



# JNU JURIS

## SEEDLING SCHOOL OF LAW & GOVERNANCE, JAIPUR NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, JAIPUR



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### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Reader,

It brings me immense joy to present to you the 1st edition of our newsletter JNU Juris dedicated to sharing the latest happenings at the Seedling School of Law and Governance (SSLG), Jaipur National University, Jaipur. In this edition, we celebrate the pursuit of knowledge and innovative research that continues to illuminate the academic landscape at SSLG. We bring to you updates on insightful webinars, workshops, and conferences, through which our faculty not only enriches the minds of our students but also significantly contributes to their holistic development.

JNU Juris, a monthly Newsletter, is a compilation of the latest legal updates, opinions and also contains write-ups on events. Certain interesting sections related to our students have also been added. The Editorial Board is responsible for mistake/deficiency in the publication of the newsletter.

The objective behind the publication of this SSLG News and Views is to collect and publish the opinion columns on various legal topics, thus encouraging dialogue in the SSLG and communication amongst the legal fraternity; to answer the unanswered questions of the students with respect to their career information and to connect with L Community.

**Prof. Satish C. Shastri**  
**Professor Emeritus**  
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# LEGAL PRONOUNCEMENTS



## Supreme Court - Adverse effects of Climate Change impact citizens' right to life

The Supreme Court of India addressed the urgent need to protect the critically endangered great Indian Bustard. The petitioners, led by M.K. Ranjitsinh, argued for stronger conservation measures to prevent the extinction of the species.

*M.K. Ranjitsinh v. Union of India*  
Decided on 21 March, 2024 INSC 280

The Court directed the government to implement immediate actions, including the protection of habitats and the mitigation of threats such as power line collisions, emphasizing the critical need for effective conservation efforts to ensure the survival of the bustard.

## Supreme Court allows sub groups within 15% Scheduled Caste Quota

*The State of Punjab v Davinder Singh*  
Decided on 1 August, 2024

In a landmark decision, Supreme Court on Thursday permitted States to sub-categorise castes within the Scheduled Castes (SC) based on socio-economic backwardness and degree of under-representation in govt jobs to ensure that the larger pie of 15% SC quota goes to backwards among them. It also asked govts to devise suitable criteria to bar the 'creamy layer' among SCs and STs from availing reservation.

## Woman Absolute Owner Of Stridhan, Father Cannot Seek Its Recovery From In-Laws Without Her Authorization: Supreme Court

*Maya Gopinathan v. Anoop S.B.*  
2024 INSC 334

The Supreme Court has said that a woman is the sole owner of her 'streedhan,' which includes gold ornaments and other assets given by her parents at the time of marriage. The court reportedly clarified that after a divorce, her father has no authority to demand the return of those gifts from her former in-laws.

The Supreme Court quashed the case, stating that a woman exercises absolute ownership over her Streedhan, and neither her husband nor her father has any claim to it.

## Speedy trial fundamental right, delay ground for bail even in heinous cases: SC

*Javed Gulam Nabi Shaikh v. State of Maharashtra*  
Decided on 3 July, 2024



Giving weight to the right to a speedy trial, the Supreme Court last week held that "undue delay" in a trial can be a ground for granting bail to an accused even under stringent special legislation such as the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985. The ruling is significant because the bar for bail otherwise is quite high under the law, similar to the standards in anti-terror legislation.

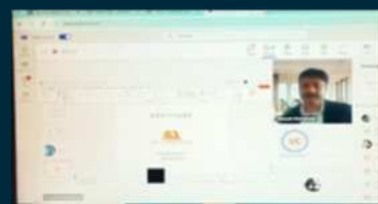
## Supreme Court to examine plea on 'right to be forgotten'

*Ikanoon Software Development Pvt. Ltd v Karthick Theodore*  
Decided on 27 February, 2024

The Supreme Court on Wednesday remarked that it would examine the issue of 'right to be forgotten' which pertains to securing digital privacy. A top court bench led by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud stayed an order passed by the Madras High Court related to directing a law portal to remove a certain verdict. The verdict pertained to a person who had been acquitted in a rape case he was accused of.

## FDP on “Intellectual Property Rights and Artificial Intelligence” from 5 th to 7 th July, 2024

The Seedling School of Law and Governance, Jaipur National University, Jaipur organized a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Intellectual Property Rights and Artificial Intelligence” from 5th to 7th July, 2024. The Speakers Invited were : 1. Dr. G. R. Raghvendra, Delhi 2. Prof. (Dr.) Lisa P Lukose, GGSIP Univ, Delhi 3. Mr. Nisheeth Dixit, Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi



### INDUCTION PROGRAM 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2024

Mr. Rakesh Mohan Sharma, I.P.S SP Jail, Jaipur was the Chief Guest at the induction program for new law students in SSLG

He addressed the students on Constitutional Rights of Prisoners in India.



GUEST LECTURE BY MAJOR (RETD) RAKESH SHARMA, KARGIL WAR VETERAN AND A SHAURYA CHAKRA AWARDEE.

“ETHOS AND LEARNINGS TO IMBIBE FROM INDIAN ARMED FORCES” ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 2024

Maj.(Retd.) Rakesh Sharma made a wonderful connect with the students and apprised them of the fact that the Indian Army draws its ethos from the philosophy and beliefs of the Indian society.



GUEST LECTURE BY MR. SHAILENDRA KUMAR – SENIOR REPORTER, ‘RAJASTHAN PATRIKA’, JAIPUR ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION WITH REGARDS TO MEDIA ON 6TH AUGUST, 2024.

Mr. Shailendra Kumar emphasized on the role of freedom, liberty and equality and spoke on the relevance of freedom of speech and expression.



## Upcoming Event

### SECOND NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY AND JUDGEMENT WRITING COMPETITION (25 - 27 OCTOBER 2024)

Seedling School of Law and Governance, Jaipur National University, Jaipur is proudly organizing the 2nd Trial Advocacy and Judgement Writing Competition on the above mentioned dates.



# Reimagining the Role of Law Students in the Age of Artificial Intelligence - A Helping Tools For Lawyers

Law students can leverage AI in various ways to enhance their learning and practice. Here are some key benefits:

- **Legal Research:** AI tools can streamline legal research by quickly sifting through vast amounts of case law, statutes, and regulations. This can save time and help students find relevant precedents more efficiently.
- **Case Analysis:** AI can assist in analyzing case outcomes and identifying patterns in judicial opinions, which can be invaluable for understanding how different courts approach similar issues.
- **Drafting Documents:** AI-powered tools can help draft legal documents, such as contracts or briefs, by providing templates, suggesting language, and even checking for errors or inconsistencies.
- **Predictive Analytics:** AI can offer predictions about case outcomes based on historical data. While this isn't a crystal ball, it can help students understand the likely trajectory of a case based on similar past cases.

## Historical Window

The Seedling School of Law and Governance, since its inception in 2007, has had an agenda of imparting quality legal education and shaping legal professionals with excellence to cater to the needs of the various sections of society. It was established and founded by Late Prof VS Mani one of the legal luminaries of India to run it on the pattern of National Law Schools of the country. Prof Mani was a Professor of International Law in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He served as a Legal Advisor and Chief Secretary to the Republic of Nauru and was pivotal in conducting Nauru's case against Australia before the International Court of Justice (1986–93). In 1999-2000 he was member of the Indian team in Pakistan's Atlantique case against India and in 1996 he was part of the drafting team for Nauru in the Nuclear Weapons case before the ICJ. His contribution in the field of Space Law also cannot be undermined. He was also the Vice Chancellor of Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar. The School continues the legacy left by him. SSLG honors his memory by organizing the Prof. V.S. Mani International Moot Court Competition every year.

The Seedling School of Law and Governance offers a safe teaching & learning environment to inculcate foundational content and skills that empower the students to thrive. To break the monotony of classroom lectures and explore innovative methods, case studies are taken up regularly under supervision of teachers. The organization of Mock Parliament, Human Rights Commission Sessions and MUNS by the School help to produce lawyers capable of meeting the challenges of the 21st Century and beyond. Organisation of National and International Moot Court Competitions are a regular feature at SSLG along with participation of its students in various National and International Moot Court Competitions held all over the country. The students are always encouraged to participate in Workshops, Conferences, Debates and Seminars held at various institutes of repute including Law Schools and Universities. Such participation has resulted bringing back laurels to the university.

### Vision

- To be a National Center of Excellence in Legal Education and Research
- To inculcate ethical values in future generations of legal professionals, the products of the School
- To contribute to enrichment of knowledge in legal and para-legal Trans-disciplinary Research.

### Mission

- To promote the following values in the legal fraternity:
- Respect for the rights and dignity of others and tolerance of differences
- Scrupulous Honesty and Personal Integrity
- Conscientious Pursuit of Excellence in one's work
- Accountability for actions and conduct in the workplace

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Forthcoming issue will also include students' corner, green corner and interaction with legal luminaries