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NFSU DELHI CAMPUS

The National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) Delhi Campus is a prominent institution in forensic sciences education. Established in 2020 under the Ministry of Home Affairs, it traces its origins to the Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science (ICFS) founded in 1972. NFSU Delhi has expanded its academic offerings, providing Graduation and Post Graduation Programs in disciplines like Forensic Science, Cyber Security, Law & Justice, Forensic & Management, and various other fields. As part of the larger NFSU network, the Delhi Campus stands among seven campuses spread across India, with an additional international campus situated in Uganda. This extensive network allows NFSU to cater to a diverse student body of over 5,000.

NFSU focuses on academic interdisciplinary fields, including forensic sciences, criminology, law & justice, management, cyber security, etc. This comprehensive approach ensures students develop a deep understanding of the complex relationships between these disciplines. By staying abreast of the latest developments and emerging technologies in the field, it ensures that its graduates and scholars are well-prepared to meet the challenges posed by the dynamic landscape of forensic sciences, criminology, law & justice and of various other fields. In addition to academics, NFSU Delhi provides specialized training to government officials, law enforcement personnel, banking officials and professionals from various other sectors. Since its establishment, the institution has trained over 34,000 officers, equipping them with practical skills and knowledge.

NFSU is committed to the practical applications of various fields, emphasizing hands-on training and research to students, providing a collaborative space for self-discovery. As a leading institution, NFSU Delhi Campus continues to play a vital role in shaping the future of these interdisciplinary fields, both nationally and internationally.



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DR. J.M. VYAS
Padma Shri Awardee,
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Our Visionary Leader

We introduce this edition of "ITIVRITT" the official newsletter of the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) Delhi Campus. At the helm of NFSU Delhi Campus stands a visionary leader, the Vice Chancellor, Padma Shri Dr. J.M. Vyas, whose profound commitment to excellence and innovation serves as the guiding force behind our endeavors. With foresight and dedication, we envision "NFSU Chronicles" as a testament to our shared passion for advancing forensic sciences, criminology, digital forensics, management, law & justice, and shaping the future for a better mankind. Our vision extends beyond the pages of our newsletter, permeating every facet of NFSU Delhi Campus.

We strive to push the boundaries of forensic sciences education, research, and practice with a focus on fostering a culture of innovation and excellence. Through strategic partnerships, state-of-the-art facilities, a dynamic curriculum and various training modules, we empower our students, faculty members, and various officials to lead the way in addressing the complex challenges of modern crime investigation.

This newsletter serves as a testament to our commitment to transparency, communication and engagement within our community. It will be a platform for sharing updates, accomplishments and initiatives happening within our campus, as well as opportunities for collaboration and growth. In each edition of our newsletter, you can expect to find articles highlighting the groundbreaking research conducted by our faculty and students, updates on academic programs and events, profiles of distinguished alumni and partners and insights into the latest developments in the field of Forensic Sciences.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the whole editorial team for their dedication and hard work in bringing this newsletter to fruition. Their efforts will undoubtedly contribute to fostering a sense of community and pride among all members of the NFSU Delhi Campus family. As we embark on this exciting journey together, I encourage each one of you to actively engage with the newsletter, share your ideas, feedback, and contributions and continue to uphold the values of excellence, integrity and collaboration that define NFSU.

PROF. (DR.) PURVI POKHARIYAL
Campus Director
NFSU Delhi



RESEARCH & COLLABORATION

Strategic Alliance: NFSU and AIIMS Formalize Collaborative Research

4th October 2024

Expanding academic and research synergy, NFSU signed an MoU with AIIMS New Delhi to collaborate in cyber security, hospital administration, forensic nursing and legal medicine.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, Campus Director, and Dr. M. Srinivas, Director, AIIMS New Delhi. The ceremony was attended by senior faculty including Dr. J.S. Titiyal, Dr. Govind K. Makharia, Dr. Rima Dada (AIIMS), Prof. (Dr.) Minakshi Sinha, Prof. (Dr.) Rakhi Agarwal, Dr. Nirag Dave and Shri Harsh Kapoor (NFSU Delhi).



AYUSH-Funded Project on Herbal Therapeutics Led by NFSU Delhi

2022 - Present

A three-year national research project titled “Bioassay-Guided Fractionation of *Acacia catechu* and *Rhodiola imbricata* for the Inhibition of PEPCK Gene Expression and Gluconeogenesis in H4IIE Hepatoma Cell Line” is currently underway at NFSU Delhi.

The study, led by Dr. Manu Sharma, is funded by the Ministry of AYUSH and focuses on identifying plant-based bioactive compounds that can regulate metabolic pathways associated with gluconeogenesis. By targeting the PEPCK gene in liver cell models, the project aims to explore therapeutic strategies for metabolic disorders using traditional herbal extracts, blending ancient wisdom with modern molecular science.

MOMENTOUS EVENTS

Campus embraces Gandhi's legacy through 'Swachhata Drive'

2nd October 2024

Honoring Mahatma Gandhi's vision of a clean India, a campus-wide Cleanliness Drive was conducted under the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign. Faculty, students and staff participated in cleaning initiatives across campus and nearby residential complexes.

The drive was led under the guidance of Campus Director Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, reinforcing the university's commitment to sustainability and civic responsibility.



Quizzing for Justice: Legal awareness through competition

3rd October 2024

Encouraging intellectual engagement and academic curiosity, the Literary and Debating Club organized an Intra-Quiz Competition that attracted enthusiastic participation from students. The event provided a dynamic platform for showcasing legal knowledge, exploring general law, and celebrating legal history through spirited rounds of competition.

Coordinated by Dr. Himanshu Mathur and Mr. Shubham Shandilya, the event was held in the presence of Dr. Navtika Singh Nautiyal, Academic Coordinator, Department of Law.

A Five-Year milestone: celebrating excellence at Annual Day

4th October 2024



Marking five years of academic excellence and growth, the campus celebrated its 5th Annual Day with cultural performances and an award ceremony. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Padma Shri Prof. (Dr.) J.M. Vyas, virtually inaugurated the Entrepreneurship Cell and the Campus newsletter Itivritt.

Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal highlighted milestones including 150+ publications and faculty-authored books. Executive Registrar Shri C.D. Jadeja, Prof. (Dr.) Minakshi Sinha and Prof. (Dr.) Rakhi Agarwal conferred excellence awards for teaching, research, alumni service and non-teaching staff contributions. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Nirag Dave.



Digital Defense Front: Cyber Security Awareness Month at NFSU

3-4th & 17-18th October 2024



Strengthening digital awareness and resilience, a 4-day Cyber Security Awareness campaign featured expert talks, technical workshops and a Capture the Flag (CTF) challenge.

Inaugurated by Dr. Minakshi Sinha, Dr. Archana Patel and Chief Guest Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Scientist 'F', MeitY, the event included sessions by Kanti Singh and Rekha Saraswat from CDAC Noida, and Shri Surya Kant from the MeitY Startup Hub.

Workshops on offensive hacking and the Windows API gave students hands-on experience in cyber defense.

NSS-Led Clothing Drive inspires 'Acts of Giving'

14-18th October 2024



Encouraging compassion and community support, a 5-day clothing donation drive witnessed active participation from students, faculty and staff.

Organized by the NSS Cell, the collected items were donated to Gyanadhar Society, a local NGO. The initiative was carried out under the leadership of Campus Director Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, whose support was instrumental in its success.



Nurturing Minds: Mental Health Day observed with empathy

17-18th October 2024



Promoting emotional well-being and workplace awareness, a 2-day Mental Health Day event featured expert sessions, cultural performances and wellness activities. Chief Guest Prof. (Dr.) Pratap Sharan, HOD Psychiatry, AIIMS, addressed the gathering, along with Dr. Shiv Prasad and Dr. Dinesh Kataria (Lady Hardinge Medical College). The program included a mental health pledge, group discussions, meditation and a student-led session titled 'Express Yourself'. The event was coordinated by Dr. Priyanka Samuel under the guidance of Campus Director Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal.



Mooting for Mastery: 2nd Intra Moot Court Competition

22nd October 2024



Fostering advocacy skills and courtroom confidence, the Moot Court Committee of the School of Law, Forensic Justice and Policy Studies successfully hosted the 2nd Intra Moot Court Competition, 2024.

The 2-day event featured intense rounds of legal argumentation and rebuttals, allowing budding mooters to demonstrate clarity, precision and persuasive oral advocacy.



After a rigorous evaluation across three rounds, Ms. Suprana Chakraborty and Ms. Aryashree Snigdha Acharya were declared the winner and the runner-up, respectively, and were felicitated by Dr. Navtika Singh Nautiyal, Academic Coordinator. The competition was conducted under the guidance of faculty coordinators Mr. Shikhar Gupta and Dr. Akansha Pandey, with strong support from Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, Dean, School of Law and Campus Director, NFSU Delhi.

Unity in Diversity: Commemoration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

22nd October 2024

Celebrating national unity and the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the campus observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas with cultural expressions, a Unity Oath and a symbolic Unity Chain formation.

The event began with Ekatva, a vibrant performance on harmony, followed by a floral tribute led by Prof. (Dr.) Minakshi Sinha and Prof. (Dr.) Rakhi Agarwal.

The impactful execution of the event was made possible under the dynamic leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, Campus Director.



EXPERTS' TALK

Building Emotional Resilience: Mental Health Lecture for IRCTC

6th November 2024

As part of a capacity building initiative, Dr. Vandana Shriharsh, Associate Professor, NFSU Delhi, delivered a training session on Strengthening the Mental, Social & Emotional Health for IRCTC officers and staff.

Held at the IRCTC office in New Delhi, the session was part of a Vigilance Awareness program and emphasized psychological resilience, workplace well-being and stress management strategies tailored for public service professionals.

Empowering Disability Justice: Talk on Child Rights and RPWD Act

14th November 2024

At a one-day workshop on Child-Centric Justice Approaches in India, Dr. Vandana Shriharsh, Associate Professor at NFSU Delhi, conducted a focused session on Protection & Rights of Children under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

Organized by the Centre for Child Advocacy in collaboration with the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), the session underscored the intersection of disability law and child welfare, enhancing legal understanding among participants.

Gateway to Global Law: U.S. Higher Education Explored

19th November 2024

An expert talk was delivered at the Himalaya Auditorium, NFSU Delhi by Prof. Stephen Barnes, Assistant Dean at Penn State Law, USA. The session introduced academic structures, graduate opportunities and international programs in the U.S. system. Prof. Barnes also shared valuable insights on building strong applications, navigating admissions and preparing for global legal careers.

The discussion highlighted the importance of cross-border collaborations in shaping legal education and practice. He emphasized adaptability, cultural intelligence and interdisciplinary learning as essential elements for success in global settings. The session concluded with a dynamic Q&A, where students sought guidance on scholarships, courses and international career pathways.

The poster is for an event titled "Expert talk on 'HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM IN USA'". It features a portrait of Prof. Stephen Barnes, a man with a beard wearing a suit and tie. The text on the poster includes the Ministry of Home Affairs logo, the National Forensic Sciences University logo, and the event details: "Date: November 19, 2024, 11AM to 12PM". The location is listed as "Himalaya Auditorium, NFSU, Delhi Campus". Prof. Barnes is identified as "Professor and Assistant Dean, Graduate and International Programs, Penn State Law, Pennsylvania".

Decoding Data Recovery in Forensic Investigations

26th November 2024

Highlighting real-world applications in digital forensics, an expert talk was delivered by Mr. Vishal Sharma, Deputy General Manager at Stellar Information Technology Pvt. Ltd. The session focused on advanced data recovery techniques and secure data wiping, enriching students' understanding of modern investigative tools.



New Evidentiary Landscapes: Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam explored at IIPA

12th December 2024

Mr. Shikhar Gupta, faculty member at NFSU Delhi, served as a panelist in a technical session on the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 during the Workshop on New Criminal Laws at the 50th Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration (APPPA).

Held at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), the session was attended by senior civil servants and defense officers.

Mr. Gupta's presentation focused on the evolving legal framework for electronic evidence under the new legislation. The workshop was sponsored by the Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India.



TRAININGS IMPARTED

Prosecutors gain insights in Criminal Justice and Forensics Workshop

18th-22th November 2024

To enhance prosecutorial knowledge of cyber-enabled crime, a 5-day special training was conducted for public prosecutors. The program was opened by Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, Prof. (Dr.) Minakshi Sinha and Col. (Dr.) Arvind Kumar (I4C).

Sessions were led by Dr. Brahm Prakash, Dr. Ashish Deshpande, Dr. Vipin Vijay Nair, Dr. Hunny Matiyani, Shri V.L. Narsimhan and Shri Nitin Chauhan. The course was coordinated by Dr. Chothmal Kumawat and Shri Aditya Partap Singh.



J&K ASOs enhance crime scene skills with hands-on training

20th-21st November 2024

A 2-day training program on crime scene investigation was organized for Assistant Scientific Officers from the Jammu & Kashmir Forensic Science Laboratory.

The course was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Minakshi Sinha, Deputy Director (Training) and included technical sessions by Dr. Sudhir Sharma. Dr. Seema Malhotra and Dr. Neha Tomar coordinated the hands-on sessions to strengthen practical crime scene skills.



Workshop on 'Child-Centric Justice' illuminates legal gaps

14th November 2024

Aimed at strengthening justice delivery systems for children, a workshop was held in collaboration with the NCPCR. The event featured Smt. Rupali Banerjee Singh (Member Secretary, NCPCR), Prof. (Dr.) Shekhar Seshadri, Prof. (Dr.) Asha Bajpai, Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal and Prof. (Dr.) Minakshi Sinha. Afternoon sessions led by Dr. Hunny Matiyani and Dr. Vandana Shriharsh focused on legal frameworks and holistic child protection.



Certificate course on Child Rights Advocacy launched

16th October 2024



To build capacity in child rights and protection, the Centre for Child Rights Advocacy launched a six-month online certificate course in collaboration with the NCPCR.

The course was inaugurated by Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson, NCPCR and Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, Campus Director.

Other dignitaries included Smt. Rupali Banerjee Singh, Dr. Madhulika Sharma and Dr. Navtika Singh Nautiyal, who emphasized the course's potential for national impact.

Cyber Commando Program equips professionals for Digital Threat Response

15th October 2024

Aiming to build national cyber defense capabilities, a Cyber Commando Training Program was launched to equip professionals with mission-critical skills. The inauguration was marked by the ceremonial lamp lighting by Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, Campus Director, Shri Devesh Chandra Srivastava, IPS, Col. Arvind Kumar, Director Training, I4C, MHA and Prof. (Dr.) Minakshi Sinha. Keynote addresses underscored the strategic relevance of cyber commandos in today's digital threat landscape, followed by a vote of thanks from Prof. Sinha.



CDTI Ghaziabad Officers gain forensic exposure

18th December 2024



A one-day academic visit by the Crime Detection Training Institute (CDTI), Ghaziabad, offered officers hands-on exposure to forensic science.

Prof. (Dr.) Minakshi Sinha welcomed the guests, and Prof. (Dr.) R.K. Sarin delivered an expert lecture on scientific investigation. The session included guided lab visits coordinated by Dr. Amrita Das and Dr. Rohit Kanojia.



BSF Officers trained in forensic applications

30 officers from the Border Security Force participated in a specialized visit exploring forensic science in law enforcement.

Prof. (Dr.) R.K. Sarin delivered the keynote, followed by sessions from Dr. Amrita Das, Dr. Suraj Kataria, Dr. Neha Tomar and Dr. Pronit Biswas. The visit was coordinated by Dr. Neha Tomar and Dr. Komal Yadav.



INSTITUTIONAL VISITS

Business Meets Academia: Coca-Cola Factory Visit Inspires Management Students

To promote industry-academia exposure, students from the BBA-MBA Integrated Program visited the Coca-Cola Happiness Factory, hosted by Moon Beverages Ltd.

The visit explored beverage manufacturing, logistics, and sustainability practices. Organized by the School of Management Studies, the initiative was supported by Campus Director Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, whose leadership enabled the enriching experience.



Legal Realities at UNHCR: LL.M. Students engage with Refugee Law

12th November 2024

To deepen understanding of global justice frameworks, LL.M. (Criminal Law and Criminal Justice) students visited the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office in Delhi.

The visit examined the complexities of refugee protection in India, particularly in the absence of the 1951 Refugee Convention and the 1967 Protocol. Organized as part of the 'Law and Justice in the Globalising World' course, the experience also highlighted UNHCR's collaboration with the Socio-Legal Information Centre (SLIC) and was enriched by exposure to the agency's operational challenges.

Students gained perspectives on humanitarian law, procedural safeguards for asylum seekers and the role of advocacy in protecting vulnerable communities. The interaction encouraged students to connect classroom concepts with real-world humanitarian challenges.



Criminology Students Interact with National Commission for Women

21st November 2024

Bridging classroom learning with real-world institutions, M.A. Criminology (Forensic Psychology) students (third semester) visited the National Commission for Women (NCW) in Delhi. The visit deepened their understanding of NCW's pivotal role in addressing violence against women and advocating for their rights within the Indian legal framework. Through interactive engagement, students explored the commission's interventions, legal authority and policy initiatives aimed at promoting gender justice across the country.



On Ground with Police: South Rohini Station Visit Informs First-Year Criminology Students

21st November 2024

Strengthening their practical understanding of criminal justice, M.A. Criminology (Forensic Psychology) students (first semester) visited South Rohini Police Station, Delhi. The visit offered insights into on-ground policing operations, crime prevention techniques and the role of law enforcement in maintaining public safety and social order. The interaction reinforced students' appreciation of real-time coordination between police agencies and forensic practitioners in crime deterrence.



Witnessing Justice Firsthand: Rohini Court Visit Enlightens Legal Procedure

22nd November 2024

To gain exposure to the functioning of the Indian judicial system, M.A. Criminology (Forensic Psychology) students (first semester) visited the District Court, Rohini. The visit provided a valuable opportunity to observe live court proceedings and engage in insightful interactions with public prosecutors. This experiential learning helped students understand trial dynamics, prosecutorial roles, and the application of forensic psychology within courtroom settings. The interaction also allowed students to connect classroom concepts with real-world practices, fostering critical thinking about the relationship between law and psychology. Such visits play a pivotal role in preparing students for professional challenges in forensic and legal domains.



NSG Headquarters Visit: Forensic Psychology Students Observe Tactical Excellence

23rd November 2024

Enhancing their understanding of national security operations, M.A. Criminology (Forensic Psychology) students (third semester) visited the National Security Guard (NSG) headquarters in Manesar, Haryana.

The visit offered insights into the NSG's elite counter-terrorism strategies, hostage rescue protocols and VIP protection mechanisms. Through guided interactions, students explored how forensic psychology intersects with high-risk security operations and national defense preparedness.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Forensic Science Students qualify UGC-NET & JRF Exams

The School of Forensic Science congratulates students who qualified UGC-NET and JRF (June 2024), reflecting their academic excellence.

Successful candidates include Rudrance, Sakshi Manishi, Vaishnavi Gupta, Mayank Raj, Poojalakshmi Lini, Manoj Rawat, Prachi Panwar, Shruti Balyani, Sanjana, Roopa, and others. Their achievements mark a proud moment for the University and inspire future aspirants.



Recognized for Excellence in Academic Peer Review

Aryan Malik, a student of M.Sc. Clinical Psychology, was honoured with the Certificate of Excellence in Reviewing by the Asian Journal of Medicine and Health.

This internationally recognized award acknowledges his contribution to scholarly peer review and his commitment to upholding academic quality in the field of health and psychology.

Mental Health and Hemophilia Study Demonstrates Research Impact

Aryan Malik, student of M.Sc. Clinical Psychology, NFSU Delhi, published a research paper titled "Living with Hemophilia: Exploring the Mental and Emotional Health of Patients" in the Journal of Advance Research in Science and Social Science (Vol. 07, Issue 02, 2024; Impact Factor: 3.6).

The study highlights the psychological dimensions of chronic illness and reflects the student's commitment to advancing mental health research.

FACULTY CORNER

Prof. (Dr.) Rakhi Agarwal

Dr. Rakhi Agarwal, along with Elisa Kalugendo and Aamir Nazir, published a research article titled "Assessment of Azithromycin-Induced Toxicity in *Caenorhabditis elegans*: Effects on Morphology, Behavior and Lipid Metabolism" in *Toxicology Reports* (Vol. 13, Article 101832, 2024).

Dr. Manu Sharma

Dr. Manu Sharma was honored with the Best Researcher Award 2023–2024 on 4th October 2024 at the Delhi Campus for his remarkable contributions to research.

Dr. Mohammed Subhan Attar

Dr. Mohammed Subhan Attar authored a research paper titled "A Critical Study of Third Gender Victimization and Major Abuses" in *Forum for Linguistic Studies* (SCI Indexed, Vol. 6, Issue 2, 2024; IF: 0.6). The study provides an interdisciplinary examination of systemic abuses experienced by third gender individuals, highlighting critical socio-legal gaps while advancing the discourse on inclusive policy reforms.

Dr. Vandana Shriharsh

Dr. Vandana Shriharsh authored a chapter titled 'Cognitive Behaviour Therapy and Generalized Anxiety Disorders' in the edited volume *Cognitive Behaviour Therapy Approaches: A Practice Guide*, published by Walnut Publications (India–UK–USA). The 2024 edition highlights her expertise in clinical psychology and advances global discourse on evidence-based therapeutic practices, offering readers practical insights into therapeutic applications.

As part of Mental Health Day, Dr. Shriharsh, Associate Professor at NFSU Delhi, conducted a session on Emotional Stability at Workplace. The program emphasized strategies for stress management, emotional balance and healthier work environments, contributing meaningfully to the university's broader initiative to promote psychological well-being among both students and staff.

Dr. Sweety Sharma

Dr. Sweety Sharma, Assistant Professor, was conferred the 'Best Teacher' Award by the National Forensic Sciences University, Delhi campus, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to teaching and academic excellence. The award was presented during the Annual Day celebration, underscoring her commitment to student development and institutional growth.

Her research contributions also gained notable recognition. She co-authored a paper titled "Analysis of Hair Styling Wax Residues on Human Hair: A Forensic Investigation with ATR-FTIR Spectroscopy and Chemometric Interpretation" in *Forensic Science International* (Vol. 366, Article ID: 112308). The study advances forensic trace evidence analysis by showcasing how spectroscopic and chemometric tools can differentiate cosmetic residues on hair, strengthening their evidentiary value in criminal investigations.

Another article, "Forensic Identification and Differentiation of Some Protected Timber Species Using ATR-FTIR Spectroscopy and Chemometrics", published in *Frontiers in Analytical Science, Section: Forensic Chemistry* (Vol. 4, 2024), applies advanced spectroscopic and statistical techniques to support species-level timber identification, contributing to forensic investigations as well as environmental protection.

She also collaborated on a research paper titled "Stature Estimation from Various Anthropometric Measurements in Mazhabi Sikh Population of Punjab State in North India" in the *Punjab Academy of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology* (Edition 24, Issue 1; UGC-CARE Group A; Scopus Indexed). This study enriches forensic anthropology by offering population-specific reference data crucial for stature reconstruction in medico-legal contexts.

Dr. Somabha Bandopadhyay made notable academic contributions in 2024 through impactful presentations and publications across law, human rights, culture and the environment.

She presented her paper “From Anthropocentrism to Ecocentrism: The Journey of Judiciaries of the Asia-Pacific Region and the Indian Judiciary’s Tryst with the Rights of Rivers” at the International Conference on Rights of Rivers (Vinayaka Mission’s Law School, Chennai, October 18–19, 2024).

Soon after, she delivered “Peace and Sustainability through the Lens of Rights of Nature: Arguing the Case for Ecocide” at the 5th International Conference on Environmental Design (Athens, Greece, October 18–20, 2024). Both papers explored the judiciary’s evolving responsibilities in environmental justice and sparked important discussions on embedding ecological ethics in global legal frameworks.

Her commitment to justice was equally reflected at the 18th World Symposium on Forensic and Contemporary Perspectives in Victimology and Victim Assistance (NFSU Gandhinagar), where she presented “Violence, Victimisation and Human Rights: The Stories from West Bengal.” This platform enabled her to highlight systemic gaps in victim support and amplify marginalized voices, while offering practical frameworks to strengthen access to justice for vulnerable communities.

Complementing her conference engagements, Dr. Bandopadhyay authored several noteworthy publications in 2024. These included “The Challenge of Sustainability: The Case of Tagore’s Rabindranritya” (Sangeet Natak Akademi, Ministry of Culture), which examined cultural preservation through sustainable policy frameworks; “Peace and Sustainability through the Lens of Rights of Nature: Arguing the Case for Ecocide” in International E3 Conferences (Vol. 585, 2024); and “Gender: An Elusive Issue under International Human Rights Law” in the Jindal Forum for International and Economic Law (Vol. 2, 2024).

She also co-authored “Rabindranritya as Traditional Cultural Expression: Advocating Legal Protection of the Traditional Dance Form of Bengal” with Anwesha Bagchi and Shreya Mahata in Sangeet Galaxy (Vol. 13, Issue 1, 2024).

Dr. Himanshu Mathur

Dr. Himanshu Mathur authored a research paper titled “A Study of Behavioural Factors and Its Impact on Investment Decision” in European Economic Letters (Vol. 14, Issue 4). The work examines how psychological and behavioural patterns influence investment choices, providing meaningful insights that advance the understanding of behavioural finance and investor psychology.



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