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Sub: List of events organized by the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, in the Academic Years 2022 and 2023

Preface

This document pertains to the operations of the Law Society (*hereinafter to be referred as the "Society"*) within the School of Law, University of Kashmir (*hereinafter to be referred as the "University"*). The Society was established for the Academic Session 2022-2023, with its members appointed on the 14th of July, 2022. Upon the culmination of its designated term, the Society's Executive Council was officially dissolved on the 4th of July, 2023. The contents of this document encompass detailed information concerning the structure, functionality, and the array of events and programs orchestrated by the Society. During its inaugural assembly, the Society comprised a total of 16 (sixteen) individuals, who held roles as both Executive and Working Members. However, upon its dissolution, the Society's ranks had diminished to a complement of 10 (ten) such dedicated members.

Delving into its historical origins, the Society emerged as a vision cherished by the founding minds of the School of Law, then recognized as the Faculty of Law within the University. The inception of this venerable institution traces back to the late 1970s, initiated by the patrons of the Department. However, due to circumstantial exigencies, it lay dormant for a considerable duration. Nonetheless, in April of 2008, the Society orchestrated a grand charitable campaign named "Ehsas," dedicated to assisting individuals afflicted with leprosy. A significant turning point materialized in April 2011, when the Society underwent a renaissance, assuming a rejuvenated form. The bedrock principle that underpins the Law Society revolves around the notion of valuing and embracing a select few pertinent endeavours, rather than burdening humanity with an excess of frivolous pursuits. This ethos guided the Society in organizing a spectrum of events encompassing debates, quizzes, and competitions, spanning both legal and non-legal domains. A pinnacle of the Society's journey was reached in 2018, marked by the successful hosting of a National Moot Court Competition, which solidified its reputation and impact in the academic and legal spheres.

The Society is established under, and discharges its functions according to, the **Policy of the Law Society (2017)**, having the recognition of the administration of the University as a university-level body.

The Society is under the stewardship of the distinguished Head and Dean of the School of Law, who serves as the Patron. The Head and Dean also assumes leadership of the Administrative Council of the Society. Assisting in this capacity is the Teacher-in-Charge of the Society, a faculty member of the School of Law, who regularly aids in fulfilling the responsibilities inherent to the role of the Patron. At the heart of the Society's framework lies the Executive Council, serving as its principal organ. This council orchestrates a myriad of events and programs, undertaking a range of duties as stipulated by the aforementioned policy.

As on 30th December, 2023 the Society organized, or facilitated, a total of 24 distinguished occasions, encompassing a trilogy of grand events alongside an array of smaller engagements. Among these, a diverse array of activities such as quizzes, debates, seminars, workshops, and sporting events graced the Society's roster. A comprehensive record of all these noteworthy events is meticulously documented below.

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(Prof. Mohammad Hussain)
HEAD AND DEAN
School of Law

**List of events/programmes organized by the Law Society,
in the Academic Years 2022 and 2023**

(As on 30th December, 2023)

S.No.	Name of the Event/Programme	Date
1.	One Day Workshop on “Misuses of Right to Information Act, 2005”	12-10-2022
2.	One Day Career Counselling Session	13-10-2022
3.	One Day Workshop on “Moot Court”	20-10-2022
4.	Staff-Student Cricket Match-2022	28-10-2022
5.	4th Judgment Reading Workshop	07-11-2022
6.	National Legal Services Day-2022	09-11-2022
7.	One Day National Seminar on “Law, Justice and Social Change in the Globalised World”	18-11-2022
8.	One Day Intra-Department Debate Competition	22-11-2022
9.	Constitution Day Celebrations-cum-Intra Department Quiz Competition-2022	26-11-2022
10.	Launching Ceremony of Warukh-Law Society’s E-Student Newsletter	29-11-2022
11.	One Day National Conference on “Increasing Relevance of the Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (CEDAW)”	01-12-2022
12.	One-Day Seminar on “Responsibility of the Youth towards a Healthy Society”	07-12-2022
13.	5th Judgment Reading Workshop	06-04-2023
14.	Inaugural Ceremony of “Establishment, Revival and Operation of Legal Aid Clinics in Jammu and Kashmir”	11-04-2023
15.	One-Day Orientation Session with the LAW Foundation, J&K (NGO)	13-04-2023
16.	One Day Interactive Session on “Access to Legal Education in India and VALE Fellowship”	27-04-2023
17.	One-Day Cleanliness Drive (G20 Programme)	11-05-2023
18.	One-Day Interactive Session on “Pursuing Masters and PhD from Abroad - Processes for Foreign Universities”	22-05-2023
19.	Free Medical Awareness-cum-Checkup Camp	23-06-2023

20.	A Special Talk on “Kashmir and Socio-Religious Harmony”	24-07-2023
21.	Two-Day Orientation Programme of B.A-LL.B and LL.B Batch 2023	31-08-2023 and 01-09-2023
22.	Constitution Day Celebrations-cum-Intra Department Quiz Competition-2023	28-11-2023
23.	6th Judgment Reading Workshop	05-12-2023
24.	One-Day National Seminar on “Cyber-crime Against Women”	28-12-2023

ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON MISUSES OF R.T.I ACT, 2005

(Dated 12th of October, 2023)



On 12th of October, 2022, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, in collaboration with SAAYA – Shadow of Hope (NGO) and J&K RTI Movement, organized a **One-Day Workshop on the “Misuses of RTI Act”**.

Among the faculty members from the School of Law, University of Kashmir, speaking on the occasion were Prof. Beauty Bandy, Head and Dean; Prof. Mohd. Ayub Dar, Professor & former Head and Dean; Prof. Mohammad Hussain, Professor & former Head and Dean; Dr. Shahnaz, Sr. Assistant Professor and Dr. Mir Junaid Alam, Assistant Professor. All such faculty members spoke about the scope of RTI Act and its impact in different ways on an individual, in particular, and the society, in general.

Adv. Naveed Bakhtiyar, Co-ordinator-J&K RTI Movement also spoke on the various aspects of RTI.

Dr. Shiekh Ghulam Rasool, Chairman of J&K RTI Movement addressed the gathering by sharing his personal experience.

Prof. Mohammad Ayub Dar, Professor & Former Head and Dean, explained the importance of RTI, if applied properly, in socio-economic settings.

Prof. Mohammad Hussain, Professor & Former Head and Dean, School of Law, University of Kashmir, showed his appreciation for the present RTI activists. He talked about his analysis of the present society.

While sharing his personal experiences with respect to the theme of the event, Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir, Registrar of the University of Kashmir, who was also the Chief Guest on the occasion, spoke about working of RTI in University.

Dr. Mohammad Yasin Wani, Assistant Professor and Course Coordinator, School of Law, University of Kashmir conducted the proceedings of the event.

ONE DAY CAREER COUSSELLING SESSION

(Dated 13th of October, 2023)



On 13th of October, 2022, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir in collaboration with Internship and Placement Cell, School of Law, organised a day long Career Counselling Session for UPSC-CSE preparation.

Prof. Beauty Banday, Head and Dean of the School of Law, KU, gave the welcome address speech and stressed upon the importance of career counselling programmes for the students. She added that School of Law is committed to organize such more programmes for honing the skill of budding law students.

Dr. Mohammad Yaseen, Assistant Professor, School of Law and Chairman of the I&P Cell, in his address provided a brief profile of the working of the I&P cell. He referred to multiple programmes organized by the IP cell during the current academic year.

Mrs. Mohsina Irshad (JKAS) Assistant Director, Handloom, Jammu, Government of J&K, who was one of the resource persons of the programme spelt out the preparation strategy for law students. Having qualified the prestigious JKAS examination with law as one of her subjects, she emphasized upon attending the classes, regularly and taking every law subject, seriously, if one has to excel in the civil services.

Mr. Faz-lul-Haseeb, Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Government of J&K who was also the guest speaker on the occasion explained in detail the requirements and demands of the competitive exam. He stressed upon the need for hard work, consistency and discipline if a student has to excel in the civil services examination. He also shared with the audience his strategy for cracking the civil services examination.

ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON MOOT COURTS

(20th of October, 2023)



On 22nd of October, 2022, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, organised a **One-Day Workshop on “Moot Court”**.

Teacher-In-Charge of the Society and Asst. Professor, School of Law, UoK, Mr. Hakim Yasir Abbas acted as the resource person, who enlightened the participants about the basics of a Moot Court in a detailed and systemic manner. He said that success in moot court competitions is one of the most important metrics for assessing a student's legal comprehension, hence training for moot court competitions is receiving a lot more attention. The most beneficial way for a law student to gain first-hand experience, look into the world of a lawyer, and learn more than just the mechanics of litigation is through mooting. They can also learn the nuances of legal research, a comprehensive understanding of factual situations, and how to present those situations persuasively.

Although most law schools provide some rudimentary instruction in moot court, this instruction is typically superficial and insufficient to master the challenging art of mooting. The aforementioned workshop, therefore, sought to close this gap and offered thorough instruction in comprehending the mooting procedure, composing memorials, and providing helpful professional counsel to succeed in mooting.

STAFF STUDENT CRICKET MATCH-2022

(Dated 28th of October, 2023)



On 28th of October, 2022, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir and attracted hundreds of spectators who cheered for the teams.

The match i.e. “Staff-Student Cricket Match, 2022” was won by the team of law students by eight wickets, played at the Cricket Ground of the University of Kashmir.

The “Law Faculty-Staff Team” won the toss and elected to bat first. Playing the first inning, the said team lost its earlier wickets quickly.

Putting the target of 104 runs to win before Law Students, the Law Faculty-Staff finished at 103 runs at the loss of nine wickets, with Mr. Hakim Yasir Abbas and Mr. Manzoor Ahmad scoring 30 runs each. Both the players forged a 60-run partnership for the fourth wicket to set the target of 104 before the Law Students' Team in 16 overs.

Syed Aaqif, from the B.A-LL.B 10th, who was also the captain of the law student’s team, smashed 44 not-out partnership, for the unbroken fourth wicket, with Usman Gani Lone, who was also from B.A-LL.B 10th, who scored 32 runs and remained not out. The all-rounder Usman remained the ‘Player of the Match’ with 43 runs not out and taking three wickets.

The Head and Dean, School of Law, UOK, Prof. Beauty Banday; Prof. Muhammad Ayub Dar and other faculty members presented the trophy to the winning team. Prof. Banday, with other faculty members, also lauded the efforts of the Law Society members for organizing educational and co-curricular events. Speaking on the occasion, she expressed her gratitude to Dr. Musavir Ahmad, Coordinator, Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, KU for providing logistics support for

organizing such events. Prof. Bandy also felicitated a law student from B.A-LL.B 6th Semester, Sheikh Najmus Saqib, for winning a bronze medal at International Pencak Silat.

4TH JUDGMENT READING WORKSHOP

(Dated 7th November, 2023)



On 7th of November, 2022, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, organised the “**4th Judgment Reading Workshop**”. The basic aim of the workshop was to hone the judgement-reading skills of students and was attended by 25 students from the School of Law, University of Kashmir, who were provided step-by-step training on reading court judgments quickly and efficiently.

The resource person were the faculty members from the School of Law, UoK namely, Dr. Shahnaz, Sr. Assistant Professor; Mr. Mir Mubashir Altaf, Assistant Professor and Mr. Hakim Yasir Abbas, Assistant Professor and Teacher-in-Charge of the Law Society, who spoke on different aspects of the Judgment Reading and its interpretation.

The session also involved a judgment reading activity which was supervised by Mr. Mir Mubashir Altaf. He explained to the audience the proper methods of locating a case law in a journal.

NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES DAY – 2022

(Dated 9th November, 2023)



On 9th of November, 2022, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir organized a day-long program to celebrate the “National Legal Services Day – 2022”, at School of Law, University of Kashmir.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Beauty Bandy, Head and Dean, School of Law, University welcomed the guests and briefed everyone on how National Legal Services Day celebrates the tremendous work done by thousands of individuals to carry out the mandate of article 39A of the Indian Constitution.

Prof. Mohd. Ayub, former Head & Dean and Professor, School of Law, spoke about how legal aid and its various facets find root in international conventions and how the same has been recognized in the Indian Constitution as well. He said that civilized societies always come to the rescue of the poor and legal aid is simply another way where the legal mechanism is used to provide legal services to the marginalized and disadvantageous sections of society.

This was followed by a play "Gulaal" performed by the School of Law Theatre Society. The play focused on the problem of drug abuse in our society and the role played by legal services authorities in addressing this problem.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Fozia Paul, Secretary, DLSA, Srinagar and the Guest of Honour for the event, emphasized on the extent of the drug problem in the UT of J&K and the need for creating an even more effective mechanism to deal with the same. She also pointed out how districts Srinagar and Budgam are focal zones of the “Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan”. She also spoke about the important work done by various legal services authorities in the UT of J&K towards fulfilling the objectives of Article 39A of the Indian Constitution and the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987.

Mr. Hakim Yasir Abbas, Teacher-In-Charge of the Law Society, School of Law, University of Kashmir concluded the event by delivering the Vote of Thanks. While thanking everyone who made this event a success, he said that he was hopeful to collaborate on similar projects with DLSA, Srinagar in the future as well.

The event was followed by a rally taken out by the students of the School of Law, University of Kashmir and the staff of DLSA wherein banners and placards were used to aware the public about the scope of legal aid.

ONE DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON “LAW, JUSTICE AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN THE GLOBALISED WORLD”

(Organized by the School of Law and facilitated by the Law Society)

(Dated 18th November, 2023)



On 18th of November, 2022, the School of Law, University of Kashmir on Friday organised a “One-Day National Seminar on ‘Law, Justice and Social Change in A Globalised World’.

Prof Beauty Banday, Head and Dean School of Law, delivered the welcome address and underlined the importance of the present seminar, which is being attended by participants from different parts of the country.

Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Prof Nilofer Khan inaugurated the day-long seminar as the Chief Guest, while Dean Research, University of Kashmir, Prof Irshad A Nawchoo was the Guest of Honour and Registrar, University of Kashmir, Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir, the Special Guest at the inaugural session.

Addressing the law students, faculty and seminar participants, Prof Nilofer said the ultimate aim of the process of law is to “deliver right justice”. She asserted that seminars like the present one can help strengthen the law as the instrument of justice delivery. Referring to several legal remedies available to people to seek justice, Prof Khan asked the participants to imagine how the society would be in absence of laws governing different spheres of our daily lives. She referred to gender justice laws in particular to draw home her point. She impressed upon the law students to work towards making the instrument of law a more viable instrument of justice in society.

Prof Irshad A Nawchoo talked about evolution of different laws and their amendments from time to time, arguing that modifications in laws should have positive implications on the people at large.

Dr Nisar A Mir said law and justice are interrelated and both are strong agents of positive social change. He advocated for including newer dimensions of law in the curricula of Sociology, Social Work, Women’s Studies and other related disciplines, apart from the law components already being taught to the students.

Prof Mohammad Ayub, Professor & former Head and Dean, School of Law, delivered the keynote address, highlighting that technology today is “developing its own tools of justice delivery where artificial intelligence is now replacing judges and settling commercial disputes worldwide.”

Prof Mohammad Hussain, Professor & Head and Dean, School of Law, said justice has been a “very difficult word for legal fraternity for a long time”. He also discussed the “order-disorder” paradigm of law and justice-delivery in what he called “today’s globalised milieu”.

Dr Shehnaz, Sr. Assistant Professor, School of Law, delivered the vote of thanks and Mr Hakim Yasir Abbas, Assistant Professor and Teacher-In-Charge of the Law Society, School of Law, conducted proceedings of the inaugural session. The Law Society facilitated the said programme.

INTRA-DEPARTMENT DEBATE COMPETITION – 2022

(Dated 22nd November, 2023)



On 22nd of November, 2022, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir organized the **“Intra-Department Debate Competition-2022”**, for the selection of the Debating Society of the School of Law.

The said programme was a huge success, and resulting in the full-time established Debating Society. Ms Huma Khurshid of BA-LLB 4th; Mr Zayd Kirmani of BA-LLB 8th, and Ms Mehvish Manzoor of BA-LLB 6th were the top 3 speakers, respectively.

In his vote of thanks, Mr. Mir Mubashir Altaf, Asst. Professor, School of Law, UoK, praised the conduct and speaking skills of the contestants, remarking that he was very pleased to see that the law school has no dearth of eloquent and argumentative speakers. He also thanked the Law Society's Teacher-in-Charge, Mr. Hakim Yasir Abbas, for organizing and managing the law society with such great success.

The Law Society was pleased to report that two of the top three speakers were the currently full-time members of the said Society. All the more reason for society to rejoice, and another feather for the Society to add to its cap.

During the announcement of results and prize distribution, the ceremony was presided over by Head and Dean, School of Law, Prof. Beauty Bandy who remarked that there ought to be at least one day of the week dedicated solely to debates and discussions between the students. Dr. Shehnaz, Sr. Asst. Professor, School of Law also pitched in and said that the faculty members of the school ought to deliver special lectures to the students of the junior batches so that camaraderie and rapport are established between the faculty members and younger batches early on.

CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION AND INTRA DEPARTMENT QUIZ COMPETITION – 2022

(Dated 26th November, 2023)



On 26th of November, 2022, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir organized a vibrant and insightful “**Constitution Day Celebration-cum-Intra Department Quiz Competition-2022**”. The event aimed to foster awareness and appreciation for the Constitution of India among the students and the academic community.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Prof. Beauty Banday, Head and Dean, School of Law, UoK who set the tone for the day's proceedings and emphasized the significance of Constitution Day in promoting constitutional values and principles.

Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir, the Registrar of the University of Kashmir, delivered a special address, highlighting the importance of constitutional awareness in shaping responsible and informed citizens.

Prof. Irshad Ahmad Nawchoo, Dean Research at the University of Kashmir, shared his insights on the relevance of constitutional research in the contemporary legal landscape.

Subsequently, Prof. Mohammad Ayoub and Prof. Mohammad Hussain delivered simple yet profound addresses, reflecting on the evolution and impact of constitutional law within the academic sphere.

The event was expertly moderated by Dr. Mohammad Yasin, Assistant Professor at the School of Law, University of Kashmir. His skillful management ensured a smooth and engaging flow of discussions.

The occasion concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Dr. Shahnaz, Senior Assistant Professor at the School of Law, University of Kashmir, expressing gratitude to the guests, participants, and organizers for their collective efforts in making the Constitution Day Celebration and Quiz Competition a resounding success.

The Constitution Day Celebration-cum-Intra Department Quiz Competition-2022 proved to be an enriching and intellectually stimulating event, reinforcing the commitment of the School of Law,

University of Kashmir, to fostering a deeper understanding of constitutional principles among its students and faculty.

LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF WARUKH-LAW SOCIETY'S E-STUDENT'S NEWSLETTER

(Dated 29th November, 2023)



On 29th of November, 2022, The Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, hosted a momentous event with the “**Launching Ceremony of Warukh-Law Society's Student's Newsletter and the unveiling of the new logo of the Law Society**”. The occasion witnessed the enthusiastic participation of students, faculty, and esteemed guests, making it a memorable event in the academic calendar.

The event commenced with an opening address by Prof. Beauty Banday, who conveyed her appreciation for the vibrant academic culture at the School of Law and emphasized the significance of platforms like Warukh-Law Society's Student's Newsletter in fostering intellectual discourse among students.

Dr. Shahnaz, Senior Assistant Professor at the School of Law, University of Kashmir, shared her insights on the importance of student-driven initiatives and the role they play in enhancing the educational experience within the university.

The highlight of the ceremony was the detailed presentation about the new Law Society logo by Zayd Kirmani, Coordinator (Workshops, Seminars, and Conferences, etc.) in the Law Society. His presentation provided an in-depth understanding of the symbolism and design elements incorporated into the new logo, reflecting the dynamic spirit and values of the Law Society.

The Launching Ceremony and Logo Unveiling event concluded with expressions of gratitude from the organizers to the guests and participants for their active involvement and support. The Law Society looks forward to the continued success and impact of Warukh-Law Society's Student's

Newsletter and the newly unveiled logo in enriching the academic and co-curricular experiences of the students.

ONE DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INCREASING RELEVANCE OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

(Organized by the School of Law and facilitated by the Law Society)

(Dated 1st December, 2023)



On 1st December, 2022, the School of Law, University of Kashmir, organised a **One-Day National Seminar on Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)**.

Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Prof Nilofer Khan inaugurated the seminar, organised with the aim of raising awareness on issues concerning women's rights and gender inequality, and to strengthen commitment to promote women's rights and gender equality. In her presidential address, Prof Khan said holding such important seminars is the need of the hour. She reiterated that law professionals and students have an added responsibility to address various societal problems and raise awareness at grassroots about conventions like CEDAW. She also congratulated the School of Law for holding the seminar and hoped for fruitful deliberations which would address various aspects related to the seminar theme.

In his keynote address, Prof Bhushan Tilak Kaul, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court and Former Chairman, Delhi Judicial Academy, said that CEDAW sets out in detail the prohibition of discrimination against women in all aspects of life.

Prof Irshad Ahmad Nawchoo, Dean, Research, University of Kashmir and Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir also shared the dais and highlighted the role of institutions to ensure protection of rights of women, especially at workplaces, and to make sure that they face no discrimination whatsoever.

Prof Beauty Bandy, Head and Dean, School of Law, delivered the welcome address and highlighted objectives of the seminar.

Dr Shehnaz, Sr. Assistant Professor at the School of Law, University of Kashmir, presented the vote of thanks while the proceedings of the session were conducted by Mr Hakim Yasir Abbas, Assistant Professor and Teacher-In-Charge of the Law Society at the School of Law.

The inaugural session was followed by five technical sessions where the participants presented their research papers. The Law Society helped in facilitating this event.

ONE-DAY SEMINAR ON “RESPONSIBILITY OF THE YOUTH TOWARDS A HEALTHY SOCIETY”

(Dated 7th December, 2023)



On 7th December, 2022, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, organised a **“One-Day Seminar on Responsibility of the Youth towards a Healthy Society”**.

The deliberations were held as part of the ‘Youth Seminar-2022’ organised by the varsity’s School of Law’s Law Society in collaboration with South Asia Centre for Peace and Peoples’ Empowerment (SACPPE), a non-governmental organisation working for youth welfare.

Registrar of the University of Kashmir, Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir chaired the inaugural session as the Chief Guest and highlighted the need to “go back to the value system that we once cherished in our society” to curb social evils like drug abuse.

Prof Mohammad Ayub, Professor & former Head and Dean, School of Law, said development of a society starts from teachings offered to children at their homes.

Prof Mohammad Hussain, Professor & former Head and Dean School of Law urged youth to stay away from drug menace and smartphone addiction.

Head and Dean School of Law, Prof Beauty Banday, earlier delivered the welcome address, while Dr Mohammad Yasin, Assistant Professor, conducted proceedings of the inaugural session.

Mr Yasir Abbas, Assistant Professor and Teacher-In-Charge of the Law Society, delivered the formal vote of thanks.

The inaugural session was also attended by Joint Registrars of the varsity, Dr Tanvir Ahmad Shah and Dr Ashfaq Ahmad Zarri, besides faculty, research scholars and students from the School of Law.

5TH JUDGMENT READING WORKSHOP

(Dated 6th April, 2023)



On 6th April, 2023, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, organised the “**5th Judgment Reading Workshop**”. The basic aim of the workshop was to hone the judgement-reading skills of students and was attended by 25 students from the School of Law, University of Kashmir, who were provided step-by-step training on reading court judgments quickly and efficiently.

The resource person were the faculty members from the School of Law, UoK namely, Mr. Mir Mubashir Altaf, Assistant Professor and Mr. Hakim Yasir Abbas, Assistant Professor and Teacher-in-Charge of the Law Society, who spoke on different aspects of the Judgment Reading and its interpretation.

The session also involved a judgment reading activity which was supervised by Mr. Mir Mubashir Altaf. He explained to the audience the proper methods of locating a case law in a journal.

The judgment selected for the said workshop was **Vishakha and Ors vs. S/o Rajasthan and Ors. [AIR 1997 SC 3011]**.

INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF ESTABLISHMENT, REVIVAL AND OPERATION OF LEGAL AID CLINICS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

(Organized by the School of Law and facilitated by the Law Society)

(Dated 11th April, 2023)



On 11th April, 2023, the School of Law, University of Kashmir, organised the **“Inaugural Ceremony of Establishment, Revival and Operation of Legal Aid Clinics in J&K”**. Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh, Hon’ble Mr. Justice N. Kotiswar Singh inaugurated the said event.

In his presidential address, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh invoked the Preamble of the Constitution which calls for securing justice for all citizens to highlight the importance of providing free legal aid to vast sections of people “who are still unaware of their legal rights and privileges”.

The Chief Justice highlighted the important role that law students can play in making legal aid clinics more vibrant and effective by going to grassroots for legal awareness among the people to increase their access to justice. He also said that justice-delivery is not the exclusive prerogative of the judges or lawyers alone but “everyone in the society can contribute to justice delivery in a small way.”

In his special address, Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Executive Chairperson of the J&K Legal Service Authority, who was the Guest of Honour, underscored the importance of legal aid clinics in enhancing the people’s access to justice.

In his inaugural address, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Prof Nilofer Khan, who was also a Guest of Honour, said that the legal aid clinics serve the twin purpose of imparting practical training to young law students on applicability of law, while promoting their active involvement in educating people from underprivileged and weaker sections of society about their legal rights and entitlements. She thanked Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Rabstan for visiting the University for the first time and addressing the law students. She also complimented the School of Law for holding the mega event.

Head and Dean, School of Law, Prof Beauty Banday delivered the welcome address, while Dr Mohammad Yasin, Director of the Project, highlighted its objectives and conducted proceedings of the

inaugural session. He said to begin with, five legal aid clinics will be established in affiliated law colleges of the University.

Dr Shehnaz, Associate Professor, School of Law, delivered the vote of thanks at the inaugural session, which was attended by senior officers of the High Court Registry and University of Kashmir, including Dean Academics, Dean Colleges, Dean Research, Registrar, Dean Students Welfare, Media Advisor and others. Earlier, a ceremonial guard of honour was presented to the Chief Justice by a contingent of the University Police.

Dr Vijaylakshmi Brara was the special guest at the inaugural session.

The said event was facilitated by the Law Society.

ONE-DAY ORIENTATION SESSION WITH THE LAW FOUNDATION (NGO)

(Dated 13th April, 2023)



On 13th April, 2023, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, organised the **“One-Day Orientation Session with the Law Foundation”**, on the 2nd event on the LAW Accelerator Program, in collaboration with the LAW Foundation, led by Adv. Talha Salaria and her dedicated team, at the School of Law, University of Kashmir. The event aimed to shed light on the LAW Accelerator Program, an initiative designed to foster legal education and skills development.

The session, held under the guidance of Mr. Hakim Yasir Abbas, Teacher-In-Charge of the Society, commenced with a warm Welcome Address, wherein Mr. Abbas extended his gratitude to all participants and emphasized the significance of programs that contribute to the enhancement of legal knowledge and practical skills.

Ms. Talha Salaria, Co-founder/Trustee of the LAW Foundation, played a pivotal role as the Resource Person throughout the event. She shared valuable insights into the LAW Accelerator Program, elucidating its features and advantages. Ms. Salaria expertise and commitment to legal education were evident as she navigated participants through the intricacies of the program, providing a comprehensive understanding of its potential impact on the legal community.

The orientation session was well-received by the participants, comprising students, and legal enthusiasts. The interactive nature of the event facilitated a deeper understanding of the LAW Accelerator Program and its relevance in the contemporary legal landscape.

Mr. Zayd Kirmani, Acting President of the Society, expressed gratitude and delivered the Vote of Thanks, acknowledging the collaborative efforts that made the orientation session a success. He highlighted the importance of such initiatives in bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world legal practice, ultimately contributing to the holistic development of aspiring legal professionals.

ONE-DAY INTERACTIVE SESSION ON ACCESS TO LEGAL EDUCATION IN INDIA AND VALE FELLOWSHIP

(Dated 27th April, 2023)



On 27th April, 2023, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, organised the “**One-Day Interactive Session on the Access to legal Education in India and Vale Fellowship**”, in collaboration with the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, New Delhi. The session aimed to provide insights into the challenges and opportunities in legal education in India and shed light on the VALE Fellowship.

The event commenced with a warm Welcome Address by Mr. Hakim Yasir Abbas, the Teacher-In-Charge of the Law Society, who set the tone for the day's discussions. Mr. Abbas expressed gratitude for the collaboration with the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy and emphasized the importance of enhancing access to legal education.

Adv. Hussain Khan, representing the Vidhi Centre, played a pivotal role as the Resource Person for the session. With expertise in the field, Adv. Khan shared valuable insights into the VALE Fellowship and provided an in-depth analysis of the current landscape of legal education in India. His presentation was enlightening and served as a platform for meaningful discussions among the participants.

The interactive session witnessed active participation from students, faculty members, and legal enthusiasts eager to explore the nuances of legal education and the opportunities offered by the VALE Fellowship. Attendees gained a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and advancements in the legal education sector, contributing to their overall academic and professional development.

Mr. Zayd Kirmani, the Acting President of the Law Society, concluded the event by delivering the Vote of Thanks. Mr. Kirmani expressed appreciation for the insightful presentations and discussions that took place throughout the day. He thanked Mr. Hakim Yasir Abbas, Adv. Hussain Khan, and everyone involved in organizing the session for their efforts in making the event a success.

The One-Day Interactive Session on "Access to Legal Education in India and VALE Fellowship" proved to be a valuable platform for fostering dialogue, sharing knowledge, and promoting the enhancement of legal education. The Law Society looks forward to organizing more such events to

continue its commitment to providing a holistic learning experience for the students of the School of Law, University of Kashmir

ONE-DAY CLEANLINESS DRIVE (G20 PROGRAMME)

(Dated 11th May, 2023)



On 11th May, 2023, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, demonstrated its commitment to community service by organizing the **“One-Day Cleanliness Drive (G20 Programme)”**, in collaboration with Saaya – Shadow of Hope (NGO).

The distinguished inaugural ceremony was graced by the presence of Prof Mohammad Hussain, Head and Dean of the School of Law, University of Kashmir. Prof Hussain inaugurated the cleanliness drive, setting the tone for a day dedicated to fostering a cleaner and healthier environment.

Dr Shahnaz, Academic Coordinator at the School of Law, University of Kashmir, delivered the keynote address, highlighting the importance of community engagement and environmental responsibility.

Dr. Mohammad Yasin Wani, Sr. Assistant Professor, welcomed the participants and guests with an inspiring address.

The event received further significance with the active participation of Saaya – Shadow of Hope (NGO), a reputable non-governmental organization dedicated to social welfare. The President of Saaya, Mr Khaleel F. Peerzada, along with other members, joined hands with the Law Society in pursuit of a common goal – the betterment of the community.

The One-Day Cleanliness Drive witnessed an impressive turnout, with hundreds of students from the Law School enthusiastically contributing to the cause. Their collective efforts made a significant impact on the cleanliness and aesthetics of the designated areas, reflecting the spirit of social responsibility instilled within the student body.

This collaborative initiative between the Law Society and Saaya – Shadow of Hope (NGO) exemplifies the power of partnerships in creating positive change. The event not only addressed the immediate need for environmental conservation but also served as a platform for fostering a sense of responsibility and community engagement among the students.

The Law Society expressed its gratitude to all participants, volunteers, and partners who made this event a success. Such initiatives underscore the commitment of the School of Law, University of

Kashmir, to instilling values of civic duty, social responsibility, and environmental consciousness in its students.

ONE-DAY INTERACTIVE SESSION ON “PURSUING MASTERS AND PHD FROM ABROAD - PROCESSES FOR FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES”

(Dated 22nd May, 2023)



On 22nd May, 2023, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, organized the **“One-Day Interactive Session on Pursuing Masters and Ph.D from Abroad - Processes for Foreign Universities”**. The event aimed to provide valuable insights and guidance to students and faculty members aspiring to pursue higher education on an international platform.

The session commenced with a warm welcome address by Prof Mohammad Hussain, Head and Dean of the School of Law, University of Kashmir. Prof Hussain emphasized the significance of international education and the opportunities it presents for academic and personal growth.

The highlight of the event was the presence of Mr. Farzan Bashir Dar, Research Scholar at Warwick Law School, University of Warwick, United Kingdom, who served as the resource person for the session. Mr. Dar, drawing from his rich experiences, shared invaluable knowledge regarding the intricate processes involved in pursuing Masters and PhD programs from foreign universities. His insights covered various aspects, including application procedures, scholarship opportunities, and the academic environment abroad.

The interactive nature of the session allowed participants to engage in meaningful discussions and gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities associated with pursuing higher education overseas. The Law Society believes that such initiatives contribute significantly to fostering a culture of academic excellence and global exposure among the student and faculty community.

The Vote of Thanks was graciously delivered by Mr. Hakim Yasir Abbas, Teacher-In-Charge of the Law Society, who also served as the moderator for the session. Mr. Abbas expressed gratitude to Prof Mohammad Hussain for his support, Mr. Farzan Bashir Dar for his enlightening presentation, and all participants for their active involvement.

The success of this one-day interactive session reaffirms the commitment of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, to provide holistic guidance and support to its students, enabling them to explore and excel in the global academic landscape.

FREE MEDICAL AWARENESS AND CHECKUP CAMP

(Dated 23rd June, 2023)



On 23rd June, 2023, the School of Law, University of Kashmir, organized the “**Free Medical Awareness-cum-Checkup Camp**”, in collaboration with the Max Super Specialty Hospital, Saket, New Delhi. The event aimed to promote health awareness and provide medical checkup services to the local community.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Shahnaz, Academic Coordinator of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, who spoke on behalf of the Head and Dean of the School of Law. Dr. Shahnaz expressed gratitude for the collaboration with Max Super Specialty Hospital and emphasized the importance of such initiatives in contributing to the well-being of the community.

Dr. Gaurav Singh Bhandari, Senior Consultant in Orthopedics and Joint Replacement at Max Smart Super Specialty Hospital, Saket, New Delhi, addressed the audience, sharing valuable insights into his specialty. Dr. Bhandari's presentation focused on orthopedic health and joint replacement, providing the audience with a better understanding of preventive measures and treatment options.

Dr. Naqshab Ashraf, a General Physician, also took the stage to address the audience, shedding light on general health practices and the importance of regular health checkups. Dr. Ashraf's informative session aimed to raise awareness about maintaining overall well-being and the role of primary healthcare.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. Showkat Ahmad Bhat, Sr. Assistant Professor at the School of Law. Dr. Bhat expressed gratitude to the medical professionals, attendees, and the organizing team for their collective efforts in making the event a success. He highlighted the significance of fostering partnerships between educational institutions and healthcare providers for the benefit of the community.

Mr. Zayd Hanief Kirmani, Acting President of the Law Society, skillfully conducted the proceedings of the program, ensuring a smooth and engaging experience for all participants.

The "Free Medical Awareness-cum-Checkup Camp" witnessed enthusiastic participation from the community, underscoring the success of the collaborative initiative between the School of Law, University of Kashmir, and Max Super Specialty Hospital, New Delhi. Such events serve as a

testament to the commitment of educational institutions towards holistic community welfare. The said event was facilitated by the Law Society.

A SPECIAL TALK ON KASHMIR AND SOCIO-RELIGIOUS HARMONY

(Organized by the School of Law and facilitated by the Law Society)

(Dated 24th July, 2023)



On 24th July, 2023, the School of Law, University of Kashmir, organized “**A Special Talk on Kashmir and Socio-Religious Harmony**”, in collaboration with the Kashmir Jurists.

Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Prof. Nilofer Khan in her address stated that our moral values are still intact and that the youth are responsible for upholding the Kashmiri values and traditions. She said the event gave an opportunity to students to understand the Kashmiri tradition and culture of social values and religious harmony so that they imbibe such values and traditions for better future. She also appreciated the student speakers who deliberated on different themes highlighting and promoting social peace and religious harmony.

In his special address, General Officer Commanding, 31 HQ Sub-Area, Major General PBS Lamba said to have social peace and harmony, the glorious past needs to be rekindled for youth as the Kashmir is known for, hospitality, togetherness and brotherhood. He said the socio-religious harmony is deep-rooted in the people of Kashmir and no one can harm it.

Besides, the above, Dean Academic Affairs, University of Kashmir, Prof Farooq Ahmad Masoodi; Dean Research, University of Kashmir, Prof Irshad Ahmad Nawchoo; Registrar, University of Kashmir, Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir and Col. A.K. Mor, Commanding Officer of the 150 T.A. spoke on the occasion.

The Welcome Address was given by Prof Mohammad Hussain, Head and Dean, School of Law, University of Kashmir, while as the Vote of Thanks was given by Dr. Shahnaz, Academic Coordinator, School of Law, University of Kashmir.

Mr. Hakim Yasir Abbas, Assistant Professor and Teacher-In-Charge of the Law Society, School of Law, University of Kashmir, conducted the proceedings of the event.

Besides, the above, many officers of the university and faculty members of the School of Law, attended the said programme. The said event was facilitated by the Law Society.

TWO-DAY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME OF B.A-LL.B & LL.B (BATCH 2023)

(Organized by the School of Law and facilitated by the Law Society)

(Dated 31st August and 1st September, 2023)



On the 31st August and 1st August, 2023, the School of Law, University of Kashmir, conducted a comprehensive **“Two-Day Orientation Programme of B.A-LL.B and LL.B Batch 2023”**, for the newly admitted students of 2023 year.

The program commenced with a warm and welcoming address by Prof Mohammad Hussain, the Head and Dean of the School of Law, University of Kashmir. Dr. Shahnaz, the Academic Coordinator, followed with a comprehensive overview of the academic framework and expectations.

Addressing examination-related matters, Dr. Syed Asima Refayi, Sr. Assistant Professor and Examination Coordinator, shared valuable insights with the students. Dr. Mir Junaid Alam, Assistant Professor and the Attendance Coordinator, emphasized the importance of discipline, law and order, and matters related to the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act, 2013, given his role as one of the Proctors of the University of Kashmir and a Member of the Internal Complaints Committee.

Mr. Hakim Yasir Abbas, the Course Coordinator, provided essential information on classwork, the academic calendar, and underscored the significance of the Law Society within the department.

The faculty members specializing in respective subjects also engaged with the students, enriching them with knowledge and academic guidance.

Student perspective was shared by Mr. Hadi Mushtaq Dar, a student of B.A-LL.B 5th Semester and one of the Coordinators of the Law Society. He highlighted the online e-services available for students, such as internet access and official email systems etc.

Concluding the program, Dr. Saba Manzoor, Assistant Professor, delivered a heartfelt Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants for their active involvement. Dr. Yasir L. Handoo, Assistant Professor, efficiently conducted the proceedings, ensuring the smooth flow of the orientation program.

The Two-Day Orientation Programme not only provided valuable information to the students but also fostered a sense of community and belonging within the School of Law at the University of Kashmir. The event successfully laid the foundation for a productive and enriching academic journey for the incoming batches of 2023. The said event was facilitated by the Law Society.

CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION AND INTRA DEPARTMENT QUIZ COMPETITION – 2023

(Dated 28th of November, 2023)



On the 28th November, the Law Society of School of Law, University of Kashmir, successfully organized the **“Constitution Day Celebration-cum-Intra Department Quiz Competition-2023”**, to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India and to instill values like liberty, equality and fraternity among citizens.

The Constitution Quiz Competition on ‘Constitution Day’ or ‘Samvidhan Divas’ served as a platform to reflect on the principles that underline India’s governance and legal system.

During the valedictory, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kashmir, Prof Nilofer Khan said that the day holds immense importance for it marks the adoption of the Constitution of India laying the foundation of a sovereign, socialist, secular and democratic republic that assures citizens justice, equality and liberty while promoting fraternity.

Earlier, Aijaz Ahmad Wani, scholar at Centre for Women’ Studies and Research, UOK, shared his experiences as a transgender and the journey he endured along the way. He underlined the importance of understanding the Constitution for “it guarantees every individual his rights irrespective of his gender and without any discrimination”.

Dean Academic Affairs of the University of Kashmir, Prof Farooq Ahmad Masoodi said that we tend to talk more about our rights as guaranteed by the Constitution, however, little do we talk about the duties as enshrined in the Constitution.

Registrar of the University of Kashmir, Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir said that this is the right place to make citizens aware of the Constitution and that celebrating the day ensures we understand our rights and duties.

Underlining the context and essence of celebrating the day, Head and Dean of the School of Law, UOK, Prof Mohammad Hussain said the day contributes to strengthen the democratic values and the promotion of an informed and engaged citizenry.

The Vice-Chancellor along with the other dignitaries also felicitated the winners of the quiz competition by awarding them trophies, medals and certificates.

The said event was attended by the students, participants and faculty members of the School of Law, UOK, besides the Heads/ Directors/ Coordinators of various Teaching Departments of the UOK.

The Vote of Thanks was given by Dr Shahnaz, Academic Coordinator at the School of Law, UOK while the proceedings of the event was conducted by Dr. Yasir Lateef Handoo, Assistant Professor at the School of Law, UOK.

6TH JUDGMENT READING WORKSHOP

(Dated 5th December, 2023)



On 5th April, 2023, the Law Society of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, organised the “**6th Judgment Reading Workshop**”. The basic aim of the workshop was to hone the judgement-reading skills of students. The said programme was organized for the students of LL.B 3rd Semester (Morning Shift) of the School of Law, University of Kashmir, who were provided step-by-step training on reading court judgments quickly and efficiently.

The resource person were the faculty members from the School of Law, UoK namely, Dr. Shahnaz (Academic Coordinator); Mr. Mir Mubashir Altaf (Assistant Professor) and Mr. Hakim Yasir Abbas (Assistant Professor and Teacher-in-Charge of the Law Society), who spoke on different aspects of the Judgment Reading and its interpretation.

The session also involved a judgment reading activity which was supervised by Mr. Mir Mubashir Altaf. He explained to the audience the proper methods of locating a case law in a journal/ website and other platforms as well.

The judgment selected for the said workshop was **Mithu, Etc., Etc vs State Of Punjab Etc. Etc [AIR 1983 SC 473]**.

ONE-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON “CYBER-CRIME AGAINST WOMEN”

(Dated 28th December, 2023)



To address the critical issue of cybercrimes affecting women and to foster awareness and dialogue on strategies to combat such offenses, the Law Society of the School of Law, Kashmir University (KU) in collaboration with National Commission for Women (NCW) and the Directorate of Mission Shakti, Department of Social Welfare, Government of J&K, on 28th December, 2023, organised a daylong National Seminar on ‘Cyber Crime Against Women’.

Dean Research, UoK, Prof Irshad Ahmad Nawchoo; Registrar, UoK; Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir; officials from police and civil administration, Deans and Heads from various Schools/Departments, Faculty, Scholars and Students attended the function.

On the occasion, chairperson, NCW, Government of India, Rekha Sharma, underlined the significance of the internet and social media, however, cautioned to be vigilant while using any platform and sharing personal information. *“Targeting women is very easy as the online predators often attack the young and the vulnerable. They troll, abuse and bully but you have to be thick-skinned to counter that,”* she said.

She further said that collaboration between law enforcement agencies, technology companies, academia and civil society is crucial to develop effective strategies for preventing and combating cybercrime against women.

Sharing his observations and concerns pertaining to cybercrimes, Dean Academic Affairs, KU, Prof Farooq Ahmad Masoodi, stressed the need for awareness campaigns and digital literacy initiatives that are essential to educate women about online safety and reporting mechanisms. *“The anonymity afforded by the online environment emboldens offenders, making it challenging to track and prosecute them,”* he said, adding that as responsible members of the society, we need to draw meaningful and effective lines for the development of societies with zero tolerance for cybercrimes.

Founder, Cyber-Peace Foundation, Vineet Kuma, said that cybercrime against women is a specific aspect of this broad challenge, encompassing various forms of online harassment, abuse and exploitation targeting women. *“Addressing cybercrime against women requires a multi-faceted approach that combines legal, technological and societal efforts to create a safer digital environment for all,”* he said, adding that under-reporting is the biggest challenge right now, as people do not come forward to register complaints.

Outlining the aims and objectives of the seminar, Head and Dean, School of Law, UoK, Prof Mohammad Hussain said that strict legal frameworks, coupled with swift and efficient law enforcement responses, can act as deterrents and provide recourse for victims. *“Empowering women through education, support networks and digital literacy programmes is also key to foster resilience and reduce the impact of cybercrime in the online spaces,”* Prof Hussain added.

The proceedings of the programme was conducted by Mr Hakim Yasir Abbas, Teacher-In-Charge of the Law Society, School of Law, UoK.

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