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Foreword

I take immense pride and am excited to present the 10th edition of the news bulletin of Law College Dehradun, the unique chronicle that showcases the achievements of Law college Dehradun over the summer semester.

I cordially present the newsletter to all members of the Law fraternity – professors, alumni, student, distinguished readers and everyone associated with us. The digest presents the events organized under the aegis of LCD, achievements of our faculty and students.

As always, I hope you find this edition handy and useful.

I would like to thank our editor and would be pleased to have your comments and suggestions on this issue at -

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-Prof. Rajesh Bahuguna,
Pro Vice Chancellor Uttaranchal University & Dean, Law College
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ACCOLADES

Siddharth Kumar, Student of UU became a judge in the Madhya Pradesh Judicial Service



Ms. Devyani Pokhriyal on “Gender Justice with Special Reference to Domestic Violence: A Socio-Legal Study in Garhwal Region of Uttarakhand”



RECOGNITIONS

Doctorates have been conferred on four scholars in quick succession at the Law College

Mr. Ramakanth Tripathi on “Right to privacy in India: A study with the special reference to U.S.A., Canada and Australia”



Mr. Aman Rab on “Congruity of the Laws Governing Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances in India A Study”



Dr. Lakshmi Priya Vinjamuri for her second doctorate on **“Women, Ancient Environmental Practices, Sustainability and Traditional Knowledge-Critical Analysis of The Nexus in Contemporary Context”**



were put before the All-India Political Party Meet, while in the United Nations Assembly there was a discussion about the influence of influential nations on the functioning of the United Nations. On this occasion, Dr. Abhishek Joshi, Executive Director of the University and Guest of Honor stated that every youth of the country should be involved in positive brainstorming on the burning issues of the country and the world describing the youth's performance as matchless.

COMPETITIONS

21st February 2023-The Second Edition of Youth Conclave was organized under the aegis of Youth Parliament. Two committees including the United Nations General Assembly and the All-India Political Party Meet were formed on this occasion with active participation of 150 young parliamentarians.



Dean of Law College Dehradun, Prof. Rajesh Bahuguna in his event remarks announced that the Indian economy, inequality and political interference



26th February 2023- The 7th Edition of National Moot Court Competition of Law College Dehradun witnessed

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arguments on the constitutionality of freedom of expression. In the 21 Courts and 47 invited judges presided to finally declare Tarnbir Singh Jhandi, Rakshak Tyagi, Tanvi Mishra, Army Institute of Law, Mohali as the winners, while Akshita Shandil, Parth Gondia, Ishita Singh, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, Punjab were the runners up. The best male and female advocate adjudged were Pranjal Mishra, SOA National Institute of Law, Bhubaneswar, Odisha & Akshita Shandil, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, Punjab respectively while the prizes for the Best Memorial was awarded to Anushka Singh Chauhan, Shubhi Jain, Ghanshyam Gaur, Amity Law School, Rajasthan and Best researcher to Deepti Yadav, Banaras Hindu University.

Justice Sharad Kumar Sharma of Nainital High Court was the chief guest and presiding judge on the occasion while District and Sessions Judge Mr. Pradeep Pant, Senior Advocate of The

Supreme Court of India Mr. S.B. Upadhyay, Advocate-on-Record of The Supreme Court of India Ms. Nandani Gore and Dean of Law College Dehradun Prof. Rajesh Bahuguna were present as judges of the event & Prof. Poonam

Rawat presented the formal vote of thanks.

The 14th edition of “Dehradun Law Review” was released on the occasion.



3rd March 2023- 42 teams competed in the 4-day Second Edition of the

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Intramural Negotiation Competition organized by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre (LCD-ADRC) commencing on the 28th of February. Replicating the Shimla Accord negotiations of July 1972 the finalists were adjudged by Prof (Dr.) Rajesh Bahugana, and Prof. (Dr.) Poonam Rawat, leading to Pallavi Raj and Mahi Saxena being declared winners while Rishi Ranjan and Advait Shankar bagged the runner-up trophy. Piyush Rajpurohit received the best client award, while Anjani Pathak received the best counsel award. The event was graced by the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Abhishek Joshi, Executive Director (Students Affairs & IT Services) and convened by Dr. Radhey Shyam Jha, Chairperson, LCDADR Centre.



17th March 2023- “6th Edition of Debater of the Year-2023” compete is need of the hour” a controversial social engineering concept was adjudged by Dr. Anjum Parvez, Dr. V. Bhuvaneshwari and Mr. Kumar Ashutosh and Dr. Abhishek Joshi, Executive Director Uttaranchal University graced the event as the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. Rajesh Bahugana stated indiscriminately increasing population is the most burning problem of the country. For its prevention, there is an absolute need not only for strict laws but also for

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a change in the social mindset. Diksha Bora & Shreya Mishra bagged the prize as Hindi & English Debater of the Year respectively.



6th May 2023- Law College Dehradun faculty of Uttaranchal University under the aegis of its Moot Court Society (LCDMCS) organized the 18th edition of Smt. Sushila Devi Memorial Moot Court Competition. Yash Gupta, Siddhartha Parashar, Jatin Rana were declared winners, while Tanvi Jindal, Sushant Uniyal, Prasad Nautiyal were the runners up close on heels, Best Male Mooter award was bagged by Sushant

Uniyal, Best Female Mooter by Vanshita Mandrawal, Best Memorial was awarded to Yash Gupta, Siddhartha Parashar, Jatin Rana and the Best Researcher to Jatin Rana by the panel of judges who included the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Senior Civil Judge Mr. Harsh Yadav, Dean Prof. Rajesh Bahuguna and Advocate Shantnu Gaur and the occasion was graced by the benign presence of the Vice President of the University Society Mrs. Anuradha Joshi as the special guest in the competition revolving around POCSO and termination of pregnancy related laws was debated.

The winners were awarded with rolling trophy and cash prize of Rs. 25000/- by Mrs. Anuradha Joshi. Senior Civil Judge Harsh Yadav, who was the chief judge, said that the legal research and debate presented by the law students was excellent.



Prof. Dr. Rajesh Bahuguna addressed the gathering and stated his concern on rising challenge of depression amongst the youth and hence the need to learn from such sessions. Dr. Abhishek Joshi, Executive Director graced the occasion as the Special guest.



DELIBERATIONS AND TALKS

29th March 2023- TEDx speaker Ms. Jyotika Bedi deliberated on the contemporary era and challenged of women empowerment in a talk organized by the Women's Cell of LCD convened by Dr. V. Bhuvanewari. She focused on aspects that require instillation of confidence & avoidance of peer pressure. The interactive session was an eye-opener to the students in specific and the audience at large.

18th April 2023- Renowned Defence Major General (Retd.) G. D. Bakshi delivered an engaging talk at the Swami Vivekananda Auditorium of Uttaranchal University on 'Past, Present and Future of the Indian Army' for the 4th edition of "A Talk from an Expert".

Followed by the traditional welcome and felicitation by Chancellor of the University, Mr. Jitendra Joshi, Maj. Gen. Bakshi addressed the audience on the nuances and dynamics of the Indian Army through illustrative experiential anecdotes including the Indo-Pak war of 1971, the Kargil war, tackling the terrorism in Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir. He stated that artificial intelligence used in the recent Russia-Ukraine war is not a substitute for the army together, India will overpower them.



WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

11th February 2023- A training program for Nyaya Bandhu was organized at the Law College Dehradun of Uttaranchal University. Former Judge of Kerala High Court, Justice R. Basanth was the chief guest and Dr. Anju Rathi Rana, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, was present as a special guest on the occasion. 300 law students from various universities and colleges participated in this training programme.

Justice R. Basant, the keynote speaker of the training program, explained the concept of Pro Bono Legal Services, the constitutional provisions related to legal aid in simple words and explained how law students can play an important role in building society by joining pro bono legal service while describing the three dimensions of pro bono advocacy namely, legal awareness, settlement of disputes through amicable modes and proceedings in the court.

Dr. Anju Rathi Rana, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, explained various schemes of Government of India related to Nyaya Bandhu and Pro Bono Legal stating that over 5000 lawyers have been registered under the NyayaBandhu scheme. She said that the government plans to set up an arbitration center in every district of the country to make it an arbitration hub.

Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. Dharam Budhi in his address stated that law students can play an important role in creating an environment of Pro Bono legal service in the country and Uttaranchal University is committed to follow this scheme announced by the government in letter and spirit.

Chancellor Shir Jitender Joshi, Vice President Dr. Satbir Sehgal, Dr. Poonam Rawat, Mr. Abhiranjan Dixit, Dr. Anil Dixit, Dr. Lakshmi Priya Vinjamuri, Dr. Praveen Kumar Rathi were some of the senior professors who graced the occasion.



1st March 2023- Women's Cell of Law College Dehradun, faculty of Uttaranchal University organized a one day "Workshop for women on self-defense" on International Women's Day 2023. The Chief Guest of the workshop, Ms. Rakshitha Gowda G M, the head coach of Uttarakhand state and the national kickboxing female coach of WAKO India, and one of the youngest coaches for International Olympic Committee-recognized games and a national coaching committee member

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of kickboxing sports (WAKO India Federation), Mr. Rajshekar G.M ,WAKO India technical committee member & Vice President of Uttarakhand kickboxing, and instructors Capt Balbir Singh Rawat (retd), lieutenant Yashwant Singh Rawat (retd), Mr.V.Veera Bharati - National championship medalist, presided over the event graced by the Executive Director of Student Affairs & IT Services Dr. Abhishek Joshi, Pro Vice Chancellor & Dean Law College Dehradun Prof. Dr. Rajesh Bahuguna & Prof. Dr. Poonam Rawat, Head Law College Dehradun graced the occasion coordinated by the Chairperson of the Women Cell Dr. V. Bhuvaneshwari.

The workshop on self-defence spotlighted the importance of protecting the rights of women and girls in physical space and empowers them against gender-based violence. The training session by the experts provided insights on the basic techniques and

proven tactics to help protect themselves from being a victim of crime including advanced scenario training from the professionals in a safe adrenalized and supportive environment. Power of realization was demonstrated with important tips, moves to deter the attacker and the effective usage of body parts like knee, elbow and head that can be used to strongly defeat the attacker. The workshop highly spirited with the active participation of the students.



10th to 16th March 2023-As an initiative towards creating awareness of transgender rights, National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) and Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India in collaboration with Law

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College Dehradun, Uttaranchal University organized a 1-Week Lecture series on 'An Initiative to Create Awareness of Transgender Rights' from March 10, 2023 to March 16, 2023 coordinated by Dr. Lakshmi Priya Vinjamuri, Associate Professor, Law College Dehradun, Uttaranchal University. The sponsored event was delegated to be conducted by 10 departments and Schools of Uttaranchal University and witnessed participation of over 1000 students who heard on different sessions the deliberations of Prof. Dr. Rajesh Bahuguna, Ms. Abha Vijayan in two separate sessions each and Dr. Poonam Rawat & Dr. Lakshmi Priya Vinjamuri in three separate sessions each. .

The event marked its last day at the Law College Dehradun, with the eminent Chief Guest Dr. R.Giriraj, the Director of NISD who joined us online. Chief Guest Dr. R Giriraj, addressed the topic of the event and thanked the coordinator and other dignitaries for organizing and

conducting the lecture series effectively.



25th April 2023- Furthering the MoU with S.S. Rana & Co, Law College Dehradun organized a workshop on Intellectual Property Rights on the eve of World Intellectual Property Day under the aegis of the Training and Recruitment Division and the Corporate Resource Centre of the University. Mr. Arpit Kalra, Associate Partner at S.S. Rana & Co. delivered the engaging talk on the practice in the intellectual property domain sensitizing

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the students on the future of legislation in the sector.

Pro Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Rajesh Bahuguna along with head LCD, Prof. Poonam Rawat and head CRC Mr. Iqbal Singh Sawhney, academic expert on IPR Dr. Lakshmi Priya Vinjamuri, and the CRC team participated in the event.

SOCIETAL RESPEPONSIBILITY – EXTENSION EVENTS

20th February 2023- Legal Awareness and sanitary pad donation drive was conducted by the Legal Aid Centre in collaboration with Pro Bono Club at the government college Sureshanand Joshi Sarwati Shishu Vidya Mandir Inter College, Selaqui. Nodal Officer of Pro Bono Club, Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Bahuguna flagged off the event with the Presiding officer Prof. Dr. Poonam Rawat and Faculty incharge of ProBono club, Mr. Abhiranjan Dixit, Sudeep Chandra, student head, core-committee member of Pro Bono Club hosted the session and the student members

interacted with students of classes 7th-12th explained the aims and objectives of Pro Bono Club, Ministry of Law and Justice, Govt. of India, the essence of the Indian Constitution, child rights, the child helpline number to be used for any child related legal issues, stalking, abuse and to address these issues besides the rights of elders and the duty of all towards them. A copy of the Constitution Bare Act was gifted to the principal of the school and the library of the school followed by the pamphlet distribution of the Pro Bono Club. Subsequently, while explaining the essentials of menstrual hygiene, a sanitary pad drive was conducted for the girls from 8th to 12th class and the female teachers of the school.



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13th April 2023- An educational visit to the District Jail, Suddhowala, Dehradun was facilitated by Law College Dehradun in collaboration with Pro Bono Club, initiated by Dean, Law College Dehradun, Nodal Officer of Pro Bono Club, Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Bahuguna. HOD, Law College Dehradun, Presiding Officer of Pro Bono Club, Prof. Dr. Poonam Rawat, and Faculty in charge of Pro Bono club, Mr. Abhiranjan Dixit.

Firstly, the infrastructure of the Prison was explained to the students by the jailor, and it was found out that even though the capacity of the jail being 558, there are 1500 prisoners including the 70% under trials and convicts. Several programs for training the prisoners in different skill have been in effect. The members of Pro Bono Club had a fruitful interaction with the Jailor of the prison, Mr. Kothari to understand the Jail administration.



9th May 2023- Project Shiksha was launched today at Law College Dehradun faculty of Uttaranchal University under the aegis of Rotract Club by making the necessary stationery available to the children studying in select primary schools in remote villages of Dehradun. Government Primary School located in Nalapani village of Raipur block of the district with 82 children in the 1st phase was the launch-pad for the programme. The event is unique in that the student

volunteers collect the funds, purchase the required stationery and distribute it among the beneficiaries leaving them with an elated state of self-satisfaction. The occasion was graced and spearheaded by Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Rajesh Bahuguna, Mr. Amit Chaudhary Chairperson of Rotaract Club and Parshad Sumit Pundir, Anamika Nawani, Principal Vishnu Maya Shahi, Savita Rani Pal, Vedna Pathak and the volunteer students.



ACADEMIA SPEAKS

Increasing number of sectarian violence in India results in failure of constitutional Machinery –

The rise in sectarian violence in India can indeed have serious consequences for the stability of the country's constitutional machinery. India is a

diverse nation with a long history of religious and cultural pluralism, and its constitution enshrines principles of secularism, religious freedom, and social harmony. When sectarian violence escalates, it threatens these foundational principles leading to several adverse outcomes including

1. **Breakdown of Law and Order:**

Sectarian violence often involves communal clashes, riots, and attacks on religious or ethnic communities. This can result in a breakdown of law and order, making it difficult for the government to maintain peace and protect the lives and property of its citizens.

2. **Erosion of Trust:**

Sectarian violence erodes trust among different religious and ethnic communities, leading to heightened tensions and divisions within society. This mistrust can make it challenging for the government to foster unity and maintain a sense of national cohesion.

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3. **Failure to Uphold Constitutional**

Values: The Indian Constitution is based on principles of justice, equality, and secularism. When sectarian violence increases, it signifies a failure to uphold these constitutional values, which are essential for the functioning of a democratic and inclusive society.

4. **Political Instability:** Sectarian violence often has political dimensions, with various political parties and groups exploiting religious or ethnic fault lines for their own gain. This can lead to political instability as parties vie for power along sectarian lines rather than focusing on the broader interests of the nation.

5. **Economic Consequences:** Ongoing sectarian violence can deter investment, disrupt economic activity, and harm the overall development of a country. This, in turn, can have a negative impact on the constitutional machinery's ability to provide for the welfare of its citizens.

6. **International Image:** Increased sectarian violence can damage a

country's international image and relationships. It can lead to concerns among foreign investors and diplomatic pressure from other nations, further complicating efforts to resolve the situation.

To prevent the failure of constitutional machinery in the face of rising sectarian violence, it is crucial for the government to take proactive measures to promote interfaith dialogue, strengthen law enforcement, ensure justice for victims, and address the root causes of communal tension. It also requires a commitment to upholding the principles of the Indian Constitution and protecting the rights and dignity of all citizens, regardless of their religious or ethnic background. Additionally, civil society, religious leaders, and community organizations can play a vital role in fostering peace and unity within the country.

Abhishek Mishra

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AI IN LAW – IMPLICATIONS AND COMPLICATIONS

“People worry that computers will get too smart and take over the world, but the real problem is that they’re too stupid and they’ve already taken over the world”-**Pedro Domingo’s, The Master Algorithm: How the Quest for the Ultimate Learning Machine Will Remake Our World**

The above quote contains the harsh reality that everywhere the jobs of humans has been replaced by the robots, especially those which contains multiple repetitive processes. The 21st century is an era of important technological developments

No aspect of human life is left untouched. These advancements are growing day by day and making efforts to reduce the human labour as much as possible. Technological advancement in legal field is rapidly growing. Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) embodies different rules on ethics which should be

followed while using AI in the object of administering fair trail and justice

The rise in emerging technologies in this field also accelerated its implications in various legal departments. They are reducing all the legal and judicial complexities with the deduced patterns, statistics, logic and reason.

Artificial Intelligence AI for short has a stupendous impact on all the sectors of both the corporate and society and there is no denying that the legal profession is any of an exception. The power to virtually replace lawyers, judges and all the human interactions but for the parties to a case, making it a virtual scenario for deliverance of justice is a possibility that is practically feasible by the use of the technologies centring on AI. Various technologies have been identified as being useful and applicable to the domain of law. The technological expertise in the sectors of Machine learning involving the developing of a suitable algorithm

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ingrained with sufficient logic for the representation of knowledge has facilitated automated decision making integrated with data search for desired outcome with logic and reasoning.

AI in legal profession is still in the growing stage. It is noteworthy to state that AI today is capable of giving intelligent outcomes without human involvement with the use of patterns and heuristic approaches. It is not a surprise that AI will emerge as a disruptor in law career in the coming future. In contrast it has certain limitations which can't be ignored. It is not capable of interpreting the true meaning and the object to be achieved by the legislation. Also it lacks transparency which further requires reviewing of the documents manually. By this it can be said AI can never match or surpass the human intelligence and cognitive- reasoning power. It will be fictional to say that a machine can be as smart and intelligent as a human being. It is suggested that the member

of legal fraternity should be well versed with these upcoming technologies and learn how to use them effectively and also they should come with the innovative solutions to resolve the challenges faced. Also it is proposed that in order to create more reliable data by AI, awareness regarding the biasness should be there and proper investigation should be done before inserting the data. Although, considering the fact that it gives more accurate results in lesser time and it has now deeply impacted the law. Keeping in mind all the advantages and disadvantages of AI within law, it should be used carefully as it can enhance the working of law and it can act a great accelerator in achieving the aim of speedy justice, fair trial and welfare of the people.

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LEGAL QUOTES

John Locke: *“The end of law is not to abolish or restrain, but to preserve and enlarge freedom. For in all the states of created beings capable of law, where there is no law, there is no freedom.”*

Hoping our work isn't falling in this category...

“The minute you read something that you can't understand, you can almost be sure that it was drawn up by a lawyer.” -Will Rogers

LEGAL HUMOUR

In our endeavor to promote the LCD Newsletter as an inclusive initiative we sincerely welcome our esteemed faculty, students and erudite readers to contribute their views and opinions to be published in our upcoming issues through case reviews, opinions and short articles.

The torchbearers of any academic institution are the faculty and we recognize the potential of our own fraternity through the “legal opinions” column of our newsletter.

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