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## MESSAGE FROM HONOURABLE PRESIDENT



**DR. RAJENDRA SINGH**

**PRESIDENT, HINDI VIDYA PRACHAR SAMITI**

“It is with immense pride that I share the remarkable journey of Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law, a budding yet determined institution in Ghatkopar, Mumbai. Our achievement of NAAC accreditation is not just a milestone; it is a reflection of our unwavering dedication to fostering excellence in legal education and shaping future leaders of the legal profession.

We proudly offer three independent programs : the LL.B. 3 Years Course, the (B.A. LL.B) 5 Years Integrated Course, and the LL.M. 2 Years Post-Graduate Course. We also provide post graduate Diploma. These programs, as prescribed by the University, provide students with a robust foundation in law and prepare them to uphold the values of justice, equality, and freedom while excelling in their legal careers.

We are emboldened in our mission to instill ethical principles, academic rigor, and professional prowess in every student. Our vision—to achieve excellence in learning and practicing law to serve the nation—remains our guiding light as we move forward.

This milestone would not have been possible without the collective efforts of our faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders. It inspires us to aim higher and make Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law a name synonymous with quality legal education and meaningful societal contributions.”

## ABOUT HONOURABLE DIRECTOR



### **DR. USHA MUKUNDAN**

**DIRECTOR, HINDI VIDYA PRACHAR SAMITI**

Our Honourable Director, Dr. Mrs. Usha Mukundan, has been a steadfast pillar of support for HVPS College of Law, providing unwavering guidance and dedication that have been instrumental in the institution's growth and expansion. With an illustrious academic and professional background, Dr. Mukundan's achievements include numerous accolades, memberships, and publications that exemplify her contributions to academia. Her distinguished career commenced with a B.Sc. degree earned with Distinction, followed by a First Class in M.Sc., and culminated in Doctoral Research in Plant Biotechnology. As the Former Principal of R.J. College and the Head of the Department of Botany, her contributions to research are both notable and widely recognized. In acknowledgment of her exemplary commitment to education, she was honored with the prestigious Best Teacher Award by the Government of Maharashtra in 2010.

Dr. Mukundan's extensive experience, profound knowledge, and unwavering discipline have continually mentored and guided our institution towards the achievement of its objectives. Her leadership remains an invaluable asset to HVPS College of Law, setting a benchmark for academic and professional excellence. We look forward to her continued direction as we strive to reach new milestones and achieve greater heights under her visionary stewardship, confident that her expertise will continue to inspire and lead the institution on a path of sustained success and development.

## MESSAGE FROM HONOURABLE PRINCIPAL



### **DR. [MRS.] MADHURA KALAMKAR**

**PRINCIPAL, HINDI VIDYA PRACHAR SAMITI'S COLLEGE OF LAW**

“Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law is a flourishing college in the field of legal education. I'm filled with immense gratitude and contentment to be associated with such a distinguished and dynamic educational institution. Through quality legal education, the college equips our students with the expertise required to succeed and build confidence to meet the challenges in the legal profession. We strive to instill a professional outlook and a sense of loyalty to serve the society. With a LLM course, the college endeavors to develop students' critical thinking and analytical skills. To develop the ability to apply legal principles to real-world situations and to pursue critical research with the aid of cutting-edge technology, the college has initiated various Post-Graduate Diplomas and Value-Added Courses.

With a myriad of experiences tailored to meet students' needs, the college helps them to get a foothold in the legal field. Guest lectures by eminent legal luminaries, judges, and senior advocates; seminars, workshops, Moot Courts, debates, elocution competitions, camps, visits to police stations, courts and jail, are part of the many activities conducted throughout the year as we firmly believe in the overall development of the student community at large.

With the support of our management, teachers, staff members and students, we have been able to achieve enormous success in this field. Their encouragement and support has helped us ascend new heights and has ensured a smooth journey on the path of knowledge. I look forward to the growth and excellence of the college in legal education as we continue to learn and make significant contributions to society.”





## VISION

- To explore wider areas of legal knowledge.
- To enable students to contribute towards finding progressive solutions for emerging legal issues.
- To ensure professional development of legal professionals through continuous education programs, networking opportunities, mentoring, and access to a strong alumni network.
- To provide an intellectually stimulating academic environment that equips students with legal knowledge and skills
- To foster ethical values of commitment towards justice in students so that they prioritize fairness, equity and social responsibility.

## MISSION

- Strive to attain excellence in legal education
- Prepare students to become proficient and competent legal professionals

## GOALS

- To achieve excellence in teaching, learning & evaluation in the field of Legal education.
- To empower students to be Just citizens.





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## EDITORIAL MESSAGE

**Dear Readers,**

We are delighted to present the most latest edition of Licit 2024-25, a compilation of our institution's accomplishments, creativity, and endeavors. The theme for this year, "Judicial Activism," underscores the important and active role that the court plays in determining the social, political, and economic structure of our country. Judicial activism offers hope by ensuring justice, equality, and responsibility in our ever-changing society. This year's magazine provides an overview of the significant events that have taken place on our campus, including Vidhi Taksh, International Day of Justice, National Legal Services Day, and the Convocation Ceremony. Through the pages of Licit, we seek to highlight the dedication and excellence of our students and faculty members.

This edition emphasizes the academic and extracurricular accomplishments and milestones of our teachers and students. It also showcases artistic expression through articles, poems, and drawings focussed on Judicial Activism. We are extremely grateful to the management for providing unwavering support. We really value the consistent guidance from our Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) Madhura Kalamkar has provided. We would like to express our gratitude to our contributors, editorial team, and all those who played a role in making this publication a reality.

Warm Regards,  
***Editorial Board***



# VIDHI TAKSH

The college successfully hosted its annual legal festival, **Vidhi Taksh**, from 22nd February 2024 to 24th February 2024, showcasing a vibrant platform for intercollegiate legal competitions. The flagship events included the **Moot Court Competition**, which tested participants' research, drafting, and oral advocacy skills; the **Client Counselling Competition**, designed to evaluate their ability to provide effective legal advice and empathetic counsel; and the **Crime Investigation Competition**, which challenged participants to solve complex cases using legal acumen and analytical thinking.

The three-day event witnessed enthusiastic participation. **Adv. Ravi Jadhav, President, BCC & SC Bar Association**, was invited to judge a final round of the Vidhi Taksh. The festival concluded with a grand valedictory ceremony in which **Adv. Vasant Rao Rajaram Patil**, the renowned advocate and legal advisor and Adv. Ravi Jadhav distributed the prizes.



# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF JUSTICE

On **World Day for International Justice**, the college organized a special event and invited **Metropolitan Magistrate Mr. Vilas Umale** as the guest speaker. The occasion highlighted the importance of international justice in promoting human rights, combating impunity, and upholding the rule of law. Magistrate Umale addressed the students and faculty, emphasizing the significance of global efforts to achieve justice for victims of crimes such as genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. His speech also underlined the role of institutions like the International Criminal Court (ICC) in ensuring accountability for serious violations of international law.

The Speaker discussed real-life cases, shared insights from his judicial experience, and inspired the audience to contribute to a just and fair society. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, where participants explored themes like human rights protection, legal careers in international law, and the challenges faced in global justice initiatives. The event fostered awareness and engagement, encouraging students to reflect on their role in advocating for justice and equality in a globalized world.





## NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES DAY

On **November 9, 2023**, **HVPS College of Law** commemorated **National Legal Services Day** by hosting an engaging session with **Dr. Sanjay Singh**, renowned journalist and author, known for his investigative reporting on the **Telgi Scam case**.

The event, framed as a **book review session**, centered on the theme "**Legal Awareness through Creative Medium**," where Dr. Singh highlighted how his work as an author and journalist bridges the gap between legal intricacies and public understanding. The session provided a unique perspective on using literature and media as tools to advance legal literacy.



# CONVOCATION

The college celebrated its Convocation Day with great enthusiasm, honoring the graduates of the **LL.B. (3 years)**, **B.L.S. LL.B. (5 years)**, and **Postgraduate Diploma** programs. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of **Shri. C. L. Thool**, Former Chairperson of the Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission, as the Guest Speaker, and **Dr. Swarupa Dholam**, Registrar of the Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission, as the Guest of Honour and **Dr. U. K. Nambiar**, I/c Principal, MCT College of Law, Airoli.

In his keynote address, Shri. C. L. Thool emphasized the critical role of legal professionals in upholding human rights and fostering justice in society. Dr. Swarupa Dholam highlighted the importance of ethics in the ever-evolving legal landscape. The convocation concluded with the awarding of degrees and diplomas and taking a pledge to maintain the integrity and dignity of the profession.





# EVENTS

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

The IQAC of Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law organised a guest lecture on "Waste Management for a Better Tomorrow," led by environment consultant Ms. Rashmi Joshi. Ms. Joshi discussed waste types, the importance of segregation, and methods for reducing, recycling, and reusing waste, with a focus on beating plastic pollution and innovative ideas like Eco Bricks. The lecture concluded with a pledge from attendees to dispose of waste responsibly, along with a productive exchange of ideas for reducing plastic use.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

On June 21, 2023, the Sports Association of Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law celebrated International Day of Yoga by hosting a Yoga Workshop in collaboration with Shri Ambika Yoga Kutir, attended by 16 students and 5 teachers. The workshop, introduced by Dr. (Mrs.) Madhura Kalamkar, highlighted Shri Ambika Yoga Kutir's mission of free yoga education for all. Trainers demonstrated asanas like Bhujangasana and Tadasana, discussing their benefits and advising on modifications for specific health conditions, while participants practised breathing exercises and meditative poses. The session left students and teachers feeling refreshed, with positive energy and a deeper appreciation for yoga's role in daily life.

## VALUE-ADDED COURSE ON COMMUNICATION & WRITING SKILLS

Communication and writing skill course was an online course organised by Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti College of Law. The course focused on building strong communication and writing skills essential for academic and professional growth. The VAC included interactive sessions on verbal and written communication, public speaking, grammar, and structured writing. It was a 10 day course and online assessment was conducted later. The practical exercises and group discussions helped many students overcome their hesitation in public speaking. By the end of the program, participants were more confident and equipped with the skills to express their ideas clearly and professionally across various contexts. The course concluded successfully, with students reporting enhanced confidence and competence in their communication abilities.

## WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law's IQAC Cell commemorated World Day Against Child Labour on 12 June 2023, by screening the documentary "DARPAN - CHILD LABOUR" and hosting a student discussion on child labor issues in India. The event was moderated by Asst. Prof. Shriya Prabhu, explained the harsh realities faced by child laborers, including those who work to support their families, and highlighted the balance needed in child labor laws to support both education and family welfare. Students gained a deeper understanding of child labor's complexities, recognizing the importance of supporting vulnerable children through education, sponsorship, and awareness of government aid programs.



## **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA**

The college celebrated International Day of Yoga by hosting a Yoga Workshop in collaboration with Shri Ambika Yoga Kutir. Trainers demonstrated various Asanas like Bhujangasana and Tadasana while informing their benefits and advising on modifications for specific health conditions. Participants practised breathing exercises and meditative poses. Students and teachers were refreshed with positive energy and a deeper appreciation for yoga's role in daily life.

## **ONLINE WORKSHOP ON AI TOOL FOR STAFF**

On June 30, 2023 HVPS College of Law held an online workshop on AI tools for teaching and non-teaching staff. The workshop was conducted by the Senior Developer Mr. Sagar Dalvi. The workshop covered a range of AI tools like ChatGPT, Tome app, and Grammarly, emphasizing their practical applications in daily tasks. Staff gained hands-on experience and a solid understanding of AI tools, empowering them to apply these resources effectively in their work and enhance productivity.

## **GURUPURNIMA**

On July 3, 2023 the college celebrated Guru Purnima with enthusiasm, honoring the contributions of teachers and revered Gurus like Vyasa Muni, Chanakya, and Kabir. The event featured shloka chanting, speeches on ancient Gurus, group songs, and a self-written poem. Students expressed their gratitude by presenting handmade cards to Principal Dr. Madhura Kalamkar, faculty, and staff, making it a memorable day filled with joy.

## **BIRTH ANNIVERSARIES OF B.G. TILAK AND CHANDRASHEKHAR AZAD**

On July 24, 2023, Tilak Jayanti was celebrated at Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law to honour freedom fighter Bal Gangadhar Tilak's contributions to India's independence. The event, opened by Student Council President Ms. Niharika Thakur and Assistant Professor Amar Salve, featured speeches, a PowerPoint presentation by students on Tilak's life, and a discussion on his sedition trial. A movie clip on Chandrashekhara Azad highlighted the sacrifices of both freedom fighters, connecting Tilak's and Azad's dedication to India's independence. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving students inspired and appreciative of Tilak and Azad's legacies.

## **WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY**

On 28th July, 2023 On July 28, 2023, Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law celebrated World Nature Conservation Day with an online webinar focused on the "Enviro-Legal Aspects of Mangroves Ecosystem in India" to emphasise the ecological and legal significance of mangroves. Guest speaker Ms. Chahat Yadav presented on mangrove conservation, threats, legal frameworks, and case studies, offering participants a comprehensive understanding of the topic. The webinar successfully raised awareness among students about the importance of mangroves for environmental protection and the actions needed for their preservation.

## **NATIONAL LIBRARY DAY**

On August 12, 2023, was marked by a poster-making competition organized by the college Library Committee and IQAC, aimed at raising awareness of 'Legal Maxims,' 'Legal Quotes,' and fundamental rights in the Indian Constitution. Students displayed exceptional creativity, and their work was evaluated by In-charge Principal Dr. Madhura Kalamkar.

Winners received certificates, and all participants were appreciated. The posters, displayed on the college library notice board, helped spread awareness and showcased the students' talents, encouraging future creative engagement.

## **SEMINAR ON CYBER CRIME**

The Seminar on Cyber Crime was organized by Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti College of Law. The event was led by Adv. Ravi Prakash Jadhav, President, BCC&SC Bar Association, delivered a lecture on the day. Adv. Jadhav emphasized on the importance of understanding cyber law and the legal frameworks in place to address cyber crimes simultaneously discussed the critical role of law professionals in ensuring cyber safety and combating digital threats.

Providing clear insights into the evolving nature of cyber crime, covering topics like data breaches, online fraud, and identity theft, and highlighted preventive measures and the role of law students in shaping future policies. This educational event not only raised awareness but also encouraged students to pursue further studies in cyber law, preparing them to tackle the challenges of the digital world.

## **TEACHER'S DAY**

On September 5, 2024, HVPS College of Law celebrated Teacher's Day to honor esteemed teachers. The event saw enthusiastic participation from all the students, who came together to make the day memorable for their mentors.

The program began with a Saraswati Vandana, setting a sacred and positive tone for the occasion. Following this, students performed heartfelt songs and poems dedicated to their teachers, captivating the audience with their talent and sincere gratitude. The students' energetic dances symbolized their deep appreciation and respect for their teachers.

## **FOUNDATION DAY**

On September 7, 2023, Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti celebrated its 85th Foundation Day on Janmashtami at Sabu Sabhagruha. The event was graced by prominent guests, including HVPS President Dr. Rajendra Singh, who reflected on the institution's journey and shared his vision for expanding educational access.

The program featured a range of cultural performances by students, including Krishna Leela, Shiv Tandav, and a musical drama. Students from HVPS College of Law performed Krishna Ras Leela, adding to the festivities, which concluded with a traditional Lord Krishna Aarti.



## **POLICE STATION VISIT**

The college conducted a Police Station Visit for T.Y. BLS.LLB students as part of Practical Training-I at Chirag Nagar Police station Ghatkopar(W) on 9th September 2023. The Officer In-charge of the Observation Home informed the functioning and main purpose of the Observation in the police station. The students witnessed how the procedure to maintain a police diary, F.I.R, Registration of cyber complaint report and availability of separate lock up for men and women.

## **INDUCTION CUM ORIENTATION PROGRAM**

On September 13, 2023, HVPS College of Law held an Induction Program for the BA-LLB batch of 2023-24. Chief Guest Dr. Shruti Jadhav motivated students to be patient and resilient while Guest of Honor Mrs. Varsha Badwe introduced the '3A' theory—Academic, Attendance, and Attitude as essential for success. The program provided an inspiring start to the students' academic journey.

## **HINDI DAY AND DEMOCRACY DAY**

On September 15, 2023, HVPS College of Law's IQAC organized the 2nd Intra College Parliamentary Debate Competition, aligning it with Hindi Diwas (September 14) and the International Day of Democracy. Eight teams debated the contemporary "Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2023" through three rounds, with final arguments focused on "The Bharatiya Nyay Sanghatan Bill, 2023." In a closely contested final, the Opposition Team of Ms. Aditi Sharma, Ms. Kumud Pandey, and Ms. Sakshi Kushwah emerged victorious. Mr. Rohit Mishra was awarded Best Speaker.

## **LECTURE ON THE ART OF LISTENING**

The college organized an engaging lecture on the "The Art of Listening" for FY B.A.LL.B. students to emphasize the critical role of active listening in social interactions. Inspired by Socratic principles, the session, led by Ms. Asha Selvakumar with support from Principal Dr. Madhura Kalamkar and IQAC Coordinator Mr. Amar Salve, explored common listening barriers and strategies to overcome them. Fifty-eight students attended, actively participating in discussions that reinforced the value of attentive listening in personal and professional life.

## **SESSION ON THE PROCESS OF COMMUNICATION**

On October 10, 2023, HVPS College of Law's IQAC hosted an insightful session, "The Process of Communication," designed to equip FYB.A.LL.B. students with essential communication skills crucial for the legal profession. The session unpacked the intricacies of the communication cycle, emphasizing clarity and precision in conveying legal matters. With 53 students in attendance, the interactive session fostered active participation, as students engaged in tasks that highlighted the importance of mastering each element of communication to excel in future client and court interactions.

## **VALUE ADDED COURSE ON THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION**

Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law and Samvidhan Pracharak held a certification course on the Indian Constitution from October 10–17, 2023, focusing on experiential learning. Each of the seven days included interactive sessions on topics like the Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles, and citizens' roles, using activities like group debates, poster design, and street performances to bring constitutional principles to life. The assessments included essays, multiple-choice questions, and participation in daily activities, which deepened students' critical thinking and understanding of the Constitution's real-world applications. The course was well-received, and over 50 students completed it, gaining skills in analysing and interpreting legal texts and principles.

## **VALUE ADDED COURSE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law offered an engaging 30-hour value-added course titled "Environment Justice: Investigating the Intersection of Environmental Issues and Social Justice" on the Zoom platform. This dynamic course aimed to empower attendees with a robust understanding of the legal, scientific, and ecological dimensions essential for championing effective environmental protection and conservation, blending rich theoretical insights with practical applications.

## **VACHAN PRERNA DIN**

The Library Committee of HVPS College of Law celebrated "Vachan Prerna Diwas" on October 14-15, 2023, in honour of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's birthday, emphasizing the importance of reading and learning. The activities included a reading session, where students and faculty read books or newspapers together, and an essay competition with topics promoting critical thinking. Thirty-eight students participated in the essay competition, with the top three winners receiving e-certificates of excellence.

## **CERTIFICATE COURSE IN PERSONALITY ENHANCEMENT & INTERPERSONAL SKILLS**

Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law conducted a 30-hour "Personality Enhancement and Interpersonal Skills" course from October 16 to November 3, 2023, focusing on developing students' communication, confidence, and teamwork skills. Each day covered a key topic such as body language, power poses, team building, active listening, interview skills, and overcoming stage fright, using practical activities to solidify learning. The course included assessments on body language, problem-solving, mock interviews, and self-introduction, helping students understand essential interpersonal skills.



## **CERTIFICATE COURSE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING & COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law offered a 30-hour "Public Speaking and Communication Skills" course from October 16 to November 4, 2023, designed to enhance students' oratory skills, confidence, and public speaking abilities. Each day covered key topics like non-verbal communication, phonology, speech structuring, listening skills, and overcoming stage fright, using practical exercises to reinforce learning. Students were assessed on phonetic writing, reading aloud, note-making, and group discussions to improve their articulation, organisation, and public engagement skills. The course was well-received, with 62 students earning e-certificates, gaining valuable insights into effective communication and confidence in public settings.

## **WEBINAR ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law organized a series of research methodology webinars in October 17 to 26 2023, focusing on critical skills such as research design, hypothesis formulation, literature review, and the step-by-step research process. Esteemed speakers like Mr. Sajid Sheikh, Dr. Balwinder Singh, Ms. Pinny Pathak, and Mr. Adithya Variath shared insights on structuring research, formulating hypotheses, and conducting comprehensive literature reviews. Each session empowered participants with practical skills and enhanced their understanding of research, significantly supporting their academic and professional growth.

## **VALUE-ADDED COURSE ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

The Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law conducted a 30-hour Value-Added Course on Human Rights, emphasising their universal and constitutional basis. The sessions covered topics such as the role of the United Nations, redressal mechanisms for human rights violations, and the responsibilities of society and state in human rights promotion and protection. Students gained enhanced awareness, empowerment to advocate for rights, and a sense of social responsibility, ultimately fostering active participation in human rights initiatives.

## **ICT PROGRAMME**

The College conducted a series of Soft Skill Development programmes on AI tools for students from 23rd to 28th October 2023. The session was delivered by Asst. Prof. Saurabh Pagare focused on different applications of AI in academia, including enhancing presentations, writing assignments, conducting legal research, drafting research papers, and composing legal articles.

The training highlighted how AI tools assist in content generation, grammar, formatting, and data analysis, making tasks more efficient and professional. The emphasis was also placed on ethical considerations and the necessity of human oversight when utilizing AI in academic and legal contexts.



## **CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAM**

The Career Awareness Program at Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti College of Law in collaboration with WNS Cares Foundation was an insightful event designed to guide students in exploring various career pathways in the legal field. The program aimed to equip students with knowledge about career options, skills, and the professional opportunities available after graduation. Expert speakers and alumni shared their professional journeys, offering valuable insights and advice on building successful careers in different branches of law. The interactive discussions and Q&A sessions provided students with clarity on setting goals, developing skills, and navigating challenges in the legal profession.

## **THREE-DAY INTRA-CLASS COMPETITION ON CONSUMER AWARENESS**

The Intra-Class Competition on Consumer Awareness, held from November 2-4, 2023, brought together students in Poster Making, Essay Writing, and Elocution to explore consumer rights and responsibilities.

This event was organized by DLLE and IQAC. It encouraged students to showcase their creativity and insights into ethical consumer behaviour. Each competition was evaluated by expert judges, recognizing participants for their impactful contributions toward consumer consciousness. Winners were awarded certificates and tokens, celebrating their dedication to promoting responsible consumer awareness.

## **ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME ON EFFECTIVE LEGAL RESEARCH**

The college's Library Advisory Committee and IQAC jointly organized an online training program on "Effective Legal Research Using Manupatra Legal Database" for teachers and students, led by Mr. Manish Vibhabdik, Zonal Head at Manupatra. The session, streamed on Zoom and YouTube, covered techniques for navigating legal judgments, statutes, and commentaries, enhancing legal research skills crucial for academic and professional growth.

The program concluded with an engaging Q&A and received positive feedback, encouraging further practical training initiatives.

## **NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICE DAY**

On November 9, 2023, HVPS College of Law celebrated National Legal Service Day with a guest talk by Dr. Sanjay Singh, a renowned journalist and author known for his investigative reporting on the historic Telgi Scam case titled "Legal Awareness through Creative Medium," featuring Dr. Singh emphasized the role of creative mediums like movies, web series, and books in educating the public on legal matters, sharing insights from his career to illustrate how legal knowledge can empower individuals.

## **VALUE ADDED COURSE ON HUMAN VALUES AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS**

Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law organized a 30-hour value-added course on Human Values and Professional Ethics to emphasise ethical conduct and universal human values in professional life. The program featured a series of lectures from experts, covering topics such as professional ethics, the distinction between profession and professionalism, corporate compliance, and corporate governance. The course concluded with an assessment, and it successfully heightened students' awareness of ethical considerations, preparing them for future challenges in their careers.

## **WEBINAR ON TRADEMARK SEARCH AND FILING PROCESS**

On November 25, 2023, Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law's IQAC cell organised a webinar on "Trademark Search and Filing Process," featuring guest speaker Mr. Nitin Abhishek, an attorney from De Penning & De Penning. Mr. Abhishek provided a comprehensive overview of trademarks, including their functions, registration requirements, grounds for refusal, and the filing process. The session, attended by over 100 participants, offered valuable insights into trademark law and gave students practical knowledge on conducting trademark searches and filing applications. GROUP

## **GROUP DISCUSSION ON ADVOCATES DAY**

HVPS College of law organised a group discussion on the above mentioned topic on account of advocates day on December 5, 2023. The discussion took place in their classes with a total of 40 students divided in 4 groups. The event fostered a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted impact of AI, encouraging students to critically analyze its advantages and limitations. It successfully expanded participants' perspectives on AI's role in shaping the future of legal and corporate industries. Multiple Point of Views were put forward, as in highlighting AI's potential to enhance productivity, streamline processes, and reduce human error. They emphasized how AI tools are transforming tasks like contract review and legal research, saving time and improving accuracy.

## **DEBATE COMPETITION: "RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN THE WAR PRONE AREA"**

Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti college of law organized a debate competition on 11th December 2023 on the account of International Human Rights Day which is celebrated on 10th December. The competition focused on the critical topic of "Rights of Children in War-Prone Areas" showcasing the students' analytical skills and their understanding of complex social issues. The event provided a platform for students to articulate their views on the impact of armed conflict on children's rights, including access to education, healthcare, and safety. Participants were divided into teams representing both sides of the debate. Each team presented compelling arguments supported by legal frameworks, case studies, and statistical data. The discussions highlighted the urgent need for advocacy and intervention to protect the rights of children affected by war, emphasizing international treaties and local responsibilities. The lively exchange of ideas fostered a deeper understanding of the topic and encouraged students to engage with pressing global issues.



## **BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF** **SAVITRIBAI PHULE:**

HVPS College of Law hosted a speech competition on 03/01/2024 celebrating Savitribai Phule's legacy in education and women's empowerment. The event, held with enthusiastic participation from students, highlighted Phule's life, struggles, and the transformative impact on education. In an inaugural address, Dr. (Mrs.) Madhura Kalamkar emphasized her vision for equality and learning for all, while Asst. Professor Mr. Amar Salve reinforced the importance of her ideals today. Students delivered powerful speeches on her contributions, particularly in advancing girls' education and challenging societal norms

## **REPUBLIC DAY**

On 26th January 2024, Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law and R.J. College of Arts, Science, and Commerce jointly celebrated the 75th Republic Day with great pride. The event began with the hoisting of the National Flag by Dr. Usha Mukundan, Director of Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti, followed by the National Anthem sung in unison. NCC cadets were felicitated for their outstanding performance. Ms. Niharika Thakur, a TY LLB student, led the Preamble reading, emphasizing the core values of the Constitution. Solo dance performances by Sneha Sharma and Kanishka Singh added a cultural touch to the event, along with other patriotic performances. The celebration highlighted national pride, unity, and the importance of democracy.

## **SPORTS DAY**

The Sports Day at Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti College of Law which was held on 6-7 February, 2024 was an energetic and joyful celebration of teamwork, sportsmanship, and unity. The event brought together students and faculty for a day of spirited competition and camaraderie. The day featured a variety of events, including track races, team games, and fun challenges, allowing participants to showcase their athletic abilities and enthusiasm. The event concluded on a high note, with everyone celebrating each other's achievements and the joy of participation. Dr. Mr. Amar Salve and Dr. Mrs. Madhura Kalamkar congratulated all participants, encouraging them to carry forward the same spirit of unity and determination in every aspect of their lives.

## **ETNICA 2024**

Etnica was celebrated with great enthusiasm from the 9-12 February, giving students a platform to showcase their skills through cultural events and competitions. Organized under the guidance of Dr. Madhura Kalamkar, I/C Principal, and supported by faculty members, the event provided a break from academics and encouraged creativity.

Day 1 began with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by a Best Out of Waste competition, Saree and Tie Day, Rose Day, and fun games.

Day 2 featured Traditional Dessert Day and competitions such as Rangoli, Fireless Cooking, Sketching, and Mehendi, allowing students to express cultural themes. On the final day, the highlight was the Mr. and Ms. Etnica contest, judged by Kathak artist Ms. Ishwari Kulkarni and Professor Ms. Shephali Apte. After several rounds, Ms. Saniya Shaikh and Mr. Kripashankar Jaiswar were crowned winners. The festival concluded with a session by the NSS unit, emphasizing the importance of unity, creativity, and the joy of cultural celebration. Etnica 2024 offered students cherished memories and a sense of cultural pride.

## **SESSION ON THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

The International Women's Day celebrated on 8 March 2024, was a vibrant event dedicated to honoring the achievements and contributions of women in society, especially in the field of law. The event also featured interactive discussions and personal stories, allowing students and faculty to reflect on the challenges and opportunities faced by women in the legal field. The celebration instilled a sense of pride and unity, motivating students to be advocates for equality and contribute positively to creating a more inclusive society.

## **SEMINAR ON THE BALANCE NUTRITION FOR HEALTHY LIFESTYLE**

On April 7th 2024, Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti college of law organized a seminar regarding "Balance nutrition for Healthy Lifestyle". The guest lecturer, Dr. Prachi, a renowned clinical dietitian, opened the session by highlighting the impact of balanced nutrition on both physical and mental well-being, emphasizing its significance in managing stress and improving focus also discussed practical tips on maintaining a nutritious diet amidst a busy lifestyle and the long-term benefits of mindful eating. The event included engaging talks by nutrition experts, interactive Q&A sessions, and demonstrations on easy, healthy meal options.

## **BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR**

The DLLE unit organized a speech competition on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary, celebrating his contributions to social justice, equality, and women's rights. Through thought-provoking speeches, students gained insights into Ambedkar's role in framing the constitution and fighting caste discrimination. This event fostered awareness, unity, and inspired students to uphold Ambedkar's vision of a just society.

## **GROUP DISCUSSION ON THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE (WORLD EARTH DAY)**

On April 22nd, for World Earth Day, the IQAC and NSS Unit organised a group discussion focused on climate change to raise awareness about its effects and the urgent need for collective action. Students and faculty discussed critical issues, including biodiversity loss, extreme weather, and adaptation strategies, sharing diverse perspectives and ideas for climate solutions.

The event highlighted the importance of individual and institutional roles in combating climate change and inspired long-term commitments to environmental responsibility.



# ROLE OF JUDICIAL ACTIVISM IN PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

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India's democratic structure is based on the part of the Constitution that guarantees human rights. In India, the Supreme Court and the High Courts have played an important role in protecting these rights by being "judicial activists" when both the legislature and the executive branch fail short of expectations. In addition to this, the media has fostered the social ecosystem that has nourished democratic movements and advocacy, positioning it as a partner in safeguarding human rights, thereby functioning as the fourth pillar of democracy. Judicial activism is an approach that the judiciary takes to ensure that any threat against civil liberties, rights and changes in the constitution is reversed.

Allegations will always arise about the pattern of governance in a democratic framework that formally protects the very basic human rights in the constitution of the land. In this context, judicial activism, mainly manifested in the higher judiciary of India, which is the Supreme Court and the high courts, has come out as the guardian of these rights, more often than not taking the initiative where the legislature or the executives have failed short. In addition to this, the media, as the fourth estate, has also sparked social movements and stimulated awareness, which created a self-nurturing environment that fosters the protection of human rights.

Judicial activism has often acted as a television of human rights. Judicial activism is the term used to define the self initiated actions taken by the judiciary in making laws or when dealing with executive responsibilities, in this context, international law rather than natural law. In India, this has been the case in decreasing the state inaction or the failures whereby the citizens rights have been compromised. Social Change is at the core of the initiatives of the Indian judiciary – by employing an array of legal devices like Public Interest Litigation (PIL) – which, for example, enables one or more individuals to sue on behalf of a particular society, especially poor communities which do not have representation.

The Indian judiciary has not shied away from taking activist steps in securing fundamental rights; indeed, it has displayed great determination and steadfastness in its pursuit of justice, equality, and social reform. A living and growing Constitution: The courts have ensured that rights cannot become a stagnant and dead drawer and that no community, be it trans communities, the LGBTQ community, the differently abled, women, or the poor, remains a footnote to history; all must be alive and thriving in the Constitution. The assertion of rights to privacy; cornerstone judgments exemplify the key role of the judiciary in making us a more accepting society.





# JUDICIAL ACTIVISM ACROSS THE GLOBE

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## ☛ Introduction:

Indian Constitution grants fundamental rights in Part III and Directive Principles of State Policy in Part IV constitutions Part III deals with Articles 12 to 35, and Part IV consists of Articles 36 to 51. The Indian constitution is the most detailed and widest constitution in the world. It lays down general principles relating to the organization and power of legislature, executive and judiciary.

## ☛ Functioning of each Wing :

- ☛ **Legislature** – Parliament and State legislature make statutes.
- ☛ **Judiciary** – Supreme Court and subordinate court Administer the justice
- ☛ **Executive** – Government enforces law and conducts administrative affairs.

The framers of the constitution adopted the 'Doctrine of separation of powers' while carving the constitution of India. All executive power has been vested in the President. All legislative powers have been vested in Parliament. All judicial powers have been vested in the Supreme Court. The constitution clearly demarcates spheres for each of branches of government viz. Judiciary, Executive and Legislature. As Basu mentioned, each of these branches does not encroach on other branches in essential elements, but each branch may encroach on the other branches in the matters of incidental elements.

## ☛ Judicial Activism in India

Since the beginning of the English judicial system in India, the Britishers adopted common law principles and equity principles. Even now those principles are followed by Indian courts. The supreme court of India was established after independence. Since the beginning of the supreme court of India, It has been laying down new principles from time to time.

If Fundamental rights of a person are violated, aggrieved, person can approach the court of law. Petitioner must have a locus standi. However, in certain cases in spite of aggrieved persons some other people's associations, society etc. may also apply to the Supreme Court or High Courts expressing the grievances of aggrieved persons. The Supreme Court or High Court as the case may be, could hear such a petition or application and treat them as writ petition or article 32 and article 226 to Supreme Court and High Court respectively. These litigations are called public interest litigation.

## ☛ Article 142 –

1. The Supreme court in the exercise of jurisdiction may pass such decree as necessary for doing complete justice in any case pending before in any degree so past or order so made shall be enforceable through the territory of India in such matter as may be prescribed or under any law made by parliament and until provision in that behalf is so made in such manner as precedent may by order prescribed.

2. Subject to the provision of any law made in this behalf by the parliament, the Supreme Court shall with respect to hold territory of India have all and every power to make any order for the purpose of securing the attendance of any person the discovery production of any document's investigation or punishment of any contempt of itself. Social organization, such as People Union for Democratic Rights. Bandhu Mukti Morcha, Indian Council for Enviro-legal action etc. and many legal personalities such as M.C. Mehta Sheela Barse has filed PILS before Hon'ble Supreme Court and High Court for getting redressal for poor and needy people.

The Supreme Court is the protector, guarantor and guardian of fundamental rights provided under the Constitution. The proper remedy is provided by different statutes or constitutions to the people in society but many people can not take advantage, because of illiteracy, and poverty now also many people are not aware about their rights system of administration of justice, which involves lengthy procedures. It is said that justice delayed is justice denied. Justice is also an important factor, due to which people cannot move to a court of law.



# THE ROLE OF JUDICIARY IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Judiciary is independent of the executive, it can easily safeguard the rights of the citizens to ensure peace and harmony. However, its role is not just limited to this. It plays different roles to make sure there is smooth functioning in the country. Likewise, we are going to focus on the role of the Indian Judiciary in Environmental Protection.

In India, the concept of environmental protection can be seen to have originated from the period of Vedas. But in present time the Supreme court of India expands the meaning of environmental rights. As under Article 21, the court has created new rights including the right to health and pollution free environment. Quality of environment is necessary for all organisms to lead a quality life and also sustain their life and existence qualitatively.

India being a farmer's country, we were naturally very prosperous with regard to the environment. But post-independence our major concern was setting up markets, industries, and generating new jobs for independent citizens, in this process the environment got neglected. In 1986, Parliament of India enacted an Environment Protection Act to provide for the protection and improvement of environment and for matters connected therewith: where as the decisions were taken at the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held at Stockholm in June 1972 in which India participated to take appropriate steps for the practice and improvement of human environment.

Involvement of the court in governance starts creating different strategies, rules & regulations to maintain the role of law in the society and for this courts enforce fundamental rights of citizens and constitutional property aimed at the protection and improvement especially in the field of environment. To support these rules & regulations the Indian judicial system has given so many judgements to safeguard the environment.

## **Incidents that resulted in the enactment of The Environment (Protection) Act 1986**

The Doon Valley Case, also known as Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra(RLEK) v. State of U.P and Ors. This case is about limestone mining at Dehradun which has threatened the lives of residents and may have done severe harm to the ecosystem. In 1983, the RLEK, a local NGO from Dehradun, sent a letter of protest to the Supreme court of India on the nation's ecological degradation. The complaint in question was filed as a court petition according to Article 32 of the Indian Constitution. The judgement included closure of quarries, regulations were laid on mining work, the court ordered assessment of current mining and established a board to restore damaged areas.

Bhopal Gas Tragedy 1984, this case was between Union Carbide Corporation v. Union of India. On 3rd December 1984, more than 40 tons of methyl isocyanate gas leaked from a pesticide plant in Bhopal immediately killing at least 3800 people and causing significant morbidity and premature death for many thousands and more. The endeavour was successful and UCC agreed to pay \$470 million to the Union of India. But the settlement did not address environmental damages. However, the court did order the establishment of a specialised hospital funded by UCC and its affiliates to recognise the potential long-term health hazards of the gas leak.

## **Polluter Pays Principle**

The 'Polluter Pays' principle is the commonly accepted practice that those who produce pollution should bear the costs of managing it to prevent damage to human health or the environment. In M.C.Mehta v. Kamalnath, the Supreme court

of India directed the Motel which constructed and interfered with the natural flow of river Beas to pay compensation for restitution of the environment and ecology. In Vellore Citizens Welfare Forum v. Union of India and others the Supreme court of India defined and laid down the precautionary principle along with the Polluter pays principle.

#### **Precautionary Principle**

The Precautionary Principle is a decision making principle in Environmental law that encourages taking action to prevent environmental or health hazards, even when scientific evidence is uncertain. In Taj Trapezium Case AIR 2002 SC 3696 the Supreme court of India was dealing with the problem of protecting the Taj Mahal from the pollution of nearby industries. The court applied the Precautionary Principle and observed the environmental measures must anticipate, prevent and attack the cases of environmental degradation. In Narmada Bachao Andolan v. Union of India 2005, the precautionary principle came to be considered by the majority of judges. The court also took the view that the doctrine is to be employed only in cases of pollution when its impact is uncertain and non-negligible.

**Conclusion:** In the past years we have witnessed a lot on the environmental issues, in Delhi government adopted even odd formula to control air pollution, use of CNG gas in automobiles, keeping animals outside cities, banned the use of polythene, coastal areas safety and cleaning of beaches, water conservation programmes, Swachh Bharat Mission and many more such programs are still working for betterment of environment and human health. On the basis of the above analytical study, we may conclude that the judiciary of India has been playing an important role in protection and improvement of the environment for many decades. The role of the Indian judiciary is very appreciable in the context.



## **TRIAL BY MEDIA - A GRIM REALITY**

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We live in an era, where live events, be it riots in cities, surgical cruise missile strikes or an emerging hostage rescue operation are beamed straight into your living room, courtesy the electronic media. One of the other frequently seen phenomena, nowadays, is the increasing role of media in shaping public opinion in respect of sub judice judicial proceedings or Government transactions. It is this emergence of Media as an entity that holds its own trials, in its own domain, bereft of established judicial norms, that is a cause of grave concern for the society. Individuals are branded as tainted and guilty by a sustained campaign even before any complaint is filed in a Court of Law. This trend is unhealthy for any thriving democracy, wherein every citizen is presumed to be innocent until he is proven guilty by a competent court of law.

In the R.K. Anand v. Delhi High Court case<sup>1</sup>, the term "Trial by media" has been described by the Supreme Court as the effect of news reports on a person's reputation, which can lead to a generalised belief of guilt even in the absence of a formal court ruling. It is common for the media to face accusations of inciting public panic similar to a lynch mob during high-profile court cases. This, in turn, makes a fair trial extremely unlikely and, regardless of the outcome, the accused is perceived as guilty and cannot escape intense public scrutiny for the rest of their lives.

Let us now examine the legal framework in India which concerns this issue and the ground realities that exist today.



### **Constitutional Provisions**

It is undoubtedly true that without a free press there can be no free society. It is a historical fact that development of representative democracies mushroomed a growth in the importance and influence of the press. The Fourth Estate is virtually an institutional limb of a modern democracy. The freedom of the Press to report emanates from the citizens; the right to know.

It is worth mentioning that the press freedom and electronic media freedom are not explicitly mentioned in the Indian Constitution. The right to “Freedom of speech and expression” as outlined in Article 19 (1) (a) of the Constitution, however, would undoubtedly encompass such rights. In *Romesh Thapar v. State of Madras*<sup>2</sup>, It was decided that freedom encompasses the freedom to think, publish, and share ideas. But we must also impose what the Constitution calls “reasonable restrictions” on the authority of this powerful body. In the words of our Supreme Court<sup>3</sup>, “Freedom of Press is not absolute, unlimited and unfettered at all times and in all circumstances as it would lead to disorder and anarchy.”

“Article 19 (2) states that reasonable restrictions can be placed on the exercise of the right conferred under Article 19 in the interest of India's sovereignty and integrity, the state's security, friendly relations with foreign states, public order, decency or morality, or in relation to contempt of court, defamation, or incitement to an offence (1).” Lawmakers have the authority to set such limitations within the bounds of what is permissible under the law. Since the limitation of interference with the “administration of justice” is fundamental to contempt of court rules, the Law Commission acknowledges that free speech limits may be required to guarantee a fair trial.

According to Article 20, clause (1) of the Constitution, in order to be found guilty of an offence, one must have broken the law that was in effect when the act in question was committed. Additionally, the penalty for the offence must not be higher than what could have been imposed under the law that was in effect when the act was committed. No individual shall be subject to prosecution and punishment for the same offence more than twice, as stated in Article 20, clause (2). Article 20, clause (3) addresses the right not to incriminate oneself, which is a crucial provision. The third paragraph of Article 20 states that no individual may be forced to testify against himself in a criminal prosecution.

Article 21, which ensures the right to life and liberty, is an essential article. It reads: “No person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law”. Arrested individuals are obligated to appear before a Magistrate no later than twenty-four hours following their arrest, as stated in Article 22 (2). Article 21's language “according to procedure established by law” is to be understood by the Supreme Court in the case of *Maneka Gandhi* as necessitating a process that is fair, equitable, and not arbitrary.

The right to know and share knowledge about things of common interest is included in the freedom to know and share ideas and information under Article 19 (1), according to the Supreme Court's statement in *Hamdard Dawakhana v. Union of India*<sup>5</sup>. The right to broadcast encompasses not only the ability to enlighten, educate, and amuse, but also the right to receive such information, commentary, and entertainment. While the latter belongs to the audience, the former belongs to the broadcaster<sup>6</sup>. Any and all forms of information dissemination, including print, electronic, and audiovisual media, are encompassed in the right to information as stated in Art. 19 (1) (a).

### **Ground Realities qua Media Trials**

“According to the 2006 report of the Law Commission on the subject, the Delhi High Court in the case of *Mother Dairy Foods and Processing Ltd. v. Zed*” Telefilms<sup>7</sup> cited Mr. Andrew Belsey's remarks from his article “Journalism and Ethics, can they co-exist?” (published in *Media Ethics: A Philosophical Approach*, edited by Mathew Kieran) as an accurate description of the current situation in the media. Journalism and ethics, in his view, are distinct. Media organisations must uphold the values of “accuracy, honesty, truth, objectivity, fairness, balanced reporting, respect or autonomy of ordinary

people” while serving as unique conduits for the smooth operation of the democratic process. Each of these things contributes to the democratic procedure. It is acknowledged that there are practical aspects that contribute to the urge to publish sexually suggestive tales, such as the desire for a successful career, the need to fulfil deadlines, and the need to gratify Media Managers via reaching growth objectives. The drive to make a buck sometimes leads to reporting on topics that the “public is interested in” instead of those that are truly beneficial to society.

The rules of the game have changed, for electronic media has to operate in an entirely different paradigm. Print media has a larger canvas, ergo, an opportunity to cover myriad issues, more time for editorial circumspection and provide a balanced picture to its consumers. Electronic media doesn't have those luxuries. News has to be presented in the shortest possible time after it breaks. Needless to say that a spurt in the number of news organizations has vastly increased competition.

The recent events have shown that exposure on a news channel, for instance, the commonwealth games does subserve public interest, if it does expose the anomaly / aberration or downright infraction of law. It compels the political and executive class to become more accountable. However, the unfortunate scenario today is the morbid and hasty sensationalization of events.

Electronic media channels spend hours on analysis of a crime scene, the progress of investigation, role of the Government and most importantly, the persons it believes are guilty. In the process, many times innocent citizens are caught in the cross-fire and even castigated in the eyes of the public. There are also sting operations, which at times are faked, as was evident from the case of Uma Khurana, a Delhi School teacher who was accused of being involved in a prostitution racket, only to be found otherwise. Some of the leading judicial precedents on this subject are quite instructive.

In the M.P. Lohia case<sup>8</sup>, The matter of anticipatory bail had to be resolved by the Supreme Court, which was dealing with individuals accused of, among other things, dowry-related crimes. The victim, Chandni, passed away on February 28, 2002, and an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding her death is still underway, according to the court. The High Court of Calcutta decided on the anticipatory bail motion on 13.2.2004, and the special leave petition was still outstanding when this Court heard it. Despite this, an article by Kakoli Poddar, headlined “Doomed by Dowry” and based on interviews with the deceased's relatives, published in the magazine Saga. The magazine detailed the incident and included lengthy quotes from the victim's father regarding his account of events. If the details given therein are to be presented in the next trial, then the publication of such items in the media will unquestionably obstruct the fair administration of justice. We strongly condemn this conduct and would like to warn the publication, editor, and journalist responsible for the piece in question against engaging in such a trial by media while the matter is under consideration in court.

Similarly, in the Rajendra Jawanmal Gandhi case<sup>9</sup>, the Supreme Court found the accused guilty for offence of rape. It however, observed that “great harm had been caused to the girl by unnecessary publicity and taking out morcha by the public. There is a procedure established by law governing the conduct of trial of a person accused of an offence. A trial by press, electronic media or public agitation is the very antithesis of rule of law. It can well lead to miscarriage of justice. A judge has to guard himself against any such pressure and he is to be guided strictly by rules of law”.

“Cardozo, one of the greatest Judges of the American Supreme Court, in his ‘Nature of the Judicial Process’ (Lecture IV, Adherence to Precedent. The Subconscious Element in the Judicial Process) (1921) (Yale University Press) referring to the” “forces which enter into the conclusions of Judges” observed that “the great tides and currents which engulf the rest of men, do not turn aside in their course and pass the Judges by”<sup>10</sup>. It is common knowledge today that in criminal proceedings and even Public Interest Litigations, news articles frequently appear on the date on which the matter is kept for hearing in the Court. In this scenario, it is very likely that creation of prejudicial atmosphere around a person who is undergoing trial seriously impairs his right to free and fair trial.

Any criticism of the media is branded as “shoot the messenger” syndrome. In any event, you don’t find the media being as critical of its own conduct as compared to its criticism of other institutions of democracy. However, today, we cannot ignore that the messenger has his own agenda. The recent “Radia tapes expose” has undoubtedly affected the credibility of electronic media.

### Recommendations

Need of the hour is therefore, due diligence, more editorial circumspection and presenting a balanced program. It is also necessary, as recommended by the Law The committee should ensure that all areas of law are covered in journalism curricula. Because press freedom is not limitless, those who work in print and broadcast media must be well-informed on the scope of their rights under Article 19 (1) (a) and the prohibitions imposed by the same article (2). From a media perspective, the following areas of law are significant: human rights, constitutional law, laws protecting life and liberty, laws pertaining to defamation, and contempt of court. In addition, rather than any executive overnight, electronic media should promulgate their own code of ethics on sub judice court matters and implement it to the hilt.

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## JUDICIAL LEADERSHIP AND VISIONARY JUDGES

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Third Schedule of the constitution of India, narrates the Oath administered by every Judge before entering his duties that “ I, (name) do swear in the name of God/ Solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by the law established, that I will uphold the Sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgment perform the duties of my office without fear or favour , affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws”

The most important quality of a Judicial Leadership is standing firmly on his/her oath/affirmations made in public so that they can 'walk the talk' or fulfill their Oath, an old proverb says 'a man is only good as his words'. The word 'Leadership' means one who leads and there are followers who follow the lead or guidance of a leader, in other words there is no leadership without followers. We are living in an era where 'followers' are manipulated with lies. Leaders control the followers with fear/brain-wash. Many follow a 'Leader' for their own selfish agenda or vested interest but not out of love.



There should be some values or character or worth in a leader so that a follower may follow a leader willingly, without any compulsion or force.

A Judicial Leader should not just make promises or set high standards but also live by those principles in their daily actions. When leaders walk the talk, they build trust, foster respect and inspire those around them. A true leader must lead by example, proving that integrity and authenticity are central to effective leadership. Integrity is the cornerstone of leadership. A leader's words and actions must align to foster credibility. When leaders demonstrate the values they encourage in others- such as honesty, hard work and commitment- they build a foundation of trust that others can rely on, they motivate those around them to do the same. Leaders who embody integrity gain respect naturally, as they showcase a deep commitment to their judiciary principles. For example, if a Chief Justice who encourages open communication but also actively listens to other Judges of his team, builds a culture of transparency. This alignment of actions and words encourages the court to hold themselves accountable, knowing their leader is equally committed to the standards they set.

Judicial leadership is essential for upholding justice, impartiality and the rule of law. Judicial leaders- often judges, chief justices and other high – ranking legal officials- hold a critical role in society as guardians of fairness, constitutional rights and democratic principles. Their leadership is rooted not in power but in a commitment to integrity, impartiality and service to society. Judicial leaders must exercise wisdom, legal expertise and an unwavering dedication to justice to protect individual rights and uphold law.

Article 51 A(j) of the Indian Constitution defines the spirit of a true leadership as 'to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement' At the core of judicial leadership are the qualities of integrity and impartiality. Judges and other judicial leaders must approach every case without bias or prejudice, remaining fair in their assessments and decisions. Integrity is vital, without it, public trust in the judiciary would erode, undermining the effectiveness of the justice system. Judicial leaders must also be courageous, ready to make difficult decisions that might be politically unpopular but serve justice. In doing so, they demonstrate commitment to the values and principles that form the foundation of society.

Strong judicial visionary leadership, therefore, is not beneficial: it is crucial for the foundation and preservation of justice in our democratic society where political vendetta and judicial custody became very common. Judges are those whose decisions or interpretations of the law go beyond the constraints of their time, often shaping future legal standards, societal values, and justice itself. They're not just interpreters of the law but pioneers who expand its boundaries to reflect evolving concepts of fairness, human rights and democracy. Hon. Justice P.N. Bhagwati, a visionary judge known for expanding PIL in our nation, democratized access to justice, allowing cases to be brought forward on behalf of those without legal resources, his progressive rulings supported justice, workers rights and environment protection.

Article 51 A(h) declares 'It shall be the duty of every citizens of India to develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform'. A true visionary judge is the one who upholds the values laid down in our constitution 'scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform'. Recently a very prominent judicial personality during a meeting in Pune said that 'very often we have cases (to adjudicate) but we don't arrive at a solution. Something similar happened to me during the Ayodhya (Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute) which was in front of me for 3 months. I sat before the deity and told him, he needs to find a solution'. Majority of the Indians believe in God and its absolutely an individual's personal and private affairs which is to be respected and protected. . But it is not fair for a high-ranking judicial official to speak in a public forum that he sought after the guidance of the deity for fair judgment , rather he is supposed to honor constitutional values like 'scientific temper' in his judgment. What if medical practitioners ask the guidance of a deity for the treatment of his patients? It's very sad to say that a sitting Judge in Karnataka High Court refereed a Muslim majority place in the city of Bangalore as 'Pakistan'. The very custodians and upholders of our Constitution bury its core values deep down. Let true visionary judges rise up who stand up with boldness and speak up with integrity with their head held high that 'we will uphold our constitution to its core values and principles of law'



# **JUSTICE IN ACTION**

When laws grow old and power plays,  
When justice stumbles in her maze,  
The court with wisdom takes its place,  
To draw a line where truth will show her face.

Not shackled by the words nor by the scroll,  
But led by some far greater goal  
To help the weak, defend the small,  
To hear the call of one and all.

For fear or avarice  
When rights are trod upon, voices bleed  
The judiciary must rise above,  
To uphold the law, and seek justice.

Where legislatures do not see,  
And leaders turn from equity,  
The courts must stretch, and boldly fight,  
For laws must serve the truth, the right.

Judicial activism: strong and pure  
Is not a force that must endure,  
In passive silence, quiet still,  
But one that speaks, that bends the will.

It stands against the tide of time,  
To raise the voice of law sublime,  
To guide the state, correct the course,  
And be the people's final force.

When norms and customs blind the mind,  
The courts must seek, and courts must find  
The heart of justice, clear and true  
No matter what the winds may do.

In every ruling, every word,  
A message clear must be heard  
That law exists for all to gain,  
Not just the few who hold the reign.

In action's name, not mere delay,  
The courts must lead, they must not swerve.  
For justice waits for no man, and sees  
The law must serve, and never swerve.

So praise the judges who will fight,  
To make the law both just and right.  
For in their hands, our future lies-  
In judicial activism, justice flies.

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# न्यायिक सक्रियता: समाज की दिशा और अधिकार

जब न्याय की धारा मद्धम पड़ जाए और सत्ता में भ्रष्टाचार बढ़ जाए,  
तब न्यायिक सक्रियता की आवश्यकता होती है,  
कानून से जुड़े हर सवाल की वह छानबीन करती है।

कानून अगर रुक जाए, या हो अंधा,  
तो अदालत उठकर उसे सही दिशा दिखलाती है।

न्यायिक सक्रियता से ही मिलती है उम्मीद,  
वह हमें सच्चाई और अधिकार का अहसास कराती है।

जब समाज में भेदभाव और असमानता हो,  
न्यायिक सक्रियता उसे खत्म करने का रास्ता खोले।

वह उच्च अदालतें जब खड़ी होती हैं,  
तो हर गरीब, वंचित, और पीड़ित को न्याय मिलता है।

जब कानून अपनी सीमाओं में बंध जाए,  
न्यायिक सक्रियता उसे नया दृष्टिकोण दे जाए।

कभी आंखें दबाव के मुकाबले सत्ता से मुंद जाती हैं,  
तो अदालत ही उस अंधेरे में रोशनी की किरण बनती है।

यह दायित्व केवल न्यायधीशों का नहीं है  
बल्कि हर उस संस्थान का है, जो समाज से जुड़ा है।

न्यायिक सक्रियता से ही बदल सकती है व्यवस्था,  
वह हर असमानता को नष्ट करती है, और न्याय की स्थिरता लाती है।

कानून की किताबें हमेशा सही नहीं होतीं,  
कभी समाज की वास्तविकता को समझने की जरूरत होती है।

न्यायिक सक्रियता से ही हमारा लोकतंत्र मजबूत होगा,  
और हर नागरिक को न्याय का पूरा अधिकार मिलेगा।

इसलिए, न्यायिक सक्रियता की यह राह है जरूरी,  
यह समाज के हर वर्ग को देती है सुरक्षा और पुनीत दूरी।

यह न्याय की सर्वोच्चता और संविधान की गरिमा है,  
समाज को सही दिशा दिखाने वाली यह एक बड़ी प्रेरणा है।

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## TEACHER'S ACHIEVEMENTS





- ☞ Dr. (Mrs.) Madhura Kalamkar presented a paper titled “Gender Justice and Constitutionalism” in the International Conference on ‘Contemporary Counter of Constitutionalism in Light of Changing Dimension of Governance Judicial Review and Judicial Activism’ organized by KC Law College on 10 February 2024.
- ☞ Dr. (Mrs.) Madhura Kalamkar authored a paper in Naturalista Campano, Vol. 27, Issue 03, 2023 titled “Parody, Pastiche and Satire: A Comparative Study of Copyright in US, UK and India”.
- ☞ Assistant Professor Amar Salve successfully defended his doctoral thesis, showcasing his expertise and dedication to scholarly research.
- ☞ Assistant Professor Dr. Amar Salve authored a paper titled ‘Critical Analysis of Indian Universal Protective Efforts Combating Child Trafficking and Pornography with a special focus on Child Prostitution’ in the European Chemical Bulletin in July 2023.
- ☞ Assistant Professor Amar Salve delivered a Guest Lecture on the UGC-NET/SET Exam in the Amolakchand Law College, Yavatmal in November 2023.
- ☞ Dr. Amar Salve was invited to judge the Inter Collegiate ‘Research, Write and Speak : Paper Presentation Competition 2023-24’ organized by G.J. Advani Law College on 17 February 2024.
- ☞ Assistant Professor Nachiket Kurhe completed the Praveshika Pratham examination held by ABGMVM in Hindustani Classical (Vocal) with Distinction in the month of February 2024.
- ☞ Assistant Professor Tejal Chaudhary successfully completed post-graduation diploma in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).
- ☞ Assistant Professor Rituparna De has participated and presented the paper titled Trademark Enforcement in Social Media: Need for a Uniformity in Legal Framework in the “1st Doctoral Thesis Conference of Law”, organized by the Center for Post Graduate Legal Studies, Research & Training, ICFAI Law School, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad, on 14th & 15th June, 2024.





# STUDENT'S ACHIEVEMENT



1. Ms. Chanchal Singh and Ms. Isha Singh won the first prize in the National Legal Debate Competition conducted by Agnel School of Law on 9th September 2023.
  2. Ms. Kumud Pandey, Ms. Sakshi Kushwah, Mr. Kaif Shaikh and Ms. Aditi Sharma participated in the Parliamentary Debate organised by KC College on 7th October 2023. Ms. Aditi Sharma was awarded the certificate for Best Speaker during the occasion.
  3. Ms. Irad Mansoori of SY BLS-LLB secured the Second Position in Op-Ed Competition in Prajatantra 2023: National Youth Festival conducted between 30th October and 1st November 2023.
  4. Mr. Ramashankar Singh of FY LLM authored a research article titled “Navigating Freedom of Press in the Era of New Scientific Developments: A Comparative Analysis of India & Global Perspectives” in the International Journal for Legal Research and Analysis, Vol.2, Issue 7, December 2023.
  5. Mr. Shaunak Limaye TY BLS-LLB won Bronze in the Quiz Competition conducted as part of the Intercollegiate Fest Devdoot 2023-24 organized by Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College on 7 and 8 February 2024.
  6. Mr. Abhishek Deshmukh of TY BLS-LLB secured the first position in Badminton under Sports category and Ms. Kareena Saroj of SY BA-LLB secured the 2nd position in Nail Chitrakala in Kshitij fest organized by the BMS department of Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College from 5 to 7 February 2024.
  7. The DLLE unit of the college enthusiastically participated in the Sanskar Law Fest conducted between 21 and 23 December 2023 by DTSS College of Law and won the Best Students’ Team in Sanskar Law Fest. Following were the prize-winners of the Law Fest:
    - ★ Ms. Kanishka Singh of FY BA-LLB won the 1st Prize in Solo Dance
    - ★ Ms. Kanishka Singh (FY BA-LLB), Mr. Shwetang Tiwari (SY BA-LLB), Ms. Gayatri Mishra (FY BA-LLB) and Mr. Habibur Ansari (SY BA-LLB) won the 1st Prize in Legal Debate.
    - ★ Ms. Kunjal Gupta (FY BA-LLB), Ms. Gaurangi Upsham (FY BA-LLB), Ms. Arya Mohite (FY BA-LLB), Ms. Khushi Mishra (FY BA-LLB) and Ms. Vandita Prajapati (FY BA-LLB) won the 2nd Prize in Group Dance.
    - ★ Mr. Ayush Singh (FY LLB), Ms. Dishu Jain (FY LLB) and Ms. Chanda Yadav (FY LLB) won the 2nd Prize in Moot Court.
    - ★ Mr. Ramchandra Upadhyay (SY BA-LLB), Mr. Dhyan Upadhyay (FY BA, LLB), Mr. Akash Mishra (FY BA-LLB), Ms. Arpita Gupta (FY BA-LLB), Ms. Aarti Mishra (FY LLB) and Ms. Tirumala Sahu (FY BA-LLB) won the 3rd Prize for Street Play.
  8. Mr. Shaunak Limaye and Mr. Sankalp Bagul secured the Third position in the Quiz Competition, Devdoot Fest of NSS Unit of R.J. College, February 2, 2024.
  9. Mr. Anush Lala of SY BA-LLB won the 3rd prize for Happy Moments, Ms. Saniya Ansari of FY BA-LLB won the 3rd prize for Mehendi. Ms. Kareena Saroj of SY BA-LLB won the 3rd Prize for Nail art and Ms. Arpita Gupta of FY BA-LLB won the Consolation Prize for Fireless Cooking in the intercollegiate competition Elysium organised by B.L. Amlani College and M.R. Nathwani College on 4 February 2024.
  10. Ms. Sakshi Kushwah had won the Best Speaker in the Moot Court Competition Organized by TRCC College on 8th - 10th March 2024
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**AQSA SHAIKH (SYBA LL.B.)**

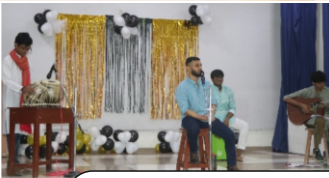




**DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT  
GO HAND IN HAND**

**PRIYANKA SARODE (TYBLS LL.B.)**

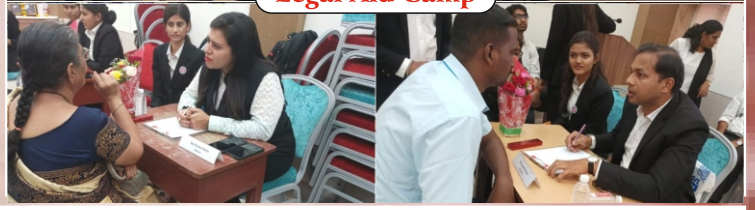
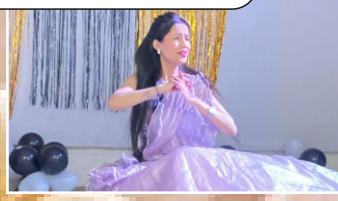




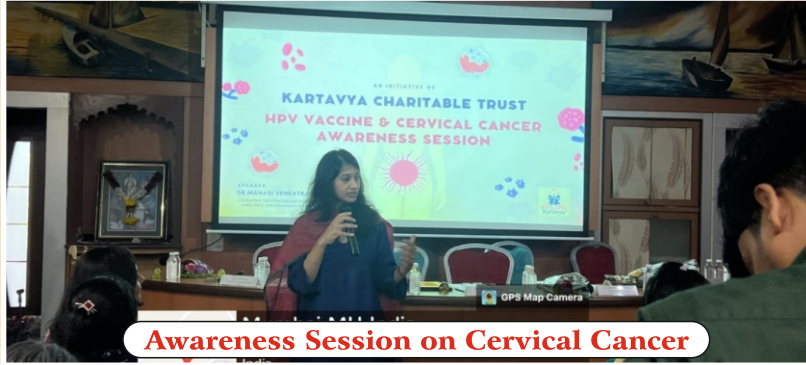
**Etnica : Cultural Fest.**



**Legal Aid Camp**



**Value Added Courses**



**Awareness Session on Cervical Cancer**



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Our Students and Faculty had the privilege of meeting Hon'ble Justice Gavai, gaining valuable insights into Justice, Leadership and Social Responsibility





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Second Year. B.L.S. LL.B.



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**Ms. Avantika Singh**  
Fourth Year B.L.S. LL.B.



**Ms. Sharanya Vast**  
Fifth Year B.A. LL.B.



**Ms. Aqsa Shaikh**  
First Year LL.B.



**Ms. Naaz Bartanwala**  
Second Year LL.B.



**Ms. Shafaque Siddiqui**  
Third Year LL.B.

## IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF BASMA MUNDER SHIRAZI

( 12/ 03/ 2005 ) — ( 14/ 11/ 2024 )

With broken hearts, we announce the untimely passing of Basma Munder Shirazi, a beloved student and friend. At age 19, Basma touched countless lives with her kindness, warmth and unrelenting passion for learning. She was a dedicated student of Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College Of Law and a cherished member of the editorial committee. Basma leaves behind her parents, teachers and a wide circle of friends who will forever treasure her memories. Her light was far too bright to be dimmed, and she will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her. ”



## IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF NISHANT...

(13/5/1998) - (21/11/2024)

It is with deep sorrow that we mourn the loss of our esteemed alumnus, Nishant, whose remarkable journey through life left an indelible impact on all who knew him. A true embodiment of kindness, resilience, and dedication, Nishant's contributions to society and his unwavering spirit inspired countless lives. His ability to uplift others and his commitment to making a difference will forever remain a cherished legacy within our institution. Though he is no longer with us, his light and memory will continue to guide and inspire our community. Rest in peace, Nishant—you will always be remembered with profound respect and love. ”





## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

As the President of the Student Council at HVPS College of Law, I hold a position that I deeply cherish and respect. This role is not just a title—it is a responsibility, a voice, and a platform to represent the aspirations, concerns, and ideas of every student in our college. Being a representative is a role I have embraced with dedication. It is my utmost priority to ensure that the ideas, perspectives, and voices of all students are heard and valued. Every individual at our college has their own unique will and vision, and as President, my mission is to create an environment where these visions can thrive and contribute to the collective growth of both students and our institution. Our college is a beacon of growth and opportunity. Under the inspiring leadership of our principal, and with the support of our exceptional faculty, non-teaching staff, and my fellow council members, we strive to foster an atmosphere of trust, inclusivity, and progress. It is this trust that drives me to work tirelessly for the betterment of our college community.

**-Ms. KANISHKA SINGH**



## MESSAGE FROM EDITORIAL BOARD

It has been an absolute privilege to serve as editors for the annual magazine of Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law, "LICIT" This opportunity allowed us to transform our vision into a reality. After much deliberation, we collectively decided on the theme, "Judicial Activism." Judicial activism involves judges interpreting laws in a flexible manner to address evolving social issues. It plays a key role in protecting individual rights and advancing justice. However, it can also lead to concerns about judicial overreach.

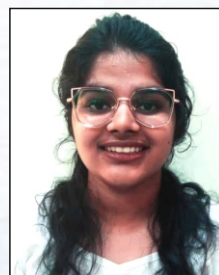
Its significance lies in balancing legal interpretation with societal progress. Each team member took on specific responsibilities, contributing to every aspect of the process. The students skillfully explored the role of judicial activism in shaping legal systems and its impact on society in their written pieces. The collective effort and commitment, not only to the art of writing and report analysis but also in curating every detail of the events and accompanying photographs, played a crucial role in the magazine's successful completion.



**Ms. BASMA SHIRAZI**



**MR. ESHAN PAWAR**



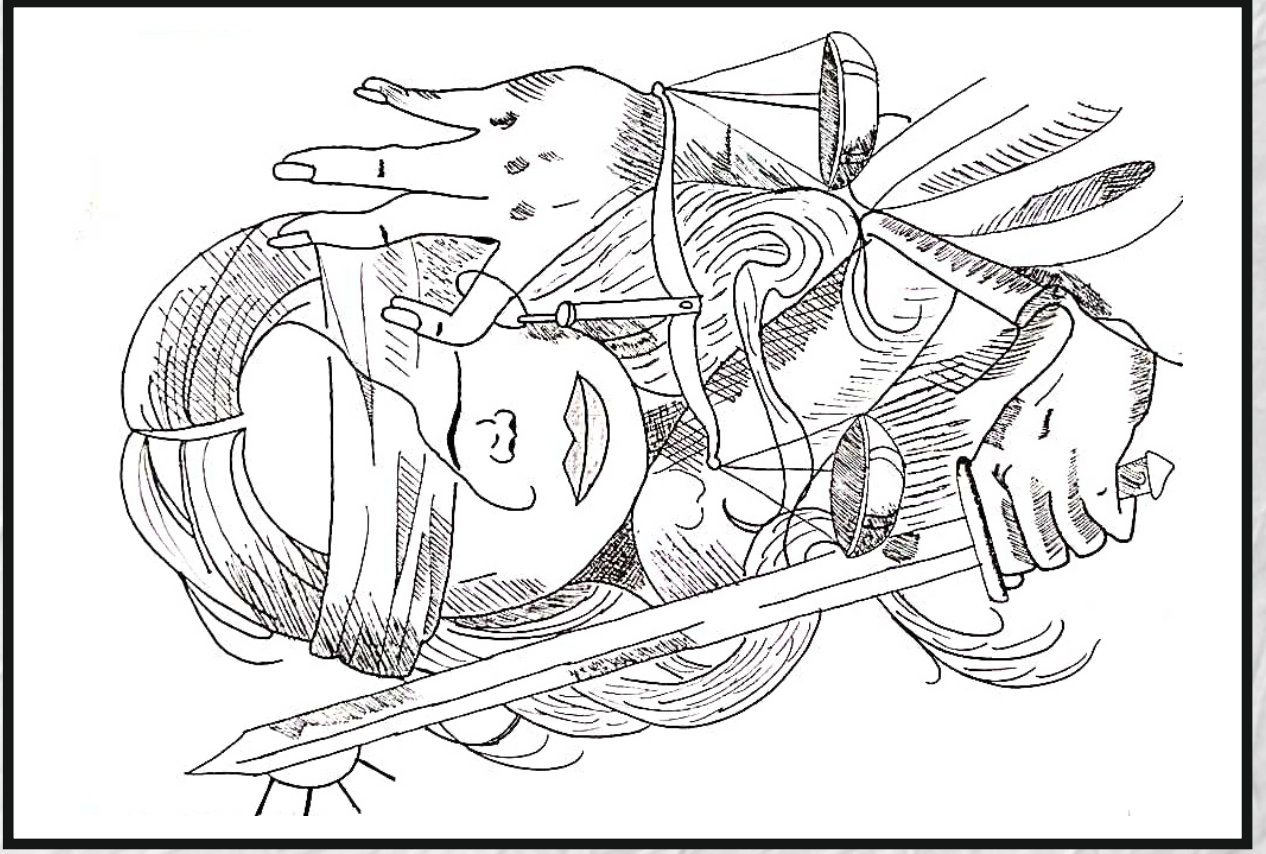
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# Art of Basma Shirazi







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