



# SOL IN MOTION

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## WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SCHOOL OF LAW NMIMS HYDERABAD

"We, the students of Law Review and Publications committee, are thrilled to introduce the April edition of our Newsletter, 'SOL IN MOTION'. Let this newsletter showcase the accomplishments of our students and events that have come to life at the School of Law, Hyderabad. It is our pleasure to invite you to witness our journey captured in the pages of this edition!"



# ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

## Introducing the Committees of School of Law Hyderabad

Committees play a vital role in shaping a well- rounded and dynamic student experience. They provide a structured platform for students to develop essential skills like leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving. By organizing events, facilitating discussions, and managing projects, committees create opportunities for students to engage with real-world challenges, enhancing their practical knowledge and professional competence. They foster a sense of community and belonging, encouraging collaboration and the exchange of diverse ideas. Additionally, they empower students to take initiative and handle responsibilities, preparing them for future leadership roles. Moreover, they offer a balance between academics and extracurricular activities, promoting personal growth, creativity, and mental well-being. Through networking opportunities and exposure to industry professionals, committees bridge the gap between theory and practice, ensuring that students are equipped with the skills and confidence needed to thrive in their careers.

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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Readers,

I am delighted to share with you the latest edition of our School of Law newsletter. This publication not only highlights the exciting developments within our institution but also serves as a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, faculty, and staff. As we continue to navigate through these dynamic times, we remain committed to fostering an environment that promotes academic excellence, integrity, and innovation.

Our school's reputation for producing talented, ethical legal professionals is something we take great pride in, and we are pleased to see our community grow and thrive both within and beyond the classroom. In this issue, you'll find updates on upcoming events, notable achievements by our students and faculty, and initiatives that are shaping the future of legal education. I encourage you to read through the pages and celebrate the collective accomplishments of our school. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the School of Law. Together, we continue to make a meaningful impact in the legal profession and our broader communities.



# ASSOCIATE DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Readers,

We are happy to announce the release of the latest edition of our newsletter. This newsletter serves as a platform to showcase the outstanding achievements, skills, and contributions of our students and faculty. We celebrate the achievements and congratulate our students. From classroom performance to moot court competitions to internships

at top-ranked law firms, our students have consistently shown their dedication, thirst, and commitment towards excellence. Their accomplishments stand testimony to the rigorous academic mentoring and a platform for hands-on learning at our School of Law. Lastly, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have contributed to the success of this newsletter, including our dedicated editorial team, talented student writers, and enthusiastic contributors. Their hard work and creativity have played a crucial role in bringing forth the latest edition of our newsletter. As we continue to uphold our commitment to excellence, innovation, and social responsibility, we invite you to explore the latest edition of our School of Law newsletter and join us in celebrating the achievements and advancements within our vibrant community. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to your feedback and participation in the exciting initiatives and events planned for the upcoming academic year.

# FACULTY CONVENOR'S MESSAGE



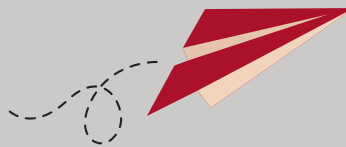
Law as a discipline expects and allows us to know about the developments of our surroundings, events that affect us directly/indirectly, or even the ones that do not, moving steps of the legislature, executive, and judiciary, and have an opinion about it.

This holistic approach to legal education, encompassing both academic rigor and vibrant extracurricular engagement, is a cornerstone of our philosophy at NMIMS University. This newsletter serves as a testament to the diverse experiences and intellectual curiosity fostered within our community. The extracurricular activities play a crucial role in the multifaceted development of students, helping to shape them into well-rounded, capable, and socially adept members of society. At NMIMS, we offer a range of benefits that extend beyond academics, contributing to personal growth and preparing students for success in various aspects of life. Over the last few months, our law school has organized a variety of intellectually stimulating events, including sports and cultural activities, fostering advocacy skills and cultural diversity while maintaining its commitment to excellent legal education and its students.

In the pages of the newsletter, you will find reflections of the achievements, thoughts, and opinions of students and faculty members, and glimpses of life at our Law School. We invite you to delve into these pages and engage with the thoughtful contributions of our students and faculty.

Warm regards,  
Ishant Jain,  
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# MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM



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Convenor



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Co- Convenor

Putting this newsletter together wasn't just about covering events, it was about creating something meaningful. From the start, our goal was simple, to make people feel seen, heard, and part of something. Whether you're a committee member who edited late at night, someone who researched and learned along the way, or a reader who's just flipping through, this is for you.

We wanted this space to be more than just updates. We wanted it to be a place where curiosity is encouraged, where every small effort counts, and where people, no matter their role, feel acknowledged.

We hope this edition leaves you a little more informed, a little more inspired, and a little more connected.

With gratitude,  
Kunaal & Aastha



# GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON SURROGACY – BALANCING LEGAL RIGHTS OF SURROGATES AND THE DESIRES OF INTENDED PARENTS ACROSS JURISDICTIONS



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The research examines the legal, ethical, and social challenges surrounding surrogacy, focusing on the delicate balance between the rights of surrogate mothers and the interests of intended parents. It offers a comparative analysis of surrogacy laws across jurisdictions, highlighting emerging trends and proposing regulatory reforms.

## **Legal Frameworks and Cross-Jurisdictional Challenges:**

The paper analyzes surrogacy regulations in countries such as the USA, India, UK, Russia, and China, showcasing variations in permissibility, contract enforcement, and parental rights. It highlights the complexities of transnational surrogacy, where differing legal frameworks create conflicts over parental rights and child citizenship.

## **Ethical and Feminist Concerns:**

The study critiques the commodification of surrogates, emphasizing the need for policies that prioritize their bodily autonomy and emotional well-being. It addresses gendered reproductive burdens, arguing that women disproportionately bear the physical and emotional consequences of surrogacy.

## **Legal and Contractual Validity:**

The paper explores the enforceability of surrogacy contracts, raising concerns over the surrogate's informed consent, emotional attachment, and post-birth rights. It warns against the risk of surrogacy contracts reducing children to commercial commodities.

## **Global Trends and Recommendations:**

The authors propose a harmonized international legal framework to regulate surrogacy, ensuring fairness for both surrogates and intended parents. They advocate for the legal inclusion of same-sex couples in surrogacy laws, promoting equality and reproductive justice. The paper recommends stricter regulations for commercial surrogacy to prevent exploitation while preserving reproductive autonomy.

## **Conclusion:**

The study underscores the need for balanced surrogacy laws that safeguard surrogate mothers' dignity and rights while protecting the interests of intended parents. It calls for international cooperation to establish ethical and standardized surrogacy regulations, ensuring justice and equality across borders.





## BEYOND SURRENDER: EXPLORING OPTIONS FOR LIFE INSURANCE POLICYHOLDERS

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Life insurance policyholders in India face challenges when they can no longer afford premiums, as the law prohibits trading policies in the secondary market. The concept of insurable interest allows only those with a financial stake in the insured's life, such as family members or creditors, to benefit from the policy. This rule aims to prevent moral hazard but limits policyholders' financial flexibility. Despite the Bombay High Court (2007) and Supreme Court (2015) not rejecting such transactions, the government amended the Insurance Act of 1938 in 2015 to officially ban them.

As a result, policyholders often suffer financial losses when surrendering their policies. For example, someone who has paid ₹3 lakh in premiums over 30 years for a ₹1 crore death benefit might receive only a small fraction upon surrender. In contrast, markets like the US allow life insurance policy trading, where policyholders can access a significant portion of the death benefit upfront, while the purchasing company collects the payout after the insured's death.

The "Assign Your Life Insurance Policy" (ALIP) model by ACESO provides an alternative by enabling policyholders to assign their policy to a third party in exchange for upfront funds while keeping the coverage intact. However, uncertainties over its legality, transparency issues, and the potential for misuse remain concerns for regulators. India's low life insurance penetration (around 3%) raises doubts about introducing such a market. Still, a regulated secondary market could give policyholders greater financial flexibility while ensuring adequate consumer protection and market stability.



## LAND RECORDS 2.0: THE BLOCKCHAIN WAY

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In India, property ownership is currently determined through a presumptive land titling regime called the Record of Rights (RoR) and there are a lot of challenges it brings with it. It involves a series of documents like sales, registration etc, that reflect the passage of ownership over time. However, the registration process under the Registration Act of 1908 only constitutes an agreement between parties without ensuring ownership. This loophole has resulted in extensive property fraud, as any intermediary transaction can be challenged owing to a lack of proper ownership verification by sub-registrars. The Revenue and local departments are responsible for keeping land records, sanctioning transactions pertaining to change of ownership, and updating the RoR. Though this system makes no sense, it is full of voids.

A marked increase in land-related disputes can be observed, and multiple sale of properties are prevalent owing to the lack of centralised land records. Residents are not able to easily check land records, and the acquisition of required documents for loans or subsidies requires cumbersome documentation. Banks also find it difficult to determine the true ownership of a property prior to lending, and separate records used by different departments increase the risk of document tampering. Blockchain technology offers a transformative solution for land record management, ensuring secure, unalterable, and transparent record-keeping.

The proposed system would digitally store land history on a blockchain, preventing unauthorized changes. Certificates from the Revenue Department would be accessible to banks for easy verification, while transactions like sales, loans, and mortgage releases would be securely registered. Registration offices could directly retrieve ownership details, reducing fraud, and smart contracts would automate processes such as ownership mutation and loan approvals. Implementing blockchain would streamline property transactions, enabling faster processing, reducing intermediaries, and ensuring secure records. Instant ownership verification would expedite loan sanctions, while government departments could efficiently monitor subsidies. Prospective buyers could verify ownership history, increasing transparency.

Several countries have integrated blockchain into land administration. The U.S., Sweden, and the U.K. have explored blockchain-based registries, while Andhra Pradesh partnered with Zebi Data India Pvt. Ltd. to implement secure land records. Despite benefits, challenges include high infrastructure costs, technical complexities, cybersecurity risks, and legal hurdles. Poor internet access in rural areas and integration with legacy systems further complicate adoption. Overcoming these requires government leadership, technological advancements, and policy reforms for a smooth transition.

Adoption of blockchain technology in India's land record management system can solve years-long problems of fraud, inefficiency, and non-transparency. Using blockchain, the government can provide a secure, tamper-proof, and efficient property ownership system, which can instil trust among landowners, buyers, and lenders. With Andhra Pradesh at the forefront, others can follow to transform land transactions across India.



## EXAMINING THE PATENTABILITY OF NOVEL NON-LIVING THINGS

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This article is an analysis of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Madras High Court on an appeal filed by the appellant in the case of ImClone LLC vs. Assistant Controller of Patents and Designs, Government of India, overturning the verdict of the Assistant Controller of Patents.

### FACTS OF THE CASE

The appellant filed a patent application for receptor antagonists for treating metastatic bone cancer, claiming priority from a US application. The application contained 80 claims, which were objected to due to non-patentability under Section 3(c) of the Patents Act, 1970. The appellant argued that the antibodies were not separated from nature, citing hybridoma technology and transgenic mice. Despite submitting amended claims, the application was rejected due to the non-patentability clause under Section 3(c). The appellant appealed to the Madras High Court to set aside the respondent's order.

### MADRAS HIGH COURT PROCEEDINGS

In the hearing notice dated November 20, 2017, the respondent sustained all objections despite these substantial replies. The appellant reaffirmed that recombinant technology, which involves species and processes not present in nature, was used to manufacture the claimed antibody. The court concluded that the antibodies were created using accepted practices and recognised processes, designating them as naturally occurring materials and excluding them from patent eligibility under Section 3(c) of the Patents Act.

### ARGUMENTS MADE BY THE COUNSELS

Shatabal Ghosh, representing the appellant, argued that the invention was crucial for treating metastatic bone cancer by targeting specific epitopes to prevent ligand binding at receptor sites. He cited the complete specification to support that the antibody was produced using recombinant technology. He argued that the claimed antibody is a product of human intervention and not naturally occurring. Ghosh relied on decisions from the Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) and the Patent Office's prior issuance of patents for monoclonal antibodies, implying a discrepancy in how the law has been applied. Section 3(c) of the patent law defines a distinction between natural compounds and genetically engineered organisms or sequences.

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In the *Biogaia AB v. Controller of Patents and Designs* case, non-human monoclonal antibodies were excluded from being under Section 3(c) provisions. The *Health Protection Agency v. Controller General of Patents*<sup>[4]</sup> case dealt with whether materials generated without human intervention fell under Section 3(c).

### **ANALYSIS AND OPINION ON THE JUDGMENT**

In rejecting Indian Patent Application No. 5808/CHENP/2007, which claimed “Receptor Antagonists for Treatment of Metastatic Bone Cancer,” the complexity concerning biotechnological advancement vis-à-vis patent law had been laid bare. The decision strictly conforms with Section 3(c) of the Patents Act, 1970, thereby highlighting a possible tension between innovation and legal principles. This ruling brings out the difficulties faced by biotechnology inventors in securing patents in India and raises questions about the genuineness of the new biotechnological innovations. The strict application of Section 3(c) could discourage research and development in biotechnology, where innovators might see the patenting process to be excessively limiting. This case study demonstrates how delicately a line needs to be walked when dealing with legalities surrounding biotech patents within the Indian context. Laws need to make a distinction between naturally occurring chemicals and those that were created through human genius. Much of the jurisprudence on Section 3(c) does not fully comprehend or capture the essence of biotechnological developments, thus resulting in conflicts and sometimes unfair decisions. The requirement for transparent standards regarding patent eligibility will enhance conditions that are more conducive to innovation, especially helping to differentiate between what is natural and what is made by humans.

### **CONCLUSION**

The decision emphasises an extremely narrow interpretation of Section 3(c), according to which even sophisticated biotechnological procedures are insufficient to differentiate the final products from elements that are found in nature. This emphasises the difficulties biotechnological inventions have in obtaining patents under the existing legal system, highlighting the necessity of precise legislative standards regarding the distinction between a chemical that occurs naturally and a product of human intervention. The ruling also demonstrates the Patent Office's circumspect approach to upholding the delicate equilibrium between promoting innovation and avoiding monopolies on natural resources.





## PATENT THICKETS: NAVIGATING THE THORNY LANDSCAPE OF INNOVATION

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A patent thicket is a complex landscape in innovation where numerous overlapping patents, often owned by different entities, make it difficult for new inventions to be developed. This "thorny field" arises when companies aggressively patent to protect their inventions, resulting in a web of rights that an inventor must navigate to secure the necessary permissions.

These thickets are characterized by overlapping patent rights, multiple patent owners, and intricate licensing agreements that hinder innovation. They emerge for various reasons, including companies' strategic patenting to fend off competition.

Patent thickets can stifle innovation by increasing costs and introducing uncertainty. Firms face challenges in developing, producing, and marketing new products due to overlapping patents, fearing potential infringement lawsuits. This hesitancy discourages investment in research and development, making competition and innovation harder.

Furthermore, patent thickets escalate litigation and legal expenses. Disputes over patents can cost companies significant sums, creating substantial business risks, particularly for startups and small businesses with limited financial resources. Industries heavily impacted include technology, pharmaceuticals, and telecommunications, where overlapping technologies are common.

To navigate these thickets, organizations employ strategies like patent landscape analysis, cross-licensing, patent pools, and engaging with standards organizations. Policy and legal considerations are also crucial, involving patent reform to reduce low-quality patents, antitrust enforcement to prevent anti-competitive practices, and encouraging open innovation and collaboration.

In essence, patent thickets pose a significant challenge to innovation by creating barriers, increasing costs, and fostering uncertainty. Addressing this complex landscape requires strategic navigation and policy adjustments to foster a more dynamic and accessible environment for technological advancement.



## JUDICIAL INTEGRITY: A CALL FOR REFORM

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Judicial integrity is paramount to maintaining public trust in the legal system. A fire at Justice Yashwant Varma's Delhi residence led to the discovery of unaccounted cash, which he denies links to his family. In response, the Supreme Court suspended him and launched an in-house inquiry.

### **Why has no First Information Report (FIR) been filed in this case?**

Legal observers and the public have questioned why no FIR has been registered against Justice Varma. A petition filed in the Supreme Court urged the Delhi Police to conduct a thorough investigation, although the Court declined an urgent hearing, assuring that the matter would be listed. It's important to note that these are allegations, and no formal charges have been proven against him. Additionally, in 2018, Justice Varma was named in a CBI FIR concerning alleged bank fraud at Simbhaoli Sugars Ltd., where he was listed as the tenth accused in his role as a Non-Executive Director. Despite the seriousness of these allegations, the case did not progress significantly, and no legal action was taken. These instances underscore the urgent need for robust judicial accountability measures, including transparent investigations, independent oversight, regular asset declarations, and enhanced legal frameworks, to maintain the integrity of the judiciary.

### **Asset Declaration of Judges: A Transparency Gap!**

As a sitting judge of the Delhi High Court, his reported salary is approximately Rs. 2,25,000 per month, along with additional allowances reflecting the significant responsibilities. Recently, an RTI reply revealed a shocking fact: asset details of only 13% of the High Court judges in India are available in the public domain, mainly from Kerala, Punjab and Haryana, and Delhi. In contrast, High Courts like Allahabad and Bombay consider asset declarations outside the purview of the RTI Act. This lack of mandatory disclosure of assets is in contrast to practices in countries such as the United States, South Korea, and the Philippines, where stringent asset declarations are required by law. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, and Law and Justice has proposed legislation that would require judges to disclose their assets annually, emphasizing the need for greater transparency. These issues, from the burnt money sacks and pending FIR to the transparency gap in asset declarations, underscore the urgent need for robust reforms. Alleged judicial misconduct, such as the arrest of retired Odisha High Court judge I. M. Qudusi on corruption charges and the case of Justice P. D. Dinakaran, who faced serious allegations of corruption and misconduct, provides another stark reminder. Although his preemptive resignation prevented a full inquiry, the controversy surrounding his tenure left lasting doubts about the mechanisms available to hold high-ranking judicial officers accountable.

While there may be a few rotten apples in the bunch, there are also many individuals working with great integrity and rectitude. It is an act of wisdom to question the entire system or to hold it accountable for the actions of a few. Transparent investigations, independent oversight, and robust legal frameworks are needed to ensure judicial accountability, which not only preserves public trust but also reinforces the judiciary's role as a pillar of democracy, ensuring justice is administered fairly and impartially.





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# UNIVERSITY & COMMITTEE UPDATES – "SOL IN MOTION"

## MOOT COURT SOCIETY

NMIMS Hyderabad Successfully Hosts the 3rd Edition of Its Moot Court Competition on Contract Law

The Moot Court Society of NMIMS, Hyderabad, proudly concluded the 3rd Edition of the NMIMS Hyderabad Moot Court Competition with great success. Focused on Contract Law, the competition brought together some of the brightest legal minds from across the country, offering them a platform to showcase their advocacy, research, and legal reasoning skills.

The competition was held in two phases:

- 29th March 2025 – Preliminary Rounds (conducted online)
- 12th April 2025 – Semi-Finals and Finals (held on campus)

This year witnessed participation from top law schools across India, and the level of competition was a testament to the growing prestige of the event.

- Winners: NLIU, Bhopal
- Runners-up: CLC, College New Delhi
- Best Memorial: NALSAR, Hyderabad
- Best Speaker: Representative from NLIU, Bhopal
- Semi-finalists: GNLU, NALSAR, CLC, and NLIU Bhopal

The event was judged by a distinguished panel comprising members of the judiciary, senior advocates, and legal scholars, ensuring a highly competitive and enriching experience for all participants.

With each edition, the NMIMS Hyderabad Moot Court Competition continues to set higher benchmarks, and this year's event has certainly raised the bar. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the winners and thank all participants and volunteers who made the competition a resounding success!



# UNIVERSITY & COMMITTEE UPDATES – "SOL IN MOTION"

## THE LEGAL AID COMMITTEE

### **1st INTRA CLIENT COUNSELLING COMPETITION, 2025**

The competition has been conducted in collaboration with Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) on Feb 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2025. It is designed to emphasize client interaction and problem-solving abilities. The competition has been divided into prelims, semi-finals and finals round. Each team comprised of two members and a client who were assigned to the teams on spot, on the day of competition. The proposition themes were contract, family, constitutional and criminal law. The participants were judged on their awareness of the theme, their spontaneity to understand the area of law and their ability to resolve the client's grievance. The winners were Dashami & Kiran while Kaustub & Thrisha were the runner ups. Akshaya Macharla won Award for the Best Counsel.

### **NALSA PAN-INDIA ZONAL REEL MAKING AND SHORT FILM COMPETITION FOR LAW STUDENTS**

The competition revolved around a thorough analysis of NALSA schemes such as unorganized worker sector protection, senior citizens, and acid attack victims. Scripts were written by the students of the committee on the basis of themes provided for the South Zone. The Reels and short films were shot within the campus. Participants showed great diligence and cooperation with each other to make the reel a success.



## 1ST LEGAL AID POLICY DRAFTING COMPETITION, 2025

The competition focused on the intersection of Generative AI and Legal Aid. It provided participants with an opportunity to foster a deeper understanding of the potential of AI to transform the legal landscape. Participants were given the problem statement in advance. They were required to draft a policy that proposed actionable, innovative solutions while considering the social, legal, and technological dimensions of the issue. The competition welcomed participation from various law schools with students enrolled in UG/PG programs, as well as Research Scholars. Participants were judged on their originality, the practical applicability of their solutions, and their knowledge of the law.

## VISIT TO NATIONAL LOK ADALAT ON MARCH 8, 2025

Lok Adalat is one of the alternative dispute redressal mechanisms. It is a forum where disputes/cases pending the court or at the pre-litigation stage are settled/compromised amicably. Students from 2nd, 3rd, and 4th years SOL visited the Lok Adalat on March 8th, 2025.



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## THE CENTRE FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (CADR)

The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) Committee at the School of Law, NMIMS Hyderabad, is dedicated to promoting ADR mechanisms such as negotiation, mediation, and arbitration. Through competitions, seminars, and workshops, the committee equips students with essential dispute-resolution skills to navigate the evolving legal landscape effectively.

### **SEMINAR ON JANUARY 27, 2025**

As part of its initiatives, CADR hosted the seminar "Unlocking the World of ADR- A Beginner's Guide to Resolving Disputes" led by Dr. Mohammad Samiulla Arab, Dean of the School of Law. The session introduced students to ADR's significance, covering negotiation, mediation, and arbitration while highlighting career prospects in the field.





## 1st Intra Client Counselling Competition, 2025

Additionally, from 1st to 3rd February 2025, The committee successfully organized the 1st Intra Client Counselling Competition in a hybrid mode. The preliminary and semi-final rounds were adjudicated by associates from Tier 1 law firms, ensuring a high standard of evaluation. The final round was judged by industry expert Mr. Rajeev Ram Bhatla, providing a real-world platform for participants to demonstrate legal acumen, problem-solving, and client-handling skills. Dashami Sunil & Kiran emerged as the Winners, while Thrisha S. Kumar & Kaustub Boidi were the runners-up. The title of Best Counsel was awarded to Akshaya Macherla.

Both events reinforced CADR's mission to foster practical learning and prepare future legal professionals for the complexities of dispute resolution.



# UNIVERSITY & COMMITTEE UPDATES – "SOL IN MOTION"

## LAW REVIEW & PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Law Review and Publication Committee held a seminar on “**Basic Principles of Research Paper Writing**” for the first and second years. The event was marked with a few lines from Dr. Mohammed Samiulla Arab, Dean of the School of Law. The speakers for the seminar were Dr. Ashique Ali and Ms. Bhoomika Ahuja.

**Dr. Ashique Ali** covered key aspects of the research process, including-

- The importance of curiosity and questioning in identifying research topics.
- Literature review techniques—understanding existing research, identifying gaps, and contributing original insights.
- Research design, types of research papers, and the significance of avoiding plagiarism.

Post-publication avenues, including recommended journals and publishers.

**Ms. Bhoomika Ahuja** further elaborated on:

- The purpose of legal research and its impact.
  - Essential sources and structured steps for conducting legal research.
- Citation methods and research tools to enhance accuracy and credibility.

The seminar concluded with words of acknowledgement for our guest speakers and committee members.

**Updates:** Our committee are grateful to students who wrote for various essay and article competitions-

**Sara-** 1<sup>st</sup> Blog Competition 2025 by SLS Hyderabad with Spicy IP

**Krishnangi & Preet**—”Chair on Consumer Research and policy” National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi

**Aryaman-** 28<sup>th</sup> Annual H.M. Seervai Essay Competition in Constitutional Law



# WEBINAR ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERT AND COMPETITION LAW

Exploring the Intersection of Competition Law and Intellectual Property!

The Law Review and Publications Committee hosted an insightful webinar for 4th- and 5th-year law students with Mr. Kuber Mahajan, senior associate at Saikrishna Associates, where he unpacked the fascinating and complex relationship between Competition Law and Intellectual Property Rights. Drawing on landmark Indian cases such as the Shamsher Kataria case, he shed light on how legal systems globally are navigating the fine line between protecting innovation and maintaining market competition.

One of the key takeaways was the interpretation of Section 3(5) of the Competition Act, 2002, a provision that grants exceptions to IP rights, and how this exception itself becomes a ground for intense legal debate when IP is used to stifle competition. The session highlighted the dynamics of IP law and competition law. Mr. Mahajan shared his valuable insights and effectively engaged the audience in a thought-provoking discussion.

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## LAW & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

### EXTEMPORE COMPETITION

The Law and Technology Society hosted an Extempore Competition, bringing together students and professionals to discuss and debate pressing issues at the intersection of law and technology.

#### Themes

The competition featured three thought-provoking topics:

1. Child Protection and Cyber Crimes
2. Legal and Ethical Challenges of AI
3. Social Media Regulations

#### Event Highlights

- Participants demonstrated exceptional knowledge and critical thinking skills, presenting well-reasoned arguments on the topics.
- The competition provided a platform for participants to engage with peers, fostering a deeper understanding of the complex relationships between law, technology, and society.
- The event highlighted the need for ongoing discussions and collaborations between policymakers, technologists, and legal experts to address the challenges and opportunities presented by emerging technologies.

The extempore competition was a resounding success, showcasing the talent and expertise of participants and providing a valuable forum for discussion and debate.



# NATIONAL WEBINAR ON MARCH 8, 2025

The Law and Technology Society hosted a national webinar on "The Intersection of Law & Technology in the Brave New World!" on 8th March 2025. The event brought together students, professionals, and experts in the field of law and technology to explore the complex relationships between technology, law, and society.

## Keynote Speaker: Mr. Nrupul Rao Ponugoti

The webinar featured a keynote address by Mr. Nrupul Rao Ponugoti, CEO of ProDiscover Digital Forensics (Hyderabad). Mr. Ponugoti shared his expertise on the intersection of law and technology, highlighting the challenges and opportunities presented by emerging technologies such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, and digital forensics.

## Key takeaways included:

- The importance of understanding the legal and ethical implications of emerging technologies.
- The need for interdisciplinary collaboration between lawyers, technologists, and policymakers.
- The potential for technology to improve access to justice and enhance the rule of law.

The national webinar on "The Intersection of Law & Technology in the Brave New World!" was a resounding success, providing a platform for thought-provoking discussion and debate. The Law and Technology Society looks forward to hosting future events that promote interdisciplinary collaboration and advance our understanding of the complex relationships between law, technology, and society.



# AWARENESS EVENT

## The Impact of Social Media on Children

The Law and Technology Society hosted an engaging event to explore the impact of social media on children. The event featured a presentation, a short skit, and an interactive session, providing a comprehensive and entertaining look at this critical issue.

## Presentation Highlights

The presentation delved into the effects of chronic social media use on children's mental and emotional well-being. It discussed:

- The alarming rise of cyberbullying, online harassment, and digital addiction among children.
- The impact of social media on self-esteem, body image, and sleep patterns.

## Skit

The short skit brought to life the challenges children face in the digital age. It depicted:

- A young girl struggling with online harassment and cyberbullying
- A boy addicted to social media, neglecting his relationships and studies

The interaction provided a platform for attendees to share their concerns and experiences. We discussed:

- Strategies for setting boundaries and monitoring online activities
- Ways to promote digital literacy and online safety

The event highlighted the urgent need for awareness, education, and action to protect children from the potential harms of social media. By working together, we can create a safer, healthier online environment for children to thrive.





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## SEMINAR AND DEBATE COMMITTEE



### Youth Parliamentary British Debate on February 12, 2025

The Seminar and Debate Committee successfully organized a Youth Parliamentary British Debate to enhance critical thinking and argumentation skills among participants. Held on 12th February, 2025, the event attracted enthusiastic debaters and an engaged audience. The debate revolved around the motion **"Majoritarian Governance: Reconfiguration of Secularism"**, encouraging diverse perspectives on contemporary socio-political issues. The competition featured nearly 40 participants, following the British Parliamentary format, which included opening government, opening opposition, closing government, and closing opposition. A panel of esteemed adjudicators evaluated the arguments based on content, style, and strategy.

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Teams presented structured arguments, rebuttals, and points of information, demonstrating analytical depth. The Finale witnessed a fierce intellectual battle, captivating the audience and judges alike. A brief Q&A session allowed the audience to interact with debaters, fostering an engaging discussion. The adjudicators provided constructive feedback, guiding participants on refining their debating techniques.

The Vichar Vivaad 2025 Results Announcement followed, where the best speakers were declared as Pruthvijeet Kantri (2nd Year) - representing Shri Amit Shah and Anand Priya Singh (4th Year) - representing Shri Rahul Gandhi. Additionally, the Best Dressed Awards were given to Het (Shri Prahlad Joshi) for Best Dressed Male and Jumana Raja (Shri Shashi Tharoor) for Best Dressed Female. Honorable mentions were awarded to Namiksha Maheshwari, Archita Gautam, Chagam Haritha, Kislay Kumar, and Charvi Dhirwani, recognizing their exceptional performances.

This debate not only sharpened participants' research, articulation, teamwork, and critical thinking skills but also fostered a culture of healthy discourse.

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# UNIVERSITY & COMMITTEE UPDATES – "SOL IN MOTION"

## TRIAL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

### Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Competition on February 17, 2025

The Trial Advocacy Committee of NMIMS Hyderabad successfully organized its first-ever Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Competition on February 17, 2025. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, with a total of 18 teams competing in an intellectually stimulating and dynamic setting.

#### Competition Structure

The competition commenced at 1:50 PM, and each team was allotted a total of 50 minutes to complete the various rounds. Three teams competed simultaneously, with each team being assigned a coordinator responsible for monitoring the time and ensuring adherence to the rules. The time distribution for the rounds was as follows:

- Time to read the proposition: 12 minutes
- Time to view the crime scene: 8 minutes
- Time to write the investigation report: 30 minutes



## Valedictory Ceremony and Prize Distribution

Following the intense competition, all participants and law students gathered in the auditorium at 5:00 PM for the valedictory ceremony. The event was graced by esteemed guests, including the dean, the faculty mentor, and DSP G. Giribabu, who was the chief guest for the occasion. The faculty mentor delivered a thoughtful and informative speech, offering valuable insights, while DSP Sir shared real-life experiences, inspiring students with practical knowledge of crime scene investigations.

The prize distribution ceremony followed, recognizing the outstanding performances of the winning teams. Daksha Sharma and Akshatha secured the first position, while Smyra Kodari and Zoha Tabrez were declared the runners-up. The event concluded with a high tea session at 6:30 PM.

The first-ever Crime Scene Investigation Competition at NMIMS Hyderabad proved to be an exhilarating experience for all involved, fostering critical thinking, teamwork, and investigative skills among students. The Trial Advocacy Committee successfully executed the event with meticulous planning and coordination, setting a benchmark for future editions of the competition.





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## CULTURAL COMMITTEE

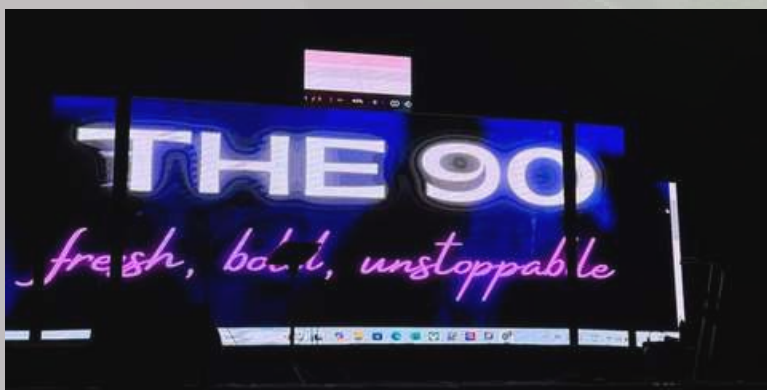
### THE 90

The NMIMS Cultural Committee - Aarambh organized a spectacular event, THE 90, designed especially for first-year students to welcome them with a vibrant and engaging cultural experience. The event featured a blend of entertainment and interaction, ensuring an unforgettable evening for all attendees.

THE 90 included:

- Dance Performances
- Games & Fun Activities
- Musical Performances
- Ramp walk activities to engage participants.
- A variety of delicious refreshments to keep the energy levels high.
- The event concluded with an electrifying DJ night.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and was a grand success.



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## PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR) COMMITTEE



While most committees are known for the events they host, the Public Relations Committee of the School of Law stands out for the impact it creates behind the scenes. Rather than organizing events in the conventional sense, the PR Committee plays a pivotal role in amplifying the visibility and presence of our college across platforms.

From covering every event conducted by the various committees to creating engaging content that captures the spirit of our campus, the PR team ensures that the School of Law's vibrancy reaches a wider audience. They manage the official social media handles of the college, regularly updating them with aesthetically curated posts and unique, trending Instagram reels that reflect both creativity and relevance.

Recently, the committee also took an innovative step by organizing a Short Film Competition, offering students a platform to showcase their storytelling and videography skills. This initiative highlighted the committee's commitment to not just promoting events, but also encouraging creativity and student engagement in new ways.



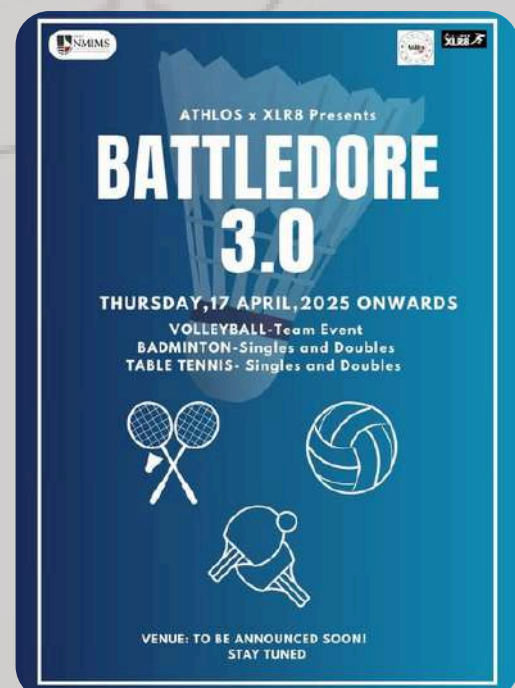
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## SPORTS COMMITTEE

### The Battledore 3.0

The Battledore 3.0 featured three exciting sports — table tennis, badminton, and volleyball — bringing together athletes from different disciplines to compete for glory. Players showcased their agility, precision, and teamwork in fast-paced matches that tested their skills and endurance. Each sport followed its own competitive format, with singles and doubles in table tennis and badminton, while volleyball teams battled it out on the court.

The tournament delivered intense action, sportsmanship, and thrilling moments as participants strived for victory in their respective events.








# BEYOND THE CLASSROOMS

## WHAT'S IN STORE???

At NMIMS School of Law, learning goes beyond the classroom. This section offers a quick glimpse into where our students are interning. Discover what to expect, how to apply, and tips from real experiences that can help shape your own internship journey. Along with these insights, stay tuned for updates on upcoming conferences and some special features.





**Anand Raj**  
**5th Year BA.LLB**

I am Anand Raj, a fifth-year BA.LLB student at NMIMS Hyderabad. My last internship was at Luthra and Luthra Office. A classmate recommended it to me. I applied directly to the HR, mentioning my preference for the Hyderabad office. About a month before the internship, they called me for a brief, informal interview and later confirmed my selection. I reported directly to the partner heading the Hyderabad office and the corporate team. I worked on various client matters, attended meetings, drafted agreements (such as franchise agreements and corporate policies), and conducted legal research for legal opinions.

The biggest challenge was adjusting to different cities for short durations. Each city had its own legal nuances, and local students often had an advantage in understanding them. Settling in a new place, even for a month, took time. Plan internships from the beginning. Start with district courts, then move to high courts, Supreme Court, and finally law firms in later years. This progression builds a strong foundation before stepping into corporate law. Research and drafting skills were crucial. I also learned professionalism, how to interact with clients, and the importance of advocacy, depending on the type of firm or chamber. After completing around 10 internships across various legal domains, I realized that legal services should be more accessible. This inspired me to start Compliez, a venture aimed at helping small businesses meet compliance requirements affordably. The idea came from a personal experience. I used to eat at a street food stall regularly. One day, I found it shut down. When I contacted the owner, he said the GHMC removed it due to non-compliance with food safety regulations. Surprisingly, rectifying the issue cost only ₹200, but he lacked the knowledge and resources to do it himself.

This incident made me realize that many small business owners struggle with compliance, not because they don't want to follow the rules, but because they don't understand the process or fear legal complexities. Many law firms overlook these smaller clients. I saw an opportunity to bridge this gap and make compliance accessible for the unorganized sector. That's how Compliez was born.



**Vandana Kaniya**  
**5th Year BA.LLB**

I am Vandana, a fifth-year student at NMIMS Hyderabad. I am going to share the experience of the internship that I did with Saikrishna & Associates, Delhi, in June 2024, since that is the most valuable among all my internships. I directly reached out to HR via email in July 2023. It took a whole year for my application for internship to be accepted. Simply curating a good cover letter and following up on your applications is something I focused on. I consider this internship highly valuable due to the diverse tasks and supportive environment. I worked with a senior associate and a partner, handling research, drafting, and clerical work, mainly for cases before the Hon'ble TDSAT. A key highlight was working on an arbitration matter for four weeks, where I drafted a reply to the Statement of Claim after reviewing extensive documents and agreements. I also researched under the Trademark Act, Arbitration Act, and CPC, and drafted legal notices and written submissions. The feedback and guidance I received significantly improved my drafting and research skills. The work environment was supportive, with helpful colleagues who ensured clarity and provided constructive feedback. On my first day, I realized most interns had connections, so they were assigned work while I sat idle. I had to approach associates for work, initially getting clerical tasks or being asked to check back. Consistent effort and quality work eventually led to associates seeking me out for tasks.

I have also interned at Desai & Diwanji where I faced intense competition among interns. I focused on one associate who provided meaningful work and feedback while occasionally helping others. This strategy helped me stand out, especially for drafting tasks, which aligned with my goal of improving drafting skills.

Lack of connections doesn't limit internship success—apply, follow up, and refine your skills to increase chances of a callback. Take work seriously; firms value interns who genuinely want to learn over those seeking just a certificate. Good work leads to meaningful tasks like drafting and research. Also, improve communication skills and stay updated on current affairs for better engagement in conversations.





**Unnati Sinha**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> Year BBA.LLB**

I am Unnati, a fifth-year BBA.LLB student at NMIMS Hyderabad. I'm interning at JSA Gurgaon. I applied through their website. After filling in my details, HR provided access to a portal where I had to complete five assessments. The firm's associates evaluated them, and based on my performance and slot availability, I was offered the internship. JSA Gurgaon is a purely corporate office, and interns are not assigned to specific teams. Instead, we work across different teams, which allows for diverse exposure. I had to miss two weeks of attendance to be here, and for the remaining two weeks, I had to work remotely. Since other interns were present for the complete duration of four weeks, I had to manage my time efficiently. Don't chase big names too soon. First, gain practical experience and foundational knowledge so that when you intern at a top-tier firm, you can make the most of it. Quality of work matters more than the firm's name. Also, consider longer internships—one month is often too short to gain in-depth exposure or build trust with associates.

The biggest takeaway is practical exposure, which classrooms can't provide. Internships allow you to apply legal knowledge in real-world scenarios and understand how the profession functions. Also, they help build connections, which are invaluable in the legal field. Internships are about learning, so make the most of every opportunity. Be proactive, never hesitate to take on work, and always be prepared.



**Srinivas Deshpande**  
4<sup>th</sup> Year, BA.LLB

I am Srinivas Deshpande, a fourth-year BA.LLB student at NMIMS Hyderabad. I recently completed an internship at Economic Law Practice (ELP) in Mumbai, which I secured by applying through their website and following up via email. My role as a Research Intern primarily involved conducting legal research and assisting associates in the Litigation and Arbitration and Capital Market teams. Additionally, I was tasked with accompanying the advocate in charge to court proceedings.

One of the key challenges I faced was commuting, which highlighted the importance of finding accommodation near the workplace. Additionally, some research areas were initially beyond my expertise, but the associates were supportive and provided valuable guidance.

Through this experience, I significantly enhanced my research skills, developed patience, and gained a better understanding of professional conduct and court procedures. My advice to my fellow juniors would be to explore diverse fields during the early years of their studies, apply to different firms and advocates, and focus on building a strong CV. Don't sit with a doubt regarding any research; if you didn't understand at first instance, ask your senior immediately and do the work. Never get late for any court hearing. Don't overburden yourself with a lot of research work. Take on only what you are capable of handling.



**Luv Sinha**  
**4th Year BBA.LLB**

I am Luv Sinha, a fourth-year BBA.LLB student at NMIMS Hyderabad. My last internship was in June at Tulli & Co., an insurance-based law firm. A friend of mine, who is now an advocate at the firm, referred me. I went through an interview process, and my CV was selected from a pool of 70 applicants. The daily commute was a challenge. My office was two and a half hours away, and with Mumbai's traffic, reaching by 9 AM was challenging. However, I managed to adapt and make it work. My advice is to observe arguments in courts and connect with advocates whose work you admire. Most are open to guiding law students. In firms, approach colleagues, engage in discussions, and network during lunch breaks.

Most importantly, maintain relationships—stay in touch because you might need their guidance or referrals later.





**Roop Ahluwalia**  
**4th Year BA.LLB**

I am Roop Ahluwalia, a Fourth-year student at NMIMS Hyderabad. My last internship was at the office of Additional Solicitor General, Aishwarya Bhati. I found it through a personal contact. A senior provided me with the contact details, and I reached out. After a brief telephonic interview, where I was asked a few questions, I submitted my CV. The review process took about a week before my selection was confirmed. My primary responsibility was drafting legal opinions. When cases are appealed to the Supreme Court, the Additional Solicitor General assesses whether they should proceed. My job was to research case histories—from the trial court to the High Court—and analyze the grounds for appeal. As a first-generation lawyer, networking was a challenge. Without industry contacts, I had to apply to multiple places, wait for responses, and go through various selection processes. The uncertainty and waiting period were the hardest parts. Build a strong network—reach out to people and maintain relationships. LinkedIn is a great tool, and staying in touch with past mentors can open doors. Also, while interning, make meaningful connections within the firm. Patience, attention to detail, and reading full documents rather than skimming are crucial, whether for research or drafting. Expect to redo your work multiple times—it's part of the learning process. Stay connected with past colleagues by engaging with them—share relevant articles, check in occasionally, and offer to assist with work. When seeking a new opportunity, having multiple professional connections increases your chances of finding an opening.



**Nikita Sikarwar**  
**4th Year BA.LLB**

I am Nikita Sikarwar, a fourth-year BA LLB student studying at NMIMS Hyderabad. My last internship was at Luthra and Luthra's Hyderabad office. A partner from the firm, Mr. Rajiv Kambatla, visited our campus for a legal event. I had a brief conversation with him, exchanged contact details, and later approached him. He connected me with the HR team, and I submitted my CV. Once a slot was available, I was offered the internship. I was assigned research work, drafting legal opinions for companies, and preparing written arguments and submissions. Securing an internship during peak months like June and December is challenging due to high demand. Firms have limited slots, and getting a response from them, especially without references, is difficult. I had to apply to multiple places and follow up consistently. Apply at least 3–4 months in advance, and for competitive months like June and December, start 6 months early. Follow up regularly on your application, and don't rely on just one firm—apply to multiple places. Also, choose internships aligned with your areas of interest to gain relevant experience. Instead of aiming for a top-tier firm initially, start at the court level to understand legal proceedings firsthand. Gaining practical experience at district courts or with smaller firms helps build foundational skills before moving to high courts or corporate firms. The most important lesson was professionalism—networking and communication play a crucial role in the legal field. My research and drafting skills also improved significantly. Additionally, I learned to manage time better and avoid procrastination. Meeting deadlines and managing workload efficiently were crucial lessons. Sticking to deadlines helped me develop a strong work ethic and professionalism.



**Shashi Prakash**  
**3rd Year, BA.LLB**

I am Shashi Prakash, a third-year law student from NMIMS Hyderabad with an interest in civil cases.

I was placed at Nuli and Nuli Law Firm in Delhi for my internship. The firm primarily handled property disputes and Special Leave Petitions, and writ petitions.

The internship offer was through the university's Placement Committee. My work during the internship included legal research and drafting. Additionally, we were instructed to prepare brief notes on case files. Through this internship, one of the skills I learnt is how to do deep research. Our work was centered around deep research and research mining. There were difficulties, particularly when we were handed multiple case files by different associates, of the same matter, leading us to backtrack to read the files again and again. However through my skills in time management, I was able to get the work done by the deadline.

I would advise the juniors or anyone interested in getting an internship at a law firm to have a strict command of the research work, as to how to do research, and to gain access to research sources like Manupatra, SCC online, Hein online, and other resources available on our e-library. We should train ourselves in using these resources, like searching for a particular case through keywords. Additionally, discipline and punctuality is the most important throughout the internship. Only through determination can we excel in an internship.





**Ankush Kumar**  
**3rd Year, BA.LLB**

I am Ankush Kumar, a third-year law student of NMIMS Hyderabad. I interned at Nuli and Nuli law firms in Delhi in December.

The Nuli and Nuli law firm works mainly in property disputes and family disputes. This opportunity was provided by the Placement Committee. The selection process was based on the CV. During the internship, my work mainly included dealing with Special Leave Petitions along with research work on case files. Being a 3<sup>rd</sup> year law student, we have yet to be taught about property disputes. However, my determination led me to go through the Bare Act to better understand the applicability of law on property disputes, and then I worked on the files. There were no challenges as such that I faced during the internship because the environment was very friendly at the law firm. The deadlines for submission were flexible, allowing me to delve deeper and understand better. If you want to get into a good law firm, your first and foremost priority must be research and publications. CV also plays a major role in the selection process. To stand out during the internship, an intern should focus on what the law firm wants from their side. For instance, some of the law firms mainly focus on the kind of interns who are generally good at criminal law, and hence many perform research in the criminal law field. So you have to choose the law firms according to your specialization and work on it to stand out in the selection process from the crowd.



**Trishitha Reddy**  
**3rd Year BBA.LLB**

I am Trishitha Reddy, a 3rd-year BBA LLB student. I interned at AP Suresh and Associates, where I worked on Family Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). I came to know about this firm through my college placement cell. During my internship, I was assigned various responsibilities, including drafting a letter on the issue of subclassification in Scheduled Castes to the One-Man Commission; attending court sessions at the High Court of Telangana, City Civil Court, Hyderabad, and the Commercial Court; conducting extensive case research, profiling cases, and drafting case briefs; assisting in preparing counter drafts and filing documents under the guidance of senior advocates; and researching topics such as GDPR, the AI EU Act, international data transfers, e-commerce transactions, and international commercial disputes. The tasks mainly revolved around legal research and drafting and did not involve much client interaction. Through this internship, I significantly improved my drafting skills, which I feel will be incredibly useful in my future career. One of the challenges I faced was working on extensive research for a prolonged period, as we were given the same task to work on for an entire week. However, this experience helped me enhance my research skills and taught me the importance of perseverance in legal research. I have interned with DSGI and TN Reddy and Associates previously. The work culture and nature of work were notably different in each firm. At DSGI, the focus was primarily on central government issues, whereas at TN Reddy and Associates, the work revolved around Contract Law and Succession Law. The cases they handled and the tasks assigned to us were quite distinct from what I experienced at AP Suresh and Associates. My main advice would be to focus on building connections and networking as much as possible. Law is a profession where, apart from a good GPA and co-curricular activities, having strong connections can greatly help in securing good internships and opportunities. To stand out, interns should focus on developing strong drafting and research skills, as well as the ability to comprehend and apply laws effectively to the facts of a case. Additionally, aiming for internships at Tier 1 law firms and consistently excelling during those opportunities will help build a solid foundation for your careers.



**Akshaya Macharla**  
**3rd Year BBA.LLB**

I am Akshaya Macharla, a third-year BBA LLB student at NMIMS Hyderabad. I interned at V. Raghunath, Designated Senior Counsel, High Court of Telangana. I secured this internship through my network. I worked on human rights and criminal laws, where my work included aspects like custodial torture, the illegal grabbing of land, property disputes related to the grabbing of SC and ST-assigned lands, land acquisitions, dacoit cases, murder cases, and honor killings. During this internship, my primary work was research on various laws and also to draft a letter to the National Human Rights Commission and State Human Rights Commission in respect to the custodial torture of a minor girl, which was an NDPS (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act) case. Apart from research, I also engaged in various client briefing sessions and attended various trials. Human rights are something few focus on. The advocate whom I worked under is committed to human rights and is very skillful in dealing with various kinds of cases. There are a lot of things that I learned from him, and it was a great experience. My previous internships were in corporate firms, but here I liked the way people treated me, and they were really helpful. Besides Law firms and corporate firms, there are the finest advocates, and I would advise everyone to try reaching out to them and explore all the fields and figure out the specialization you are interested in. During your internship, don't be lazy, work every day and take every opportunity as a challenge, and interact with everyone in the court because everybody has something to say.





**Lasya Gandla**  
**3rd Year BBA.LLB**

I interned at BEIN LEGAL LLP in December, working primarily on intellectual property (IP) cases. My responsibilities included IP registrations, drafting policies, legal research on IP-related cases, and representing the firm at Business Network International (BNI). Additionally, I drafted an article on Contract Law, 1872, which enhanced my legal writing skills. I found this internship through online research, and despite not being a tier-one firm, the structured assignments and guidance made the experience valuable. The biggest challenge I faced was managing workload pressure, as the firm's lawyers were busy with clients, yet they still ensured I received meaningful tasks. Compared to my previous internship at SJ Law Firm, which focused on district court cases and family law under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, this experience was entirely different, offering insights into corporate and IP law. I believe interning at diverse firms is crucial for law students, as gaining experience in multiple legal fields helps in making informed career choices. Top law firms prioritize strong academic performance, so students should focus on maintaining good grades, taking specialized electives, and honing their legal research and writing skills. To stand out, interns should ensure precise legal research, error-free drafting, and well-structured work, as even small mistakes can impact credibility. Using reliable legal databases like Westlaw or LexisNexis, staying proactive, and maintaining professionalism can significantly enhance an intern's learning experience and leaves a lasting impression.



**Meghana Kankara**  
**3rd Year BBA.LLB**

I'm Meghana Kankara, a 3rd year B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) student at NMIMS Hyderabad. I interned at AP Suresh & Associates in December 2024—a firm specializing in litigation, especially in real estate, banking & finance, and corporate legal advisory. I primarily worked on constitutional law, evidence, and family law matters.

I secured the internship through PlaceCom. My main responsibilities included legal research in constitutional law, along with drafting contempt petitions, counter affidavits, and case briefs. I also attended proceedings at the Hon'ble High Court of Telangana and the City Civil Court, Hyderabad, which sparked my interest in IPR and family law.

Initially, I handled tasks like attending court and tracking case statuses. However, once I began research work, the shift was intense—I realized how demanding deep legal research can be, especially when relevant case laws are scarce. At times, it became monotonous, but the dedication of the associates around me motivated me to keep going.

Unlike my earlier internships that were court-focused, this one was office-based from 9:30 am to 8:30 pm. A key takeaway was that speed isn't everything—quality research takes time and precision. I was constantly reminded that caution is a lawyer's best friend.

For juniors, I'd recommend starting with district court internships to build strong legal fundamentals before moving on to bigger firms. Hard work, initiative, and efficiency make you stand out—especially when work isn't handed to you and you seek it out yourself.



**Vikas Sharma**  
**3rd Year BA.LLB**

I interned at Crawford Bayley & Co., one of Mumbai's oldest and most reputed law firms, where I worked on corporate, commercial, and environmental law. My responsibilities included conducting in-depth legal research and drafting on topics like foreign exchange regulations, mediation laws, environmental clearances, and lease extensions. I also attended court proceedings at the Bombay High Court, gaining firsthand insight into litigation strategies and procedural conduct. A significant part of my work involved assisting in corporate due diligence for an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF), which deepened my understanding of regulatory compliance. Securing this internship was possible through a recommendation from my law school's Dean, followed by a CV screening process. One of the biggest challenges I faced was understanding complex legal frameworks like foreign exchange laws and keeping up with fast-paced litigation. I overcame this by dedicating extra time to research, engaging with senior associates, and analyzing case precedents in depth. Compared to my previous internships, this experience was more structured and research-intensive, balancing both corporate and litigation exposure. The firm's work culture emphasized meticulous legal analysis and drafting. For law students aspiring to intern at top firms, strong research skills, networking, and proactiveness are crucial. Firms value interns who take initiative, manage tasks efficiently, and deliver error-free work. Building connections through professors, alumni, and LinkedIn can open doors to opportunities. Gaining diverse legal experience also helps demonstrate adaptability.





**Shikha V.S**  
**3rd Year BBA.LLB**

I am Shikha VS, a 3rd-year BBA LLB (Hons.) student. I worked at AP Suresh and Associates. I worked mainly on constitutional law, criminal law, and other arbitration cases. I got this opportunity through the Placement Committee of our college.

During my internship, I worked on various drafts like affidavits, complaints, and written statements and undertook various research cases concerning reservation subclassification on SC to one-man commission, copyright cases, and several criminal and family law matters.

One of the challenges were the timings that caused inconvenience, as I had long working hours that sometimes used to extend till 8 pm from 9:30 am but other than that, the research was also challenging, in part because the more you do it, the better you get at it and I had to find relevant precedents for the cases, and if I met any dead ends then we would figure out any other aspect to approach and research on the same again. So that was challenging, yet it was satisfying because you get to learn a lot, and to find the relevant case, you'll have to read a lot of cases to check if it aligns with our case at hand. Comparing the work culture with the previous internship, both my internships were positive experiences. I had more associates in this one and they were very supportive and interactive, which made it easier to approach them.

For beginners, I think they should start out with district court to build a foundation for themselves, and then as and how they progress, they need to go as per the field that they are interested in the most. They can either go through resources or through cold mailing.

I think it is the work and communication skills that help an intern stand out during an internship. Primarily, I feel if you work well, then it will show but at certain situations, mere work doesn't give the edge that you deserve for your efforts. According to me, communication along with your work is always a combination that works out well with me personally.



**Preet Juneja**  
**2nd Year BBA.LLB**


I interned under Advocate-on-Record Rakesh Mishra at the Supreme Court of India from 1st December to 30th December 2024. This internship provided a comprehensive introduction to constitutional and procedural law, offering valuable exposure to real-time court proceedings and legal practice at the apex level. Observing the workings of the Supreme Court helped me understand how senior advocates construct and articulate legal arguments before the bench.

My key responsibilities included drafting legal briefs for Special Leave Petitions (SLPs), Contempt Petitions, and Writ Petitions, as well as conducting research on constitutional provisions, landmark judgments, and procedural rules. I also assisted in analyzing case files and preparing case notes for hearings. Attending court proceedings allowed me to closely observe oral advocacy techniques, courtroom decorum, and the judicial decision-making process.

One of the most enriching aspects of the internship was learning how to structure legal arguments and present them effectively in written form. It significantly improved my legal drafting and research skills, particularly in identifying relevant case laws and interpreting judgments. Managing multiple assignments within tight deadlines enhanced my time management and organizational abilities. Compared to previous internships, this experience offered more exposure to litigation at the highest level, combining practical learning with an academic understanding of law. For students aspiring to intern at the Supreme Court, a strong grasp of constitutional law, attention to detail, and the ability to synthesize complex information are essential. Proactive learning, legal curiosity, and effective communication with mentors make a significant difference in maximizing the learning experience.

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I hear it all, from a world so far, So far, that her hands couldn't reach a scar. I heard them all . The cries of Old, Young And all alike. The cries of children, suffering in the dark. The violence of Knives, Bullets and Parcel bombs. I hear it all. I Hear Men and women, of the same class. Fighting everyday. Fighting for rights Fighting for lives Fighting for food Fighting for their loved ones. I hear them all. These days i'll never forget, My thoughts wont let me forget, the things i've heard. And My eyes would never forget, the things they've seen. They saw people dying Getting shot And falling. They saw people Praying to save them Because they knew the authorities couldn't. If they could ? Would this still happen Little did I know they did come They did try But, The rifle shots reached them before our prayer did. I was lost in obscure thoughts, labouring to be concise, Wondering if our lives are worth their sacrifice. Is this our fate? I prayed, Prayed to live, one more night. Prayed for it all to stop. Prayed to go back home Safe and sound.

**POORVAJA VELLA**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR**

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# ***LAW IN POP CULTURE***



**TV SHOW:  
ADOLESCENCE**

**OTT PLATFORM:  
NETFLIX**

Adolescence is a gripping British psychological crime drama miniseries created by Jack Thorne and Stephen Graham and exquisitely directed by Philip Barantini. Spread across four intense episodes, the series follows the chilling case of 13-year-old Jamie Miller, who is arrested for the murder of a girl from his school.

What makes Adolescence truly stand out is not just the central crime, but how the creators choose to explore it. Rather than focusing on the mystery of who committed the crime, the series dives deeper into the question of why. The creator of the show summed it up perfectly in an interview, stating:

***“It’s not a whodunnit, but a why-dunnit.”***

Each episode unpacks the ripple effects of the crime—from the emotional trauma of those involved to the flaws in the legal system with sharp storytelling and technical brilliance. Notably, every episode is shot in a single continuous take, creating a raw, immersive experience that pulls viewers directly into the chaos and emotion of the characters' lives.

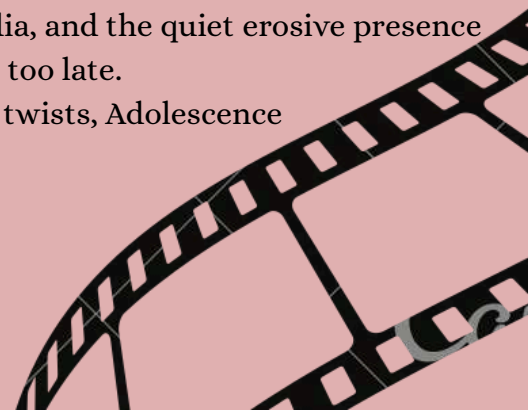
Adding to the authenticity is the casting of Jamie Miller, played by a young actor with no prior training or professional experience. His performance is both haunting and heartbreakingly real, which only amplifies the emotional weight of the narrative.

Adolescence isn’t just a crime story, it’s a reflection of today's society. It bravely tackles the destructive power of bullying, the dark hidden side of social media, and the quiet erosive presence of internalized misogyny, issues that often go unnoticed until it's too late.

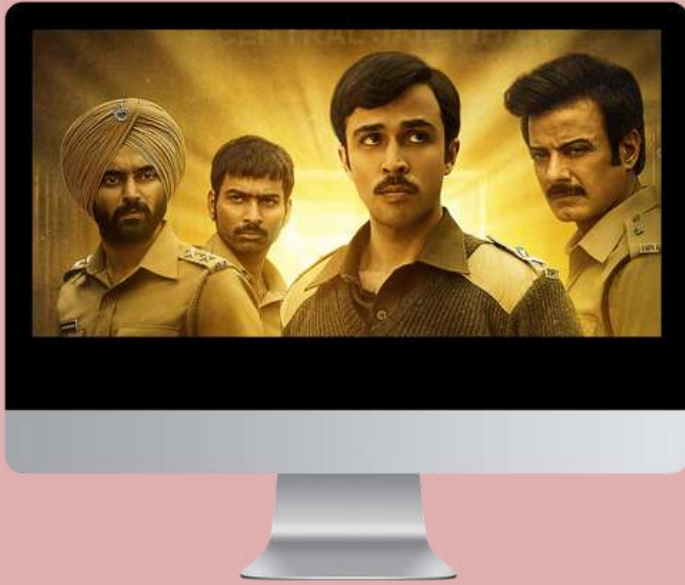
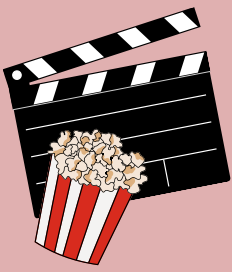
In a world where crime dramas often focus on suspense and plot twists, Adolescence dares to ask deeper questions and leaves a lasting impression.

AASTHA DAS

3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR BA-LLB





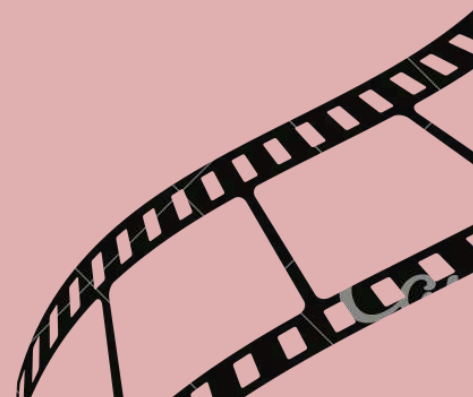


TV SHOW:  
BLACK WARRANT

OTT PLATFORM:  
NETFLIX

Black Warrant (2025) is an Indian crime drama-thriller web series based on the book of the same name by Sunetra Choudhary and Sunil Gupta. Starring Zahan Kapoor in the lead role, the series offers an intense and unfiltered look into the Indian prison system, drawing from Sunil Gupta's 35-year tenure as a jailer at Tihar Prison adding the historical events from the perspective of Sunil Gupta. The series provides a compelling perspective on the realities of prison life, shedding light on the experiences of both inmates and prison officials. It explores the stark contrast between life and death within the confines of the prison, revealing the struggles, corruption, and moral dilemmas faced by those who live and work there. The series features couple of real life famed criminals such as Charles Shobraj and Ranga - Billa and the interaction between the writer with them. The series masterfully captures the grim realities of prison life, portraying the complexities of justice and power within Tihar's walls. The direction ensures a tense and immersive experience, keeping viewers engaged with its gripping narrative and thought-provoking themes. The series delves into the idea of an "afterlife"—not in a spiritual sense, but as the isolated existence of convicted individuals who are separated from society. It exposes the grim realities of incarceration, the abuse of power, and the complex moral choices faced by both inmates and prison officials.

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## GUARDING WITH GRACE: A CHAT WITH MR. VENKATESH GOUD, ASO

INTERVIEWED BY: SHANMUK RAMADUGU  
TRANSLATED BY: PRASANNA

Behind the smooth functioning of our campus lies the quiet vigilance of many, and one of the most dedicated among them is Mr. Venkatesh Goud, our Administrative Security Officer (ASO). With calm authority and an eye for detail, he ensures that students, faculty, and staff can go about their day in a safe and secure environment.

### Why NMIMS?

After years of working 12-hour shifts elsewhere, Mr. Goud found a much-needed balance at NMIMS. “Here, we work 8-hour shifts in three rotations. It’s more manageable and allows for a better work-life balance,” he shares.

### A message to students and faculty

“Security isn’t about being strict for no reason. We’re here to protect,” Mr. Goud emphasizes. He urges students to cooperate, especially with protocols like the outpass system. “When students return late or argue, they forget our only aim is their safety.”

### What does the job entail?

From overseeing housekeeping to managing student and faculty movements, and maintaining a close watch during events, his responsibilities demand constant coordination and attentiveness. “It’s more than just security,” he explains. “It’s about creating a safe space where everyone can thrive.”

### Beyond the uniform

Off-duty, Mr. Goud is a sports enthusiast. Whether it’s cricket, volleyball, or chess,

he believes staying active sharpens both body and mind. “Sports help me stay alert, healthy, and focused,” he smiles. In Mr. Goud, we see a professional who combines discipline with empathy. The next time you pass by the security desk, perhaps take a moment to greet the people who help keep our campus safe—because their dedication often goes unnoticed, but it’s never unfelt.



## GUARDING THE QUIET CORNERS: A CONVERSATION WITH MS. VANAJA, LIBRARY SECURITY

INTERVIEWED BY: SHANMUK RAMADUGU, AIJAZ MIRZA  
TRANSLATED BY: PRASANNA

In the quiet hum of the NMIMS library, where ideas flow and students dive deep into books, stands a figure who ensures not just silence, but safety. Meet Ms. Vanaja, the dedicated security officer who's been quietly safeguarding one of the most peaceful corners of our campus for the past year.

### Words of Wisdom

When asked if she had any advice for students, her response was heartfelt: "Be a good human being. Make friends. Work hard for a good career. And treat everyone with kindness—that's what really stays with you."

### On Work and Challenges

She confirms that the security team works in rotating shifts—8 hours long, with occasional 12-hour night duties. Despite the challenges, she shares that the college is very well-managed. "If there's ever an issue, our supervisors step in and resolve it quickly," she adds.

### Respect Goes a Long Way

What truly stands out for Ms. Vanaja is the way students treat her. "They're always respectful and friendly. Because of that, I feel motivated to come to work every day," she smiles.

It's easy to overlook those who watch over us from the sidelines. But in Ms. Vanaja's steady presence lies a quiet assurance that someone's always looking out for us—even among the stacks of books.





# NM HIDDEN CLAUSES



## DRIVING WITH PURPOSE: MEET MR. SANTHOSH, OUR EV DRIVER

INTERVIEWED BY: SHANMUK RAMADUGU, AIJAZ MIRZA  
TRANSLATED BY: PRASANNA

If you've ever hopped on the electric shuttle from the hostel or spotted the college ambulance speeding off in an emergency, chances are, Mr. Santhosh was behind the wheel. With a calm demeanor and a strong sense of responsibility, he's been an integral part of our campus for the past two years.

### From Security to the Driver's Seat

Before joining NMIMS, Mr. Santhosh worked as a security officer at Aurobindo Pharma. "The pay wasn't great, and I felt like I wasn't using my full potential," he reflects. The shift to NMIMS gave him more than just better prospects—it gave him purpose.

### On the Move—Always

Today, Mr. Santhosh ferries students from hostels to college and back, ensuring everyone reaches safely and on time. He also takes charge of the ambulance during emergencies—a role that demands not just skill, but composure under pressure. "It's a job that keeps me moving and feels important," he says with quiet pride.

### The Challenges That Come With It

Being a part of a small team has its difficulties. "If another driver is on leave, things pile up fast. Coordinating all the drops and pickups alone can be very time-consuming and stressful," he shares.

### Fuelled by Passion

Off duty, Mr. Santhosh is all about sports. Whether it's cricket, volleyball, or any game that gets his heart racing, he's in. "It's my way of staying active and connected with my friends," he says. Through all the routes and responsibilities, Mr. Santhosh keeps our campus moving—quite literally. With every ride, he brings not just students, but also dedication, discipline, and drive.



# NM HIDDEN CLAUSES



## FOLDED WITH CARE: MR. SHYAMAL KUMAR YADAV, LAUNDRY IN-CHARGE

INTERVIEWED BY: SHANMUK RAMADUGU, AIJAZ MIRZA  
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Behind every neatly pressed uniform and freshly laundered outfit on campus, there's a familiar, steady presence — Mr. Shyamal Kumar Yadav. For the past five years, he's been the backbone of the laundry department at NMIMS, ensuring students and faculty alike start their days with clean clothes and peace of mind.

### A Day in the Life

Mr. Yadav's day begins early. "I open the laundry at 8 AM, and we work continuously till 7 PM," he shares. The routine is long but familiar, and over the years, he's adapted to the rhythm with quiet dedication.

### A Cordial Connection

When asked about his rapport with students, he lights up. "The students here are genuinely respectful and understanding. They treat us well, and that makes a huge difference," he says. It's these small gestures of kindness that turn daily labor into fulfilling work.

### Dreams in the Making

Though he's content with his role, Mr. Yadav has his eyes set on something more—his own laundry business. "It's a dream I've been thinking about seriously. I'm gaining experience and confidence every day," he says, his voice laced with hope.

### A Life of Learning

With no formal training, Mr. Yadav learned the craft the old-fashioned way —by working alongside his brother. "It runs in the family," he says proudly. Before NMIMS, he worked at a college in Bangalore, which gave him a head start in this line of work.



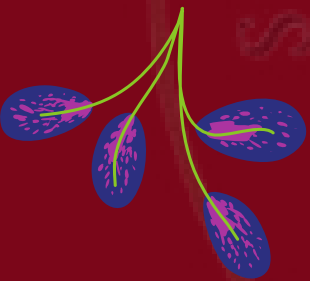


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