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LETTER FROM SNL'S TEAM



Dear Reader,

Team SNL is delighted to finally welcome all students back on campus for offline education. It has been a long and grueling couple of years for us, being away from campus. But now we're back and finding our way to restart life here in the most conventionally DSNLU-way possible. We believe being back on campus will provide every student the extra support they need to achieve their goals and fulfill their university dreams. We hope everyone finds this to be true as well.

SNL is very excited for the year ahead. We are going to work in-person with each other for the first time, that too after a successful inaugural year. For this we expect we'll have to change our style of work from habits originally customized to suit online mode into practices more familiar to the offline setting. These few weeks back have made us realize however that work seems to get done a lot quicker (at least for us) offline. We hope to share ours many other such stories of restarting life with you over the coming semester.

In keeping with that promise, we bring to you this Fifth Edition of SNL, DSNLU; filled with stories of people who decided to restart. Some careers, some relationships, some goals and some routines; all in order to take one step closer to achieving what they set out to achieve. We hope these stories inspire you the way they have inspired us and we hope you stick around for all the amazing things we have in store for you.

Keep reading, keep sharing, keep discussing and keep writing. Your words are what give us purpose and motivate us to keep doing what we do. So, here is to another year of celebrating you!

Regards, SNL Committee

Great Expectations

- PUSH YOUR COMFORT ZONE

Mr. Kumar Nikhil is a LLM Student (batch of 2021) from DSNLU. At 38, married, with kids and having 13 years of experience working with MNCs, Nikhil has hit restart by deciding to resign from his position as Senior Associate at Mercer, a global consultancy firm and trod an uncharted territory that has been always close to his heart i.e., to give back to his community he was brought up in.

Q) Would you please state your name and your batch?

My name is Kumar Nikhil, I'm from the LLM batch of 2021.

Q) Where did you start your education? From High School all the way till here, would you trace that journey for us please?

It's a pretty long journey! I did my schooling from Bodh Gaya, Bihar. You would know that place. It's a place where Lord Buddha got his enlightenment, after all. I did my 10th and 12th from Bodh Gaya in CBSE board. After that, I did my BBA from IMS. Next, I went to Pune to do my MBA in 2007, post which I went to Mumbai. I worked in Mumbai for around 6 years from 2007–2012.

My company was Thomas International and that time we used to do assessments in Assessment Development Centres. We would assess people on different competencies in various companies for multiple roles across sectors and those assessments were used for different business processes. To summarise, my work experience is of 13+ years beyond my post graduate in management. During the span of my professional management career, I have worked in 2 MNCs apart from other companies. Most recently before coming to this college I was with a firm called Mercer. Mercer is the number 1 Global Consulting firm in Human Capital Consulting. I was a senior associate there.



Mr. Kumar Nikhil

LLM BATCH INTERVIEW:

So yes, 13 years, 4 companies, 2 MNCs. Not sure whether that is a good or bad thing! After all, some people say that being in 1 company for 20 years is good, some say that it all depends on the kind of learning you get and in case you are not getting what you want there is no harm in searching for it elsewhere.

Q) Along the lines of experience, I wanted to ask you how you think your experience is helping you have an edge over your fellow LLM students? Or do you think it's more difficult to start from scratch after that break?

No, it is not. The question is very good. What I find is that 13 years of my field experience or my experience in serving my clients, all those big companies, understanding their problems, trying to solve their problems by providing them solutions; this is what law does at the end of the day. It is a solution-based approach you follow in law. The approach may be different but the end objective is the same. Your client has a certain problem and you as a professional are there to solve the problem of the client. I have been doing that for more than a decade now. So, in terms of communication, client relationship management, and conflict resolution there is lot of pressure on you to fulfil your commitments because you manage so many stakeholders and work under strict deadlines.

In terms of fulfilling your targets, doing what you are supposed to do, deliverables and all that; I have been trained in that for many years, now. When I came here, somewhere I find those competencies giving me an edge over my fellow colleagues, friends or batch-mates naturally since most of them are new to this. They don't have any kind of field experience, corporate experience or client experience. So that helped me in interacting with my faculties, understanding what they are saying, connecting with them at a different level altogether. Not just looking at things from a literal or theoretical perspective but looking at things from a holistic perspective.

So that is what helped me a lot; my experience.

Q) How did you, in all this, find yourself leaning towards law? More specifically, what field of law and what course are you looking at?

I have wanted to study law for a long time, and the reason was purely academic, just as it is today. By academic I don't mean I want to go into academics. I don't want to be a teacher. I just like the concept of law, the theory behind law and the kind of corpus it serves. More specifically, Constitutional Law. Despite having

II3+ years of experience in corporate, I have chosen constitutional law here, only because of my interest and no other thing. I come from Bihar, and it isn't the most developed place in the country. There is a lot of poverty and struggle that people have to deal with. So, I have always felt that some way, I should try and use what I have gained to give back to the people I grew up around. So yes, whatever I have done coming here, I have done following my heart.

Q) That is a very noble thing of you to think of and try to achieve. But it must have been difficult, shifting tracks so drastically, even if this is what you wanted to do? How did your colleagues and your family take it?

Initially it was a little bit of a struggle for me because I was doing great in my job. I have my clients who are MNCs in India, large PSUs, Maharatnas and Navaratnas along with Indian conglomerates. When you work with them for a longer period of time you develop a relationship with them. When my family and my employer came to know that I was trying to make this switch they tried to convince me that maybe this is not the right thing for you to do.

My wife was very supportive. She is pursuing a doctorate herself at the moment. Once I was clear I had convinced her and the rest of my family, they supported me. Because you know, a major obligation after you get married comes in the form of economical and financial obligation which I took care of. I got married in 2009 and in 11 years The finances of the family were taken care of. That is why I had the opportunity to take this "break" and do what I wanted to do. That is why I had appeared for CLAT in 2021 and cleared it

But yes, people give you their opinion in terms of what it is that you have to do, what you should not do, what is affordable, why you are making such a 360° career change? If you want to study, go for higher studies in business management only and give GMAT or GRE. Take a break if you must! So much advice I got. All of them had their own logic, their own ideas and all that, but somehow my heart was convinced that whatever I am trying to do is right for me and if I don't do it now, I won't be able to do it at all. Maybe, listening to all that advice may have been good for the people in my life, but not for me. Once you are convinced with yourself, you can convince others however you want. It was a lot easier after that.

Q) Going forward if anyone approaches you with an idea of restarting, what suggestions would you have for them?

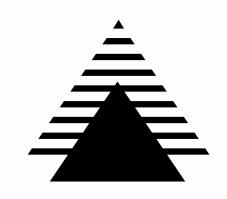
My suggestion would be don't listen to too many people. You talk to people i.e., your parents, your colleagues, your friends, relatives, clients, customers; whoever you want to talk to. But at the end of the day if you yourself are not satisfied, nothing will make you happy in life. You can restart at any point of time. And you should do that if it's what you really want. Some people say that there is a 3-D metric of affordability; viability, feasibility and those kinds of things. "You should do only what you can afford doing", they say. You will have to see the time i.e., at what age are you entering into is viable or not.

But honestly, 5-10 years down the line, the kind of experiences you have acquired or whatever you are doing, all these things matter very little if there is something bothering you beyond that. You should not waste your time in restarting your life.

Q) Lastly, what is one piece of advice you would like to give yourself ten years ago if possible? Something that you follow now that you should have started a lot earlier?

Hmmm... It would be going to any extent to fulfil your commitment. One thing which had helped me, (you can look at my LinkedIn profile where you will find all those positive comments of my clients too!), one thing which is common to all that feedback is that I have always fulfilled what I have committed.

From being awake all night, preparing reports for my clients and giving them those reports because we had committed to giving them those reports or completing my targets for my employer. I have always tried to go to any extent ethically within those systems and structures to fulfil my commitment and this is a commitment which I am fulfilling for myself. So, commitment and integrity are very important. If you are a friend, husband, wife, father, son, customer, whatever; integrity and commitment are the two most important things I would say to do good in your profession and personal life.



arcrew to CADEMICIAN

- A JOURNEY TO REMEMBER

Mr. Jogi Naidu is currently a professor of law at Damodaram Sanjivyya National Law University, Visakhapatnam. In this particular interview, he shares with us, his professional experience as a member of Air India's cabin crew for a period, spanning over more than a decade and how he changed his tracks from the aviation industry due to the hard-hit recession of 2008 and joined the field of academia.



Mr.Jogi Naidu



Q) Educational Qualifications

-I completed my B. Sc. (Physics, Chemistry) from Andhra University. And later completed my Masters' Degree in Human Resource Management from Andhra University. Later on, I secured a job in Air India as cabin crew. I had a dream to become a pilot but unfortunately couldn't fulfil the dream mainly due to the financial reasons even after completing all the academics and papers.

Due to the hard-hitting recession back in 2008, I had to quit Aviation Industry and thus I entered into a new stream and pursued LLB from Delhi University in 2010-13, followed by LLM from Kurukshetra University in 2013-15.

I wanted to do judiciary but missed it by a whisker thrice after clearing prelims, and thus joined DSNLU in 2016. That's the story from Aviation Industry to Academician

Q) Did you always want to become a pilot?

-No, but when I became cabin crew member, I thought that being a cabin crew member for long isn't viable and didn't appear to be a proper utilization of the potential I possessed and thus I decided on becoming a pilot. And it was not an impediment since I had already studied maths and physics in high school.

Q) How many years did you work in cabin crew? For more than 11 and half years, I worked in cabin crew. I was working in cabin crew while I was pursuing LLB from Delhi University. In

order to make up for the extra academic fees, I also had to give tuition to students.

It was there that I learnt the idea of studying and earning simultaneously.

Q) After cabin crew, why did you choose law particularly?

I had masters in Human Resources. It deals with industrial relations and law made a good combination with it. Initially it was only about learning the law, but passing out of Delhi University itself is tough. I cleared all papers and thus was inspired to do something good in law.

Q) Advise to people in this situation?

Don't always take blind risks. Be calculative. Once you have taken action, stick to the consequences of it. Don't let the world decide anything for you. It's your life. I was always advised about something or the other, but I have taken decisions according to my life and my conviction. It has always been a struggle choosing academics after having a flourishing career in aviation. As per my professional choices, I am duty-bound to take lectures in the morning, regardless of my tiresome state. However, in the end, I always decide to follow through with my choices.

Q) How did you manage working and studying?

When I was in cabin crew, we used to stay in 5star hotels. Instead of enjoying, I used to ask for specific lights in the room to study since lights in the hotel room are mainly for leisure purposes. Amongst all distractions, I managed to study because I had that clarity in my head.

Q) You wanted to become a pilot but due to financial reasons you couldn't, so you could have continued in cabin crew?

Yeah, I could have, there was nothing wrong with the job.

Becoming a pilot was a game of 50 lakhs which I couldn't afford at that moment. So, instead, I decided to pursue law which was within my

Q) If you compare both careers which path was more challenging?

- Everything in its own sphere is difficult. Being in the aviation industry (whether it's being a member of the cabin crew or piloting) is not an easy job. However, once you engross yourself into it, nothing is difficult. I enjoyed working so it never felt difficult. On one particular instance

I had met with an accident but was back in class after taking 10 days off. I received a standing ovation from my students for my dedication and work ethic.

Q) How were your initial days after you entered the field of law? More specifically, after you completed your LLM and after joining DSNLU?

It was challenging since the expectations of NLU Students are really high. I regretted leaving Air India but it was a conscious decision in order to do something good so I did.

Q) Out of all the options in law, what inspired you to become a teacher?

I wanted to inspire people and become a coach. If you look in the case of a law teacher, you need to give examples and illustrations and my life lessons suit the job better. The students can think out of the box. I thought of becoming a judge and even wanted to try advocacy, but my family needed me. My children are young and I need to do justice to their needs. My children need my time and attention. This is the reason I am sticking to this particular job.

Q) How did this transition change you as a

-I guess not much, I give my best in whatever I do. I get into the skin of the character. Perhaps, I'm good at acting (Laughs).

Q) What is the one thing which you like about your current job?

You get to study whatever you fancy and speak about it. You can always ignite the minds of the people and I enjoy it a lot. You wouldn't even notice how many people you get to inspire. When I meet my old students, they tell me something which I might have said in the class which impacted/ignited them and now they are pursuing this.

Q) What are the life lessons you learnt through your journey?

It's one life, you are the king/queen of your life, and nobody can dictate it for you. You decide what you want and give your best. Always be content. And once you decide, don't look back. See the silver lining in whatever you do, whatever challenges come your way and start enjoying it.

Q) Do you have any role model?

I think it's my father. He didn't study much but was always a content person. I see a smile on his face, no matter what the situation is.

Also, Sachin Tendulkar, a person who I admired my entire life. I feel he could have done so much in his life but he was always a content person

On or off the field his character is always the same. He is such a grounded person. So this inspires me a lot and I think on or off the job one should maintain one's character regardless of what people might think.

Live your life to the fullest. Your life has to be a lesson to others, they should look up to you. And have no regrets.







ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

-Post-Lockdown Life Battles

Kaivalya Ilapakurthy completed her B.A. LLB from DSNLU in 2021 during lockdown. She is currently living in Overland Park, Kansas with her husband. She is not practicing law as of now and currently applying for an MBA degree overseas. Kaivalya has restarted her life after she was diagnosed with PTSD post-lockdown and is learning how to live her life with a completely different perspective.

COPING MECHANISM

When Covid-19 lockdown first began, I was happy to be away from people. I got to spend some quality time with myself and assess my needs. I knew I needed to heal myself and build a support system. Every person has his/her own coping mechanism. It takes every ounce of my courage to admit this- I was diagnosed with PTSD and I was clinically insomniac and people around me were not of much help. I constantly felt that I was being judged. It took me two years and a pandemic to put things into perspective. I needed a purpose in life so I brought home an adorable dog. It's still surprising to me how dogs can understand us so well and love us so much. I needed friends, those who understood me, and I needed love. I now have my husband who loves and supports me unconditionally and people who I can call friends, who have been there with me on bad days and good ones. This is my support system.

I also started paying more attention to my own self: spending more time to relax, meditate and loosen up. I ate healthy, built a routine and got fit.

I still have some bad days, but now I have help. My wellbeing is my biggest priority and I choose not to listen to people who give out free advice- for instance, once, this lady asked me about my insomnia and how it works and when I finished telling her, she said to me "Just sleep, no?" Now, now, who'd choose not to sleep for over four days?

ADVICE TO THE READERS

Taking a break from academics is normal if it is taking a toll on you in any way. Being kind to yourself is not being lazy. If you're talking to someone about what's going on with you, it doesn't mean you're complaining, it only means that whoever told you 'you're complaining' is not the right person, let alone be a good friend. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. Tap into your inner self. In the end, you are the only person who knows what you're going through. You and only you know how to heal yourself. If you feel like you don't know, then just pay close attention.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Finally, let me ask the readers this- What does success mean to you? For me, I now understand that success means leading a healthy and happy life. It does not always have to be career. I don't know what I am going to do for a career, I might start a business tomorrow, or become a dog groomer or a barista. Whatever I do, I know I will be happy because I'd be doing what I want and I'd be doing it with all my heart and all my might.

POV: MENTAL HEALTH IN LAW SCHOOL

Anonymous one-line stories: While one says, "Stressed from boards and entrance exams at the beginning of the COVID-19 lockdown. And still stressing and depressed like everyone else nothing new is happening, no interaction with people, the same routine of stressful classes and projects.

The other says, "I like to study, but online classes are definitely not something I would like to choose for that." And finally the third says, "travel, eat and sleep."

Valluri Viswanadham's budding NLU experience – 1st year

After being exposed to NLU life after 12th exams, life hasn't been the same, it's been a roller-coaster ride. Completely new terms like projects, committees, internships, etc. In the beginning, I was excited about that part but later succumbing to pressures and online classes, projects and assignments I felt that my personal life ambit was lost forever, starting while doing projects I never slept at night because of pressure to perform well and be at top. I was rejected in top committees and centers interviews it added an pressure to me that I'm not fit for this NLU life, and one point in time I decided to quit this NLU, but all my hard work for preparation of CLAT and my family's support made me rethink, I tried to take everything in a positive way whether I achieved anything or not in my academics or anything and I thought that a university in which I am studying with great facilities and infrastructure there must also to me come great responsibility and will to perform in my academics and in college life. So I decided to study the whole 5 years from now taking everything from university life whether it's positive or negative and try to build an experience which will help for my progression.

Deepasree's desperate wait to see DSNLU!

For a law student it would be really hard to study through online classes without using any hard copies of University library. For me, I desperately wanted to come to the university but this Corona didn't let me to come. It is really hard to imagine how the university will be for these long days.

Can't wait anymore to see University. Hope this Corona and all its waves will end very soon.

Much needed motivation in this pandemic by Swetha -1st year

From the beginning of this pandemic, all of us had gone through some struggles, but not to the same degree, some of us had lost loved ones, while others gasped for oxygen. However, all of us have fought, some are fighting and shall fight with anxiety, doubtfulness and depression, bravely. So my story is no exception, I've seen some of the highest ups and lowest downs. In all of this, it is easy to give up, to let go, to feel worthless and to feel defeated, to feel scared of trying new things, self-esteem and confidence drops to an all-time low.

Loneliness becomes your best friend and positivism has already left your mind, but amidst this, there is something called hope, it has the power to enter into even the darkest rooms, all you need to do is to let that light fill with faith. There is a difference between being alone and loneliness. It is ok to be alone and lost with the world, but loneliness will make you disconnected with yourself.

So whenever you feel lonely, depressed, tell yourself that no matter what happens I will not give up on my dreams, my relationships, and most importantly on my own self. I'm here for a reason, and I mean it. Remember stars can't shine without darkness. And one thing I've always told to myself whenever i compare myself with others, there is no comparison between sun and moon, they both shine when it is their time.

On an endnote, to conclude the most beautiful things in life happen, the moment you start to believe in yourself, no matter even if it is in the darkest of your times, you've gone through all these days with perseverance and I'm proud of you for you didn't give up and chose to fight. You are no less than anyone, you are a born fighter and you always fight to win. This pandemic has changed the definition of success for many people, so define what sets your heart on fire and work on it with all your passion.

Chandra's Minute Reminiscent to Get Your Daily Dose of Vitamin D and Keep a Good Posture - 4th year

For many of us, lockdown meant staying at home, taking online classes, writing papers, eating, and sleeping. I'd like to use this opportunity to remind you all to get out in the sun and get some exercise as well as your daily dosage of Vitamin D. According to studies, for every inch that the head is held forward in poor posture, an additional 10 pounds of weight is felt on the cervical spine, causing severe pain, stiffness, that radiates into the shoulders and arms (Kapandji IA, 2007), and not having vitamin D to strengthen your bones will only make it worse.

Our age is confronted with major medical disorders such as Cervical Spondylitis, Lordosis, and Spondylitis, which some of our forefathers encountered in their 50s. Simply put, a lack of vitamin D and poor posture causes an abnormal curve in the spine, making daily movements such as gripping a pen or sitting upright without feeling dizzy difficult.

So, my dear friends, have a good posture when attending classes or working on your computers, and go for a stroll in the sun (physical exercise combined with a balanced diet can also help us shed the pandemic weight as well!!) if you despise being tanned, take a supplement and avoid sitting in a cervical collar.

OPINION COLUMN

A. The Supreme Court ordered that Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code which criminalizes the offence of sedition be kept in abeyance till the government's exercise of reviewing the law is complete. Opinion

Opinion by Dishant Tiwari (21LLM013)

Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code talks about the law on sedition in India. It is defined as "Whoever by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation, or otherwise, brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards the Government established by law shall be punished with [imprisonment for life], to which fine may be added, or with imprisonment which may extend to three years, to which fine may be added, or with fine."

The law has long been a point of contention for its intersection, and more importantly contradiction, with the fundamental right to freedom of speech under Article 19. The Centre has allegedly used the law as a tool to curb dissent on numerous occasions, which has led to calls for repealing this British-era law.

In a historic judgement on 11th May 2022, in the case of SG Vombatkere v Union of India, the Apex Court passed an Order stating that the sedition law should be kept in abeyance till the Union Government reconsiders it.

There is an urgent need to re-evaluate the law on sedition. It has been questioned on various grounds, including that the law is vague and ambiguous, arbitrary, it treats unequals equally and it imposes an unreasonable restriction on the freedom of speech and expression. One of the pillars of democracy is perpetually threatened by the continuation of Section 124A.

Journalists, comedians, politicians have the constant looming fear of being arrested for Sedition. This keeps them from acting as effective watchdogs of the Government, and promotes an environment of unaccountability and unabashed curb of fundamental rights. Recent cases stand testimony to the intentions of the Government. The law must be given serious reconsideration, in order to prevent the blatant violation of human and fundamental rights. This is important for India's ranking in the World Press Freedom Index, in which India has fallen to 150 out of 180 countries.

The decision to keep the law in abeyance has been questioned by critics stating that the Court can only declare laws as unconstitutional and not temporarily suspend them. However, the author believes that if there is a visible necessity, the Apex Court must step in. Thus, the author believes that in the interest of justice, the Supreme Court can exercise its jurisdiction under Article 142, to pass any Order as it deems necessary.

Sex work upheld lawful profession by Supreme to uphold dignity of sex workers.

Opinion by Dishant Tiwari (21LLM013)

On 19th May 2022, the Apex Court of India passed judgement of Budhadev Kamaskar v State of West Bengal and Ors., [Criminal Appeal No(s).135/2010] upholding sex work as a profession. Relying upon the its previous judgements[1], the Court extended the scope of Right to Life to sex workers and their children. The judgement was passed as a result of a Panel constituted for providing suggestions to prohibit sex trafficking, rehabilitation, and dignified conditions for sex workers as per Article 21 of the Indian Constitution.

The Apex Court, recognizing a gap in legislation, exercised its powers under Article 142 of the Constitution, in order to issue directions until a legislation is passed. Amongst the catena of directions issued, the most notable one is that if a sex worker is found to be an adult and participating in the act with consent, the police must abstain from taking criminal action. A sex worker who is a victim of sexual assault, must be given the same treatment and facilities which are available to a survivor of sexual assault.

The author welcomes this judgement, recognizing the prevalence of sex work in the country. While it is evident that sex work involves unsafe conditions, its criminalization only further alienates sex workers. On the other hand, recognizing sex work as a profession will go a long way in the formulation of a policy and code of conduct.

The dehumanization of sex workers has led to them being robbed off their basic rights. The Indian Constitution envisions equality in all forms, and such dehumanization is a blatant disregard to that

[1] Francis Coralie Mullin v. Administrator, Union Territory of Delhi

B. The United States Supreme Court overturned its 50-year-old Roe vs. Wade ruling. The 1973 decision had provided a constitutional right to abortion and this ruling is expected to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states in the USA. Opinion Opinion of Ayushman Somani (19LLB005)

The United States of America is an anomaly by all meanings of the word. It is a unique manifestation of Modern Democracy. Of the many aspects of its manifestation, one has been brought to the limelight recently because of the overturning of Roe v. Wade [410 U.S. 113 (1973)].

The USA practices absolute federalism, with an unprecedented degree of autonomy entrusted to its states and state-bodies. It is not uncommon to observe State Supreme Courts handling a greater number of cases than Federal Courts. A great number of laws are left to the States to individually decide upon. Appeals are taken to the Federal Supreme Court. In certain exceptional circumstances, the Federal Court passes orders that compel State Law-Makers to follow suit.



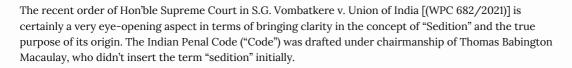
Roe v. Wade was one such instance, where a constitutional right to abortion was guaranteed. The State of Mississippi passed a law that was struck down by a lower court in May 2018. Although the law was plainly unconstitutional under Roe v. Wade, Mississippi lawmakers passed the measure in the hope that a legal challenge would make its way to the Federal Court, where a conservative majority of justices would overturn it. The Bench, consisting of 5 judges elected to seat by a Republican Senate and the remaining 4 by a Democratic one, ruled 5-4 in favour of overturning Roe v. Wade. The power to decide upon abortion rights now falls to the States.

Roughly half the States are led by Republican Senators, who have very strong conservative agendas that often pander to certain religious and non-progressive communities. With the repealing of the Roe v. Wade, States controlled by Republican Representatives are more than likely to ensure that the medical procedure of getting an abortion is deemed illegal, even criminalized. A very pressing example of this is the S.B. 8 law passed by the State of Texas, which empowers not just the State but any citizen to move the court against an individual trying to get an abortion after the detection of a "foetal heartbeat". 11 States immediately banned abortions after the overturning, with an estimated 12 more to follow suit.

The Federalist Nature of the US is partly responsible for this situation. When a country is as divided on policy and laws as the US is, an institution is required to ensure certain rights are never taken from the most vulnerable. The statutory limitations of SCOTUS have allowed for this tragedy to transpire.

Sedition- An Unwanted Political Weapon?

Opinion of K. Sri Hamsa, (18LLB041)





It was the bare elements initially included such as, "excite feelings of disaffection" through writings or speech against government in the Territory of East India Company shall be imprisoned for a period of three years or banishment for life. Now, this has taken form as Section 124A from amendment made to the Code in the year of 1870, where the original concept has been covered under section 113.

I would like to observe the statement of Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, during the introduction of First Constitutional Amendment Bill in the year of 1951, who, when questioned regarding the removal of Section 124A had stated that "So far as I am concerned, that particular section is highly objectionable and obnoxious. It should be given no place in our Constitution for reasons both practical and historical. The sooner we get rid of it, the better. We might deal with the subject of this section in other ways, in more limited ways, as every other country does, but that particular Section as it is should have no place, because all of us have had enough experience of it in a variety of ways."

It is the misfortune of the country that a mass political weapon in the form of Section 124A is being used to oppress the voice of the nation. I strongly believe that in a given hypothetical situation, if we bring the British India viceroy today into the Central Hall of Parliament to show him the portraits of Mahatma Gandhi, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Vinayak Damodar Savarkar and Jawaharlal Nehru, he would certainly think that the government of British India had rightly jailed them for good.

Under the words of Mahatma Gandhi, "Affection cannot be manufactured or regulated by law. If one has no affection for a person or system, one should be free to give the fullest expression to his disaffection, so long as he does not contemplate, promote, or incite to violence." Therefore, A review of S. 124A is never too late for a greater cause.

WHAT'S HAPPENING N Long

BEYOND THE 10PM WORLD

Long-awaited Changes to the Library and Girls' hostel curfew timings.

The growth of DSNLU, like any other premiere National Law University in the country, relies on the nature of productivity and intellectual aspirations of its students. It is common knowledge that a round-the-clock functioning university, where students are not curbed in their academic and leisure activities, ends up creating more fruitful outcomes. While the students are equipped with infrastructural facilities, they find themselves with scarcely any time to comfortably utilize most of it. Especially the female student population of the University. There existed a separate curfew timing for the girls' hostel university until very recently. It was 10pm (sharp) for entry, upon which the main gate and two other gates of the premises were locked shut. The grievances stood compounded when observed with other administrative issues in the girls' hostel. Students had to regularly have their bags checked at entry and exit, with some students being called upon for checks at unjustifiable hours. All these incidents stood as grave instances of violation of the privacy of individuals to a very sad degree. Several other pressing issues remain unaddressed as of yet. The issuance of out-passes is one of many such. The students, who are all adults and solely responsible for their own actions, have to procure the permission of their parents for leaving campus. This measure, as childish as it seems, claims safety and security to be the rationale for its existence. What it instead has been viewed as historically is condescending and belittling towards the female students.

While these issues deserve the attention they have received, there exist several inadequacies in the infrastructural set-up of the girl's hostel as well. Triple-sharing in rooms very obviously designed and constructed to house not more than two (2) students, intermittent unavailability of drinking water, and the prohibition of using essential appliances such as electric kettles and iron boxes are but the tip of the iceberg. A more campus-wide issue that has also come to light is the unavailability of medical facilities, including stocking up of expired medicines and the absence of an attendee to care for an ill student at all times on campus. Little has changed.

A sitting protest was organized by the students of the university on 21 July 2022, where the female students refused to enter the hostel at 10pm, as was required. A remarkable moment for a lot of the student community, where people who had scarcely talked to each other before came together to struggle for their educational rights and basic courtesies, as promised to them by the university. Subsequently, a representation was made to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor by students on 22 July 2022, to bring these matters to the notice of the administration again. The students sought for extension of curfew timings within the campus and the subsequent extension of library timings. Examples of other NLUs with which this university is to keep pace with were also cited.

This incident is a symbolically accurate representation of the true spirit of the student community of the university. "Our seniors, as well as us, had approached the administration several times regarding these issues, but I believe that this protest was a striking point that made the authorities acknowledge its gravity. We believe that this measure has positively affected the morale of the university and will continue to do so," said a student member. As of now, the main-gate timings have been shifted to 9pm on weekdays and 9:30pm on holidays, and the library timings to 12 am, which has made the university accessible to all students during those hours. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has agreed to sit with the Executive Council to discuss the current administrative changes, evaluate their potency, and whether to make a permanent amendment. Something has finally changed.



Opinions of Students

"For students like me, who actively play different sports, the changed library timings are very useful because it helps me go about on my routine before dinner and then go back to the library to work on academics."

-Anonymous

"The changed library timings are effective for students not used to study during the daytime. People generally get tired after regular and extra classes. After evening refreshments and dinner, I don't find the point in coming back to the library for an hour or so. So, it has been very helpful for spending my evenings productively."

-Anonymous

"Even though we have proficient e-library, the triplesharing room situation in the girls' hostel is not a conducible environment to concentrate on my academic routine. quietness in the library and the availability of hard copies of reference books help in increased productivity general."

-Anonymous

"I feel that the extended library timings and other changes are only the bare minima. I feel that the university has a long way to go to make the timings and other activities inclusive and gender-neutral. However, this should be seen as a fruitful measure, at the least."

-Anonymous

"People who are entrusted with different committee works and who are participating in debating, moot, mocktrial, ADR and other competitions find the extended library timings extremely useful, to get together and prepare for it. But I also fear that this might be a temporary pacification measure of the administration and it could go back to what it was before. It would be a really big loss if that happens."

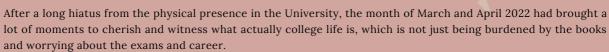
-Anonymous











The Sports Committee and Society for Talent, Art and Cultural ('STAC') hosted a plethora of lively events and competitions that made the 2 months of the last semester forever memorable. The Intra-Batch Competitions for more than half a dozen sports and cultural events including dance, music, art and face painting competitions enlightened the spirits of the students after being stuck in home for more than 2 years.

The events of the Sports Committee were in following order, along with their winners were:



Carrom and Chess from 11-03-2022 to 12-03-2022:

- Chess Winner- Divya S. Kamana (2nd Year)
 - Carrom Winner(s)-
- 1. Women's Singles- Pravalya Kamireddy (4th Year)
 - 2. Men's Singles-Rishi Kiran (4th Year)
- 3. Women's Doubles- Akshara, Meghna (3rd Year)
- 4. Men's Doubles- Rupeshwar, Harsha (5th Year)

Volleyball and Throwball from 14-03-2022 to 18-03-2022:

- Throwball
- 1. Winners: 4th Year
- 2. Runners Up: 5th Year
 - Volleyball
 - 1. Winners: 5th Year
- 2. Runners Up: 4th Year

Basketball from 21-03-2022 to 25-03-2022:

- Women's Basketball
- 1. Winners: 5th Year
- 2. Runners Up: 1st Year
 - Men's Basketball
 - 1. Winners: 5th Year
- 2. Runners Up: 3rd Year

Table Tennis from 30-03-2022 to 31-03-2022:

- Women's Singles
- 1. Winner: E. Anusha (5th Year)
- 2. Runner Up: Sarthika (1st Year)
 - Men's Singles
- 1. Winner: Arinjay Tyagi (5th Year)
- 2. Runner Up: Jayant (3rd Year)
 - Women's Doubles
- 1. Winners: E. Anusha and Madalsa (5th Year)
- 2. Runner Up: Meghana and Himasree (4th Year)
 - Men's Doubles
 - 1. Winner: Madhava and Rohith (5th year)
- 2. Runner Up: Jayant and Amandeep (3rd Year)
 - Mixed Doubles
- 1. Winner: E. Anusha and Arinjay (5th Year)
- 2. Runners Up: Madhava and Sucharita (5th Year)











COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Recruitment Coordination Committee

The Recruitment Coordination Committee for the AY 22-23 is a student run committee constituted in April, 2022 consisting of 14 students head by the Student Convener Sai Suvedhya R. and Student Co-convener Venu Madhav and advised by 3 faculty members Dr. Dayananda Murthy C.P., Narasinga Rao Barinika and Neelima Bhogadi.

The committee has been actively working towards getting the students placed and has sent over 300 mails till now to various recruiters.

We have secured a positive response from a Litigation firm named Niti Bodh in Delhi and a boutique law firm practising in Securities Laws called Finsec Law Advisors based out of Mumbai. Interviews for Finsec Law Advisors is scheduled to happen on 11th August, 2022. We wish the participating students all the very best and hope that they secure a job offer soon.

Apart from them we are in talks with various other in house companies and Law firms and look forward to receiving a positive response from them too.

We had recently hosted a session with Mr. Suraj Singh, Head of Legal - R&D at Novartis on 'Choosing the Profession of Corporate Law Practise and Legal Officer of a Corporation: Challenges'. We have also hosted a session on Leadership and Networking' with Mr. Rohan Billimoria who is the founder of a website called Law Ninjas and is also a famous influencer on Linkedln. Additionally, we are in talks with industry experts to hold sessions on CV Drafting and Interview Preparation. We also have a session coming up for all the civil services aspirants with an IAS Officer himself who was also a law student.

Last year, the RCC was successful in placing 17 students from the batch of 2017-22 through the on-campus placement drive. This year, we hope more students get placed from our university.

We additionally, request all the readers to send any leads that they have regarding recruiters to rcc2023@dsnlu.ac.in. We hope to receive maximum support and help from you all.

LEGAL SERVICES CENTER

The Legal Services Center of Damodaram Sanjivayya National law University recently took an initiative to organize and conduct a Legal Awareness cum Beach cleanup drive on 31st July 2022. The event was conducted at the Jodugullapalem Beach Park. The program's main objective was to educate the public about pollution caused due to plastic usage, its other effects on oceans and what are the new laws in force that help in its prevention. Though marine and plastic pollution is an issue of such high magnitude and needs immediate resolution, in reality people do not understand the gravity of the problem. The general perception tends to be as long as they are not directly affected by it, it can be ignored: a hypocritical blinder of sorts. This is precisely the reason why LSC has taken a step in encouraging people to come forward and participate in such an event. The aim is to act in togetherness towards a plastic free society. We especially appreciate the students who volunteered for the clean-up

All the student volunteers started from the university where we reached at around 7:45 am. Taking due precautions, every participant was provided with gloves and trash bags to avoid direct contact with the rubbish and litter on the beach. Looking at the programme as a whole, it was quite successful as we managed to efficiently clean up a substantial portion of the Beach. The drive was for a duration of around 2 hours where fifty bags of trash were collected. We attribute this achievement completely to the wonderful and hardworking team who continued with their task with admirable focus and tenacity without even a five minutes rest. The trash bags were eventually deposited to the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation workers who ensured its appropriate disposal. The media was also present to cover the beach clean-up drive. A news crew from TV9 Telugu reported on the activities undertaken by the LSC where we took the opportunity to communicate the message we were trying to send to the public.

Through this Beach clean-up drive, the LSC sought to bring awareness to the grave danger that is posed by plastic and marine pollution, along with knowledge regarding the ban on single-use plastics which came into force in the state of Andhra Pradesh from the 1st of July onwards. Presently there are many people who are unaware about this Ban on plastic. As such the LSC felt duty-bound in ensuring that such crucial information was properly notified to the general public, including the severity of the pollutionWhen as a species we engage in harmful environmental practices, in the end the effects of this will be felt the most by us itself. Therefore, we wish to conclude this programme with a simple message of Pollution is harmful, not only for us but for everything that is and that will come after.

The event was fortuitously completed and the LSC feels immense gratitude towards the University administration for their constant support and cooperation with the team throughout the event, right from the planning till execution. We would also like to give our thanks to our Faculty Advisor Ms. B V S Suneetha whose ever kind direction, experience and knowledge ensured that this programme came into fruition. Words cannot express how indebted we feel towards her.

Centre for Intellectual Property Rights (CIPR&T):

In the last three months, the Centre for Intellectual Property Rights and Technology (CIPR&T) has undertaken numerous initiatives and completed the following activities.

1. GI Tag for Atreyapuram Pootharekulu

The Centre has undertaken this huge initiative of applying a Geographical Indication Tag for Atreyapuram Pootharekulu sweet. With respect to this, members of CIPR&T have made several visits to Athreyapuram Village and conducted several awareness campaigns. They educated the villagers and explained to them about GI Tag and how it benefits the manufacturers. They gathered the villagers together and facilitated them in every possible way to form an association, and thereby, Sir Arthur Cotton Athreyapuram Putharekulu Manufacturers Welfare Association came into existence. The Centre, in consultation with Advocate Sanjay Gandhi of Cholamandal IP Firm, has applied for a GI tag and the product is awaiting recognition from the GI registry.

2. DSNLU Journal of Science, Technology and Law

Team CIPR has launched DSNLU's first ever peer-reviewed open-access journal bearing ISSN: 2583-1208 titled "DSNLU Journal of Science, Technology & Law". This journal discusses some seminal themes of contemporary relevance. The Journal publishes scholarly contributions from experts in the areas of Intellectual Property Rights, Information Technology, Biotechnology, Technology transfer and business law for technology-based companies. The Journal will provide a platform to publish research articles, case comments, and book reviews, and aims to further legal-technical research in the field of law and technology.

The journey to the launch of this journal was never a cake walk. The penchant for success among the members of the Center helped in maneuvering through the tough patch. Finally, the wait is over with the launch of the 1st issue which received contributions from several sections of the legal fraternity around the globe, including students, professors, advocates, and law firms, which includes contributions from TNNLU, NUALS Kochi, NLU Odisha, New York University School of Law, Singh and Singh Associates, and Advocates from the Supreme Court, among others. These will be published in the 1st issue and the review of the 2nd issue of Volume 1 is currently in progress.

3. Play and Prejudice - A Panoramic View on Sports Law Governance and Regulation

"Play and Prejudice-A Panoramic View on Sports Law, Governance, and Regulation" is a collection of articles that examine how different areas of the law affect the sports industry. It discusses current issues such as spot fixing, public access to sporting events, doping controversies, concerns about religion in sports, e-sports, trademark infringement issues relating to sports, broadcasting law, and taxation of earnings from sports. The book also compares the recent legal developments in India with international sports law to provide a better understanding. It outlines the legal challenges that the sports sector faces in India today and further debates on the numerous legal issues, policies, and regulations that have arisen and are most likely to arise in the near future. All the selected contributions from the authors are listed under the three sub-themes. These are IPR and Sports Law-Issues and Challenges', "Governance of Sports-International and National Dimensions', and "GST and other contemporary areas of sports law', and they further contain nine, eleven, and seven contributions among those sub-themes respectively. The book received an immense response from the legal fraternity. The legal fraternity from NLU Jodhpur, NLU Bhopal, and MNLU Mumbai are the major contributors.

4. A Study on functioning of Commercial Courts in Southern Region of South India for improving ease of doing business

Now, with the experience of undertaking various initiatives in our university, the team is actively working on a prestigious project on the functioning of commercial courts in the Southern Region of India for Improving Ease of Doing Business, which has been awarded to our university by the Department of Justice, Government of India. As part of the initiative, the team is carrying out a survey on the functioning of commercial courts in the states of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka with the objective of evaluating the commercial courts' justice delivery system's performance indicators. It also aims to suggest reformative measures through which the functioning of the Commercial Courts could be improved. The study will also look at how companies in South India perceive the settlement of business disputes, estimate the cases that were resolved through the Commercial Courts' Pre-Institution Mediation and Settlement Mechanism (PIMS), and calculate the cases that were resolved by summary judgment.

As part of this project, the team has organized a Round table conference on the functioning of commercial courts on 30th July. The session had objectives that focused on the functioning of commercial courts, e-filing, electronic service of processes, case management, hearings, trial conferences, etc.

COMMITTEE **UPDATES**

Centre for Business and Commercial Laws (CBCL):

The 2nd edition of CBCL's quarterly E-Newsletter "Lex Commerciale" has been released and the center is now working on the 3rd edition of the E-Newsletter.

The center is planning to call for recruitment

emphasizing the application of procedural law commercial disputes under the Commercial Court Act, 2015, reinforcing the role of pre-institution mediation and settlement, and the interaction between the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and the Commercial Court Act, 2015. Chief guest G.R. Raghavender, Joint Secretary, DOJ, Government of India, shared his opening remarks for the event. M.B. Nargund, Additional Solicitor General of India, Karnataka High Court, the special invitee of the event, shared his opinions on the possible developments in the current commercial court infrastructure. In the panel discussion of the conference, lawyers and partners from Khaitan & Co, AZB Partners, Dua Associates, and King Stubb & Kasiva, namely Mr. Sunil Andanappa Shetter, Mr. L. Ravi Chander, Mr. M.N. Kumar, and Mr. M. Nikhilesh Rao, Mr. Rajeev Rambhatla, Ms. Priyanka Shetty, Mr. Gautam Shahi, Mr. Ashok Ram Kumar, Mr. Sharath Chandran, Mr. M.B.S Rambabu, Mr. M.S. Farhan, Mr. L. Satish Kumar Mr. Chandra Sekhar, Mr. Govind G Nair, and Mr. Akhil George shared their practical experiences of their court visits and put forth a healthy discussion on improving the current system. The Center intends to launch many more initiatives in the coming months that will help our university grow on a national and international scale.

This round table conference discussed topics such as

SOLID:

The Society of Literature and Debating takes immense pride in having successfully organised the 3rd edition of the Dr. N.R. Madhava Menon National Parliamentary Debate. Spanning three days, the Debate saw enthusiastic participation from around the world, with the team from London School of Economics emerging as

AY 2022-23 started off with a blast as SoLiD's Pictionary witnessed overwhelming participation from the students of DSNLU. Further, in the coming days, the Society aims to generate interest in debating among the student community with fun debate themes and regular practice

The Society also looks forward to fresh new faces joining us as recruitment is scheduled to take place soon.

ZINC:

Zoom In Inc. is planning to hold a recruitment drive for its next batch of photographers and editors in the month of September.

DSNLU's premier photography club, Zoom In Inc. has been in existence for 8 years and has grown to be the Media Partner for all events conducted in the University, including National-level events.

Currently a team of 12 members, we look forward to creative minds bubbling with ideas!

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