

Legal Research Cell

(A.Y.2020-21)

Faculty in-charge:

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Legal research is a very important tool for individual lawyers and law firms irrespective of their practice areas. It involves basic search for landmark cases governing the issues in question. Legal research, though sounds simple, is not an easy job. The skill to conduct legal research is indispensable for lawyers, regardless of area or type of practice. With this view, the Legal Research Cell (LRC) of our college works relentlessly to guide the students and mentor them whenever needed. Dr. Priya Chopde, assisted by Asst. Prof. Pooja Baghel were given this responsibility to head the Legal research Cell in the academic year 2020-2021. Owing to the Covid -19 Pandemic, there were certain constraints that the faculty coordinators and the members faced. For the very first time, in these unprecedented times, the legal research cell was getting acquainted with working online.

Nomination & Selection Process:

A new trend that we initiated and experimented within the academic year 2020-2021 is unlike past years. This year LRC did not have any selection process. The idea behind this was to let every student of the college be served with equal opportunity to represent themselves as the members of LRC.

The membership of LRC was made open to all without any stringent and water tight criterions. As a result, we saw more than hundred students registering themselves in LRC. The registration process was simply done by sharing a Google form in which we asked students to cite their reason for the inclination towards joining the legal research cell. We were amazed to know that many students were keen on learning the concepts of legal research, its importance and the methodology to do it.

Mode of Working:

In order to have smooth working, LRC conducted regular meetings with the students owing to the Projects undertaken. LRC functions and communicates to students online through the medium of Whatsapp where in a group named “JIDHNYASA” has been formed. Regular

updates relating to LRC work is communicated to the students via this group. The first step taken by the LRC was to coordinate with its core members, i.e. the students who have been part of LRC for a long time and to arrange an orientation session for the new members of LRC. This time LRC consisted of pre-law students too who had brief knowledge about the legal setup. LRC's senior coordinators undertook an introduction session for them, wherein the basic functioning of LRC was explained. The Faculty Coordinators also spoke about the importance of legal research, encouraging the students to participate and undertake research works as much as they can.

Projects Undertaken:

Despite the Pandemic, LRC could take up one major project and one National Level Competition, namely;

1. DRAFT BILL PREPARATION

Students of LRC worked relentlessly for months to be able to submit to the college a draft bill addressing the Pandemic situation and the incapability and shortcomings of the existing "The Epidemics Act, 1897" as well as "The Disaster Management Act, 2005" as also the inadequacy of various other laws in outfitting the pandemic situation. The bill worked on was named as, "THE PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS, PREVENTION AND PROTECTION BILL, 2021"

This bill was further presented to the Deccan education Society for further action. It is hoped to reach the Law Commission of India as a contribution from the Deccan Education Society. This project would not have been completed if not for the students and the wonderful team we created. The team consisted of:

Aditya Bendre	Akshita Vats
Anirudha Purohit	Eesha Karnik
Kanika Adake	Kayomard Irani
Piali Thatte	Shubhankar Malegaonakar
Sukanya Joshirao	Tanaya Kulkarni

2. 11TH EDITION OF NATIONAL LEVEL STATUTE ANALYSIS COMPETITION

This event was created with a purpose to let the participants understand the art of knowing the real meaning of an enactment by giving its natural and ordinary meaning to the words of the enactment. Statute analysis is the method of evaluating the true value of the terms used in a statute. It was a brainstorming exercise for the students all

over India to experience how a statute is applied to actual circumstances once the law has been established.

The statutes taken for the Competition were much needed and controversial for the time being. LRC organised this competition to analyse all three Farm Acts, namely;

1. The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act,
2. The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act
3. The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act.

The event was successful with a decent number of participants. Out of the Participants from all over India, Samriddhi Bammidi, MNLU, Aurangabad emerged as the Winner. Shridhar S. C. - Dr. Ambedkar Govt. Law College, Chennai stood as the Runner Up.

Further, it was heart-warming for us to see our students coming up to volunteer for this event. The team consisted of;

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Sidhhi Mehta	<u>ACTUAL CONDUCT</u>
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Naushin Tamboli	Sanjay Jhakar
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Geet Jethwani	Raunak Nenwani
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Dharmesh Bakshani	<u>TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT</u>
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Ketaki Patil	Atharva Kamble
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Urja Mishra	Parth Lohia
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<u>TEAM COORDINATORS</u>	<u>COURT MASTERS</u>
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Ria Menon	Aditya Luthra
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Ashita Aggarwal	Daksha Chimote
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Sakshi Mehta	
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Shruti Khole	<u>COMPUTATION</u>
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Akshata Vyas	Atharva Golwalkar
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<u>CERTIFICATE</u>	Swastik Madake
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Mandar Deshamane	Sejal Dugad
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Suditi Chakravorty	Viraj Nerurkar
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Aniket Mishra	Sagar Narang
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Research Accolades Earned by Students

We acknowledge and appreciate the initiatives of following students in the area of legal research;

1. Ms. Kanika Tekchandani, (IV B.A. LL.B)

Research publication details:

- a) “Health in the digital era: a near future not a distant dream” in Supremo Amicus(ISSN-2456-9704) Volume 23
- b) “Paternity leave: Breaking barriers of gender conformity” in LEXFORTI Legal journal (ISSN-252-2942) Volume 2, Issue 3

2. Ms. Ketaki Patil, (II B.A. LL.B)

In the tenure of internship with National Human Rights Commission:

Legal research on COVID 19 dealing with National food security act, 2013

- Won 2nd place in a declamation contest.
- 1st place in a group research project based on human rights violations in business and hazardous industry.

3. Ms. Eesha Karnik, (IV B.A LL.B)

Research publication in ‘The International journal of legal science and innovation’ ISSN no- 2581-945 on “Role of Artificial Intelligence in artistic work, is the legal framework of India ready for it?”

Co- author- Kayomard Irani

4. Kanika Adake & Piali Thatte, (IV B.A LL.B)

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- Trial by the Media--judgement outweighs justice, International Journal for Legal research and analysis (ISSN 2582-6433) Vol. 1 issue 3
- Convicted corporates weighing the value of life, International Journal of Law management and Humanities (ISSN 2581-5369) Vol. 3 issue 3
- The victim’s catharsis- A battle between peace versus justice

5. Kayomard Irani, (IV B.A LL.B)

- **Kayomard Irani & Piali Thatte**

Research paper name- Daunting life of migrant workers

Journal- Legal Foxes Law Times (ISSN: 2582-6034)

- **Kayomard Irani & Eesha Karnik**

Research paper -Role of Artificial Intelligence in Artist Work: Is the Legal Framework of India ready for it?

6. Sukanya Joshi Rao, (V B.A. LL.B)

- Research Article published on Freedom of Speech for The Society of Constitutional Law Discussion E- magazine

7. Krishnakant Deshmukh, (V B.A.LL.B)

- Published Research Paper 'Pre – Incorporation Contracts: Enforceability & Liability', International Journal of Legal Enforcement, Vol. 1 Issue 2 (2021) (ISSN: 2582 8894 UIA: AA1003/2020 ISNI: 491561750)
- Presented research paper – 'Digital Dispute Resolution' at The International Conference on ADR and Technology organised by ADR HOC in collaboration with I, DT & ADR : International and Perspective Research Group Brazil
- Manuscript: 'Cyber Security and Increased Use of Internet', International Journal of Law, Management & Humanities Vol. XI of Book titled Scholars Paradise Bearing ISBN no. 978 – 81 – 941519 – 4 - 4 (ISSN 2581 – 5369) Indexed at 15 Databases 120R IF – 2.530

Concluding Remarks for the Academic Year 2020-2021

The aim of the Legal Research Cell is to enhance research skills of the upcoming generation of lawyers and to continuously help them evolve by giving them various opportunities. The focus has always been to give the students a broadened horizon and perspective in the legal field. The genuine constraints that arose owing to the unprecedented times saw a decline in the activities. The department has however planned the course of action for the next academic year and hopes to resume soon with a fresh vigour.