dr.) V. Shyam Kishore, Principal In-charge inaugurated the programme. Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese, Director (Academics) addressed the faculty members on the enhancement of professionalism at the work place.

The next session was on techniques of teaching. She brought out the new perspectives on teaching methods.



Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese, Director (Academics) addressing the faculty members

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The FDP on 'Implementation of Experiential Learning in the Classroom Setting' initiated by IQAC, RCL under the aegis of Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese, Director (Academics), RCL was organized on November 26, 2020. The purpose of the training programme was to equip the faculty members with skills and ideas to effectively utilize the practical training class which is scheduled once a week in every subject. As first in the series, faculty members were fortunate to have Prof. Gemma Smyth, Associate Professor & Former Dean of Faculty of Law, Windsor University, Canada as the resource person. Canada being one of the countries to implement the concept of experiential learning in the first wave and Prof. Smyth being an authority in the same threw light on the importance of experiential learning.



Prof. Gemma Smyth addressing the faculty members of RCL

WEBINARS

- RCL in collaboration with the Youth Empowerment Club, ISKCON organized a webinar on Empowering the youth on September 30, 2020. Sri.Vallabha Chaitanya Dasa was the resource person on the topic "Setback to Comeback". He enlightened the audience on how to lead a purposeful oriented life, transform failure into opportunities and to deal with obstacles of life and also stressed on how to stay focused in the new style of learning through online platforms.

- RCL organized a webinar on "An Overview of Administrative Law - History and New Developments" on December 11, 2020. Prof. Dr. Rose Varghese -

Director (Academics), RCL inaugurated the session. The keynote speaker Prof. Dr. P. Leelakrishnan, Former Dean of CUSAT addressed the 3rd year students from B.A. LL.B., B. Com., LL.B. and B.B.A., LL.B. Courses. He gave a vivid account of the history of Administrative Law and the new developments & perspectives in Administrative Law.

- RCL organized a webinar on Taxation System in India on December 18, 2020. Prof. Vishwanatha S. R. HOD, Department of Commerce, RCPUC was the resource person who enlightened the 1st year Law students on Direct Taxes, Indirect Taxes, GST and State & Central Taxes.

STUDENTS' CLUBS & COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW CLUB

- An orientation Session about the Club for the 1st year students for the academic year 2020 -21 was organized.
- An online deliberation on 'Farm Laws: The Constitutional Challenge' was held on October 18, 2020.
- An online deliberation on 'Indian legislations in congruence with Human Rights vis-à-vis UP's Love Jihad Ordinance and the Unlawful Activities Amendment Bill 2019' was held on December 19, 2020.
- A Guest talk on "Dissecting the Law of Contempt of Court" by Dr. Aditya Sondhi, Senior Advocate, High Court of Karnataka was organized on September 25, 2020.



Dr. Aditya Sondhi, Sr. Advocate, High Court of Karnataka addressing the students

- The guest talk on Constituting Difference: Representation and the Problem of Minorities in India by Ms. Kanika Gauba, Asst. Prof, Azim Premji University, Bangalore was held on October 3, 2020.



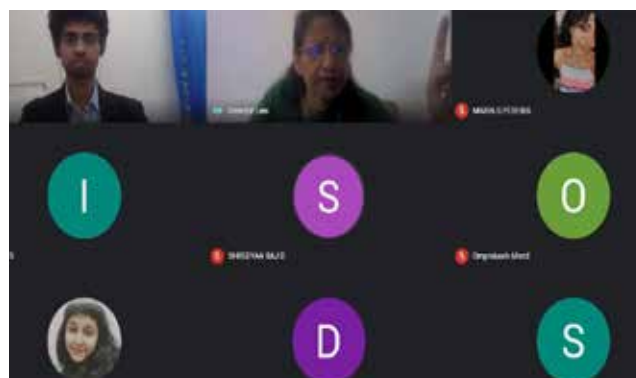
Ms. Kanika Gauba, Asst. Prof, Azim Premji University, Bangalore delivering a lecture

- A special talk was delivered on the Uniform Civil Code, Rights of Muslim Women and Constitutionalism: Understanding the politics of policy implementation using Feminist Constitutionalism perspective, by Ms. Pranush Kulkarni, Research Scholar IIM-A. on October 18, 2020



Ms. Pranush Kulkarni delivering a lecture

- The Club celebrated its first anniversary on November 28, 2020. On this occasion, the keynote address was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese on the topic "Constitutional Values vis a vis Atrocities against Women."



Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese addressing the students

- The Club organized a video making competition for the first-year students on the topic 'Introduction to the Constitution'. The students participated with great enthusiasm. The team consisting of Mr. Skanda B.N, Ms. Samridhi Jain, Mr. Suraj. S. Kumar and Ms. Sadhana G, I year B.B.A., LL.B. won the competition.

Student Members' Contributions to the Club:

- Ms. Monisha Sen, III year, B.A., LL.B. wrote an article on 'Are the Fundamental Rights a 'Contractual Consideration' by the Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic of India?' in the book titled: CONSTITUTIONAL MORALITY AND TRANSFORMATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISM brought out by NUALS Kochi (ISBN- 978- 81- 945680- 3-2).
- Mr. Nikhil Erinjingat, IV year, B.A., LL.B, wrote an article on 'Recognizing Indian Laborers as Humans', in JURIST, journal in collaboration with University of Pittsburgh, U.S.A., October 26, 2020.
- Mr. Nikhil Erinjingat, IV year B.A., LL.B published an article on 'Dignity in Life and Death' in the OXFORD POLITICAL REVIEW, September 12, 2020.

The following articles were posted in the Constitutional Law Club Blog;

- 'The Role Played by Dissent in a Democracy' by Mr. Sudarshan. B.K, IV year B.A., LL.B.
- 'An Urgent Need For Recognition Of Sexual Rights Of Transgenders' by Ms. Tulika Bharti, IV year B.A., LL.B.
- 'Media Trial: A Need to Re-Evaluate its Constitutional Standing' by Ms. Th. Rubina Fancon, IV year B.A., LL.B.
- 'The Hypocrisy of Free Speech' by Ms. Janhavi Nagarhalli, III year B.A., LL.B.
- 'Reservation in Jobs was never a Fundamental Right: Mukesh Kumar & Anr. Vs. State of Uttarakhand & Ors' by Mr. Nishanth S Gowda, III year B.Com., LL.B.

- 'The Supreme Court Vs. Prashant Bhushan' by Mr. Nikhil Erinjingat, IV year B.A., LL.B.

- 'Women Self Help Groups: A Tool to Change the Face of Poverty' by Ms. Ruthu Honnapura and Mr. Rajendra Rushi, III year B.A., LL.B.

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RIPRC in association with Vishveswaraya Trade Promotion Centre (VTPC), which is the designated nodal agency of Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) for the promotion and protection of Geographical Indications in Karnataka; has initiated a project for the 'Survey and Research on Geographical Indications in Karnataka' under the supervision of Ms. Sangeetha Murali, Assistant Professor, RCL. This Project studies the current status of various Geographical Indications of Karnataka, individually, and submits the report to VTPC to facilitate the undertaking of various developmental activities for the promotion of GI. In the first phase, the research teams, consisting of faculty members and students from various disciplines including RCL, Ramaiah Institute of Management, and Ramaiah Institute of Applied Sciences have conducted studies on two identified GIs in Karnataka namely Mysore Rosewood Inlay and Bidriware. The Report on Bidriware was submitted & a Trademark application was also granted to a renowned partnership firm in December, 2020. The Consultation for two important Geographical Indication applications i.e. Patteda Anchu & Melkote Panchais completed. The Project report for Mysore Pak is completed and under review.

An awareness programme on IPR was conducted on February 11, 2021 on the topic 'An overview of IPR regime in India for the Academia'. The session was engaged by Ms. Nilima Panda, Assistant Professor (Law), RCL & Coordinator, IPR Cell, RCL and Ms. Akhila Rani, Assistant Professor (Law), RCL & Member, IPR Cell, RCL.



RCL Faculty members addressing the audience

The first meeting of the members of the Executive Committee, RIPRC was held on December 22, 2020 by Sri. B.S. Ramaprasad, Chief Executive, GEF (Eng. & GS) and Chairperson, RIPRC. The members discussed about the IPR Policy and filing procedure.

CENTRE FOR WOMEN & CHILD WELFARE POLICY

The Centre for Women and Child Welfare Policy had organised an in-house E-Poster making Competition for students of RCL to celebrate the occasion of Children's Day on November 14, 2020. The theme of the E-Poster making competition was "Vulnerability of Children". Ms. Ekta Chatterjee, I year B.A., LL.B. bagged the First Place in the competition. Ms. Malika Garg and Ms. Priyanka R, I year B.A., LL.B. shared the Second Place. Ms. Hadiya Zainab, I year B.A., LL.B. received the Third Place.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

• Ms. Afreen Khan and Ms. Sneha Verma, II year B.A., LL.B. were the Novice Winners of the Symbiosis Law School Pune Parliamentary Debate organized by SLS, Pune from September 25 to 27, 2020.

• Ms. R Deeksha, III year B.B.A., LL.B. and Ms. Sneha Verma, II year B.A., LL.B. were the Runners-up and Ms. Afreen Khan, II year B.A., LL.B. was adjudged as the Fifth Best Adjudicator of the 2nd Edition of Haradali Women's Open, 2020 (yearly university championship) organized by Strathmore University, Nairobi, Kenya from October 8 to 18, 2020.



Ms. Sneha Verma & Ms. R. Deeksha at the event

• Ms. Sakshi Singhal, Final year batch (2015-2020) was an Invited Adjudicator at the 8th Mukarji Memorial ProAm Debate 2020 organized by the Debating Society of St. Stephen's College, New Delhi from October 23 to 25, 2020.

• Ms. Prajwala D and Ms. Rakshika Rajesh, II year B.A., LL.B. were the Semi-Finalists at the 2nd Edition of Haradali Women's Open, 2020 (yearly university championship) organized by Strathmore University, Nairobi, Kenya from October 8 to 18, 2020.

• Ms. Vybhavashree Rao, III year B.B.A., LL.B. was a Grand Finals Panel Adjudicator at Dissension Parliamentary Debating Tournament 2020 hosted by Netaji Subash University of Technology, Delhi from October 30 to November 1, 2020.



Ms. Vybhavashree Rao at the debating tournament

• Ms. R Deeksha, III year B.B.A., LL.B. and Ms. Sneha Verma, II year B.A., LL.B. were the ESL Finalist at the

2020 Huber Debates Tournament hosted by University of Vermont (Online) from November 7 to 9 ,2020.

- Ms. Amitha Prasad, IV year B.A., LL.B. and Ms.R Deeksha, III year B.B.A., LL.B. were the Semi-finalists and Ms. Sneha Verma, II year B.A., LL.B. was adjudged as the Third Best Adjudicator at the Kinnaird College Debating Championship Online 2020 organized by Kinnaird College of Women, Lahore from November 20 to 23, 2020.

- Ms. Danika Joplin and Ms.Afreen Khan, II year B.A.,LL.B. were adjudged as the Semi-Finalist of La-Liberta – the First Virtual International Parliamentary Debate Competition (Asian Style) – organized by JLU School of Law, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal from November 20 to 22, 2020.

- Mr. Nikhil Asrani, IV year B.A., LL.B. and Ms. R Deeksha, III year B.B.A., LL.B. were the Semi-Finalist at the Derozio Memorial Debate 2020 hosted by the Public Speaking Society, Presidency University, Bengaluru from December 18 to 20, 2020.

- Ms. Afreen Khan, II year B.A., LL.B. was a Grand Finals Panel Adjudicator and was adjudged as the Seventh Best Adjudicator at Pan African University Debate Championship hosted by Royal Rhetorics in conjunction with Makerere Debate Union from December 13 to 20, 2020.

- Ms. Danika Joplin, II Year B.A., LL.B. was the Quarter-Finalists at the Maharashtra Debate Open held on December 19 and 20 ,2020.

- Ms. Sneha Verma, II year B.A., LL.B. was a Semi-Finals Adjudicator and was adjudged as the Fifth Best Adjudicator at the WDF Open 2020 hosted by Debate Network Nepal on December 26 and 27, 2020.

MOOT COURT

- It was a proud moment for the Moot Court Society and the College when a team comprising of Mr. K Sathvik Amarnath, V year B.A., LL.B, Ms. Amitha Prasad, IV year B.A., LL.B, Ms. Sakshi Singhal, (Final year batch

of 2015-2020) Mr. Drupath K. IV year B.A., LL.B. and Mr. Shiladitya Mishra, III year B.B.A., LL.B. represented the College in the prestigious Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition, hosted by JGLU and Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, in February 2020 and achieved the exceptional feat of becoming the first team in the history of Ramaiah College of Law to secure a position in the Semi-Finals (India Rounds) of the Competition and went on to become one of the four teams which represented India in the International Rounds.



The Team, RCL

The team went on to give an awe-inspiring performance in the International Rounds and secured a position in the Quarter-Finals. Thus this team became one of the two teams from India which managed to achieve this distinction this year there by rewriting history yet again and bringing glory to not just the College but also our country.

- A team comprised of Ms. Aishwarya VR, IV year B.A., LL.B. Ms. Hrushika Sana, III year B.Com., LL.B. Ms. Vybhavashree Rao, III year B.B.A., LL.B. Ms. Deeksha, III year B.B.A., LL.B. and Mr. Shubham, III year B.A., LL.B. had represented the College in the National Trial Advocacy Moot Court Competition, 2020 organised by Maharaj Vinayak Global University, Jaipur in February 2020 and became the runners-up. Ms. Hrushika Sana was adjudged as the second best researcher of the Competition.



The team won in the National Trial Advocacy Moot Court Competition

- A team comprising of Ms. Sobia Fathima, IV year B.A., LL.B., Ms. Kubra Noor, IV year B.A., LL.B. and Ms. Greeshma Viji, III year B.A., LL.B. had represented the College in the National Trial Advocacy and Judgement Writing Competition, 2019, hosted by School of Law, Christ (Deemed to be University) in December 2019 and secured the position of Quarter-Finalists.

- A team comprising of Ms. Vybhavashree Rao, III year B.B.A., LL.B. and Ms. Keertana Swamynathan, V year B.A., LL.B. had represented the College in the 2nd VITSOL National Moot Court Competition on Surrogacy Law, hosted by VIT Chennai in October 2019 and Ms. Keerthana Swamynathan secured the award for the Best Speaker.



Ms. Keerthana Swamynathan- The Best Speaker

- A team comprising of Ms. Sobia Fathima, Ms. Greeshma Viji, Mr. Mishal Ashraf and Mr. Sudarshan B.K had represented the College in LexUltima Moot Fest, 2020, hosted by SDM Law College, Mangalore held in March 2020, and secured the first place in 'Legislation Drafting', second place in 'Trial Advocacy' and second place in 'All in All Advocacy'.



The team receiving the trophy- SDM Law College, Mangalore.

NATIONAL CADET CORPS

B- Certificate Examination

Cdt.Aastha, Cdt.Kusuma S, Cdt. Aditi, Cdt .Darshana Vora, Cdt. Gowri Vivek, Cdt.Harini K, Sgt. Kaveramma KK, Cdt.G N Tushita, Cdt.Niveditha VS, Cdt.Navneeth V Joshi, Cdt.Rajendra Rushi M, II year cadets cleared their B Certificate Examination which was held on February 15 & 16, 2020.

Cadre Course Training Camp

The 8 KAR BN NCC Group 'B' Bengaluru conducted the Cadre Course Training Camp 2020-21 from January 11 to 13, 2021 for second-year cadets, and from January 14 to 18, 2021 for third-year cadets at the Ramaiah Institute of Technology Ground. Twelve second-year and nine third-year cadets of RCL have successfully completed the CATC/Cadre course.



RCL Cadets - Cadre Course Training Camp 2020-21 - Jan 11 to 13, 2021



Cadre Course Training Camp 2020-21 - Jan 14 to 18, 2021

The piping ceremony, the most awaited ceremony in a NCC Cadet's life, of the three final year cadets, was held on January 18, 2021. The cadets were piped by AO Lt. Col. Roby Tom, 8 KAR BN NCC, and CTO P Vaishnavi Narayeni, NCC, RCL, in the presence of the august gathering of ANOs/CTOs, PI Staffs, and Cadets. The ranks of SUO & JUO were given to Niveditha V.S., & Kaveramma K.K., Rajendra Rushi Maruvada respectively.



AO Lt. Col. Roby Tom & Ms. Vaishnavi, CTO awarding the rank to Cdy. Rajendra Rushi M

Various competitions were held as a part of the Cadre Course Training Camp held from January 14 to 18, 2021. The following are the positions secured by the cadets. In the Weapon Training (Stripping / Assembling) JUO Kaveramma KK secured Gold Medal, in Tug of War Sgt. Darshana Vora secured Gold Medal (Mixed Team), Cdt. Aditi obtained Gold Medal in Weapon Training

Test, Cdt. Aastha obtained Gold Medal in Map Reading Test. In cultural programmes, Gold medals were secured by Cdt. Kusuma S in solo singing, SUO Niveditha V.S., JUO Kaveramma K.K., JUO Rajendra Rushi Maruvada, Cdt. Kusuma S., Sgt. Darshana Vora, Cdt. Aastha, Cdt. Aditi secured Gold Medal for Group Singing. SUO Niveditha V.S., JUO Kaveramma K.K., JUO Rajendra Rushi Maruvada, Cdt. Kusuma S, Sgt. Darshana Vora, Cdt. Aastha, Cdt. Aditi secured Gold Medal for group dance.



Group dance performed by the cadets at the event

FIT INDIA FREEDOM RUN

"Fit India Youth Club" was launched on August 15, 2020 by Shri Kiren Rijiju, Hon'ble MOS (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports. As part of this initiative, "FIT INDIA FREEDOM RUN" was organized from August 22, 2020 to October 2, 2020. The cadets were instructed to run/walk or do any Physical Exercise everyday till October 2 and track their Kms manually or by using any tracking app or GPS watch. They were also asked to motivate their friends and family to do the same. The cadets along with CTO P. Vaishnavi Narayeni, RCL took part in the activity and showed great interest. Cumulatively, excluding other physical exercises, the total distance covered by the NCC Unit, RCL by the end of October 2, 2020 was 2735.1 kms.

#FITINDIARUN EVENT

The NCC Unit of RCL organized #FITINDIARUN event as an initiative to support and promote "Hum Fit toh India Fit" campaign started by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi. The activity was organized from

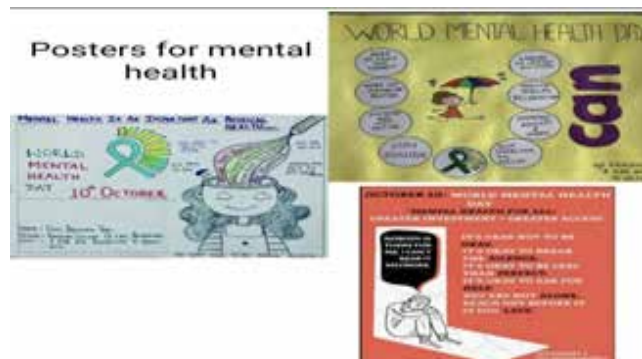
September 21 to 27, 2020. The volunteers recorded a video and took pictures of the physical activities of their choice, track the activities either in kms or calories burnt and shared the videos / photos and screenshots with the NCC Unit. The event saw a participation of 72 volunteers from all over India, including one volunteer from Germany.

Awareness initiatives by the NCC unit

The NCC unit of RCL, initiated the awareness activities reach out to general public on certain contemporary issues which the world and India, in particular are facing. The cadets primarily focused on the Mental Health, Girl Child and cyber-crimes against women.

• Poster and Video on Mental Health

Mental health is the most neglected issue in our society. There are more than 450 million people who are facing psychological issues in one form or other. The cadets of RCL took up the initiative of creating awareness about the importance of mental health by designing posters and videos. These posters and videos were posted on the social media platforms to reach out to wider audience, as a sign of observing the World Mental Health Day on October 10, 2020.



Posters on mental health

• Video & poster on issues of the girl child

On October 11, 2020, to observe the International Day of the Girl Child, SUO.Niveditha VS. & Cadt.M. Sanjana performed a dance depicting how the society expresses its unwillingness to accept the birth of the girl child. They stressed on the necessity of change of this mindset among the people. The Cadets also designed posters

creating awareness on educating the girl child and their contribution towards the development of the nation.



Posters on issues of the girl child

• Cyber-crimes against women

The country witnessed a spike in the number of cybercrimes against women during the lockdown. This largely resulted in the victims changing the way they express themselves or deleting their social media accounts. In most of the instances the victims are unaware of the procedure of filing the complaints and to whom to approach. The cadets of RCL made awareness video on highlighting this issue and how to file a complaint anomalously online.



Awareness video on cyber crime

NCC Digital Forum

Ministry of Defense on behalf of PMO has set up a NCC Digital Forum for NCC cadets to share their experiences, opinions and suggestions on training, SSCD, Adventure activities and issues related to National Security, National Integration and Nation Building. The NCC

Digital Forum welcomed contributions in the form of articles, poem and videos from the cadets all over India on identified topics to be uploaded in the website on the eve of NCC Day 2020. The cadets of RCL made active contributions to the same. Cdt. Sikha Sharma wrote and recited a poem titled 'देशकी आज़ादी की आवाज़'. Cdt. Afreen Khan wrote a poem titled 'मै भारत का न्याय दूत हूँ' and JUO Rajendra Rushi wrote an article titled 'EKATVAM- THE ONENESS'.

SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN

On December 12, 2020, the cadets of RCL along with their family members, friends and neighbors took an oath of 'Clean India Mission'. The cadets involved in the cleaning drive in their respective premises by complying with the COVID-19 protocols.



Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID AND ADR STUDIES (CLAAS)

• Legal Aid and Legal Awareness

As per the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka given in W.P. No. 10096/2020 regarding evolving a Scheme for identification of the children in the City of Bangalore who are forced to sell toys, flowers etc., and forced begging, KSLSA framed a Scheme and submitted to the Hon'ble High Court. In that Scheme, KSLSA proposed to constitute a City Task Force Committee (CTFC) and a Data Collection Team (DCT).



TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Hon'ble Executive Chairman, KSLSA has opined for involving the College students in the Data Collection Team. Therefore, the students of Ramaiah College of Law have joined hands with KSLSA in effective implementation of the Scheme relating to the children. The 10 students of RCL have been selected to be a part of the Data Collection Team.

Competitions

- Ms. Kubra Noor, IV year B.A.,LL.B. and Mr. Sudarshan B.K., IV year B.A., LL.B. participated in Lex Infinitum, 2021-International Mediation Competition, conducted by VM Salgaocar College of Law, Goa from February 21 to 24, 2021.
- Ms. Akshita Shrivastava, IV year B.A.,LL.B. and Ms. Keerthana Swamynathan, V year B.A., LL.B participated in Client Counseling Competition from December 18 to 20, 2020 organized by Indore Institute of Law, Madhya Pradesh.
- Ms. Nidhi Acharya, V year B.A., LL.B., Mr. Sudarshan B.K, IV year B.A.,LL.B. and Ms. Sheryl Fathima, V year B.A.,LL.B. participated in the 1st National Online Med-Arb Competition organized by Christ University, Bangalore from October 30 to November 1, 2020 and they were adjudged as the BEST PRELIMINARY MED-ARB TEAM.
- Ms. Aishwarya Ravindranath, V year B.A.,LL.B. and Ms. Ankita B.M, V year B.A.,LL.B. Participated in the 20th National Client Counseling Competition by Kerala Law Academy Moot Court Society from November 5 to 7, 2020.

ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUB

Student members of the club had contributed articles which were published in journals and newspapers.

- Dr. Chetan Singai (Associate Professor, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru), Nikhil Erinjingat and K V Manoj authored an article titled- "Make anti-defection law stringent, effective", Deccan Herald (Newspaper Commentary section), August 24, 2020.

Ms. Ishvarya Sugunasekar, 5th year B.A., LL.B.

- Title of the Article: "Double Jeopardy: A person once convicted cannot be tried for the same offence" published by Team LAWriter's Hub on January 9, 2021

Ms. Khushi, 3rd year B.A., LL.B.

- Title of the Article: "COVID-19- A New Diplomatic Blame Game" published by DROIT PENALE Newsletter July 7, 2020.
- "Effect of COVID-19 on Contract Law: The concept of Force Majeure and Frustration of Contract" published by DROIT PENALE Newsletter June 11, 2020.

Mr. Navaneeth Joshi and Ms. Deepika Kesav, 3rd and 5th B.A., LL.B respectively.

- Co-authored a Research Paper on "Ravenousness of Migrants: Three Labour codes" published by Supremo Amicus: Volume 22 [ISSN 2456-9704] November 24, 2020.

CELEBRATIONS

TEACHER'S DAY

RCL celebrated Teacher's Day on September 4, 2020. Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese, Director (Academics) & Prof. (Dr.) V Shyam Kishore, Principal In-charge enlightened the faculty members on the enhancement of professional ethics & various initiatives for the development of faculty members by the institution.



The Director & Principal addressing the faculty members

FAREWELL – NCC CADETS

The NCC organized the farewell for the first batch of NCC on February 9, 2020. The event saw a combined effort and display of talents of the cadets of RCL. The event was presided by Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese, Director (Academics), RCL who delivered the opening address and spoke about how NCC develops the overall outlook and personality of the cadets. She also highlighted on the role of NCC in instilling values in the students. The programme witnessed an array of cultural programmes by the second and first year cadets.



Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese presenting mementoes to the cadet.

Games were also organized as a part of the farewell and the winners were badged with smileys by CTO P Vaishnavi Narayeni. The senior cadets were presented with a memento and a sapling as a token of appreciation from NCC by the Director (Academics). The closing address and Vote of thanks was delivered by CTO P Vaishnavi Narayeni. She apprised the audience about the initial hurdles that the senior cadets underwent, and how they contributed towards the development of NCC in RCL.



Farewell to the senior cadets

PARENTS TEACHERS MEETING

Amidst the pandemic, in order to address the anxious parents of first year students, who were new to online classes and were keen in knowing their ward's performance after enrolling into a professional course, a virtual parents teachers meeting for the first year students was organized between November 17-20, 2020. The parents via a meeting link could speak to all the subject teachers to know their ward's attendance and performance in each subject. Parents and students from across India could join the meeting. Many parents joined the meeting from their work place and RCL applauds their commitment. Some in fact stated that virtual meetings were indeed a blessing for working parents and for those not in Bangalore.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS / ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Anita A. Patil, Associate Professor (Law)

- Appointed as External Legal Consultant Member for Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee at Bangalore Bio-Innovation Centre, Electronic City, Bangalore (Initiative of Karnataka Biotechnology and Information

Technology Services (KBITS), Department of IT, BT and S&T, Government of Karnataka).

- Senior Editorial Board Member to Legal Utility Forum, Noida.
- Represented Karnataka State in the Probono Project on Police System Series in India conducted by Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy Training (MILAT).
- Discussant Speaker on "Second Webinar on Project on Police System in India - Uttarakh & Bihar State" organised by Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy Training (MILAT).
- Presented paper on "An Overview on Dispute Resolution through Mediation under Consumer Protection Act, 2019 in India" at the International Virtual Conference on the Future of Dispute Resolution in Infrastructure Sector organised by Adnani Institute of Infrastructure Management, Ahmedabad.
- Presented paper on "A Relook at the Daughter's Right in Coparcenary Property" at the 4th International Conference on Human Rights & Gender Justice 2020 organised by South Ural State University, National Research University, University of Maribor, Slovenia, Legal Studies Association United Studies in association with Knowldesteez & Youth for Human Rights International on December 13, 2020
- Presented paper on "A relook at the new paradigm on Mediation under Consumer Protection Act, 2019 in India" at the International Conference on "Alternative Dispute Resolution: The Way Forward" organised by South Ural State University, National Research University, Centro Brasileiro De Mediação E Arbitragem, Daffodil International University, Brics Law Journal in association with Knowldesteez & Dr. M Zahir & Associates Bangladesh on November 22, 2020.
- Presented a paper on "A Critical Relook on Legal framework on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences in India" at 2nd Police Science Congress

organized by Kerala Police Academy and Department of Women's Studies, University of Calicut on October 23, 2020.

- Presented a paper on "Emerging Trends in Sports & IPR in India", in the 2nd REVA National Law Conference on "New Paradigms in Intellectual Property Rights Protection & Legislation" organized by the School of Legal Studies, REVA University, Bengaluru on October 10, 2020.

- Article published- "Consumer Protection Act, 2019: Paradigm Shift from "Caveat Emptor to Caveat Venditor in India" published in Mar Gregorios College Law Review- A Socio-Legal Research E-Journal- Online Publication Volume 1-2021.

- Article published - Misuse of Freedom of Speech & Expression vis-a-vis Misleading Advertisements : Indo-Brazil Comparative Study , "Direitos Fundamentais Tecnologia E Educacao", ISBN-978-85-5544-181-3, University of Brazil, pg 199-214, Publisher- Ithala Curitiba 2020.

- Resource person for One Day Workshop on Human Rights: Issues & Challenges organised on "A Relook on Legal Framework on Protection of Rights of Women and Children in India" organised by ISBR Law College, Electronic City, Bengaluru in association with National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi on January 31, 2021.

- Moderator for Session on Contemporary Legal Predicaments & Development for the 11th National E-Conference on Contemporary Legal Issues & Reflections Amidst the Pandemic organised by School of Law, Christ University on January 23, 2021.

- Resource person on the session "Central Consumer Protection Authority" for the Online Certificate Course on Consumer Protection Law and Practice organised by Chair on Consumer Law & Practice, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru planning in

association with Mar Gregorios College of Law, Kerala on December 5, 2020.

- Invited to Judge for Preliminary Rounds for the 3rd National Debate Competition on 'Citizenship Amendment Law: Is it Constitutionally valid or Threat to Secular nature of the Constitution' organised by Center for Legal Studies (CLS), Gitarattan International Business School, Rohini, Delhi on December 4 to 6, 2020.

- Invited to Judge the Sixth Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon SAARC LAW Mooting Competition and Law Students Conference, 2020-21 India Round from November 6 to 8, 2020.

- Judge for Preliminary Rounds for the 1st Edition of National Online Med-Arb Competition, 2020 organized by School of Law, Christ University, Bengaluru on October 30, 2020.

- Resource person for Webinar on "Mediation through the lens of Consumer Protection Act, 2019" organized by Mediate Guru on October 24, 2020.

- Delivered a guest lecture on "Central Consumer Protection Authority, Unit I Paper IV for P.G. Diploma in Consumer Law and Practice on December 13, 2020 at NLSIU, Bengaluru.

- Delivered a guest lecture on "Regulatory Authorities", Unit I Paper IV for P.G. Diploma in Consumer Law and Practice on November 8, 2020 at NLSIU, Bengaluru.

- Participated in Online National Symposium on Refugee Law and Recent Challenges in Private International Law organized by School of Law, JIMTEC, New Delhi on October 26, 2020.

- Participated in Webinar on "Cartels & Competition Law: Analysis & Implications" organised by Christ University, Bengaluru on September 16, 2020.

Ms. Anjali Prabhakaran, Assistant Professor (Law)

- Attended a 4-Week Induction/Orientation Programme for "Faculty in Universities/Colleges/Institutes of Higher Education" organized by Ramanujan College, Delhi from September 1 to 30, 2020 and obtained a grade A+.
- Attended seven days online FDP on Contemporary Issues of Law from June 17 to 24, 2020 organised by School of legal Studies CUSAT, Kochi, Kerala.

Dr. Anuja S. Associate Professor (Law)

- Invited as a Resource Person to talk on "Understanding Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity in the context of Differently Abled" at Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Equal Opportunity Cell -Guest Lecture on January 28, 2021.
- Invited as a Resource Person to talk on "Unearthing Contours of Child Labour: A Human Rights Discourse" at Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, on January 29, 2021.
- Resource person - Centre for Transparency and Accountability in Governance, National Law University, Delhi in collaboration with National Labour Law Association, FES, NLU (Bhopal) - Technical Session for the National Webinar titled, "COVID19 Pandemic & Enforcement of Labour Law: Challenges and Remedies" on the topic 'Covid 19 and Migrant Workers' on January 30, 2021.
- Resource person for Training Programme for Tahsildars and other Government officers of Karnataka on the topic "Directive Principles of State Policy" at Administrative Training Institute, Mysore on December 4, 2020.
- Invited for a special Guest Lecture (Webinar) to talk on the topic "Industrial Disputes Act 1946" at IFIM, Bangalore on December 1, 2020.
- Resource person - Central University, Guruvayoor Campus, Thrissur, Kerala Webinar in connection with

Hindi pakhwada. ManavAdhikar –NayiDishayein (Hindi) on September 23, 2020.

- Resource person-All India Professional's Congress Thrissur Chapter, Kerala, Webinar on "The 4 Labour Codes-The Good, Bad and the Ugly on October 17, 2020.
- Resource person - Webinar on National Education Policy-Prospects & Challenges, Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts & Science, Coimbatore on October 22, 2020
- Resource Person- Webinar on Analysis on National Education Policy, 2020 organized by National Service Scheme Unit, Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on October 2, 2020.

Ms. Archana S Kothavale, Assistant Professor (Management)

- Completed a 4-week Induction/Orientation program organised by Ramanujan College, Delhi in collaboration with MHRD Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching from September 1 to 30, 2020 and obtained a grade A.
- Completed 9 hours Udemy online course of "Outcome Based Education & Academic Quality Assurance" on August 1, 2020.
- Participated in a National level FDP on "Teaching Statistics using Case study approach" organized by Brindavan College, Bangalore on July 14, 2020.
- Participated in FDP on "Didactics for online teaching" on July 2, 2020 organised by Ramaiah college of Arts, Science & Commerce.
- Attended a webinar "Tackling end -to-end supply chain challenges in the face of current environmental discontinuities-lessons from the past" organised by the Ramaiah Institute of Management on June 8, 2020.

- Attended a webinar on “Understanding and managing stress” organised by the Ramaiah Institute of Management on June 15, 2020.
- Attended a “Program on Artificial Intelligence in HRM” organised by the Ramaiah Institute of Management on June 11, 2020.
- Attended a “Program on Indian stock market” organised by the Ramaiah Institute of Management on June 5, 2020.
- Attended a webinar on “People Analytics” organised by the Ramaiah Institute of Management on June 9, 2020.

Mr. Basavarajaiah M S, Assistant Professor (Economics)

- Presented a paper titled “Human Security, Human Rights & Weapons of Mass Disaster” in International multidisciplinary conference organized by B.M.S College of Law, Bengaluru in collaboration with Global Education & Research Alliance on October 12, 2019
- Published a paper titled, ‘Human Security, Human Rights & Weapons of Mass Disaster’ in International Journal of Advance & Innovative Research. Volume 6, issue 4(I), 2394-7780.
- Published a book chapter titled “Role of Digitalization in the Growth of Indian Economics” in the book Endurance of Indian Economy amidst the global pandemic by N.B Publication. Ghaziabad.
- Presented and published a paper titled “A Study on Impact of Covid. 19 on E- Commerce & Indian Economic Growth” , Virtual National Conference organized by Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru on October 16, 2020.
- Participated in International Conference on Law, Society and Development organized by Christ Academy Institute of Law, Bangalore in collaboration with Nuclear Law Association, India from March 6 to 7, 2020.

- Participation in the Five days National Level workshop on “ Emerging Tools & Technology (GUJCOST), Gandhinagar organized by department of Information Technology Sardar Patel of Engineering, Gujarat from November 2 to 6,2020.
- Attended online live programme relating to the Webinar entitled “ Current Issues and Economics and Cooperation, University of Mysore on November 13, 2020.
- Participated in International webinar on Psychological Wellbeing of Women in the Changing world organized by women cell, University for women, Koti, Hyderabad on October 29, 2020.

- Attended the Webinar on “New Agricultural Bill 2020” as part of the webinar series protection challenges & Multifarious Crises for Indian’ organized by the Post Graduate Department of Economics, Sree Narayana College, Kannur in association with Economics Alumni on October 15, 2020.

Ms. Brinda Balaji, Assistant Professor (Political Science)

- Attended Faculty Induction Programme (FIP) conducted by Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, New Delh in collaboration with MHRD from November 10 to December 9, 2020.
- Attended Faculty Development Programme (FDP) conducted by MHRD in Aassociation with Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, New Delhi from September 21 to 27,2020.

Ms. Gnanavi Bopaiah, Assistant Professor (Law)

- Participated in “Online Induction Training/Orientation Programme for Faculty in Universities/Colleges/Higher Educational Institutions” under the Ministry of Education sponsored by Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMNMTT) and organized by Ramanujan College, Delhi University. (November–December, 2020)

- Participated in Faculty Development Program on “Online Teaching, Learning and Evaluation with MOODLE and MOOC platform” organized by Education Promotion Society of India. (July, 2020)

- Participated in Webinar on “Rights and Laws related to Animals” organized by Law College Dehradun, Uttaranchal University. (July, 2020)

- Nominated to participate in International Confluence of Academicians 2020 on “COVID-19 and World Order What the Future holds?” organized by Kathmandu Dialogue Alumni Association with Kathmandu School of Law. (June-July, 2020)

- Participated in Faculty Development Program on “Changing Dimension of Legal Education in the 21st Century” organized by ICFAL Law School, Tripura. (June-July, 2020)

- Participated in Webinar on “Impact of COVID-19 on Legal Education Sector and its responses thereon” organized by Association of Indian Law Institute Alumni. (June, 2020)

- Participated in Webinar on “Right to Health & COVID-19” organized by Association of Indian Law Institute Alumni. (June, 2020)

- Participated in Webinar on “Efficiency and Innovation in Arbitration” organized by the School of Law, Manipal University, Jaipur. (May, 2020)

Dr. Naveen Kumar, Chief Librarian

- Awarded Ph.D. from Bundelkhand University, Jhansi. Uttar Pradesh, December 2020. Title: “A STUDY ON STRATEGIC HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT COLLEGE LIBRARIES IN BANGALORE”.

- Cleared “Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET)”, September 2020.

- Resource person for the workshop on the topic “Library Automation Process” organized by Library Committee at St. Francis De Sales College, Bengaluru held on February 13, 2021.

Dr. Nikhila S Tigadi, Assistant Professor Sr. Scale (Law)

- Participated in a webinar on ‘Daughter’s Right in Coparcenary Property and Recent Supreme Court Judgment’, organised by R. L. Law College, Davangere on September 6, 2020.

Dr. Om Prakash, Assistant Professor, Sr. Scale (Law)

- Awarded Ph.D. from Alliance University School of Law, Bengaluru, Karnataka, February 2021. Title : ‘IMPACT OF ANTI-DEFECTION LAW ON DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN INDIA: A CRITICAL ANALYSIS’

Ms. Punitha N, Assistant Professor (Management)

- Published an article titled “Examining the employee branding and its influence in private life insurance companies with respect to western region of Tamilnadu in Parikalpana, KIIT Journal of Management, Vol.16, Dec 2020. ISSN(E)-2582-4821.

- Presented a paper titled “Mediating role of Employee Engagement: Job Involvement, Job Satisfaction and Organizational Commitment” in International E-Conference Challenges and Prospects in Management in the VUCA World organized by Symbiosis Institute of Management. February 16 - 17, 2021

- Presented a paper titled “Mediating role of Employee Engagement: Perceived Organizational Support, Perceived Supervisor Support and Organizational Citizenship Behavior” in 12th International E-Conference on Digitalization as Vehicle for Innovation, Organization Growth & Effectiveness organized by Prestige Institute of Management, December 19-20, 2020

- Presented a paper titled “Examining the employee branding and its influence in private life insurance

companies with respect to western region of Tamilnadu" in the Sixth Biennial Conference of the Indian Academy of Management (INDAM 2020) at Indian Institute of Management, Tiruchirappalli, January 2020.

- Attended FDP on "Didactics on Online Teaching" organized by Department of Management Studies, Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce held on July 2, 2020.

- Attended five days Online FDP on "Emotional Intelligence" a sponsored by AICTE (ATAL) organized by NIT, Himachal Pradesh. November. 2020

- Attended five days Online FDP on "Leadership Excellence" a sponsor by AICTE (ATAL) organized by IIPM. Bengaluru, November, 2020

- Completed with A+ Grade a 4-Week Induction/Orientation Programme for "Faculty in Universities/Colleges/Institutes of Higher Education" conducted by the Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resource Development Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching from November 10 to December 9, 2020.

Ms. Rajashree K, Assistant Professor Sr. Scale (Law)

- Published a paper titled "Dissecting the Dichotomy of Skill and Social Justice Theory of Law School Legal Aid Clinics in the USA and India: A Re-look of the Past and the Present", Volume 8, Issue 1 of Asian Journal of Legal Education <https://doi.org/10.1177/2322005820982064>.

- Published a paper titled "Advancements in Legal Education in India: Challenges and Opportunities for Interdisciplinary Research", Volume 8, Issue 1 of Asian Journal of Legal Education, <https://doi.org/10.1177/2322005820946699>

- Invited as a moderator for the 2 Day National Conference on "Traversing the Contours of Development in Indian Constitutionalism" on January 23 & 24, 2020 held in School of Law, Christ University, Bengaluru

- Co-Investigator - Project on Resources for Internationalization of Higher educational institutions in India, Tuning Academy, University of Duesto, Spain.

- Contributor from the state of Karnataka to the Project on Police system India series conducted by Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy training.

- Participated in the webinar on Predictive analysis on June 4, 2020 organized by Ramaiah Institute of Management.

- Participated in the webinar on Research methodology, Publication and ethics on May 19 and June 2, 2020 organized by Ramaiah Public Policy Centre in collaboration with Elsevier.

- Attended a two day FDP on "Online Teaching, learning and Evaluation with MOODLE & MOOC platform" by Education promotion society for India", on July 13 and 14, 2020.

- Completed the 4 week Faculty Induction Programme with an A+ organized between September 1 to September 30 by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, New Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Human Resource Development.

- Invited as a Resource Person to talk on "Law, legal Aid and Public Policy" on November 21, 2020 for the PG students of Public Policy, Ramaiah University of Advanced Studies (RUAS).

Ms. Ramya V, Assistant Professor (Sociology)

- Attended the One Day National Conference on "Women in Climate Change" on March 9, 2020 organised by Department of Sociology & Social Work, Christ (Deemed to be University) in association with Indian Council of Social Science Research, Southern Regional Centre, ICSSR-SRC, Hyderabad.

- Attended the National Webinar on "Rural Society of India and Gandhian Thought: Challenges and Responsibilities in Present Times" organised by

Department of Sociology and Department of Gandhian Studies and Peace Studies, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar on July 15, 2020.

- Attended the National Webinar on "Countering Cyber Violence & Hate Speech against Women" organised by Department of Sociology, Government College, Daman on July 28, 2020.
- Participated in the Seven days Online Faculty Development Programme on "Methods and Techniques of Pedagogy and Legal Research" organised by KristuJayanti College of Law, Bengaluru from May 26 to June 2, 2020.
- Participated in National Webinar on "Representation of Women in Higher Educational Institutions in India" organised by Department of Sociology, Government College Daman on September 9, 2020.

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- Published articles titled "Accreditation of Centers of Legal Education in India" in Indian Journal of Law and Justice University of North Bengal, (UGC Care List) ISSN No- 0976-3570. http://ijlj.nbu.ac.in/doc/v11_no2.pdf
- Published an article in ILI Law review titled : "An idea of a law school: ideas from the law school (2019)" , Edited by N.R. Madhava Menon, Murali Neelakantan and Sumeet Malik, Eastern Book Company, Lucknow, Pp. 392, Price INR 995. <http://www.ili.ac.in/pdf/rrm.pdf> ISSN-0976-1489)
- Published an article in Asian Journal of Legal Education , " Comparing Experiential Legal education in Canada and India". <https://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/BWSTETIJVXAE3PP728KA/full> with <https://doi.org/10.1177/2322005820946698>.
- Delivered a lecture on "Climate Change Litigation in India and International' on February 5, 2021 at Government Law College, Ernakulam, Kerala.

- Presented Paper on " Challenges in legal Academia" in FDP organised by ILTES online global Academy & NLU-O on July 4 & 5, 11 & 12 , 2020
- Presented a paper in International Conference on directions in Legal Education 2020, organised by Chinese University of Hong Kong from June 18 to 20,2020, titled: "Integrated Experiential Legal Education: How Best can we do it ?"
- Presented a paper in the International conference on Clinical legal education in India on May 2 & 3, 2020 on the topic: "Challenges of experiential legal education in India" by Knowledgesteez and Indian Network of Clinical legal educators"
- Moderator in the Conference on directions in Legal Education 2020, organised by Chinese University of Hong Kong from June 18 to 20, 2020, titled: Integrated Experiential Legal Education: How Best can we do it ?
- Moderator in the International faculty development programme Clinical legal Education organised by Indian network of clinical legal education on July 12, 2020
- Completed the certificate course on Higher Education Learning by Harvard Bon Derek University from July 29 to September 29, 2020.
- Completed the MOOC on Outcome based education & Academic Quality assurance on Udemy.
- Completed a 4 week FIP organised by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan college, University of Delhi from September 1 to 30, 2020.
- Completed refresh course organised by Iswar Saran PG College, Univeristy of Allahabad, Prayagraj from July 13 to 28, 2020.

- Attended the following FDPs –

Seven day virtual faculty development programme on contemporary issues in Law from June 17 to 24, 2020.

Two days FDP on “Online Teaching, learning and Evaluation with MOODLE & MOOC platform” organized by Education promotion society for India”, on July 13 & 14 ,2020.

Five days training on Research Methodology, ICT application and innovation in teaching learning process organised by St. Francis De Sales College, Nagpur from June 8 to 12, 2020

Seven days FDP on Methods and techniques of Pedagogy & Legal research by Kristu Jayanti College of law from May 26 to June 2, 2020.

Five days FDP on Turn Around strategies for Academicians, organised by Department of MBA, Jyothi Nivas College from June 15 to 19 ,2020.

Five days FDP on Research and Development in Legal Pedagogy, by Amity School of Law, Amity University, Kolkata.

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- Published an article titled “Impact of NPAs on the Financial Performance of Banks” in Studies in Indian Place Names. ISSN No 2394-3114, Vol-40, March 2020.
- Participated in Five Day Online FDP on “Designing & Process of writing Research Papers in High Quality Scopus Indexed Journals” organised by School of Education, Sharda University, Delhi from December 7 to 11, 2020.
- Participated in the National Level 10 Days Certification Course on Entrepreneurship Development organised by Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies, Bangalore in association with Indian Academic

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- Participated in a Refresher Course on IP for Law Teachers on Developmental Perspectives of IP Law - Series V– “IPRs and Competition-Social Dimensions” organised by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR held from June 21-24, 2019.
- Attended the Seven Days Virtual Faculty Development Programme on Contemporary Issues in Law organized by School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, held from June 17 - 24, 2020.
- Attended the Faculty Development Program on Didactics for Online Teaching organized by Department of Management Studies, Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce, July 2, 2020.
- Completed with A+ Grade a 4-Week Induction/ Orientation Programme for “Faculty in Universities/ Colleges/Institutes of Higher Education” conducted by the Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of the Ministry of Human Resource Development Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching from September 1 to 30 , 2020.
- Attended the National Webinar on the Eve of International Day of Biodiversity organized by the University School of Law and Legal Studies (USLLS) of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi on May 22, 2020.
- Attended the International webinar on “COVID 19 – ‘Impact on Ocean Governance and Shipping” organized by School of Legal Studies, CUSAT on June 26 , 2020.
- Attended a Virtual Round table conference on “Geographical Indications - Protection & Promotion in India” organized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (Ministry of Commerce and

Industry, Government of India) Chair on IPR & CIPRA-National Law School of India University, Bangalore in association with the Geographical Indications Registry, India on August 20, 2020.

- Attended the Online Symposium on “WIPO-WTO-WHO Trilateral Study on Promoting Access to Medical Technologies and Innovation” organized by DPIIT IPR Chair, NLU Delhi on September 2, 2020.

- Attended the Online roundtable on “The Global Implications of Unwired Planet v. Huawei: Lessons for India's Evolving SEP Jurisprudence” organized by DPIIT IPR Chair, NLU Delhi on September 11, 2020.

Ms. Sweta Kumari, Assistant Professor (Political Science)

- Co-authored a course book, “State and Political Obligation- Theories, Approaches and Concepts” for the subject Political Science. MPP House.

- Attended a two-day workshop on “Research Methodology, Publication and Ethics” organized by Ramaiah Public Policy Center in collaboration with Elsevier on 19 May and June 2, 2020.

- Participated in two days Virtual Faculty Development Program on “Online Teaching, Learning and Evaluation with MOODLE and MOOC Platform held on July 13 and 14, 2020.

- Completed a 4-week Induction/Orientation Program for “Faculty in Universities/Colleges/Institutes of Higher Education” from September 1 to 30, 2020 organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Prof. (Dr.) V. Shyam Kishore, Principal (In-charge)

- Appointed as Member, UG Board of Studies in Law, Karnataka State Law University, Hubli.

- The member of the judging panel of the Finals of the Management Fest NIRVAHANA 2021 organised by the Department of Management Studies, Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce, on January 2, 2021.

- Delivered a lecture on the occasion of “National Constitution Day” at the Department of Management Studies, Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce, November 26, 2020.

- Invited as a Resource Person for the session on “Recent Updates in Business Laws” at the One Week Faculty Development Programme on “Emerging Business Opportunities and Empowering Management Faculty” organised by Dept. of Management Studies, Ramaiah Institute of Technology on January 22, 2020.

Ms. Vaishnavi Narayani, Assistant Professor (Law)

- Panelist and presented on the topic “Importance of Territorial Disputes in International Relations and the relevance of the use of force in resolving territorial disputes” in the International Webinar on Territorial Disputes under International Law: Effects and Consequences organized by Department of Legal Studies, University of Madras on September 9, 2020.

- Presented a paper titled “Marine Biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction: An issue of Common Concern of Humankind” in the Conference to celebrate the Completion of 60 Years of ISIL held on February 20 to 22, 2020 at New Delhi.

- Participated in the three days National Workshop on “Legal Research Methodology” organized by Department of Studies and Research in Law, University of Mysore from February 6 to 8, 2020.

- Participated in Faculty Development Program titled “Didactics for Online Teaching” organized by Department of Management Studies, Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce on July 2, 2020.

- Attended the online Webinar on Outcome Based Education Road-Map to E-Learning & Accreditation organized by Informatics on May 29, 2020.

- Participated in the National Webinar on "Criminal Justice Social Work: Scope & Challenges" organized by Department of Criminology and Police Studies, Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice, Jodhpur in association with Indian Society of Criminology on June 4, 2020.

- Participated in the Session titled "Basic Concepts in Environment and Wildlife Laws" under the National Webinar on 21st Century Pandemic: A Changed World organized by Bishop Cotton Women's Christian Law College on July 13, 2020.

- Participated in the PESU Law Webinar Series on "State Responsibility under International Law" by Prof. A David Ambrose, conducted by Faculty of Law, PES University on July 21, 2020.

- Participated in the National Webinar on "Interfaces between Artificial Intelligence and IPR in India" organized by Department of Legal Studies, University of Madras on August 26, 2020.

- Attended online 4-Week Induction/Orientation Programme for "Faculty in Universities/Colleges/ Institutes of Higher Education" organized by Ramanujan College, Delhi from November 10 to December 09, 2020 and obtained a grade A+.

Mr. Vignesh Ram Hariharan, Assistant Professor (Law)

- Article publication-Cyber Warfare – An Outlook of its Legal Regime – Indian Journal of Jurisprudential Studies – Pg. 402-407, Vignesh Ram Hariharan, 'Cyber Warfare – An Outlook of its Legal Regime' (2020) 1(2) IJJS.

- Published an article on "Critique of The Space Resource Exploration and Utilization Act of 2015" – The

Law Journal, Corpus Juris, Volume II: Issue 3, ISSN: 2582-2918

- Article publication- Critical Analysis of the relationship between Civil & Political Rights and Poverty – Legal Mirror, Volume 6, Issue 1, September 2020, ISSN: 2454-6216.

- Direct Participation in Hostilities: An Interpretation Analysis – White Black Legal Law Journal – ISSN: 2581-8503.

- The Effect of the Paris Agreement on Climate Refugees - Volume 21, Supremo Amicus, International Journal of Law, ISSN: 2456-9704.

- Attended a webinar on Public Policy talk by Prof. Dr. Noam Chomsky (Emeritus Professor, MIT) , Prof. Dr. Amita Dhanda (NALSAR) & Prof. Dr. Sourabh Bhattacharjee (NUJS) on September 23, 2020.

- Attended a webinar on "Refugee Laws - National & International Perspectives" - Prof. Dr. Manoj Kumar, Director, ILI on February 14, 2021.

- Attended a webinar on "The State Theory of Grotius" - Professor Nehal Bhuta, University of Edinburgh, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Cambridge University on November 13, 2020.

Prof. V. S. Nayak (Visiting Faculty, Kannada)

- Honored with 'Kannada Seva Rathna' award in recognition of his contribution to Kannada literature on February 23, 2021 by Kannada Sahitya Parishyat, Bangalore.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENT

Ms. SHRAVANI T GOWDA, IV Year B.A., LL.B.

She was the State Representative of Karnataka in National Youth Parliament 2021, conducted by NYKS under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, as part of YUVAA-2021, the Annual National Youth Festival of India. She stood First in District and State Level Competitions. Subsequently, she was selected to speak on "Vocal for Local" inside the central hall of the Indian Parliament House, representing Karnataka on January 11, 2021. Her speech was virtually witnessed and tweeted by the Honorable, Prime Minister of India Sri. Narendra Modi. It was also retweeted by Sri. B.S Yediyurappa, Chief Minister of Karnataka. On behalf of the Government of Karnataka, Additional Chief Secretary-Planning & Youth Affairs of Karnataka, Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, IAS honored her.



Ms. Shravani speech tweeted by Hon'ble P.M of India



Ms. Shravani receiving the Certificate from the dignitaries

FACULTY ACADEMIC DISCOURSE



Prof. Anuja presented on "Law in text, context & in action w.r.t. construction Workers" on Feb 17, 2021.



Prof. Vaishnavi Narayeni presented on "Confluence between regimes of Aviation Law & Law of Sea" on March 3, 2021.



Prof. Sagar A presented on "Poetry in English Literature" on March 10, 2021.



Prof. Brinda Balaji presented on "Bharatiya Kavya Mimamse" in Kannada Literature on March 17, 2021.

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KEDARNATH SINGH Vs. STATE OF BIHAR

Sedition is a conduct or speech inciting people to rebel against state. The law of sedition was introduced as Section 113 of Indian Penal Code, by Thomas Macaulay in his draft of 1837. This was omitted from the original IPC. The offence of sedition was included in the IPC as a response to the Wahabi movement. This movement which was led by Syed Ahmed Barelvi, focused to condemn and protest against the changes that were brought into the original Islam. When the movement turned into armed resistance against British, the colonial rulers felt the need to implement the sedition law.

Citation: KedarNath Singh vs State of Bihar 1962 AIR 955

Equivalent Citations: 1962 SCR Supl. (2) 769; MANU/SC/0074/1962

Author: B P Sinha, C.J.

Bench: Sinha, Bhuvneshwar P. (C.J), Das, S.K Sarkar, A.K., Ayyangar, N. Rajagopala, Mudholkar, J.R.

Facts of the Case:

KedarNath Singh, a member of Forward Communist Party was charged under section 124A and 505 for a speech delivered by him in Barauni, a town in Bihar. In his speech, he used the term “dogs” for the C.I.D officers and “goondas” for Indian National Congress party. Further, he stated that people should “strike and turn out these congress goondas in the similar manner, as that of the Britishers, and that he believes in revolutions which burn the capitalists, zamindars and the congress leaders of India into ashes, and will establish government for the poor and downtrodden people of India on those ashes.”

The Patna High Court upheld the charges and sentenced him with one year imprisonment, by considering the speech to be full of incitements to revolution and was not criticizing any particular policy or measures of the government. This judgement was appealed to the Supreme Court of India. Along with this case the court took up three more cases.

Issues:

The Supreme Court of India considered two issues:

1. Whether the sections 124A and 505 of IPC have is consistent with Article 19(1) (a) of the Constitution.
2. Whether the restrictions that is imposed on the fundamental right to freedom of speech is in the interest of public order and within the ambit of legislative interference.

Decision:

The Court stated that the fundamental right that is guaranteed by Article 19(1)(a) of freedom of speech and expression is not an absolute right and that it is subject to the reasonable restrictions under Article 19(2).

Further the Court referred to the judgements made by the Federal Court of India in *Niharendu Dutt Majumdar vs. The King Emperor* [1943] F.C.R. 38 and the Privy Council in *King -Emperor vs Sadashiv Narayan Bhalerao* I.L.R. (1947) IndAp 89. The Federal Court of India held that the violent words expressed either by speech or writing would not amount to sedition, but if it either incited disorder or satisfied ordinary prudent man that there was intention or tendency, then it would amount to sedition. Whereas the Privy Council held that the offence consisted of exciting or attempting to incite bad feelings towards the government.

The Court stated that the section is constitutional if it was interpreted according to the judgement of Federal Court of India as it falls within the ambit of the reasonable restrictions, but it is unconstitutional if it is interpreted according to the judgement of Privy Council. The Court also stated that it had taken care to indicate clearly that the strong words used to express disapprobation of the measures of the government with a view to their improvement or alteration by lawful means would not come within the section.

In the *R.M.D Chamarbaugwalla v Union of India*, [1957]1SCR930, the Honorable Supreme Court of India stated that if certain provisions of law construed in one way would make them consistent with the Constitution, and another interpretation would make it inconsistent, then the Court would lean towards the former. By applying this ratio decidendi, the court limited the operation of sedition to only those activities that involved incitement to violence or intention or tendency to create public disorder or cause disturbance of public peace. A citizen who criticizes the Government for policy without inciting violence is not seditious. Hence, the Honorable Court upheld the constitutionality of section 124A in the interest of public order and within the ambit of permissible legislative interference with that fundamental right.

R. Durga Priya Reddy, 2nd Year, BA., LL.B.

Indian Constitution vis-a-vis the Right to Religion, Secularism, and Pluralism

Any debate in India on religious freedom is incomplete without reference to secularism, and a plethora of scholarly work exists on the topic. However, the idea of secularism has often been misunderstood and mis-applied by legal professionals, politicians and even courts. This article delves into how institutions in India have used 'secularism' to mean something it is not and how the Constitution views religion.

The Supreme Court in *SR Bommai v. Union of India* understood 'secularism' as an idea of accommodation of all religions. Further, in *Indira Sawhney v. Union of India*, the Supreme Court held secularism as a concept of cohesion, tolerance and unity between all religions. The politicians, now and even then, have used the term secularism the same way the Courts have.

However, is the meaning attributed to secularism by judiciary and politicians in fact the meaning of secularism? How does the concept of pluralism play out within the ambit of right to religion?

Dissecting the meaning of secularism and pluralism

Secularism is defined by the Merriam Webster dictionary as- "indifference to or rejection or exclusion of religion and religious considerations". The Cambridge Dictionary defines secularism as- "the belief that religion should not be involved with the ordinary social and political activities of a country". And Vocabulary.com defines secularism as "a doctrine that rejects religion and religious considerations".

The common idea traversing through all these definitions is that secularism is a political ideology in which the State distances itself from all religions. It never accepts religion as a factor in governance, if not reject it completely.

At this juncture, it becomes pertinent to know the meaning of a similar word- pluralism.

Pluralism is defined as "The existence of many different groups of people in one society, for example people of different races or of different political or religious beliefs".

A cursory reading of the meaning of pluralism points out that the Supreme Court and politicians have been using 'secularism' to mean 'pluralism'.

This leads to the question- How does it matter as long as there is consensus and harmonious application of the doctrine of secularism and pluralism?

Unfortunately, even pluralism does not resolve the issue because our Constitution is not plural. The issue India is facing legally and politically is not merely of penurious vocabulary but of great political and legal implications to the extent of affecting fundamental rights of the citizens.

Secularism is inviolably linked to right to religion. And to understand the implications of the failure to appreciate the true constitutional scheme vis a vis right to religion, one must merely read the provisions under Part III of the Constitution.

The Constitutional Scheme

Fundamental Rights recognized under Part III of our Constitution have been interpreted and expanded by the judiciary in innumerable cases. The constituent assembly has also spoken extensively on the point of protection of religious freedoms of people and concept of secularism.

Article 13(2), 13(3), and Article 25 of the Constitution will provide more or less a comprehensive idea of the relation between the fundamental rights and religion. What people often miss is that Article 25, among other things, is also subject to 'other provisions of part III'. In other words, whenever there is a conflict between any fundamental right and Article 25, Article 25 will fail. Article 25 has been afforded the least value among all the fundamental rights.

Further, Article 13(2) declares all laws contrary to part III as void. And 13(3) defines law to include even customs. Therefore, the scope of Article 13(2) is not limited to legislative or executive actions but also customs of the society; including religious customs.

Therefore, every time an argument is made claiming a religious practice to be discriminatory or undignified or arbitrary, such religious practice will be struck down even if it is a religious practice protected under Article 25, absent the limitations therein. Whether it is the Sabarimala case or the triple talaq case, equality and dignity will always prevail over religion. This notion challenges the 'doctrine of essential religious practices' applied by the supreme court to determine which religious practices are protected, as every practice which is contrary to fundamental rights should be struck down irrespective of whether is essential or not.

Article 25 and Pluralism

Article 25 stands out in part III due to its limitation- subject to other provisions of part III. This presents a contradiction between pluralistic conception of the State envisaged in the Preamble and right to religion under Article 25.

When the Constitution endows right to religion under Article 25 a lower status compared to other fundamental rights, it is more like the Constitution saying to the people- "You will have the fundamental right to practice, profess and propagate your religion, but if you violate other fundamental rights, I will declare it void". This scheme is contrary to the idea of pluralism. Pluralism means inclusion of all religions and their believes. But as per Part III, not all religious practices are allowed in India.

And inevitably the restriction placed by Article 25 applies differently to different religions. The more a religion has unconstitutional practices, the less it will be allowed to be practiced.

¹ (1994) 3 SCC 1

² AIR 1993 SC 477

³ 'Secularism', Merriam Dictionary, <<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/secularism>> accessed on 5th February 2021.

⁴ 'Secularism', Cambridge Dictionary, <<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/secularism>> accessed on 5th February 2021.

⁵ 'Secularism', Vocabulary.com, <<https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/secularism>> accessed on 5th February 2021.

⁶ 'Pluralism', Oxford Learners' Dictionary, <<https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/definition/english/pluralism>> accessed on 5th February 2021.

⁷ Constitution of India, 1950.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ibid.

Religiosity and Right to Religion

Being religious in the true meaning of the word, means following what the religious scriptures say. However, there is a limit to the scope of interpretation and sometimes not even outrageous and audacious interpretations can put humanity into otherwise inhumane practices of religions- such as caste system in Hinduism, or Islam's view on adultery and punishment for homosexuality in Christianity.

If one has to remain truly religious, one has to adhere to every religious law in letter and spirit. But in India it is not possible to be religious in the strict meaning of the word, because the Constitution will declare religious practices void and unconstitutional if they are discriminatory and inhumane. Constitutionally speaking, Constitution accepts only those religious practices which are constitutionally sound and permissible; and not those which are 'essential to the religion'.

Therefore, Constitution of India is not plural in the strict meaning of the term. Plurality will mean acceptance of a practice which, though inhumane and immoral, if the members practicing it recognize it to be legitimate.

Furthermore, the Constitution is not secular as it 'intervenes' and actively engages in the religious affairs of the people, and consequently the State.

Secularism and Governance

An argument can be made for secularism in our political governance (the real meaning of secularism and not the Indian-ised version of it), in the sense that it is indifferent to religions or religious practices. But it will be an error to call the Constitution secular, i.e. indifferent towards religions.

It may be argued that there is no place for secularism in religious matters and places of worship. However, the Constitution does not recognize this separation between religious affairs and governance of the State. The Constitution rather takes a leap forward and states that any religious law (in the form of practice or custom) shall not violate other fundamental rights.

The Contradiction

There is a fundamental contradiction between religions and Article 14, 21, and Article 51(h) of the Constitution. Religion is based on faith, and science on evidence and facts. Religions are often discriminatory towards weaker sections of the society whereas the Constitution under Article 14 and 21 uphold the equal rights of all individuals. This does not mean that all religions are equal for the Constitution. The Constitution rejects religions (or parts of it) in proportion to their inhumane and discriminatory characters. The more a religion is discriminatory, the less it will be allowed to exist.

Therefore, the relationship of the Constitution and religion needs to be carefully understood before tagging it with concepts like secularism or pluralism.

Nikhil Erinjingat, 4th Year, B.A., LL.B.

INDRA SAWHNEY Vs. UNION OF INDIA

AIR 1993 SC 477

Facts - The first backward commission was formed in 1953 which is popularly known as Kaka Kalelkar's commission. It submitted its report on 30th March 1955 listing out that 2399 castes are socially and educationally backward classes. The Central Government didn't accept the report but later in 1979 backward commission which is known as Mandal commission was setup to investigate the socially and educationally backward classes. This commission which was headed by prime minister Sri. Morarji Desai. The commission submitted its report on December 1980, listing 3743 castes that are socially and educationally backward classes and recommended for reservation of 27% in government jobs and public appointment. But due to internal disturbance within the party the government collapsed and it couldn't implement the recommendation made by Mandal commission report. Thereafter the congress government headed by the Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi came to power at center but she didn't implement the Mandal commission report till 1989. But later when the Janata Dal government came to power, they decided to implement the report of the commission. On 7th August 1990, Prime Minister V.P.Singh promised that if he becomes prime minister he will implement Mandal commission recommendation and he even kept his promise. Subsequently, he issued office of memorandum which stated that, there will be 27% reservation for OBC's. As soon as this memorandum was issued there was turmoil everywhere in the country. So, a writ petition was filled from Bar Association of the Supreme Court challenging the validity of the office memorandum issued by the government. The case was ultimately decided by the 5 judge bench. They issued a stay order till the final disposal of the case on 1st October 1990. Unfortunately, Janata Dal Government again collapsed due to defection and in 1991 by the parliamentary election, the congress was formed again. So again to incur the situation and also for the political gain the then Prime Minister P.V. Narshima Rao issued another office of memorandum by making two changes; one is to introduce the economic criterion in granting reservation within 27% in Government jobs and another 10% of vacancies for the socially and educationally backward classes which brings out to a total 37% reservation.

Issues involved;

- Whether Article 16(4) of the Constitution supersedes Article 16(1)?
- Whether there can be further classification in the already classified backward classes?
- Whether the extent of reservation can exceed 50%?

Judgement - The nine-judge constitution bench of the Supreme Court by 6:3 majority held that the decision of the Union Government to hold 27% reservation for socially and educationally backward classes is valid. But the Court struck down the second provision of office Memorandum and held that holding 10% Government occupations for the socially and educationally backward classes is not valid as Backward Classes of a citizen in Article 16(4) can be identified on the basis of the caste system and not only on an economic basis. Article 16(4) is not an exception of Article 16(1). It is an instance of classification reservation which can be made under Article 16(4) and Backward classes in Article 16(4) were not similar to as socially and educationally backward in Article 15(4). And also reservation shall not exceed 50%. Also Article 16(4) permits classification of background classes into backward and more backward classes and there is no reservation in promotion. Reservation cannot be made by Executive Officer. Majority held that there is no need to express any opinion on the correctness and the adequacy of the exercise done by the Mandal commission. Permanent statutory body is to be formed to examine complains of over inclusion and under inclusion. Disputes regarding new criteria can be raised only in the Supreme Court.

Shilpa D J, 2nd year, B.A., LL.B.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

As it has been rightly said by Ricky Gervais, 'The greatest privilege that comes with freedom of speech is using your voice for those who don't have one'. Why humans are called greedy and selfish when it comes to their needs and wants? We are the voice for them and harming those, means taking a war with the ecosystem. The rise in the number of cruelty incidents towards animals, such as throwing a dog from the rooftop, burning animals alive, using animal's skin for the textile industry and the cosmetic industry has compelled animal rights activists to raise their voice against such acts. Animals in India gets a non-human status, wherein they are treated as a commodity or property. Animal brutality is maltreatment toward or disregard of an animal.

In *Animal Welfare Board of India v. A. Nagaraja & Ors.*, it was held that Bulls must not be used in any kind of races or bullfights and Right to Life under Article 21 shall be extended to animals too. And as far as their freedoms are concerned, they must be protected by the Government and Animal Welfare Board.

Bombay High Court in *People for Ethical Treatment of Animals v. UOI* said that if any film wants to use an animal for public viewing has to issue a certificate from the Animal Welfare Board stating that the provisions of the Performing Animals Rules, 2001 have been duly met. This ruling safeguards animals from abuses, being exposed to loud noises, beaten or kept without food and water.

After the enforcement of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA) 1960, there have been a dreadful rise in the cases of animal cruelty. Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 was also established for the protection of animal species. There are many other laws made to crackdown the danger against animal cruelty for their safety, protection and punishment in cases of animal cruelty such as Article 48A and 51A(g) of the Indian Constitution, Section 428 and 429 under Indian Penal Code. Out of all, PCA Act, 1960 and Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 are the most important ones. The major escape clause which needs an immediate action is the amount of fine that is imposed on any offence under PCA Act is very less.

In Uttar Pradesh, a commendable initiative has been taken towards the prevention of cow slaughter. It provides for the protection of cows and to prevent their slaughter, also, providing for rigorous imprisonment of 10 years along with a fine of INR.5 lakhs.

The initial step ought to be is to teach kids to have regard for animals and treat them kindly. We can forestall pitilessness to animals by requesting stricter laws for the assurance of animals. Animal and non-animal social sectors must recognize their intersectionality and work together. Government assistance to animals is also getting seriously undermined as there is no legitimate state-level body to screen and implement Government assistance laws and to bring animal related government assistance ideas into the arrangement of the State Government. Another recommendation to upgrade the system is to set up and fortify the general public for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, an NGO that can work in each state freely with no impedance of the State. Similarly, there is a need to guarantee that the State Animal Welfare Board runs suitably, considering the way that in numerous states there is no such load up. These little changes by different adherence can change the circumstance for animals in India, and no mercilessness of any sort would be accessible in our overall population.

The legislature has a basic limit, i.e., on the off chance that the controls for such kinds of offence can be made stricter, at that point, everybody will endeavor to admission the well and won't viciously murder faultless animals. The government should provide food and shelter to street dogs.

In 2011, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was updated and renamed as Indian Animal Welfare Act as a need was felt to change the old law. Despite such an enormous number of laws, the drive will simply come when people cooperate with each living animal's good judgment, qualification bodies and affiliation and attempt to improvise the pitiable condition of animals.

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CONTACT TO REALITY

Cloudy evening, I was at my balcony planted with a mug of coffee with not much around looking towards the road which was buzzing unusually. The corner of my eye caught two people rushing; as it was getting dark and my thoughts wrapped around those people, exploring every situation in my mind. All of them weren't good though. They grabbed attention of few people and could get an auto rickshaw; they urged driver to hurry as they looked in desperation. After that everything went back to normal quickly without even noticing the early chaos. It was quiet again. I couldn't put an end to the thoughts that were bouncing all over my mind. I went to my room thinking about the incident connecting it to my experiences and suddenly one beautiful incident took my conscious with it. It took me to places I've already been, but this time it's different because I could understand the life out of it. So, let's tap it...

It was a happy morning; My mom got a call from a clinic regarding the appointment she had made. She had thyroid related issues and the appointed was confirmed 11am I believe. My mom asked me to join her and yes, I was a kid so I had to go. After few minutes we were ready to leave and as we went downstairs, we found an auto rickshaw. We climbed in and suddenly we see something unusual, a baby. It always raises questions when you see a baby in an auto sleeping, my mom directly asked the driver who that was and the driver said the baby was his daughter. That little one was so beautiful and my mom couldn't resist herself from picking up the baby. As soon as mom picked the baby, the little one was visibly uncomfortable, made uneasy faces and was about to cry, the driver took notice of it from the rear mirror and immediately stopped the auto and asked my mom to hand over the baby so that my mom would be comfortable. The driver made the baby sleep on his lap with some support tied to his leg. The driver said "please be comfortable madam", my mom got all curious and started asking questions like "Does she accompany you every day?" the driver politely answered "Yes ma'am she is too young to be left alone in the house" mom suddenly asked "Why? Where is the mother?" he said "she is not here, ma'am", mom simultaneously "Why isn't she here?" the driver with a painful smile said "she is no more ma'am". My heart sunk; I couldn't process anything. There was cold silence between all of us; my mom continued asking him what went wrong why she had to go this early. He told "There were complications in pregnancy so we couldn't save her but she gave me this beautiful little gift, the joy of my life". He kept that smile all along the story, I was shocked to see that and I had nothing but sympathy for him and the baby. My mom immediately apologized for being straight forward "it must be very hard for you to look after your daughter and work at the same time". He said "sometimes it is but I have to do this because God wants me to do this for my wife". Mom asked why he didn't consider remarrying. He wasn't offended by it instead he said "I did not consider it at all because I loved my wife so much and

the baby, I cannot ask someone else to love like her mother. Moreover, I can't replace my wife with someone else and have a lot of insecurities, I don't want to ask someone to treat my kid as their own, it will be bad for her upbringing and I don't want anything false to happen, it will never be the same if I remarry and I am afraid that I would end up losing my kid for something unnecessary". I was awe struck. The love, the commitment, the battle he was fighting was all making sense striking the right chords; he was a hero living for his daughter. The respect he had for his life was immense and the never give up mentality was beyond. My mom again asked him "How do you keep up with this mentality?". He said "every day something new hits me and throws me down, I feel like giving up but I have a cause to fight, I want my daughter to see the world as a better place and I can do everything to make that possible cause she is my world. The only option I have is to be mentally strong and patient". I asked her to explain but she refused saying "time will tell you", Confusion again. I was aggrieved and yet, had no option but to sit quiet. Finally, we arrived at the clinic, I believe and mom handed over the money saying "Thank you, please look after your daughter and give her a hug for me". He smiled and left. I had my own doubts and was happy at the same time.

Today, I can draw many lessons & conclusions out of that small incident. Inspiration, motivation, dedication and most of all being true self. That man showed his true mettle picking pieces and making ends meet just to provide the beautiful best he could for his daughter. He was one of the true recipients of the universal words "NEVER GIVE UP".

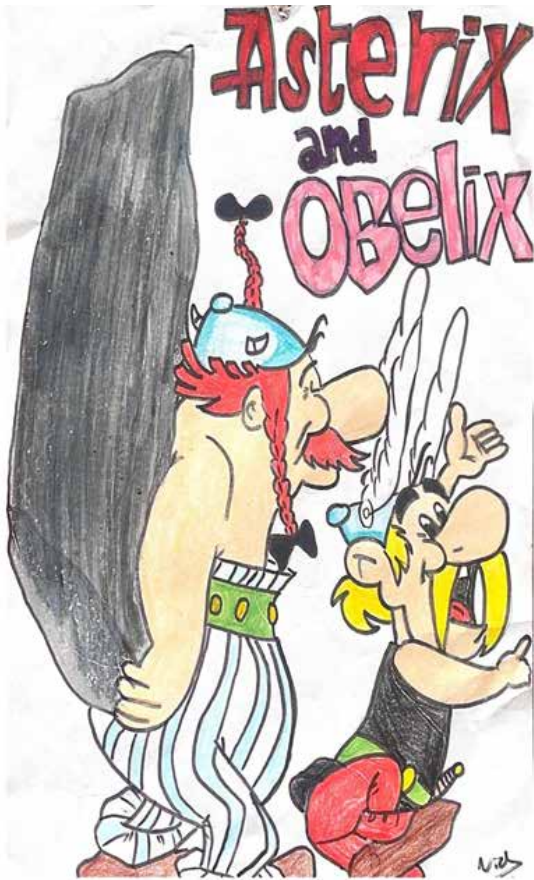
The incident has so many meanings & outcomes and the one that always stands out for me is "Mental Health". Today, Mental Health is those fancy words which is a real problem for some and artificial for many. Mental health isn't biased and is as important as physical health. Mental health is taking a big toll, minds fumbling.

Live, this society, this world can never have a true opinion, it's all temporary. Good and bad are two artificial constructs. The man of my story has tried to live beyond anything to love everything.

Better days are not hard to find when you have immense patience and respect for the existing situation. Paint your own picture and build courage to admit it.

You matter.

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Law and order are the medicine of the body politic and when the body politic gets sick, medicine must be administered.”

– Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

“Religion has no business to formulate social laws and insist on the differences between beings, because its aim and end is to obliterate all such fictions and monstrosities”.

– Swami Vivekananda

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

“If money is your hope for independence you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability”.

– Henry Ford

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