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MESSAGE FROM THE VISITOR SIR



**Hon'ble Sri Justice Lavu
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Supreme Court of India &
Visitor, DSNLU
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Justice L. Nageswara Rao
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18th August, 2021

Lao Tzu, an ancient Chinese philosopher once said that "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Let this initiative of starting E-Newsletter be a step to motivate and guide the students towards achieving their goals and dreams.

The E-Newsletter provides an opportunity to the students to keep in touch with the current developments in the legal profession.

The students have done an admirable job in writing these articles. I congratulate all the Professors and students who have strived hard in bringing out this Newsletter. Wishing the students all the very best for their future endeavors.

Regards

Justice L. Nageswara Rao

MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR SIR

ARUP KUMAR GOSWAMI
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MESSAGE

I am very happy to learn that the students of National Law University are bringing out the first issue of 'Students News Letter' to portray significant activities and achievements.

Such initiatives are an excellent media for promotion and exchange of free flow of ideas.

I have no doubt in my mind that the students will continuously strive to scale newer heights so that the stature of the University as a Centre of Excellence grows from strength to strength.

I congratulate the team who took the initiative in bringing the 'Students News Letter' and I wish the 'News Letter' all success.

ARUP KUMAR GOSWAMI

Date: 17.08.2021



**Hon'ble Sri Justice Arup
Kumar Goswami
Chief Justice, High Court of
Andhra Pradesh &
Chancellor, DSNLU
Visakhapatnam**

MESSAGE FROM OUR BELOVED VC SIR

Greetings from Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University!

I am happy to present the "SNL-DSNLU", a compilation of activities and success stories of the DSNLU students. I hope this modest attempt will link the students with the University and the symbiotic relationship continues for generations. I wish all the best to the students in all their future endeavors and I congratulate the whole SNL team in bringing the maiden issue in a professional manner.

Best Wishes to you all.



LETTER FROM SNL'S TEAM



Dear Readers,

In this open letter, the entire SNL's team would like to express our profound gratitude to all our fellow mates, faculty members, and contributors for their support and confidence in us. Our journey, till now, has been overwhelming and nerve-wracking, yet it hasn't failed to give us that satisfaction, which everyone longs for, at the end of the day.

The beginning of our journey lies in the thought of how important our life in the university is and how it lays the foundation for our careers. Going on with that thought, we realized how university gives us a lot - friends, a start to our career, mentors and it shows us what life is. So, we intend to make an attempt, in solving the problem that's not spoken of, in the name of giving back to the university. It is a common thing for us, the students, to feel like outsiders and limiting the definition of the university to faculty and administration; and for administration to feel like it's the students who act aggressively in no time.

In order for both to understand each other's points of view, we think the gap between them should be filled. At times like these, a newsletter, an independent body, acts as a bridge. The SNL team has proudly taken the initiative to establish a proper platform where everyone's equal and free to discuss anything, that starts a dialogue between us, instead of being silent or misunderstood or seek adverse measures, be it students or administration. Together, we can become a frontline example of meritorious achievements by using our endless potential and calibre.

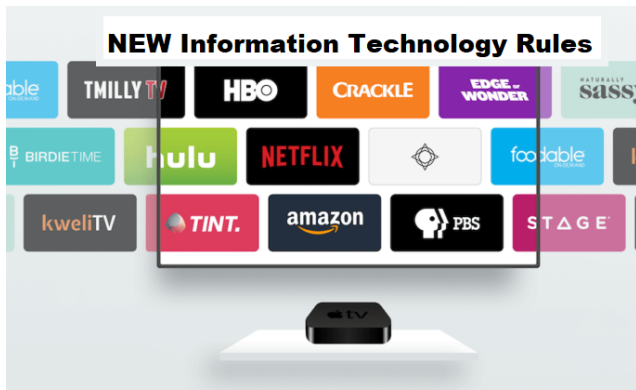
This platform of the Student Newsletter is established for the sole purpose of making our; university student-friendly and our students university-friendly, thereby no misunderstanding; to let all of us be vocal about our situations in a peaceful way, and to spread positive energies just like a fresh morning with a hot beverage. Finally, it is on us, students - the biggest chunk of DSNLU, to make the difference and to establish trust among ourselves! SNL thrives on the fundamental objective of expression of our community-the family we build in our five years here.

Consider this to be a memoir dedicated to all the members of our institution. The motives are true to our hearts and we believe that one day, we will achieve our goals. Till that time, we promise to strive hard to make this a reality. Through this newsletter, the SNL team pushes to stand along the lines of its motto: 'inform, remind and connect'. To achieve this, our Student Newsletter not only publishes legal stuff, but also fun, inspirational, motivational aspects and opinions, even if they seem harsh to read, but necessary to be dealt with. The theme behind our inaugural issue is 'Journey towards success.' We promise it will be worth the wait! Thank you for believing in us. With this, we are elated to present the inaugural issue of the Student Newsletter of DSNLU, with the hope of many more editions to come in the future. Happy Reading!

- SNL Team

LEGAL UPDATES

CONSTITUTION:



RIGHT TO PRIVACY AT RISK?

The latest Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 mandate the Significant Social Media Intermediaries who use messaging as a primary service to disclose the first originator of the information if required by order of court or government in cases related to sovereignty and security of the state, public order, or sexual violence. The digital media publishers or Over the Top (OTT)

platforms under the guidelines are regulated with a three-tier grievance redressal mechanism for dealing with complaints regarding content i.e. (i) self-regulation by the publishers, (ii) self-regulation by the self-regulating bodies of the publishers, and (iii) oversight mechanism by the central government. The Bombay High Court on Saturday partially stayed the operation of these rules.

TIME TO RE-THINK SEDITION?



The famous veteran journalist, Mr. Vinod Dua opined that the attacks on Pathnakot and Pulwama, air strikes in Balakot and surgical strikes were used as political events to garner votes. He said that seeking votes in name of such events has become a hallmark of the government and it was his duty as a journalist to present such opinions to the public. He was charged under sedition, public nuisance, among others. The

Supreme Court reiterated protection envisaged under the Kedar Nath Singh and held the prosecution of Mr. Dua to be unjust and a violation of Article 19(1)(a) of the Indian Constitution. SC stated that sedition charges could not be invoked against a citizen for criticism of government actions.

NO FREE SPEECH FOR RETIRED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS?

The latest amendment to the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules 1972 bars the officials from authoring any “sensitive information, the disclosure of which could prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security, strategic, scientific or economic interests of the State, or relation with a foreign State or which would lead to incitement of an offence.”

The amendment has been severely criticized by retired officials as an attempt at curbing freedom of speech and expression. They claim it has been introduced to stop any information that might lead to the criticism of government and its policies under the apparent threat of pension halt.



FAKE NEWS AND HATE SPEECH - FACEBOOK V DELHI GOVERNMENT

The Supreme Court dismissed the plea submitted by the Vice President and Managing Director of Facebook India, Mr. Ajit Mohan that the Summons issued by Delhi Assembly's Peace and Harmony Committee as premature. The Court held that as a giant third-party platform, Facebook cannot sit back and ignore if hate speech and fake news, a great concern involving human rights issues, are being circulated among its users. The judgment mentioned the powers of State Legislatures and held that they cannot give a judgment as to whether Facebook is guilty or not because it goes beyond their powers but they can conduct an inquiry which would help in resolving the cases.



WOMEN AND LAW:

AN INSENSITIVE JUDICIARY - THE CASE OF TARUN TEJPAL

Recently Tarunjit Tejpal, former editor-in-chief of Tehelka Magazine got acquitted by Goa trial court in a suo moto case taken up by Government of Goa. He was alleged to have assaulted, wrongfully restrained/confined, sexually harassed and raped an employee at Tehelka Magazine in 2013. The Sessions Court of Panaji questioned the character of the prosecutrix and invaded on privacy of the victim while giving a benefit of doubt to the accused. The government filed an appeal in Bombay HC, by stating that the judgement “displays an attitudinal and perceptual bias” against the woman and it “tended to demoralise” the victim.

PROHIBITION OF 'CONVERSION THERAPY' – THE CASE OF S. SUSHMA V COMMISSIONER OF POLICE



A plea was filed before the Madras High Court by a lesbian couple seeking protection over harassment being faced by them due to their sexuality. Granting protection to the couple, Justice N. Anand

Venkatesh, asked Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to enlist NGOs including community-based groups which have sufficient expertise in handling the issues faced by the LGBTQIA+ community. The court also asked the Union Government for a proper infrastructural arrangement in existing Anganwadi shelter, short-stay homes, and garima-greh (a shelter home for transgender persons) to accommodate members of the LGBTQIA+ community, who require shelters or homes.

CORPORATE & BANKING

BOON FOR CREDITORS! THE CASE OF LALIT KUMAR JAIN V UOI

Supreme Court recently dismissed a writ petition that sought to challenge a notification by MCA where personal guarantors were brought within the scope of the insolvency proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.



The Apex Court held that the release or discharge of the corporate debtor from the debt owed by it to its creditor, by an involuntary process, i.e., by the operation of law or due to liquidation or insolvency does not absolve the surety/guarantor of his or her liability which arises out of an independent contract of guarantee.

CURRENCY WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT – THE CASE OF INTERNET AND MOBILE ASSOCIATION OF INDIA V RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

The present case before the Supreme Court challenges a circular released by RBI banning virtual currency in India. Firstly, the Supreme Court held that RBI has power to regulate or prohibit virtual currencies in view of Statement of Objects and Reasons and various provisions of the RBI Act, 1934 (Secs. 3(1), 45JA, 45L).



Secondly, the Supreme Court noted that the RBI circular did not prohibit crypto currencies but directed the banks regulated by RBI to not provide services in that regard. However, the circular was set aside on the ground of proportionality.

POLICY ISSUES

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT POLICY

The government is considering the National Employment Policy as its priority as the pandemic has significantly slowed down economic activity. The four labour codes i.e., Code on Wages, 2020, Industrial Relations Code, 2020, Code on Social Security Code, 2020, Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions, 2020, have been legislated to ensure social security to workers by providing formal employment for all. The twin objectives of National Employment Policy are to form an enabling environment for new companies and industries to create employment and improving the skill sets of the existing workforce.

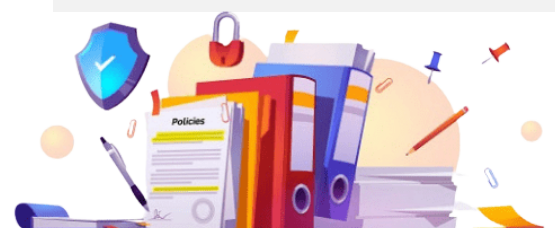
EDUCATION

WHAT'S IN A NAME? – NLSIU V UGC

The NLSIU, Bangalore has a course "Master's in Public Policy" which is offered for two years. The University Grants Commission (UGC) informed that for recognising the said course, the University must change the nomenclature of the course to M.A. in Public Policy instead of Master's in Public Policy. The name was changed but contention was put forth that the nomenclature is at par with international standards and would help students who want to study abroad. The attitude of UGC over nomenclature is not the first time. In 2014, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) was forced to rename a course to B.Sc. from BS..

Open & Distance Learning

In the same case, the petitioner, NLSIU argued that by placing a restriction on the territorial jurisdiction, the UGC has violated their rights under Articles 14 and 19 (1)(g) and the Right to Education under Article 21-A of the Constitution of India. They contended that the UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 are beyond the powers of UGC. The respondent, UGC contended that the establishment of a university having legal status but lacking in all the basic requirements is clearly contrary to the constitutional scheme. The Karnataka High Court held that regulations are within the jurisdiction of UGC and the same will be applied to both open and formal universities.



ONLINE EDUCATION & CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Education Ministry released new guidelines digital content for the children with disabilities (CwSN) which has provisions of content to make resources “perceivable, operable, understandable and robust.”; E-content be made accessible in a phased manner in all the formats, meeting the national (GIGW 2.0), as well as International standards (WCAG 2.1, E- Pub, DAISY, etc). The digital platforms on which the content is uploaded (Diksha) and reading platforms on which content is accessed (e-pathshala) should meet the technical standards.



INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

HUMAN RIGHTS:

ECOWAS COURT ORDERS NIGERIA TO STOP PROSECUTING TWITTER USER

In response to banning Twitter in Nigeria, the ECOWAS court held that any interference with the access will be viewed as an interference with the right to freedom of expression. It granted protection against prosecution by the Government of Nigeria.



GIBRALTAR VOTES TO PARTIALLY LEGALIZE ABORTION

According to the 2019 Amendment to Crimes Act, 2011, if two registered Gibraltar Health Authority (GHA) medical practitioners believe in good faith the pregnancy involve risk to pregnant woman, or permanent risk the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman, or involve risk to the life of the pregnant woman or substantial risk that foetus is suffering from a fatal foetal abnormality, they can terminate a pregnancy.



HUNGARY PASSES ANTI-LGBT LAW

Hungary has passed a law that bans the portrayal or advancement of homosexuality to those under 18 years of age. The law also stipulates that sexual education can only be imparted by registered organizations. European union takes action over Hungary.

CANADA HOUSE OF COMMONS APPROVES BILL CRIMINALIZING CONVERSION THERAPY

In an attempt to criminalize conversion therapy, the Liberal party passed a legislation in the Canada's House of Commons prohibiting subjecting minors from undergoing a conversion therapy, advertising conversion therapy services and criminalizing the administration of conversion therapy for receiving a material benefit.

THE BIDEN JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES A FEDERAL LAWSUIT AGAINST GEORGIA OVER NEW VOTING RIGHTS



The state of Georgia has passed a law relating to voting rights that mandates new ID requirements for requesting mail-in ballots and prohibits the distribution of food and water within a certain distance of the polling stations. The justice department of democratic government, led by the President Joe Biden, has filed a lawsuit against the state of Georgia for its law which allegedly takes a hit on the voting rights of members of African-American community.

CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT:

GERMANY PASSES LAW REQUIRING CORPORATE DUE DILIGENCE IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENT

Germany has passed a law that mandates medium and large-scale companies to follow corporate due diligence to curb human rights and environment violations in their supply chains. The companies which do not implement are subjected to fines up to 2% of the company's international revenue and even barring them from public procurement for up to three years.

EU PARLIAMENT OFFICIALLY ENDORSES EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

EU has made a provisional proposal for an increased greenhouse gas reduction target: from 40 percent to at least 55 percent by 2030, compared to 1990 levels and to regulate the decarbonization of the EU energy sector.



DATA PROTECTION & CONSUMERS

SWEDEN COURT UPHOLDS 5G SALES BAN AGAINST CHINESE TELECOM GIANT HUAWEI

Security of data in Sweden comes before the 5g Network. The Stockholm Administrative Court on 22 June, 2021 upheld the ban on 5g equipment sales against the Chinese telecom giant Huawei and its Chinese counterpart, Zhongxing Telecommunication Equipment Corporation (ZTE).



UK COMPETITION AUTHORITY PROBES AMAZON, GOOGLE OVER FAILURE TO PROTECT CONSUMERS FROM FAKE REVIEWS

The UK 'Competition and Markets Authority' is probing the giant companies - Amazon and Google over their fiasco to ensure safety to consumers from fake reviews.

Any new consumer would rely on the review given below the product before buying it, thus fake reviews would be a great barrier for companies following the legal standards.

★★★★★ 4.6 out of 5
16,320 customer ratings



ADVOCATES (PROTECTION) BILL, 2021

The Bill has been drafted in consonance with Resolutions of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the prevention of Crime and the treatment of Offenders, Havana, to which India was a participant and adopted the "Basic Principles on the role of Lawyer". The Bill protects the advocates from assault, killings, intimidation, and regular threats which are caused due to their honest discharges of professional duties. The bill also provides for social security and basic & minimum necessities for their lives.

LIVE RECORDING OF SUPREME COURT HEARINGS - A STEP TOWARDS TRANSPARENCY

The e-committee headed by Justice DY Chandrachud was constituted to draft certain rules on the live streaming and recording of the important cases. The Draft Rules of live recording and streaming are exempted in cases relating to matrimony, sexual offences, gender violence, recording of evidence and those that may provoke enmity among communities. The Rules also specifically mention the procedures as to how the data will be stored.

Google

VS

ORACLE

IPR & TECHNOLOGY:

GOOGLE LLC V ORACLE INC: THE DECADE LONG BATTLE COMES TO AN END

Oracle had filed a suit against the Google for patent and copyright infringement for its use of copied lines of code, which are a part of development tool called Application Programming Interface (API). Supreme Court of US concluded that Google's use of the Java code was protected under fair use.

INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

INDIA V ITALY - THE ENRICA LEXIE CASE



In a case that took multiple shifts and turns, the Supreme Court of India quashed the trial against two Italian marines who had fired at Indian fishermen in Indian criminal jurisdiction on the promise of Italy's compensation of 100 million rupees.

JE NE SAIS QUOI

A real-life example of “World is full of opportunities!”

The Student Newsletter Committee is glad to introduce Ms. Dhruthi Batchu, a litigation associate in the East Coast, United States, from the batch of 2013-2017. She is a proud alumna of our DSNLU. She is hard-working, diligent and confident. She was once a student like us, confused and panicked at the thought of her future and her career. Then, what's inspirational about her? Yes, you guessed it right! Her panic hasn't stopped her.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Her being tensed hasn't put her in a questionable situation. She followed her thoughts. She believed in herself. And finally, she achieved that one thing she longed for. Her journey towards her success is something worth sharing. One's journey is understood only when we hear from them. Thus, the Student Newsletter Committee intended to share her story in her own words. She says:

“As my final year at DSNLU was ending, I found myself unsure of what my path forward would be. All my classmates can tell you that anxiety at the thought of the future was a constant companion. I had a background in creative writing and was interested in human rights; this did not really tie into the corporate world of legal success we envisioned at the time.

I joined a boutique IP law firm in Hyderabad, figuring it could give me the opportunity to work on litigation strategy and develop my trial skills irrespective of whichever path I chose.

It was a steep learning curve, and as a first year associate, I worked on pharmaceutical patents, claim construction, trademark oppositions, IP litigation and managed client portfolios. However, it was clear I needed more academic training for a nuanced understanding of jurisdictional issues in domestic and international IP law, especially in the digital space. To this end, I pursued my Master's in intellectual property law. I chose Boston University because of their IP clinics, tie up with MIT/Harvard, and the scholarship that was offered.

While pulling long hours at the university library, I received confirmation from the Federal Court in Boston that I was chosen as a judicial law clerk for (the now senior) Judge Young.

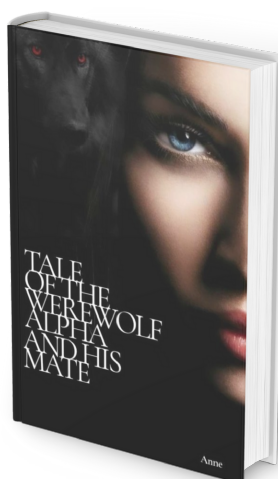
I started clerking after graduation and was lucky enough to be around some of the most brilliant minds in the country. It also helped that some of the most high-profile cases were being heard at the Court. The chambers exposed me to a wide variety of American jurisprudence, oral advocacy, and litigation strategies. Having a judge as a mentor can be an extremely rewarding experience, and I am thankful for the grounding and continued legal education I received. While I did not work on many IP related cases at the clerkship, I drafted bench

memorandums and opinions on extremely interesting areas of the law like RICO and security laws, ERISA, arbitration, privacy and data laws. This made me want to pursue commercial litigation along with IP. I am now a litigation associate at one of the oldest law firms on the east coast with flexibility within practice groups. I also do pro bono work on immigration, human rights, domestic violence, family law, and refugee law. The firm encourages this, and we have dedicated pro-bono credits. I love the work I do, and the vast litigation umbrella we operate under keeps me from being complacent. Long story short, I acquired a deeper understanding of my goals as a person and as an attorney while I was on this journey. Five-year plans don't really work out, and life gets in the way. Law school is probably the most formative time in your lives, and you have the rest of your legal career to work things out. So as generic as this sounds, try and enjoy the ride, and work hard on things you're passionate about.”

Ms. Batchu proved that a student, even if failed to secure a job in campus placements or if hasn't got a clear idea as to what his/her career is, need not fear anything. The life of a law student never ends with the law degree but it just starts.

The world is full of opportunities and possibilities. We just need to explore ourselves. We just need to believe in ourselves. We truly wish all the luck to Ms. Dhruthi Batchu which would allow her to accomplish more and reach the highest point in her career.





Tale of the Werewolf Alpha and His Mate by Anupriya Sisodia

Behind the mask of being a law student, she's an author. She's a writer. She decided to embrace her other side. She broke all the barriers and proved that a law student is not restricted to the legal world only. The SNL Committee has collected her story to share with the DSNLU Community to acknowledge her other side: to acknowledge her reality hiding behind the mask of being a lawyer. Let's hear her journey in her own words!

"I have read hundreds of novels in my life and every genre of fiction intrigues me. I am passionate about reading books and now, writing them. My journey as an online fiction writer began on 25. 08. 2015 when I joined the Wattpad community. I wrote chapter after chapter with an abundance of ideas and mostly fanfictions before diving into the teen fiction genre. I was writing my first book (Bad Boy's Good Girl) when I joined Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University (DSNLU).

Behind the mask

Want to know the story of a student like us who established her career in some place unexpected sitting in the DSNLU library?

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-SNLU Library! It has seen variety of students. Some go there for study.

Some go there for Air Conditioner. Some go there for privacy. And then, there are these students who go there to work for their career, and their future. Our DSNLU Library has seen many students with many dreams, cracking Civil Services, joining Indian Judiciary, and searching for Internships, working for placements and many more. But, for some students, being a law student is a mask. What's behind that mask? What are you other than being a law student?

The Student Newsletter Committee is elated to introduce Ms. Anupriya Sisodia, an online fiction writer (Penname: Anne), from the batch of 2016-20. Yes, Ms. Anupriya has studied law with us. Yes, she received a law degree from our University. But, there's more to her. She's not just a law student. She's not just a law graduate.

I had trouble adapting and settling in to the new environment in my first year which affected me academically. Unaware of my interest in writing, my parents had told me to focus only on law. However, I continued to write whenever I am free from my studies, and in my 3rd year, I signed up a contract to sell my first book with a Singapore-based company called Ficfun, now Dreame. I still remember the time when I used to sit by the library window with my laptop to write, such a refreshing feeling it was to dive into the world I had created and make the characters do what I want after a tiring day. By 4th year, I signed another contract with Dreame for my second book (Falling for the Playboy...Again). With that, my family realized my 'hidden' talent. They were a bit surprised but they are very supportive and so kind towards me. It is so surreal, everything from the start till... today. I remember writing just for fun, experimenting as a hobby. Little did I know, my books would become popular and have a million reads and I would end up with a couple of offers from different reading apps and companies. In fact, just this year, my first book has been signed up for an audiobook as well. My professors, my batch mates and my family are the reasons I am what I am today. I greatly appreciate them all for being so warm and kind toward me, and with their constant support and guidance and care, I have finally graduated with flying colours. Not only that but as a law graduate, I have decided to pursue writing side by side using the legal knowledge that I have attained all these years. I want to learn and grow and write way more complex characters and stories. I want to experience all sorts of things life gives me."

SOME OF HER WORKS INCLUDE:

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[HTTPS://WWW.STARYWRITING.COM/USER/MYWORK](https://www.starywriting.com/user/mywork)

[HTTPS://WWW.STARYWRITING.COM/NOVEL/HMD1NFY7CQJLBWNLHY9G%2B6G%3D%3D.HTML](https://www.starywriting.com/novel/HMD1NFY7CQJLBWNLHY9G%2B6G%3D%3D.HTML) (BAD BOY'S GOOD GIRL)

[HTTPS://WWW.STARYWRITING.COM/NOVEL/F%2BVU70TJPFSCQV6SJ8GZIQ%3D%3D.HTML](https://www.starywriting.com/novel/F%2BVU70TJPFSCQV6SJ8GZIQ%3D%3D.HTML) (FALLING FOR THE PLAYBOY... AGAIN)

Ms. Anupriya Sisodia not only embraced her other side without hiding behind the mask, but also intends to respect her law career. She really has grown into this wonderful human being. The Student Newsletter Committee wishes her success in every path she chooses. The intention behind sharing this story is to encourage every student of DSNLU to dream. The world is your oyster



**GET TO KNOW THE
TWO MANTRAS OF
SUCCESS FROM THE
EXPERIENCE OF MR.
SHUKLA!!**

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. ASHUTOSH SHUKLA, CIVIL JUDGE/ JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, UP

BY TEJASWI MARRIPUDI

Aspiring to join Indian Judicial Services? Want to know how the journey would be? Then, who better to learn from than the person cracking JSE in the year of graduation itself? The journey will never be easy. And his success introduces not only him but also his determination and hard-work. A student just like us, walked among us, and showcased his skills to every one of us, has become a Judge and been doing something everyone dreamed of, delivering Justice!

The Student Newsletter Committee is delighted to introduce Mr. Ashutosh Prashant Shukla, Civil Judge, UP Judiciary. Mr. Ashutosh Shukla, from the batch of 2018, cleared the UP Judicial Services Examinations, 2018 in his first attempt and secured 17th rank in the same which is commendable. He has started his career as a Civil Judge/Judicial Magistrate in Uttar Pradesh on 16th November, 2019. He has always been considered an all-rounder with his top scores in academics, active participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. We are honoured to publish his views, thoughts and experiences in our inaugural issue through this interview.

DETAILS OF THE INTERVIEW:

Interviewee: Mr. Ashutosh Shukla

Interviewer: Tejaswi Marripudi

Date and Time of Interview:

4th July, 2021

(3:20 P.M. to 4:05 P.M.)

Mode: Telephonic Interview

Being a judge is noble yet overwhelming. Be it a Sunday or a weekday, a judge always remains busy. Amidst such a busy schedule, Mr. Ashutosh Shukla has taken some time out especially for us to share his journey with the DSNLU Community. Before starting the interview, Mr. Shukla has made sure that he knows in and out of our Student Newsletter. This characteristic of 'knowing what you are getting into' is something that should be owned by every aspiring student.



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THE INTRODUCTION:

The interviewer has started the interview by thanking Mr. Shukla for accepting her request. Mr. Shukla congratulates us for coming up with this beautiful idea of publishing a Newsletter and says *"I am highly obliged and feel indebted to the university, faculty, staff as well as students and my colleagues."*

The interviewer, feeling thankful for Mr. Shukla's best wishes, continues the interview with her first question, *"How do you introduce yourself?"* With a number of possibilities involved to answer this question, Mr. Shukla seeks certain clarification or elaboration. The interviewer, explaining her question, says *"Sir, we know about your background, your achievements and your remarkable success in cracking Judicial services examinations. However there are many things that are not known to us. So, how do you want to introduce yourself to the DSNLU Students?"*

Mr. Shukla, after the explanation, treats this particular question *"mind-boggling"* and continues answering, *"I am an avid learner and a keen observer. I consider myself a student as the journey of a lawyer or a judge is never-ending. The learning never stops, right? So, I am a person who is always keen to learn the cardinal principles of law and with utmost pride, I'll say that I am a DSNLU Alumni and I am currently working as a civil judge in my home state i.e., Uttar Pradesh."*

Congratulating Mr. Shukla for his great achievement at such young age, the interviewer goes on with her second question, *"What's your biggest strength and greatest weakness? How did you overcome it?"* With a lot of confidence, Mr. Shukla describes his *"firm determination along with full of positive energy"* as his biggest strength. Adding to it he says, *"Whatever I aspire, I will always try to fulfil it in one go with all my energy and positivity I have. That's the key point which helped me in getting into the Judiciary in the same year I graduated."*

While talking about his weakness, Mr. Shukla mentions that at times he puts his family and friends above success. He says *"spending ample time with family and getting good amount of breaks is one of my weaknesses because there are moments where my priorities change. But, this is also an essential part for an individual - having blessings and getting good wishes from friends and family. So, I am a bit diverted when I have my friends and family along. However, this is only situational."*

He also mentions that sometimes, when following his perspective of a 'right thing', he might raise his voice against the need of the people. Mr. Shukla says, even if he thinks it's the right thing to do, it might not be the only thing that's correct. He says he can't help but be vocal about things he believes in. When asked about the present times, Mr. Shukla, with a chuckle, says *"Now, I am totally a calm person."*

THE JOURNEY:

Amazed with his response, the interviewer asks her third question, *"Sir, how do you describe your journey towards success? Was it a smooth sail or did you face any difficulties?"* Mr. Shukla, without any second thoughts, started sharing his opinion. This showcases his amazing quality of being clear and honest in every possible way, another quality a judge requires.

“Mr. Ashutosh Shukla's Definition of Success: *"I will share two mantras I always followed in my life, the first one being consistent hard work and the second one being positive approach in everything."*

Mr. Shukla says, *"Well, it really depends upon the person's perspective like how do they see success or how difficult they find the journey. But, for me, the journey has always been beautiful and amazing. I really never thought that I will end up being a Judge. Initially, I had a plan of joining the litigation. However, as my father was in the police services in the state of Uttar Pradesh, he motivated me to join the judicial services. I started my preparation as soon as I graduated and for that, I moved to Delhi. I had not completed my coaching classes and UP-prelims exam was announced. In hindsight, those were the toughest and yet the best days of this journey, as I was putting all the hard-work to get selected. I secured 17th rank in my first attempt, of course I was on cloud nine. In that moment you feel that all your prayers have been answered."*

Till date that moment remains one of the most cherished moments of life. Discipline, hard work and consistency can take you places and I strongly believe in the same."

The interviewer couldn't agree more with this definition and these two mantras. Continuing with the interview, she asks, *"How do you describe your student life in DSNLU? What were your thoughts then?"* Mr. Shukla, while answering this question, went down his memory lane and described his student life as memorable and educational. He says he has learned a lot of things from DSNLU which includes self-dependency, self-discipline, adjustments in life from being a hosteller in school days to having two roommates in DSNLU, renting and finally living in government accommodation, understanding different cultures and evolving into a diversified personality, knowing the importance of having a good amount of people in life, sticking to one's own goal i.e., firm determination, possessing leadership qualities that made him win moot courts and the prestigious British High Commission's National Parliamentary Debate etc.

He says including all the above things, travelling to nearby states, and being a sports person (Captain of DSNLU Volleyball team) kept him going. Finally, coming to the important part of Mr. Shukla's journey, the interviewer asks, *"Some say the outside world is scary. Sir, how did you manage the transition from 'being a student' to 'being a judge'?"*

Answering this question, Mr. Shukla says there are many ventures waiting outside for a person once he steps out from the university. But he suggests not to get diverted instead focus on clearing the fundamentals of law, to create a strong foundation before stepping out. He mentions that this will only be achieved when a student participates in all kinds of activities rather than being a book-worm.

“I believe adjustments in life take you to greater heights."

Mr. Shukla emphasizes the importance of enjoying the journey in the university, the joy in learning. In his words, "Participating in moot courts is a must. Internships in a variety of legal fields - corporate internships, litigation-based internships, interning with senior advocates and also under some of the judges - help in numerous ways."

“Winning and losing doesn't matter. What matters the most is participation, the attempt.”

He opines that his participation in the extra and co-curricular activities has allowed him to outgrow and outshine his personality. He says this really helped him in his transition phase. Mr. Shukla suggests that the fourth and fifth years of this course truly have a lot of importance. The decision has to be made in these years and a student should work according to it. According to Mr. Shukla, "In the process of being a student only, we become grown-ups." While talking about his transition phase and all things that worked for him, sir also shared certain changes he witnessed in his life.

Some of these basic changes include, scarcity of time after being a judge (there used to be ample amount of time while being a student however now, he is always occupied with judicial activities for the benefit of people), change in attitude (he used to be care-free and independent student, however, becoming a judge has made him bound to the service rules), and finally, he sometimes wants to go back to college days but everything's changed and with a heavy heart he says "The atmosphere has changed. We were united by DSNLU but are now separated with these different professions."

“Judges are the relief-givers to the needy and downtrodden people.”

MR.SHUKLA'S MOTIVATION:

With the conversation going deep and meaningful, the interviewer asks, "Sir, what's your motivation or inspiration to achieve the things you aspire? What exactly drives you to carry on everyday with all the stress and pressure you undergo?"

Mr. Shukla, with his aura of friendliness and calmness, says "My motivation factor is my father, Mr. Shankar Datt Shukla, retired PPS (Provisional Police Service) in UP (also awarded with the President Medal). When I was young, I have seen him working for the society. This factor motivated me a lot to do something for the people. We cannot do much to the people, but the place where I am sitting is considered a holy place because we as judges are expected to rise from our bias and see the world as one. It is a great responsibility and my heart is only filled with gratitude as God has been kind enough to have chosen me for this job. There's an immense responsibility on our shoulders but I try very hard among all the pressures and burdens of heavy files. I always look towards impartiality in making my decisions. Giving justice to the people really provides me with that satisfaction I long for."

He adds, "As for the pushing factor, I suggest to each and every individual that before you sleep, analysing what you did today, hearing to your inner conscience and questioning yourselves, was it all worth it, really shows the difference. It works for me. Every day, before I go to sleep, I ask myself whether I really have provided justice to the people or not. If the answer is no, I will make sure to complete what's left behind."

When asked a hypothetical question about his response if he is a student now facing this pandemic and studying through online classes, Mr. Shukla thinks he would be disappointed yet hopeful. According to him, "Virtual learning cannot recreate the physical learning. However, we should not lose our hope. This is an inevitable situation and the norms that are set up by the government should be followed." He suggests every student be calm and to use this ample amount of time to study more or to carry out any one of their hobbies they like. He spreads his positivity by believing that we shall overcome this too.

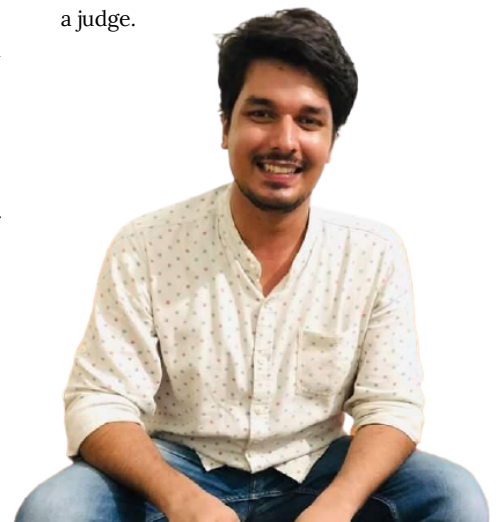
THE FINAL MOMENTS OF INTERVIEW:

Mr. Shukla advises all the students to live their lives in the fullest way, to enjoy all the activities in the university. He says, again and again, not to miss out on anything in the university, be it trips with friends or celebrating festivals together or participating in co-curricular activities. His imparting words are "It is important to ask one question to yourselves, where you see yourselves from five to ten years starting today. You will ultimately get your answer. If you get the answer, then it's the right time to work hard and start dreaming about what you aspire to be."

When asked about any special mention or message he would like to give to anyone, Mr. Shukla chose his batch of 2018, faculty and staff, his lovely seniors and the juniors he had. He feels lucky to be part of this energetic batch, 2013-18. His message to us is, "Everyone, who's preparing for the judicial services or any services exam, is free to contact me. I wish to see many Alumni and people from DSNLU coming into judicial services and joining this noble profession."

He assures us that he will be available 24x7 to help or to clear any queries. Any student can contact him through email. He is always happy to help any aspirant in every possible way.

According to the interviewer, the interview was smooth, fun, inspiring and thoughtful. We wish to see Mr. Ashutosh Prashant Shukla in great heights and bring the change he intends to in the society and at the same time, we hope he does not lose the traveller, adventurer and athlete in him while fulfilling his duties as a judge.



OPINION COLUMN

1. IS THE GOVERNMENT LIABLE FOR NOT PROVIDING OXYGEN AND BEDS DURING A PANDEMIC?

A. HAS GOVERNMENT TURNED BLIND EYE? THE CRIPPLED SYSTEM!

Opinion of Tanisha Saini, 2nd year.

Government should be held accountable for not providing beds during the pandemic. The ongoing second wave of COVID-19 which started from March, 2021 has crippled our country's healthcare system and caused incalculable harm to many families.

It was highly likely that in a populous country like ours a second wave of COVID-19 was forthcoming, but the government turned a blind eye to the warnings and focused on other events. Immediately after the first wave had ended, the government should have taken due diligence and focused on building new hospitals/facilities specifically for COVID-19 and keeping them functional. It was absolutely necessary to stock-pile essential medicines and improve the existing healthcare infrastructure and services in order to respond well and handle the second wave in a much better way as compared to how we actually did.

The citizens too are partially accountable for the excessive rise in COVID-19 cases as everyone had become lax. People had stopped wearing masks or using sanitizers as they had this false perception that COVID-19 had ended and everything was returning back to normal.

In my city, from the window of my home, I watched people walk on the streets and engage with others without wearing masks or following physical distance protocols. If this was the case of one city, I am assuming most of the other cities in India witnessed the same.

In my opinion, both the government and the citizens are responsible for the deadly second wave of the pandemic. The healthcare system of our country was burdened because of our own careless attitude towards the pandemic. I hope lessons are learned from the first and second wave and are implemented in the future and the same mistakes are not repeated again.



“YET, THE REALITY WAS FAR FROM NORMAL.”

B. IS PEOPLE'S RIGHT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT? THE UNSPOKEN TRUTH!

Opinion of ReethikaJyothiNagumanthri, 3rd year.

“The greatest thing in the world is to be Self Sufficient”

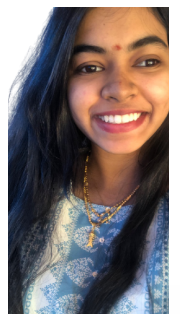
-Michel De Montaigne

The Constitution of a country is made for its citizens and to ensure safety, security and equality to them. When the public pays taxes to the government, they have the right to demand basic infrastructure like health, food, shelter etc. With the ongoing pandemic, it was a well-known fact that the medical system of the country would be largely affected. But at the same time, it should be the due diligence of the government that there should be maximum beds available in this period of emergency. Even if the benefit of doubt is given to the government regarding the unpredictability of the first wave or the sudden shock for the country, the government definitely had the potential for mass production or immediate arrangement of basic beds and oxygen before arrival of the second wave. Every life is important.

“THE NUMBER OF DEATHS IS NOT JUST COUNTING THE LOSS OF LIVES, BUT ALSO ASSESSING THE LOSS OF LIVELIHOOD.”

The struggling victim could have been a head of the family or an only child or the sole earner in the family. It may be justifiable if a patient dies due to lack of immunity or non-responsiveness to medicines or other co-morbidities. But dying due to lack of a bed and an oxygen cylinder describes the pathetic situation of the governmental failure of the world's largest democracy. In conclusion, when the government promises

safety, security and health to its people in the country and yet miserably fails to do so, it is indirectly a violation of the right to life. But this was not spoken of. India's interest in being a member in Quadrilateral Security Dialogue(“QUAD”) cannot justify the loss of any single life. India has always thrived for self-sufficiency since independence. Supplying medical equipment to other nations is a great gesture for building foreign relations but not at the stake of the citizens' lives.



2. ONLINE EDUCATION - IS IT GIVING LIFE TO THE EDUCATION OR TAKING AWAY LIFE FROM THE UNIVERSITY? (TAKING AWAY THE JOY OUT OF LEARNING)

A. HEALTH AT THE COST OF EDUCATION? THE INEVITABLE CHANGE!

Opinion of Nikhil Raj, 2nd year.

We all have been going through tough times due to the pandemic since the beginning of 2020 and it has caused significant damage to the country and the loss that has been done cannot be reimbursed at any cost. Especially if I talk about the education sector closing schools and colleges for one and a half year. The transition has been difficult for many students across the country. The drastic change from classrooms to online education seems to be more burdensome on the students' shoulders. It is true that physical classes were more effective than online meetings because virtually teachers got no means to take proper care of students or guide them accordingly. It appears to me that, students in online classes take their work casually and are unfamiliar with 'hard work'. Students' social behavior and interaction is lowered in an online mode which would definitely affect them in the future. In online classes, students are just trying to eliminate their work. Without proper knowledge, their research and reasoning skills go unutilised.

**“EVEN LORD KRISHNA SAID
“CHANGE IS THE RULE OF WORLD”**

Of course, online education has major drawbacks and it has taken over students' lifestyle. Their interest, joy of learning, routine and management of time has been at stake for one and a half years. However, in this current situation, we all know survival and medical health trumps the requirement of education, and this is the time to take precautions and things will improve because no situation is ever-lasting. And till then we have to cope with the current technology and adapt to it.

Thus we have to accept the change without mourning the new technological classes, otherwise, we will be left behind and this loss will be most regrettable because this will not be natural, but intentional.



B. JOY OR SAFETY? FUSION – THE ALTERNATIVE!

Opinion of Tanisha Saini, 2nd year.

Online education, though the necessity of contemporary times, is taking away the life from university and the joy out of learning from our lives. The online education interface is not compatible with the physical learning environment of an actual school, college, or university. Physical classrooms consist of face-to-face interaction, a rapport between the students and teachers, and at the same time make learning more fun and engaging.

In a physical classroom, students would usually interact with teachers, participate in discussions and even have amicable discourse on the subject at hand among themselves. They could interact with each other and have meaningful conversations on a variety of subjects. While online education too can serve these functions, it simply lacks the zeal in it. Moreover, for many of us, it becomes hard to concentrate on a screen for a long time because of the eye strain, which is another problem that would not exist if we were sitting in a physical classroom.

Stress among the students due to the ongoing pandemic has further contributed towards adding pressure on their mental health. Further, many of us are still disconnected from other students and are missing out on the social life we could have made. All these communication issues, concentration problems, low interaction between students and teachers and the negative effects on our mental and physical health could have been avoided if we were learning in the lively and engaging environment of the physical classrooms. But, for now, for the safety of everyone and for our loved ones, until the COVID-19 cases do not decrease, online education is the safest alternative to physical education. Also, in the coming future, I would love to see a fusion between online learning and physical education which complements the learning patterns and health of students.

**“ONLINE EDUCATION
SIMPLY DOES NOT
STAND UP TO THE
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3. Recently, Justice Chandrachud observed that Sedition law "would require interpretation, particularly in the context of the right of the electronic and print media to communicate news, information... even those that may be critical of the prevailing regime in any part of the nation". Should the supreme court adjudge the constitutionality of sedition law or just interpret it restrictively?

A. CRITICISM AND SEDITION-THE THIN LINE OF THE DIFFERENCE!

Opinion of K. Sri Hamsa, 4th year.

The Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, once said "What is really needed to make democracy function is not knowledge of facts, but right education" and today, in this century, right education is surely a combination of knowledge of facts with the moral character of an individual. John



Locke, a well-known philosopher has also stated that "There is only one thing which gathers people into seditious commotion, and that is oppression" which in today's democracy can be regarded as an indicator or warning for the upcoming failure of the nation.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in the Landmark Case of Kedar Nath Singh v. State of Bihar (1962 AIR 955), refused the prayers for proper guidelines required for regulating filing and prosecution of cases against journalists and others in the year 1962. Those were the days where news used to be in a streamlined and simple manner. But in the world where we live, there are a lot of technological advancements where news is rapidly developed, with a chance of some being not true (often labeled as fake news.) While the law existing is helpful in eradicating the fake and seditious news on the state, there are instances where the thin line of difference between criticism and the seditious message is often misinterpreted.

There are many cases in recent months where journalists were jailed for voicing out their opinions. In one such case last year, the Uttarakhand High Court had granted bail to a journalist and initiated a CBI inquiry on the various allegations in a video the journalist had released related to the Uttarakhand Chief Minister. Furthermore, the court quashed the FIR that was registered on the journalist.

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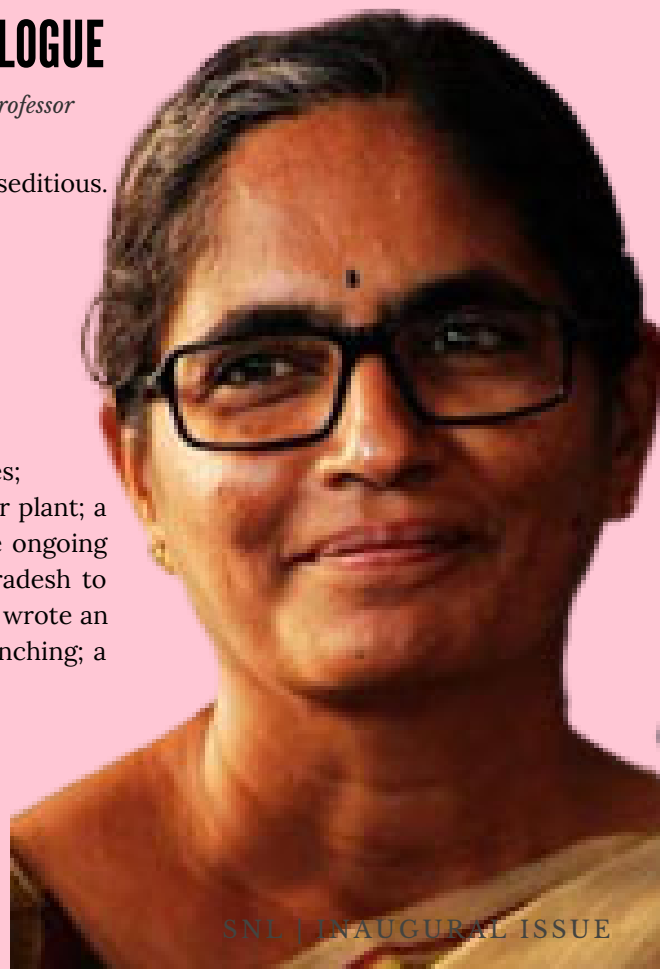
On a simpler note, from the past few years, the concept of sedition has been applied to those who opposed nuclear power plants, those who merely criticize the Prime Minister or the Chief Minister, and even passed laws like Citizenship Amendment Act, 2020. However, in the latest case of Aamoda Broadcasting Private Ltd v. State of Andhra Pradesh (2021 SCC Online SC 407), the Hon'ble Supreme Court felt the real necessity to interpret the right of electronic and print media to communicate news that is critical in the prevailing regime. Therefore, by this time, we understood the real power of the law of sedition. Question is, how can we restrict it for righteous use? Well, my education always pointed me in the direction that it must be restrictively interpreted.

B. SEDITION LAW: A MONARCH'S INTERNAL MONOLOGUE

Opinion of Dr. K. Sudha mam, B. A., B. L., M. L., Ph. D., Assistant Professor

Things are not normal. People are becoming more and more gutsy and seditious. I do not want to sound the alarm but it almost appears to be as viral as SARS-Cov-2 with its multiple variants of concern. The NCRB reports that the number of cases filed under Section 124A of IPC increased by 160% in 2019 (93 cases) as compared to 2016 (33 Cases) while the rate of conviction dropped from 33.3% in 2016 to 3.3% in 2019.

Ten thousand Adivasis in Jharkhand installed stone monoliths with the engraving of the Vth Schedule of the Constitution of India in their villages; 7000 fisher-folk and farmers of Kudankulam said no to a nuclear power plant; a Bangalore based climate activist, a chit of a girl spoke in favour of the ongoing farmers protest; a journalist from Kerala went all the way to Uttar Pradesh to report on gang rape and murder; 49 filmmakers, writers, and historians wrote an open letter to the Prime Minister against frequent incidents of mob lynching; a ruling party MP speaks against his party chief and the chief minister of the State; Vinod Dua, howsoever senior journalist he might be, writes about the plight of the migrant labour and the government's apathy....these are a few among thousands of others who were rightfully booked under Section 124A.



What business is it of theirs to speak of such things? No wonder Justice DY Chandrachud enquired whether any sedition case was registered against the media for showing a dead body thrown into a river. Such a prudent question. It is definitely an act of sedition. These are scandal-mongers and mischief-makers who cannot mind their own business. Are they not causing 'hatred', 'contempt' and 'disaffection' towards a lawfully established government? It squarely falls under the definition of sedition. No wonder investigating officers, all over the country, are demonstrating due patriotism and related enthusiasm in rightfully slapping sedition charges against them.

Alas, we have a Constitution which speaks of 'procedure established by law'. And this Section 124A is not even a Section 43D (5) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA) to keep the accused behind bars for eternity. Much to our annoyance, Section 438 of Cr.P.C. which is applicable in such cases gives wider discretionary powers to the judiciary to grant bail to these instigators. Some of them had the audacity to challenge the constitutionality of Section 124A. When this matter came up before the Supreme Court in Kedar Nath v State of Bihar (AIR 1962 SC 955) a bunch of five judges tried to clip the wings of Section 124A.

"MAKE NO MISTAKE, THE NATION IS TEEMING WITH THE SEDITIOUS. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE TREASON IN THE AIR!"

They said that sedition could not be used to stifle free speech and that a speech can be considered seditious only if it leads to the incitement to violence or would result in public disorder. Initially, I was in a dilemma whether to rejoice that the court did not strike down the provision as unconstitutional or feel unhappy at the dilution of the law. My frustration notwithstanding, the sedition law in the present form suits my requirements to a tee. It is deliciously empowering. My power to register cases and arrest remain intact. Though the highest court of the land in subsequent cases chose to further dilute this legal ashtra, it remained faithful to the Kedar Nath case ruling.

I can still hound them like wild game. Strictly speaking, between you and me, this was a fit case for striking down the law in totality. So, I better feel content that it is still a 'procedure established by law' with fair or unfair means and ends. Some writers like Gautam Bhatia who claim to be experts on Constitutional law aver that this is an archaic law which goes against the spirit of the Constitution. Such writings are, to labour the point, seditious. Let the sedition law of the land take its course as the King can do no wrong.

"THIS SEDITIOUS LOT DESERVE NO MERCY. THEY OUGHT TO SIMPLY ROT IN JAIL OR DIE AN IGNOMINIOUS DEATH."

REMINISCE - EVERYDAY FUN IN DSNLU!

The amazing smell of Raju anna's Maggi Ahhhh! When our whole SNL team was on a call recently, Soumya, one of the members of our SNL team was very keen to know how the university is like and what we do in our free time and that's when we thought we should let all the second years give an insight of our university and we had to start with Raju anna's Maggi that we get just outside our college. It is like a go-to meal on the days we have beetroot or carrot fry in the mess :P and the debate of which Maggi is better(soupy or dry) is unending. The whole university waits for Wednesday nights because it's biryani time! and on that day whatever work we are in, my friends and I are some of the first people to eat :P also because we are scared that they might run out of chicken pieces and not to forget the ice cream, find yourselves friends who do not eat ice cream so that you can have their share too. And if you are worried about biryani cravings for the rest of the days then Balaji restaurant has got you covered, eating it used to feel like it was the best biryani ever. It is a must-try, I mean not that you have an option as food delivery services like swiggy and zomato are unavailable. I'm always late to class on Tuesdays as the breakfast is egg burji and paratha and for vegetarians, its aloo curry, probably the only day the whole university comes for breakfast and which is why either they are out of food or there is a huge queue, I suggest you go early.

Every event in our university ends with a DJ night and us dancing for 2-3 hrs straight and waking up to body pains the next day which sometimes lead to bunking classes (sometimes guys). The evenings in the campus are the best part, some spend time sitting in front of the mess sipping tea/coffee with evening snacks and chit-chatting, some people are in the library studying :/ some at Raju anna's and some at ammu stores a small provisional store nearby. oh and yeah we do have a small provisional store run by our Prabhakar uncle in college but for me, the saddest part is we do not get lays there (only bingo and soya sticks pals). My friends and I personally love hanging out in the garden area which now by the way has a small dais. Some spend their evenings working out in the gym or playing volleyball or basketball. On weekends it's either sleeping for two days straight or going to Vizag to have some fun.

Soumya was also asking about what are some good hangout places in Vizag-- soma, myz-uno, gluttons garage fresh choice and bean board for beach view are some cool places and if you are going for Italian food upland bistro is the best. 300c, nope not a hangout place, that's the bus you need to take to go to Vizag, and yes no cab services are available but I love the bus rides and if you have an amazing playlist the bus ride can be one the of the best memories of college, I mean if you don't get a seat that is a different thing altogether. In the end, I can say you guys will have a lot of fun in the campus and I can vouch for it.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DSNLU?



We heartily welcome Prof. (Dr.) K. Madhusudhana Rao, the newly appointed Registrar of Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Visakhapatnam into our DSNLU Community. Prof. Rao sends an insightful message to the DSNLU Student Community with his impeccable knowledge and outstanding experience. He emphasizes the importance of law and appreciates the recent development in legal field. He says,

NEW MEMBERS IN DSNLU COMMUNITY

My Dear Students,

In a democratic country that is based upon the rule of law, the law defends and promotes individual liberty. The individual is considered as the unit of the society and social welfare is considered as the welfare of the individuals. In this society, law serves as an instrument to achieve social economic development. At present law is considered not only as an instrument of social control but also as an instrument of social change. Lawyers are considered social engineers. In this context legal education has a pivotal role to play. Legal education serves society by imparting general legal education and education to the students by making them law-abiding citizens.

Such education will instill into the students the significance and relevance of democratic culture. Legal education promotes and strengthens the legal profession. As a professional education, legal education equips the students with the necessary legal knowledge for performing various roles in the society and in discharging various law jobs, the range and scope of which are always expanding in a modern democratic society. These roles may be referred to as policy makers, administrators, lawyers, law teachers, industrial entrepreneurs, dispute settlement authorities.

The crucial functioning of legal education is to produce lawyers with a social vision in a developing country like India. It generates legal researchers and academicians competent to undertake legal education, legal reforms and good governance. Further, legal education disseminates knowledge across society and builds a legal culture conducive to constitutional governance, democracy, human rights and rule of law.

In addition to the existing legal education, the introduction of 5-year law course and the system of National Law Schools has resulted in qualitative and committed law

students, who in turn became committed legal professionals. Such type of professionalism is necessary for realizing the objectives of the legal education. The structural change introduced into the Indian economy during the 1990s has expanded the legal service sector demanding a new approach in solving legal problems.

Further, the development of science and technology has impacted the role and function of law and legal profession in multifarious ways. Law schools imparting legal education in the present day context must be efficient enough in imparting legal education to the students who are capable of answering the needs of the modern-day complex socio-economic challenges. Clinical legal education also known as "Learning by doing" is making Indian legal education more professionally relevant and it became an order of the day in the National Law Schools.

Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University (DSNLU) was established in the year 2008 as AP University of Law and subsequently, it is rechristened as DSNLU in the year 2012. DSNLU is capable of imparting modern legal education to the students as it has excellent infrastructural facilities which include, modern State of the Art, A/c class rooms, efficient and committed teaching community who are adopting modern law teaching methods including case law method, library facilities comprising of hard copies of National and International standard law text books, commentaries as well as National and International Law Journals along with e-books, e-journals and e-database, comfortable hostel accommodation and environment-friendly green campus.

I whole heartedly welcome the students who wish to study Law at DSNLU which is truly "A Cradle of Future Jurists."

We also welcome Prof. A. Rajendra Prasad, Distinguished Professor in Law; Dr. Ganta Satyanarayana, Adjunct Professor, and Mr. Pyla Nityananda Rao Babu, Adjunct Professor into our DSNLU Community. Hearty welcome once again, sirs.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

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Faculty Advisor: Dr. K. Sudha, B.A., B.L., M.L., Ph.D. (Assistant Professor)

"Life in a Law School should ideally be full of discussions, deliberations and debates and that law students and law schools need to engage in issues beyond the four corners of law."

About: Started by the 2021 Batch of DSNLU, 'Drishtikon' allows students to have free flowing discussions (opinion-based) pertaining to socio-legal issues and which go even beyond university related matters. We conduct weekly discussions on various issues in which a student member of our group acts as a moderator and conducts the discussion. We have conducted in total 68 discussions and 2 panel discussions physically and virtually.



Objective: To develop a culture of thinking, discussing and deliberating the issues that we experience or that we come across and want to discuss about it.

Upcoming Event: In the coming days Drishtikon plans to launch its own blog where a summary of our discussions can be published with student-written editorials on various topics of socio-legal importance and conduct more panel discussions with faculty and guest speakers. We also plan to conduct our 2nd Edition of VIVIDH and also to organize a National-level Policy-Discussion competition which would test the participants on matters of public-policy.

LEGAL INCUBATION CENTRE: (LIC)

Faculty Convener: Dr. Nandini C P, B.A.L., LL.M., M.M.M., Ph.D. (Associate Professor)

About: DSNLU inaugurated the Legal Incubation Centre in 2018 with an aim to develop entrepreneurship and advocacy skills among young lawyers and students.

Objective: To encourage and support startups in the field of law with an interdisciplinary approach; to bridge the gap between theory and practice; to provide opportunities for experimental learning to students and young lawyers.

Upcoming Event: The Centre has organized three editions of Crime Scene Investigations. It has conducted workshops on Criminal Trial Advocacy, Civil Trial Advocacy, Law of Evidence and a workshop on 'Practical Challenges in Legal Profession' in collaboration with DSNLU Alumni Association, which aimed at developing legal entrepreneurship skills in our students. In near future, the Legal Incubation Centre will be conducting a workshop on Forensic Science and its relevance in legal practice.

CENTRE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (C-IPR)

Chair Person: Dr. P. Sree Sudha, LL.M., Ph.D., LL.D. (Associate Professor)



"Intellectual Property (IP) is a creation of mind and it confers right to the creator by the law towards the exclusive use of his creation."

About: DSNLU established the Centre for Intellectual Property Rights for the promotion of research, extension, and training in the field of intellectual property rights. CIPR had also published a book titled, 'Horizons of Right to Privacy'. CIPR has successfully organized 14 events in a short span of 3 years.

Aim: This Centre's aim is to incentivize innovative and cutting-edge academic research in the field of IP Laws, by conducting various training and extension activities for creating more awareness in the field of IPR. In the verticals of IPR, there is a training center, IPR Cell, IP Clinic, and an upcoming IPR Journal.

Recent Event: CIPR recently conducted the International DSNLU- Model WTO Ministerial Conference Simulation on 6-7th August 2021 on the theme, "Patent Waiver of Covid-19 Vaccines" Model WTO Simulation is specifically designed to inculcate sensitivity and knowledge amidst the students about the negotiations that occur between WTO-member countries regarding issues of global importance.

There were almost 70 participants in the Inaugural and Valedictory Session which was blossomed with the presence of our honorable panel of eminent guests: Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Sri Justice N. V. Ramana; Hon'ble Justice Arup Kumar Goswami (CJI Andhra Pradesh), and our very own Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash Vice-Chancellor (Vice-Chancellor, DSNLU). A panel of acclaimed speakers from all over the globe gave their viewpoint about the Patent Waiver.

In the main event, there was a full house of 30 participants from national and international universities. The event was graced by the legal experts of patent law who baffled the participants with their knowledge. There were 4 accolades granted by the Vice-Chancellor for the Best Delegate, Best Position paper, and 2 Honorable Mentions

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"Fostering technology has led to many changes in the society and this mandates upcoming lawyers to work with more precision and to have a comprehensive approach towards transnational development of law and services to their clients."

GENDER CHAMPIONS COMMITTEE (GCC), DSNLU

Nodal Teachers of GCC: Dr T.Y. Nirmala Devi (Lecturer) & Dr N. Bhagya Lakshmi, LL.M., Ph.D. (Teaching Associate)



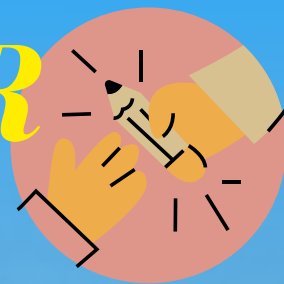
Objective of GCC: Gender Champions Committee has been formed with an objective to spread the awareness about Gender sensitization in and around Visakhapatnam and discuss the truths of the mutual respects of all the genders pertaining to the society.

Gender champions: Gender champions are designated in all educational institutions across the country to promote gender at school and college levels. The champions will facilitate an enabling environment within their colleges and engage young boys and girls to challenge and shift gender norms.

Activities: GCC, DSNLU has conducted activities such as Awareness program on 'Women's Rights, Laws and their Empowerment' on Women's Day at Government Degree College, Sabbavaram and conducted seminars on various women issues like crime against women and its implications on human rights.

"Gender is a 'people's issue' and there is an undue pressure on boys & girls to live up to the established norms of masculinity & femininity."

KINDNESS CORNER



No Shave November by Team Moksha:

As the saying goes, every good deed starts with a small step. Team Moksha led by M. Murthy Maan (Batch of 2019) and other DSNLU students, took a step for a good cause. Team Moksha encouraged the people around to grow a beard, grow a moustache, letting the legs go natural and skip their waxing appointments as a part of "No-Shave November". It is a month-long journey during which participants forgo shaving and grooming to evoke conversation and raise Cancer Awareness. People who took part in No-Shave November were asked to donate their monthly hair maintenance expenses to Moksha. The total amount collected was Rs. 7500. The team donated the amount to Sparsh Hospice, a palliative care for ill cancer patients, for whom 'treatment to cure' is no longer effective. They seek to 'alleviate pain without curing,' and offer everyone a personal, warm and dignified departure.

The amount donated to them was used to purchase gloves for its members, which was their top need during the Covid-19 pandemic. It was heart-warming to see people participate and donate as much as they could.

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER **M.O.K.S.H.A**

What is 'No Shave November'?
No-Shave November is a month-long journey during which participants forgo shaving and grooming in order to evoke conversation and raise CANCER awareness.

What can we do?
GET INVOLVED
Participate by growing a beard, cultivating a mustache, letting those legs go natural, and skipping that waxing appointment.

THE RULES
The rules of No-Shave November are simple: put down your razor for 30 days and donate your monthly hair-maintenance expenses to the cause.

To donate:
GPay & Phonepe: 8331923568
(Dm the screenshot of your payment)

Sanitization and Food drive by Kshitizz NGO

The second wave of Covid-19 in India affected several people across the length and breadth of the country. With the situation getting worse by the day, several people had joined hands to help those whose lives were badly affected. Kshitizz NGO led by Ujjwal Ashutosh (Batch 2014- 2019) also came forward to do their part.

They decided to conduct a sanitization (using sodium chloride) drive and food drive in Sabbavaram. The spray machine used for the sanitization drive was sponsored by Ms. K Sudha, Ms. Madhuri and Abhishek Dupalla (Batch of 2022) also have been sponsoring the purchase of sodium hypochlorite regularly. Their efforts have been of great help to the locals and ended up being successful with the support of the villagers and local authorities.



Help For Mess Workers by KeshavBaheti and Anurag Tiwary:

The mess workers (whom we fondly refer to as "amma") were facing a tough time during the Covid-19 pandemic as they had no source of income. When KeshavBaheti (Batch of 2021) came to know about this, he decided to raise funds to support them. KeshavBaheti along with Anurag Tiwary (Batch of 2022) had spread the message regarding the same through WhatsApp groups. With the help of students and faculty, they collected Rs. 35,000 to support the 35 mess workers. Finally, with the help of Ms. Pushpa (supervisor) and Mr. Satish (owner of a nearby store), they made a list of all the workers and distributed Rs. 1,000 to each worker.

PANDEMIC HASN'T STOPPED HIM!! #THETRAVELLER - BY AYUSHMAN, 3RD YEAR.

My parents and sister had been living in Austria for a couple of years now, and were finally able to have me come live with them in mid-2020. Initially, since most of Europe was also under lockdown, all I could really do was go on long walks on my own through Vienna, but once border restrictions started relaxing, I wasted no time in capitalizing on what was possibly the most lopsided silver lining in the history of grey clouds. Mom, dad, Shreya and I have always been avid travelers, which only made it easier to convince everyone to plan something. Every other weekend became a family road-trip to a new city, a new state or a new country altogether!

JUST MISSED...#SIDEFFECTSOFLCKDOWN - BY AALIYA AKHTAR, 4TH YEAR.

One of the side effects of being in this lockdown is forgetting the date and time of things. I am no different, and as a result of that I forgot my parent's anniversary. I woke up early that day, and remembered that it's the 25th Anniversary of my parents. I was guilty that I forgot and didn't plan anything special. So, I posted some cute pictures on my story wishing them. My friends and family started replying to those, sending their best wishes. But after an hour or so after checking the calendar I realised that the actual date is next month!

PS: Thank God they didn't check their phones. Phew!

PLIGHT AND ANGER RIDING ON THE SAME BOAT! #BATCHOF2021

The plight because they have not got a chance to say proper goodbyes and the anger because their juniors have not given them a farewell. Perhaps they aren't even sleeping, without blaming the pandemic, every night. Honestly, this is something that's unluckiest and yet unavoidable! Even the batch of 2020 got their virtual farewell with all those lovely videos and cute songs dedicated to them! Whom are we talking about? Yes, you guessed it right, the Batch of 2021!

When asked for views and their feelings, most of them showed their disappointment, some expressed their anger and some remained neutral! Mixed emotions... reasonable though! All we can say, it's not the happiest moment! Meghana expresses her awkward emotions with a painful smile, "The last day of our graduation happened in a closed room...on a random afternoon...with no person beside me, if this doesn't explain the kind of farewell we got, I don't know what else would!" Yeah! It's depressing...We agree! But, whom we should blame? Pandemic hasn't only hit the

farewell aspect! It has changed everything...People lost loved ones.

The Batch of 2022 is no exception. Expecting a farewell from them can also be a bit selfish...Right?! We know...Batch of 2021 isn't that cruel...They know the current situation.

That's the reason why they aren't "frustrated but disappointed with their circumstances", according to Rishi.

And Kalyan Harsha says it's time to accept and move on, "It's strange feeling graduation from home, I guess with special circumstances come special experiences. Knowing that life from now on will be all serious especially when we will be taking steps as grown-up individuals but not just like graduating students."

And from here on, everyone

has their own story to lead.

Why so depressed? Why so disappointed? Farewell isn't just DJ nights or those night parties or that food or those pretty dresses or those signed t-shirts! Yes, they matter the most! They are souvenirs. But that's not it. A proper farewell is hugging each other, exchanging good wishes, crying whole-heartedly, and then moving on. The juniors are responsible for providing a proper platform. We agree that it is not possible to bring everyone together during such difficult times or once they choose their own path. New times demand new acts. However, until the situation normalizes, we should go on believing the phrase "This too shall pass!"



WRECKED DESIRES, YET ZEAL AND OPTIMISM FOR FRESHERS

2021-26 batch asking What is college experience be like?

2020-25 batch



The transition from school to college life has an important landmark in the life of an individual. Freshers, a liberating and fun-filled event forms the threshold of this change. It's not just an introduction, party or formality; it acts as a sense of freedom and persists in the memory of every young individual. However, due to the challenging times and anxious circumstances, thousands of students have missed the opportunity to witness the same. DSNLU first-year students (who are now in the second year, with no idea how), are in a similar desperation and conundrum about the beginning of their campus life, which truth be told, has no signs of taking off anytime soon.

In a survey done to know about their views regarding the no freshers for them, first-year students had muddled expressions. While almost all of them were sensitive to the conditions prevailing across the country, and an exorbitant number of infections, and uncertainty about the future, everyone was disappointed with the fact that they did not have the opportunity to witness the embarkment of "officially" college life. "I am sad that we didn't get freshers the party where I would have enjoyed after struggling for a year and studying continuously for hours giving such one of a kind tough CLAT exam and getting into NLU I had so many plans but all went in dismay", Pragati said.

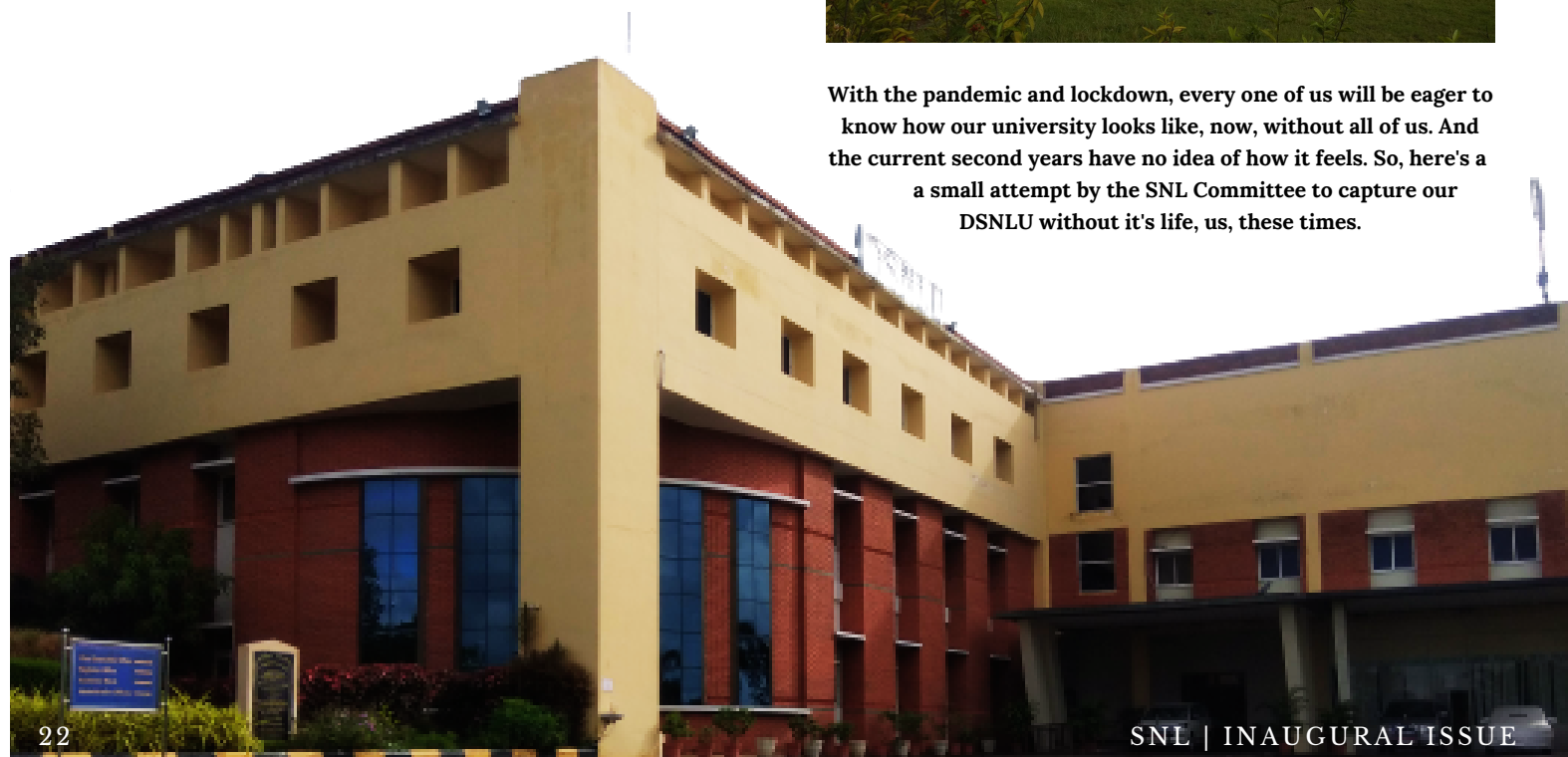
When asked about the alternatives in the virtual mode, a sense of dismal anger could be felt in the response by most of them due to the word "virtual" (enough with the Google Meets already!), however, few weighed in for an informal get together with the seniors, obviously "virtually". Most unsurprisingly, all of them hoped for freshers when they are actually on campus, and to have a good time with friends and seniors. "I honestly feel that freshers is a very important event that eases down any kind of inhibitions first years may face. Owing to the pandemic situation our batch of 2025 never had the opportunity to see our university or experience anything that a student is ought to experience", Harini opined.

With a new batch of first year students coming in a short time, the current first year students are in hard belief that they won't be the only actual freshers on campus, and both batches will have to yearn for "Freshers". While all of this uncertainty is boggling up the heads of every first-year student, it is almost indefinite when this might come to an end, and if it is going to be in the form of actual "freshers". Overall, college life is supposed to bring more than just grade and degrees, and freshers is an important part of it, thus being optimistic about it is the bleak ray in the darkness of anxiety.





With the pandemic and lockdown, every one of us will be eager to know how our university looks like, now, without all of us. And the current second years have no idea of how it feels. So, here's a small attempt by the SNLU Committee to capture our DSNLU without it's life, us, these times.



Convocation: The most awaited convocation that's stalled for not one or two years but for 4 years has finally happened. The stall has come to an end. However, as expected, the pandemic also affected this. Don't know whether to be happy because the dream came true or to be disappointed because it happened virtually!



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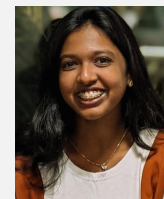
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