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## Message from the Dean

Dear Stakeholders,

Welcome to the Institute of Legal Studies and Research, GLA University, Mathura through newsletter "GLAWCRAFT Chronicle". Hope this message finds you well as we embark on a new academic term filled with possibilities and opportunities for growth in law domain.

In the pursuit of legal education, it is imperative that we foster an environment of inclusivity and diversity. Our differences are not merely tolerated but celebrated, as they enrich the fabric of our institution and enhance our collective learning experience. At ILSR, we persistently carve the persona of our law students through a range of curricular, co-curricular & extra-curricular events and activities which help the students to gain the required skill-sets and wisdom vital to be an outstanding advocate in the current vibrant environment. Along with a regular practice of industry aligned collaborating teaching, at ILSR, students are nurtured through a range of events and competitions like Expert talks, Seminars, Conferences, Moot Court Competitions, Mock Trial Advocacy Competitions, Debates, and Quiz Competitions. I trust that each student must wear self-assurance every day to adorn their personality. In tune with our strategic planning, with the help of dynamic and well qualified cluster of faculty members the Institute of Legal Studies and Research endeavors to transform students into the "Heirs of Justice".

I hope that you will take advantage of the information offered through this newsletter, on our website and other social media platforms and will be a part of our mission to prepare a well nurtured pool of competent legal professionals who promise the world a better future and who will certainly be the ambassadors of change in society.

**Best Wishes,**

**Professor Dr. Somesh Dhamija**

**Dean, Institute of Legal Studies and Research  
GLA University**



## Message from the Associate Dean & HoD

Dear Faculty members and Students,

I want to express my gratitude to our dedicated faculty, staff, and students who continue to contribute to the vibrant and dynamic community that defines our institution. Your commitment to excellence in education, research, and service is truly commendable. I am delighted to announce that our department has achieved significant milestones in the past few years. Our faculty members continue to excel in their research endeavours, publishing groundbreaking work and securing grants that advance knowledge in their respective fields. Additionally, our students have demonstrated outstanding academic achievements, both in and out of the classroom, reflecting the high standards of excellence we strive for at University. Our commitment to stay at the forefront of education is evident in the implementation of new programs, collaborations with industry partners, and the integration of cutting-edge technologies into our curriculum.

I want to thank you all for your unwavering support and dedication to the values that defines ILSR. Our collective efforts are what make our institution truly exceptional.

Wishing you a successful and fulfilling year ahead.



**Best Regards,**

**Dr. Alok Verma**

**Associate Dean  
Head of the Department,  
ILSR**

# Exploring the Horizons of Legal Wisdom

## 1. Workshop cum Orientation Program:

a) Institute of Legal Studies and Research in collaboration with GLA University's Library organized a comprehensive three-day workshop cum orientation program on **"Maximum Utilization of Subscribed E-Resources"** from 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. The workshop commenced with two informative sessions on the SCC and Hein legal databases to equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to harness the full potential of digital resources for their academic and research needs. On the second day, participants delved into sessions covering the AIR Legal database, literature search strategies and techniques, and an insightful overview

titled "Navigating Knowledge: A Library Overview." Concluding the workshop on a high note, the final day featured a session dedicated to exploring the advanced features of the Lexis Nexis legal database. The workshop provided an invaluable opportunity for students to enhance their research skills, stay updated with the latest legal developments, and effectively utilize digital resources available through the university's library. Such initiatives underscore ILSR's commitment to provide students with the necessary tools and resources to excel in their academic and professional pursuits.





## 2. Dialogues of Discourse: Intra-Debate Competition

The Juris Club, ILSR, organized an engaging Intra-Debate competition on **“Secularism in India” and “Reservation System and its Legal Aspects”** on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. More than twenty teams of enthusiastic students actively participated and showcased their prowess in argumentation and persuasion. The competition provided a platform for

students to hone their public speaking skills and engage in thought-provoking discourse on various contemporary issues. The event was adjudicated by the esteemed **Adv. Jai Prakash Sharma**, District and Session Court, Mathura, whose expertise added depth and insight to the deliberations.



**Participants & faculty members along with the resource person.**



### 3. The Art of Advocacy: 1st Intra Mock Trial Advocacy Competition

ILSR hosted an electrifying two-day event, the **1st Intra Mock Trial & Advocacy Competition**, on 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. Drawing participation from over thirteen student teams, the competition emerged as a vibrant showcase of legal and advocacy skills. Esteemed legal professionals, including **Adv. Sahab Singh Deshwar, Adv. Ketan Srivastava, Adv. Harendra Sharma, Adv. Madhuvandatt Chaturvedi, Dr. Vishnu**

**Sharma, Dr. Sandeep Singh, Adv. Vikrant Rana, and Adv. Mandeep Baisla**, lent their expertise as distinguished judges, enriching the event with their vast experience. Beyond mere competition, this platform provided students to learn the essential trade skill for litigators and to witness the model court trial in law school only.



**Winning teams along with the esteemed judges.**



## 4. Expert Talk: Beyond Boundaries

a) The Expositio Club, ILSR conducted an Expert Talk Session on **"Federal System in Ancient India"** on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. Renowned scholar **Prof. Pawan Kumar Sharma** from the Department of Political Science at Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, led the discourse, shedding light on the historical and political intricacies of ancient India's federal system. He provided perspicacious analysis and evidence from ancient texts and scriptures, highlighting the decentralized governance structures, cooperative relationships between kingdoms, and the role of councils and assemblies in decision making processes.



b) The Institute of Legal Studies & Research hosted an Expert Talk Session on **"Social Media Consumption and Intellectual Distrust in South Africa"** on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. Esteemed speaker **Prof. K.B. Shai**, Professor & Head of the Department of Cultural and Political Studies at the University of Limpopo, South Africa, provided valuable insights into the intersection of social media

consumption and intellectual distrust in contemporary South Africa. He discussed how social media platforms can contribute to the spread of misinformation, leading to a decline in intellectual trust among individuals. He further emphasized the need for critical thinking and media literacy skills to navigate the information landscape effectively.



## 5. Faculty Development Programme :

ILSR in collaboration with the Centre for Spirituality and Wisdom, conducted an interactive session titled **"Exploring Funding Opportunities"** for faculty members on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024. The session, facilitated by **Ms. Revathy Vishwanath**, Former Deputy Director

(Research) at the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, aimed to equip faculty members with knowledge and resources to explore funding opportunities for research and academic endeavors.



## 6. Career Counseling Session:

**Professor Somesh Dhamija**, Dean, ILSR conducted an impactful Career Counseling Session for the students of Government Girls Inter College KajrothIglas, Aligarh on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. The session served as a guiding light for the students, providing them with valuable insights and advice on potential career paths. It helped in shaping the future aspirations of students and prepare them for the professional world ahead.





## 7. Students' Corner:

a) ILSR Students shine at **Amity Mock Parliament, 2024**- In a display of exceptional parliamentary skills, a group of students from ILSR made their mark at the Amity Mock Parliament 2024 held on February 29<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Shanu Singh, a third-year student, distinguished himself by earning the prestigious title of Best Delegate, showcasing his exemplary debating and leadership abilities. Veer

Pratap Singh and Narendra Singh, both fourth-year students, also garnered recognition for their outstanding performances, with Veer Pratap Singh receiving a Verbal Mention and Narendra Singh earning a Special Mention. Moreover, Raunak Upmanyu, a third-year student, and Suryansh Dixit, a fifth-year student, showcased their expertise by serving as esteemed judges.





b) **Visit to District Jail, Mathura-** Members of the Legal Aid Committee organized a transformative visit to the District Jail, Civil Lines, Mathura, as part of an extension activity on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This educational excursion provided students with a firsthand glimpse into the workings of the justice system and the conditions within correctional facilities.

Through interactions with inmates and officials, students got a chance to explore the legal and social aspects of incarceration. The visit not only enhanced their understanding of the practical applications of law but also instilled a sense of empathy and social responsibility among participants.



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