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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dear Readers,

I am extremely happy to note that we have this newsletter from the School of Law, Bengaluru campus marking its entry. The S.O.L. at Bengaluru is very young, and vibrant. It has in a short time established itself as a preferred destination for study of the subject in the two programs we offer. It has also made a mark in student activities of various kinds, and hosted eminent dignitaries at this campus.

To record all these events and activities, this newsletter will certainly help. Also, it will help keep the interested stakeholders aware of all the exciting things happening here. I urge all students and faculty to contribute in making it a publication to look forward to.

All the best.

Dr. Rajendra Nargundkar
Director, Bengaluru campus, NMIMS.



FROM THE INCHARGE OF THE COMMITTEE



Dear Readers,

As I write this message, my own student life during the 5 years of law school is flashing before my eyes. Student life provides an experience which is unmatched by any other phase of life. Just like a solstice is a turning point in nature, SOLstice was born with the desire of capturing the nuances of a law student's life which are instrumental in their journey.

It is with immense pride that I present to you the Inaugural edition of NMIMS SOL's very first official student newsletter – by the students and for the students. The Inaugural edition attempts to capture the essence of SOL.

With gratitude in my heart for our esteemed Dr. Rajendra Nargundkar (Director Bangalore campus) who has been a constant guiding light, and the entire team of Publications Committee who have toiled tirelessly, I present to you SOLstice, Volume 1, Edition 1.

Happy Reading!

Regards,

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LAWYER'S MEMO

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Wit and Humour in Law

By Harjas Singh Gulati

Remember, it's a courtroom—not a comedy club.- John G.Browning (Texas Lawyer)

The thought of Law and humor being together seems like a myth.

It is often concluded by society that both are spheres of parallel worlds. They cannot cross the other's sanctity due to the opposite dimensions they represent for each other. However, this myth seems to have become a reality nowadays. The intertwining of law and humor has borne an integral part in the legal system. Instances of judges using humorous anecdotes and witty quotes in their judgments have taken the courtroom by storm. Humor and wit have been used by lawyers and judges alike in Indian scenarios to break the courtroom atmosphere.

The Delhi High Court judge Justice TS Thakur was impressed by the opposing counsel's understanding and usage of Mirza Ghalib's words. They used it to request an early hearing date in a rib-tickling manner. A quirky usage of wit and humor indeed.

Judges sit on high monumental-like benches to deliver arcane language-inspired judgments. It is also true that judges ignite the flame of liberty and justice through seriously structured future-proof precedents. In the process of making history, they cannot be expected to bring transcendent pleasures of humor into the courtroom. Nor can they allow other people to bring the slightest specimen of humor in court. The contention of the disappearance of humor in transcripts of oral proceedings can be pointed to the self-restraint experienced by courtroom reporters.

The idea is that most of the humor in the courtroom is heard and appreciated but never finds its way into the official records of the court. Thus, it is fanciful to suggest that even an egregious use of humor could amount to misconduct that warrants removal from office. It is also generally conferred that wit, when used diligently, could act as a tool for persuasion.

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There should be a higher tolerance for natural displays of humor in the courtroom. This would have the effect of rehumanizing judges. The negative perception of being ivory knights is not fit to mingle with the common pedestal i.e., the commoners make a perception: The perception being that they are detached from the 'real' people while delivering their arguments.

Humor also ensures that hearing and resolution proceedings move smoothly from both sides of the table. Former Attorney General of India, G Ramaswamy, is well-known for using humor to lighten the moods of judges. He ensured that the cases were won in a witty manner through his quick comebacks.

One of his famous proceedings has been mentioned below:

When an irritated Justice Kuldip Singh inquired of Ramaswamy, "whether or not he considers the judge's fools?" He responded with such solemnity that the judges burst out laughing. He told the judges, "If he agrees, he will be in contempt of court, and if he disagrees, he will commit perjury."

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The comical instances of Mr. Daphtary don't stop there. When one of the judges argued before the Supreme Court in a case involving gambling, one of the judges said, 'Mr. Daphtary, you have described gambling activities so well that one might think you were used to it,' Daphtary said: "What else do I do day after day while arguing before your lordship court?"

Judges have also used humor to repudiate plaintiffs and lawyers for their misdemeanors in court. Such cases may be referred to the Madras High Court, where lawyers are reprimanded by judges for interfering with the court. Because the client was desperately looking for his jacket and made a fuss: In connection with the above scenario, the judge asked the lawyer to ask the client to look for his jacket later. The judge later reminded the lawyer's client that many lost their "suits" and that the client should wait for his jacket





Humour has also been used as means to a competitive end between lawyers. It is seen that lawyers use the tool of humor for competitive motivation against each other. Usage of sarcasm and witty insults makes lawyers more energetic and engage in enthralling arguments. A funny account of such examples looms in the pages of Allahabad High Court. Walter Mytton Colvin and Charles Ross Alston, both prominent lawyers, have a hilarious conversation about the history of the Allahabad High Court. Charles was short and Walter was tall. 'Charles, I feel like putting you in my pocket,' Walter is said to have joked. 'In that case, you'll have more law in your pocket than in your head,' Charles retorted.

Humour has also been used to lubricate the wheels of justice since it assists the judges in ensuring that the mood in the courtroom is positive. If the mood is positive, it ultimately leads to a positive hearing. Such a prescriptive approach toward the use of humor in law is understandable and appreciated too. Judges like Frank Caprio in the US have used wit and humor in the traffic fine proceedings as a way to impart justice. The strides of views on YouTube and endless comments praising the judge for the same prove to us; wit and humor bring these ivory knights closer to people than ever.

One of the problems associated with humor is the law can be contributed to the litigants themselves. A perfunctory effort of sarcasm or rebuke by the judge may make the litigant feel that the judge is biased toward one of the litigants. This apprehended bias may creep in to question the justice that the judge is entrusted to deliver. Another issue that can be attributed because of the inherent nature of the law is its seriousness. Some believe that the issues in litigation are too serious to be taken light-heartedly. One light-hearted remark by the counsel or the judge may stain the reputation of seriousness that the law has associated with itself over the years.

In conclusion, wit, humor, and law form a golden triangle. In this case, they are not considered separate elements but are considered as one. If it is not used in a way that conveys the principles of natural justice, it can jeopardize the integrity of the law. However, it can also be used as a valuable rebuke and a means of lightening the procedure without significantly deviating from its seriousness. A witty, humorous lawyer or judge can bring people closer to the law than ever before.





Capitalism and its Effects on Consumerism in Society

By Jay Ageda

Consumption is a relatively new phenomenon that has only lately come into existence as a direct result of the development of a consumer-based society brought about by capitalism. The emergence of multiple organizations that provide a wide range of services and products has increased the number of options available to consumers. As a result, communities centered on consumerism have emerged, as opposed to prior cultures based on effort. Individual consumption patterns can be used to identify a consumer society, whereas citizenship and jobs can be used to identify a work-based society. As a result, to maximize their income realization, capitalists move into global marketplaces to exploit new markets.

Consumer behaviors are based on the uniqueness of the upbringing in the culture and other elements likewise which will eventually be removed, resulting in one global culture centered on consumerism. Consumers in a consumerism-based society seek high-quality things at the lowest possible price as capitalists discover innovative ways to maximize profits. As a result, neither consumers nor capitalists are motivated by social responsibility and make no effort to address the problems that are a result of capitalism and consumer culture.

The government and society are responsible for social responsibility, yet consumerism and capitalism encourage individualism by encouraging each entity to pursue its interests without even thinking about which some of these goals could potentially cause harm to other people and society. Today, which is rife with egocentrism, deceptive advertising, and emphasis on subjectivism due to academic aspirations, it is not difficult to be swayed along the road of consumerism.

In a culture in which economic expansion is the only thing that matters to everybody and carries the potential and the power to supersede or undermine conventional standards of morality, the standard for determining one's level of self-worth is always one's level of purchasing power. Regardless of whether capitalism is still linked to the beginning of awareness, advertising deception and the individuation process and consciousness are both susceptible to being hindered by consumerism as it currently exists.





The majority of capitalists can influence the growth of various patterns of consumption over the course of history due to their ability to exercise control over consumption. As a result, there has been a consumer revolution, which has prompted a corresponding response in terms of information, communication, and technology, resulting in increased production of goods and services.

The things produced by this high level of production require a capitalist-centered society to persuade people to spend their earned money on goods, thereby altering the fundamentals through the creation of new ways of enjoyment. It's also possible that an entirely new definition of pleasure emerges.

When there is a severe economic downturn, one of the most significant drawbacks of capitalism and consumerism becomes apparent. Our capitalist system has managed to address the entire problem, despite the substantial environmental harm that it has caused as a result of its operations, notably concerning the waste that it generates and the resources that it consumes.

The illusion that everyone has a choice is promoted by consumerism. This is an effective means of ensuring that lower-income people do not feel as though they have been shortchanged by the capitalist system. Because of this, consumerism further stratifies society by creating a barrier between those who have and those who do not have.

It is also important to bring attention to the fact that certain billionaires, who are the product of capitalism, take advantage of the labor market by compelling employees to work in conditions like slavery for a low wage. Even though consumer products are widely available, only those with the financial means to purchase them will gain. According to Karl Marx, The majority of societal issues, which are caused by the restriction of consumption as a result of poverty, have this as their root cause. People who live in a culture that values consumption are driven by the expectation that they will be able to get what they desire. For those who have the financial means to do so, this is not an issue; but, for others who are less fortunate, keeping up with modern consumerism requires consistent work.

The ensuing economic imbalance contributes further to painting a gloomy image of the future for the economies that are being negatively impacted. The political establishment supports policies that contradict widely held beliefs about peaceful coexistence and human rights, which ultimately results in a system of self-perpetuating exploitation.





As the wealthy gain more power and the poor have fewer options, the political establishment continues to support these policies. The consumer is only a target for corporate capitalists, and they only focus on variables that control interests, therefore transforming culture is one of their primary goals; putting this up for sale is always made easier by media advertising. To maximize their profits, capitalists engage in unethical actions. Capitalists are up against tough competition from a flood of new industries and enterprises that are seeking a piece of the pie in a culture that is getting more and more driven by materialism and consumerism. This results in a climate of cutthroat competition among capitalists, all of whom are vying for higher market shares and hoping to maintain them.

To accomplish this goal, businesses need to market their wares to ensure that customers are familiar with them. As a consequence of this, the majority of these commercials mislead the buyer, who as a consequence is unable to come to an educated decision regarding the quality of the products or services that they ultimately purchase.

In the past, McDonald's, like many other quick-service restaurants, has promoted the healthiness of the food it serves to families with young children. Because it was revealed that the so-called healthy lunches were to blame for childhood obesity as well as other lifestyle disorders associated with the consumption of greasy food, this statement needed to be amended to reflect this new information.

As a consequence of this, capitalists may not only exploit the customer by supplying goods of a lower quality than expected, but they also may provide false information, which poses a significant threat to the consumer's life, health, and overall well-being. The interests of the average person are at odds with those of consumerism and capitalism.

The true value of an object is determined and driven by profit, even though dazzling ads, symbolic ideals, and item promise sometimes obscure this reality. It is a method that huge corporations use to ensure that consumers continue to buy their products, even if those things do not provide a profit for the corporation.

Consumption has coarsened society's moral fiber to the point where it no longer upholds tradition and instead allows itself to be subjugated by materialism and credit commitments. On the altar of enjoyment connected with possessing property and purchasing goods, cultural fulfillment and social responsibility are sacrificed.





A solitary link in the chain of capitalism and consumerism cannot effect change on its own. Change is work that cannot be accomplished by a single link. The government should, first and foremost, establish regulations and processes to guarantee that the available resources are not either depleted or exploited. Second, the legislation that is in place to protect the ecosystem from exploitative economic practices needs to be strengthened by the government.

However, this type of change can only begin when society becomes aware of the harm caused by the present habits they have developed and their long-term effects. The public may see consumerism as a convenient way of life in which they may buy anything to make their lives simpler.

People should be aware, however, that this convenience has negative consequences for other people's freedoms and the environment. To make quick profits, industries should also become more conscious and ensure that they do not ruin the same ecosystem that allows them to operate. The industry needs to recognize its moral and social responsibilities and to ensure that its business operations do not cause damage to the natural environment, do not take advantage of readily available resources, and do not take advantage of the buying public.

This problem can be solved by civic education of industry leaders on safe techniques, as well as consumer education on how to limit waste and research how the things they buy affect others. This concept is currently being highlighted by a campaign that is underway to encourage the use of environmentally friendly products.





Caste & Comfort

By Prerna Mane

It's about time we address the elephant in the room pertaining to how caste and comfort have never gone hand in hand. A lot of things were done starting to from the constitution for our great freedom fighters and social activists who were born on Indian soil. However it is very abominable in nature as we have to ask each other the question, did we help the individuals from oppressed castes to rise, and the individuals from the oppressive castes to change their mentality which has been ingrained in them through society? The answer to this is no, and what helps us understand this is that even today after many many years individuals are not comfortable with their caste, and why is that so? Being an 18year old Dalit in the 21st century I have myself experienced and heard stories of people from the oppressed communities being hesitant in accepting their caste, avoiding conversations related to caste and identity, and lying about their caste.

Why does this happen even today, if on one side we behave like progressive individuals alluding to each other to believe that we are modern and moving towards the future with a very progressive mind? But is that true? The reason why individuals from the vulnerable and oppressed caste feel that way is based on their experience of being judged, of being marginalized, and excluded. It is so frustrating and cacophonous in nature as caste can never be removed, the discussion about caste can never be avoided, and the ingrained conservative bitter ideas about people from the oppressed caste can not be eradicated easily with a few conversations and Acts.

Even today it is often assumed that people from the oppressed caste cannot be rich and in the creamy layer. This is not only assumed by the oppressive caste individuals but also by the people of the oppressed caste themselves. I had a gardener come to my house the other day, and when he mentioned his name and surname, I understood that he and I belong to the same caste, being curious to know her home town I asked her if she was from the oppressed caste, on asking this question she lied to me about her caste, I wondered why she did that.





She assumed that I belonged to the upper caste maybe because of the place I was living in, the problem here is what if I was an individual from the upper caste, did she do the right thing by lying about her caste? From her point of view yes, as they are treated in a different way because of the work they do and vessels and other things are also kept different for them, if she lied about her caste because she did not wish to be subjected to more such behaviors and for once be treated as a normal human being.

Somebody I know who is a Dalit but is privileged enough to give herself a luxurious life, while having a conversation with her I came to know about how her friends back in school assumed that she belonged to an upper caste because of her luxurious lifestyle, their assumption led them to have multiple conversations in-front of her bashing the vulnerable already oppressed community. This is where comfort comes in, why did she not tell them her caste? Because she was made to feel uncomfortable. Comfort here works both ways, 1. Is to feel comfortable and 2. To be felt comfortable.

The only way to ensure this is to create an environment that is safe and comfortable, which makes people feel that no matter which caste I belong to I will never be subjected to exclusion and marginalized behavior which come from stigmatization, but for now, this still sounds like an ideal situation and to ensure that this does not remain as an ideal situation we must take every step no matter how small it is to bring in change and to most importantly spark a conversation which makes people go through the process of learning and unlearning concepts and ideas which will help us become a country which does justice to its constitution. This conversation is not new and alien, it has been brought up multiple times, but why is it still relevant and of greater importance?

The constitution of India will always remain a relevant and beautiful curated draft for India, while ending this article would like to state what Dr. B.R Ambedkar mentioned, “Will history repeat itself? It is this thought which fills me with anxiety. This anxiety is deepened by the realization of the fact that in addition to our old enemies in the form of castes and creeds we are going to have many political parties with diverse and opposing political creeds. Will Indian place the country above their creed or will they place the creed above the country? I do not know. But this much is certain if the parties place creed above country, our independence will be put in jeopardy a second time and probably be lost forever. This eventuality we must all resolutely guard against. We must be determined to defend our independence with the last drop of our blood.”





JURY BOX





BAN ON PFI

The Indian Government has banned the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates for five years for terrorism under Unlawful Activities Act 1967.

Three Muslim organisations in southern India combined to form the PFI in 2007: the National Democratic Front in Kerala, the Karnataka Forum for Dignity, and the Manitha Neethi Pasarai in Tamil Nadu.

Reason for the ban: The government alleges the PFI has ties to banned groups Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI).

MARITAL RAPE

In *X v. Principal Secretary, Health, and Family Welfare Department, Govt of NCT Of Delhi*, a bench led by Justice DY Chandrachud ruled that "marriage rape" must be included in the definition of rape under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act and Rules.

BILKIS BANO CASE

In 2002, during the Gujarat communal riots, Bilkis was allegedly gangraped by 11 men in Godhra

After nearly 20 yrs of fighting for justice in courts, she broke down when all 11 accused were released from Godhra sub-jail.

- 2017: Bombay HC gave the life sentences to all 11 convicts.
- May, 2022: after spending over 15 years behind bars, one of these inmates applied to the SC for early release. (Sec. 432 CrPC).
- August, 2022: under the diversion policy of the Gujarat government, eleven inmates were granted early release from Godhra sub-jail.

ABORTION LAW IN INDIA

"No matter their marital status, all women in the nation are now permitted to have an abortion up to 24 weeks into a pregnancy"

The Supreme Court issued a landmark decision on reproductive rights, extending to unmarried and single women, the court stated that it is every woman's "right to make reproductive choices without undue interference from the State."

In a decision on a petition by an unmarried pregnant woman in a consensual relationship who was denied an abortion because she was past 20 weeks, Justices D Y Chandrachud, A S Bopanna, and J B Pardiwala said the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act cannot be interpreted to deny that right to single women past 20 weeks.

According to the judge, reading the Act and Rules to help solely married women would foster the perception that only married women are sexually active. "The separation between married and unmarried women is unconstitutional."

LIVE STREAMING OF CONSTITUTIONAL BENCH PROCEEDINGS

The apex court of India livestreamed three constitutional bench proceedings on YouTube for the first time.

These benches heard the challenge to a 10% quota for economically weaker sections of society, the scuffle between Maharashtra Chief Minister Shinde's faction and the Uddhav Thackeray camp over who was the "real" Shiv Sena Party, and the challenge to the All India Bar Examination post enrollment for lawyers.

This initiative aims to bring the judiciary close to the citizens living across India, especially the important hearings having constitutional significance.

LABOUR LAWS RECENT DEVELOPMENT

New Labour Laws 2022 for Workers: By increasing the HRA and PF categories of the salary structure, the new labor laws will reduce employees' take-home pay. Also, it is expected that under the new labor laws set to take effect in 2022, workers will be permitted to put in a full 12-hour shift.

The new labor laws capping basic pay at 50% of CTC, the employee's Gratuity bonus will be higher than it was previously. According to a new regulation, employees must be paid for 15-minute or longer overtime. Furthermore, the government has mandated that a maximum of 48 hours of labour per week be permitted.





FROM THE PLACEMENT DESK

“ A Law school’s intent is not to teach you only the law. We can look that up. Instead, a law school teaches you how to evolve, enhance & empower yourself – one of the most valuable tools we will ever have.”

The placement team at NMIMS School of Law (Bengaluru Campus) recognises the crucial role that it play’s as a catalyst in moulding a future generation of accomplished & socially responsible legal practitioners.

Accordingly, our student & industry engagement plan is based on the philosophy that we want our students to be agile and astute to flourish in an ever changing world through the best in terms of subject matter & domain exposure.

Here are a few milestones in our journey of handholding our students on the path of creating a defining future for themselves –

INVOLVE

“What do lawyers learn in law school? They learn to win... What we’ve got to start thinking about is how do we solve problems.” – Ben Carson

Our students commence their academic journey after a thorough orientation on the various facets of the curriculum, faculty/team introduction and the institutional protocols. During the course of their studies they are also encouraged to participate in various extra curricular activities through the various clubs & committees to help them build on critical skills like team building, leadership and innovative thinking. The placement team plays a significant role in coaching them on critical skills and helping them adapt to the requirements of a contemporary world.

The student representatives of the various committes like the Placement Committee and the Public Relations Committee work in tandem with the Placement Cell in approaching corporates & law firms. The intent is not just to enhance our visibility but to build a long term relationship for the benefit of our students, faculty and institution at large.





Coaching, mentoring and guiding our students to excel in a competitive landscape is at the core of all that we do and involving students at an early stage is what helps us build a symbiotic & trusted relationships with our students.

INSPIRE

“The good lawyer is not the man who has an eye to every side and angle of contingency, and qualifies all his qualifications, but who throws himself on your part so heartily, that he can get you out of a scrape.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

As part of our efforts to engage with the corporate and legal fraternity, it is the endeavour of the placement team to help our students connect with the best in the business. Our professional network is leveraged to engage and invite the industry specialist to our campus and participate in the following for the benefit of the young minds –

“Law School Unscripted ” – A participative format where the speaker shares his life/career journey and real life experiences to manouvere the highly dynamic legal domain.

“Guest Lectures” – Subject matter specialists from reputed institutions speak to our students on specific topics which are part of their cirriculum and add depth to their overall understanding of the vast subject.

“Special Invitees ” – Legal practitioners of repute and experience form part of an exclusive set of individuals who are invited to judge in-house events and share their feedback on improving the quality of approach and participation.

INVIGORATE

“One of the things I was taught in law school is that I’d never be able to think the same again – that being a lawyer is something that’s part of who I am as an individual now.” – Anita Hill

We recognise that our students are individuals with a strong sense of justice and have a deep desire to make a real time difference to the community and country at large.





Our role as professionals is to enthuse them in this path through timely intervention by improving their grasp on the following in addition to their subject expertise –

- 1.Understanding the legal / corporate domain
- 2.Aligning with the legal / corporate domain
- 3.Flourishing in the legal / corporate domain

“It is important for law students to have more realistic expectations. Your first job may not be your “dream” job, but if it is going to provide you with the skills and knowledge you need to advance towards your ultimate career goals, don’t discount it because it isn’t perfect. I am not suggesting you abandon your goals and accept just any job, but if it can get you started in the direction you want to go, seriously consider taking it.” – Kathleen Brady

To achieve the above, the students are encouraged to take ownership and pride in their internship program which lays the foundation for future career progression. The students are coached on approaching each such experience with curiosity to learn from real cases, get their basics right, Network extensively with the fraternity members and make a mark for themselves and the institution through exceptional work ethic. Yes, becoming a lawyer is not easy. It takes hard work, and determination. But Study of the law is one of the most respectable professions and also one of the highest paid per hour jobs you can find outside of sports and entertainment !

The Placement Team aspires to make NMIMS School of Law an institute of choice and repute by delivering exceptional value proposition to its students....the battle lines have been drawn and the journey has well and truly begun !

-Placement Cell, NMIMS Bengaluru





INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

I'm Fatema Lokhandwala from 3rd year and this is one of my internship experiences from 3rd Semester.

So, when I was in my 3rd semester, I got an internship under a senior counsel of the Bombay High Court, Advocate Niteen. Being a 3rd semester student, it was extremely exciting for me since it would be my first offline internship under a senior counsel.

But as much as I was enthusiastic about this internship, I was a bit nervous because I had heard so much about the senior counsels being impolite towards their interns and about the work environment not being very friendly, but nonetheless, I went for my first day there.

When I entered, it was a very fancy office, but the people there were equally gratifying. Everyone was always ready to help, correct my mistakes, and most importantly, the senior counsel (Adv. Niteen). He was such a humble person, always willing to teach, learn about the intern's interests, and appreciate their work.

To me, it never felt like I was just working there in a monotonous environment and the most important thing I learnt there is that a senior counsel who is such a humble and down-to-earth person is what gains him his respect and name, and that shows that no matter how high you go in life, being humble to everyone is so important and such small gestures can make a huge impact on someone who is just getting started in the legal field.

Out of all the learning experience that I gained during the internship, perhaps one which will stay with me forever is when a fellow intern required the senior counsel's help for a personal family matter, and he was instantly ready to help without charging any fees because he said that anyone who works with him is his family, even if it is an intern who is there for merely a few weeks/months.

All in all a great experience.

—FATEMA LOKHANDWALA
BBA.LLB 3RD YEAR





POETRY





MINE NOT YOURS

It's not your's, why do you care ?
Nor your gift, neither your disguise, why do you care ?
The strength, the confidence, you ruined it all, what did you get ?
But, I do.

I do care about every lump , every curve of my
body as much as I hate to.
Yes, after all the criticism, all the gloom and doom;
It took me hours, months or maybe years to get off the dime.
Do you care?

Then, why do you care about my body, it's mine not your's.
Yes, go on, keep body shaming people don't even
leave a ghost of a chance to criticize them;
That's what you're good at right?
Go hay wiring everywhere, because that's what you know, right?
Yes, go on, go in hog heaven by breaking people in
dribs and drabs.
Yes, go on kicking in everyone's guts, because that's
what you do, right?
Because that is nothing new for you, that's just a lead- pipe cinch for you.
Stop stop caring about my body, it's mine not your's !

Then came a time, I got up, but somewhere it still
felt like I had tons of bricks on my back, yeah;
My back hurts with the heavy load that I'm unable
to get rid of, just because of some low man on the totem pole.
But as soon as I realised that it was more of a bark
than a bite, I decided to throw the bricks off my
back and gain satisfaction of seeing them break into pieces like, once I did.

Yes, I stood up with might and main, with full
confidence, for a mopping-up operation, but of my mind not my body.

Yes, it helped me, it did !
Healthy mind gets you a healthy body.
When I stood up after all the criticism I was on a
wing and a prayer and now I pulled all the stops out;
and here I am.

From rags to riches.
Once again, putting my dibs on I shouted;
It's mine, not your's !

-SHREYA RAJ
BA.LLB 2ND YEAR





HIT PAUSE, TAKE A BREATH

Life, quite a wonderful thing
Makes time slow when it's hard
And time fast when you are happy,
Will challenge you
Give you lessons
At every other step of the journey
And you keep grinding with it
So, take a breath
Hit pause
On the way to college
Or when you are with your friends
Or might be all alone
Still hit pause
Stand there and look around.
Then look back
And see how far have you come along
Look at the people around you
Your surroundings
And appreciate it.
Be thankful, be grateful
And cherish it.
Cherish that moment
Cherish the people
Appreciate them
And if you cannot then change them.
But yeah, hit the pause
Take the breath
And look.

-TANISHA JOSHI
BA.LLB 2ND YEAR.





AM I BROKEN?

Rush. Rush. Rush.
Of emotions hitting me like a gust of wind.

What is this I'm feeling?
This darkness, this restlessness, this emptiness
Like a burden under which I'm reeling.

I ask myself again and again
Am I broken?

I don't want to feel anything,
I don't want to do anything,
Is this the right feeling?

I feel suspended in time,
Unable to feel anything
Crying out for help;

Alas! Time goes by, seasons change
No one is here,
I get stuck too deep.

I ask myself once again
Am I broken?

What's this?

I hear a voice in my head cry out,
You're deserving, you're capable,
You're only human.

Light seeps into me

Holding me close like a warm blanket,
Hope blossoms

That someday I'll make it.

Gathering my broken parts,

Turning them into a beautiful heart.

I know then I won't ever have to ask
Am I broken?

-SHRUTI AGARWAL
BA LLB 2ND YEAR





NARCISSISTIC LETTERS

All these words seem somewhat
Self centered i thought
That poems were supposed
To describe the universe
But not these ones
Aren't the type that will
Convey human nature in short succinct
Manners of speaking
But language is often used up
Without the proper etiquette
I think of plastic forks and bottles
Tossed into the ocean
Not a single please or thank you
Not a generosity often uttered
What a steadily disappearing world
We must live in
To string affectionate syllables into
selfishness
Is wasteful, unsustainable, fashionable
living
This construction was so tender
How untenderly we're livin'



-JANVI KANODIA
BA.LLB 2ND YEAR





HOPE

If it's meant to be
It will come buzzing gently
Around the corner
Striped and stumbling
Resting on wildflowers
Stubbornly airborne
It's wings shouldn't carry it's weight
But look! Look at it fly!
On it's way to you
With handful of honey
Sweet and sticky
Meant only for you
It'll be. It'll be.



GHOST GRAVITY

Have you ever let the breeze turn into feelings at the pit of
the stomach?
when the car windows are rolled all the way down and your
head is slightly bend down-eyes closed, time only passing in
wind? It's a lot like that.

Like stretching your fingers as far as possible, to see how
long can you be?

I remember how the city has darkened for the night, a few
starts placed carefully over it's sky. At some point, I realised
i could stop screaming, and breathe normally, in and out.
I let go of the handles crushing my body as my seat turned
upside down in the air. My hair rolled out over my shirt,
black curls melting into night like waves into waves. It felt
very quiet.

Slowly, my eyes followed one star to another, coming back
again and again to an almond shaped moon.

For a few minutes, I thought i had always felt this way.
Floating weightlessly over the Earth as if gravity was a
ghost. Held in a big, cosmic hug.

-JANVI KANODIA
BA.LLB 2ND YEAR





CRYING OUT LOUD

Pretentious smiles serve her good.
Dusty paperbacks, petrichor on a sparkling night.
The world is paramount.
Your troubles are mere for crying out loud.
Oh! forsaken soul,
deep breaths, wield your shallow might.
She anticipates hurt with every next blink.
Why is she blind to the niceties on her lap?
Look she breathes.
Has shelter, and no belly to feed.
Her heart—shattered and betrayed.
Wronged by those owing liability to protect the same.
But for crying out loud,
expressing gratitude is not a one-way lane.
Were they aware?
How their hugs stopped bringing her comfort a long
time ago.
How their concern coated in sympathy,
did nothing but aggregate her misery?
Time heals, time consoles.
But for crying out loud,
all it did was brew her agony into the wild.
A pathetic addition of new wellsprings bringing
mortification to the said list.
Enough, what you have is enough to smile today. How
imbecile you have to be?
To ignore the bliss provided your way.
Look at them, below you.
Wounded, abused, raped, abandoned.
And you dare delineate yourself as meek?
As you lie staring at a ceiling, without scars on your
flesh.





Plough your eyes, their sides better be crinkled.
Poke and prod till your mouth lets slip how sadness
feels like.

Force your heart open, make room for intruders.
Conceal your wrath, your discomfort or whatever you
think you encompass.

Radiate. Halt.

Pretend if need to.

For crying out loud, illuminate the shine meant for you.

She complied.

For how dare she?

They reminded. Again, and again, and again.

But as she lay staring at the ceiling once more,

no scars on her flesh like others bore.

Her mind wanders to forbidden depths.

For how shall she ignore the scars engraved in her
soul?

Yes, some had worse.

But nobody laid down red truth.

Some also had better.

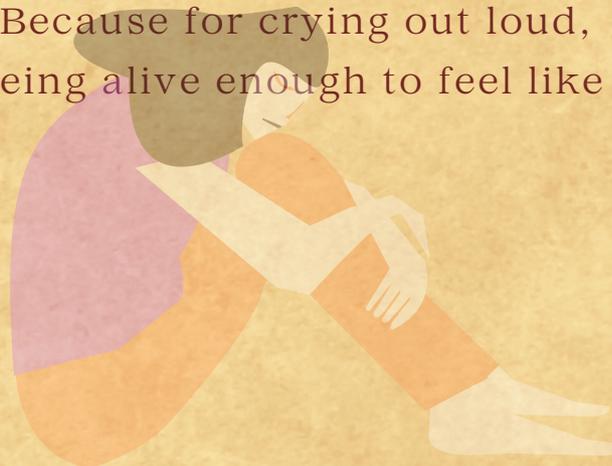
She was below in a queue that impedes.

Cuts her bare, then claims to have injured others more.

How did this queue, an impending doom stir?

Because for crying out loud,

was being alive enough to feel like one?



-SANIA PRASAD
BA.LLB 3RD YEAR





LEGAL TRIVIA





LEGAL QUIZ

1. Which institution has resolved to clear all pending cases against sitting and former legislators in a time-bound manner?

- [A] *Bar Council of India*
- [B] *Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India*
- [C] *National Administrative Tribunal*
- [D] *Supreme Court of India*

2. A citizen can directly move the Supreme Court for any violation of Fundamental Rights under

- [A] *Article 33*
- [B] *Article 34*
- [C] *Article 31*
- [D] *Article 32*

3. Which bill is passed in Rajya Sabha to bring a law that punishes those who attack Health workers or Doctors?

- [A] *Epidemic Diseases Amendment Bill, 2020*
- [B] *National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2020*
- [C] *Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2020*
- [D] *Healthcare Service Personnel and Clinical Establishments Bill, 2019*

4. Which amendment made it mandatory for the President to give his assent to the Constitutional Amendment bills?

- [A] *24th*
- [B] *58th*
- [C] *44th*
- [D] *28th*

5. Which body has ordered to provide a dry ration to all sex workers in the country without insisting on a ration card?

- [A] *National Commission on Women*
- [B] *Supreme Court of India*
- [C] *National Administrative Tribunal*
- [D] *National Human Rights Commission*

6. Which among the following is not a part of the Directive Principles of State Policy?

- [A] *Provisions for Work and maternity relief*
- [B] *Village panchayats*
- [C] *Adult education*
- [D] *International Peace and Security*

ANSWERS

Q1 - OPTION D Q2 - OPTION D Q3 - OPTION A Q4 - OPTION A Q5 - OPTION B Q6 - OPTION C



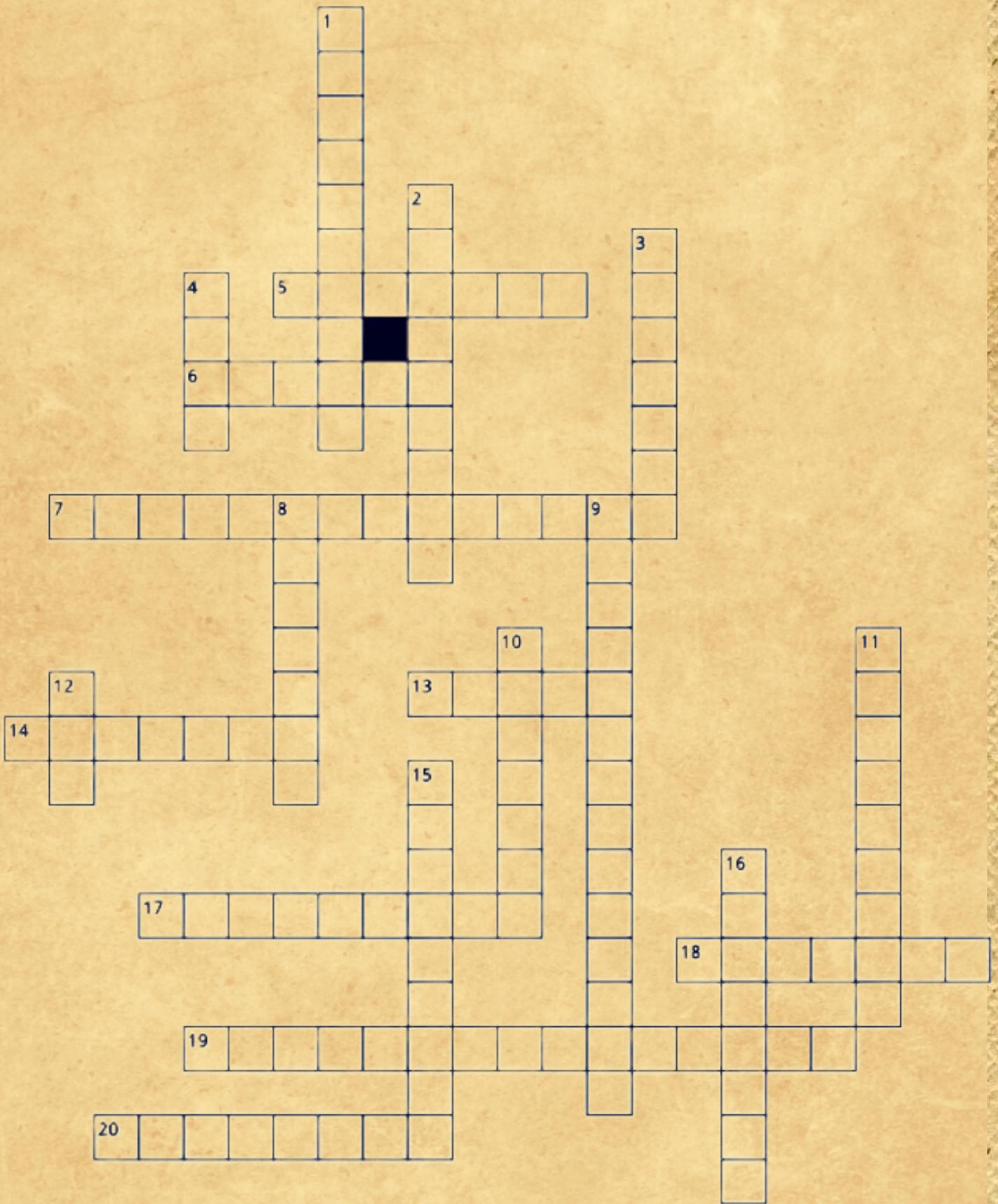


LEGAL FACTS

1. Flying a kite without police authorization is a violation of the Aircraft Act. So, was it an offense the entire time a flying kite? Yes. According to this Law, an aircraft is any machine that can rely on the response of the air for assistance. This category includes planes, aircraft, kites, hot air balloons, and spaceships. As a result, flying a kite without a license is prohibited, and breaching the law may result in a Rs 10 lakh fine and up to two years in prison.
2. The original handwritten copies of the Constitution are kept in helium-filled cases in the Parliament House Library.
3. MRP (Maximum Retail Price): This is merely the maximum price of a product. MRP is negotiable.
4. If you are penalized for not wearing a helmet, the challan is valid until midnight on the same day. You can redeem it as many times as you wish till it expires.
5. If you are stuck in a parking lot because someone parked his vehicle right in front of your exit, you can call the cops and that driver would have to pay a fine of Rs 100.
6. One can use the toilet and drink water in any hotel, whether or not one is staying there this law was enacted 150 years ago under the Indian Sarais Act of 1867.
7. 22.2 Million People Are Under Trial In India, Far More Than There Are People In The Netherlands.
8. The Fundamental rights enshrined in our Constitution have been adopted from the American Constitution.
9. The Constitution of India has originally written in Hindi and English both.



CROSSWORD





CROSSWORD

Across

5. The Indian Constitution borrowed the ideals of Directive Principles of State Policy from the Constitution of this country

6. The ideals of liberty, equality, and fraternity, enumerated in the Preamble, were borrowed from the Constitution of this country

7. The Parliament can amend the Constitution of India, as long as it does not violate its _____

13. Article 1 of the Indian Constitution says that India shall be a ____ of States.

14. In this famous case from 1980, the Supreme Court held the Judiciary shall always have the power to decide the validity of Constitutional Amendments, and the Parliament cannot take away this power. The petitioner of this case was a textile mill and their first name is the answer to this question. The mill shares its first name with one of the most beloved Transfiguration professors in the history of Hogwarts.

17. Article 21A, which was added to the Constitution only in 2002 by the 86th Amendment, mandates the State to provide free and compulsory ____ to children of the age of 6 to 14 years

18. This cricket tournament was held in 1993 in India to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Cricket Association of Bengal. It was contested by six countries, with India emerging as the winner, beating West Indies in the final. This tournament was also the premise of a landmark Supreme Court judgment on the Right to Information, which held that monopoly over broadcasting is against the right to free speech. This case is even famously known by the name of this tournament in common parlance.

19. The infamous Article 370, which has now been repealed, granted special status to the now erstwhile state called _____

20. In 1978, this Fundamental Right was removed from the list of Fundamental Rights in the Constitution, through the 44th Constitutional Amendment. That makes this the only such right that was removed as a Fundamental Right through a later amendment.

Down

1. The _____ list in the seventh Schedule lists out the subjects over which both the state and the center Governments can legislate upon.

2. This system takes care of the appointment of Supreme Court and High Court judges and was established through the precedents in the three Judges' Cases

3. A constitutional doctrine that says that if any law made by the Legislature is inconsistent with Part III of the Constitution, then that law is invalid and inoperative to the extent of it being overshadowed by the Fundamental Rights; also shares its name with a natural phenomenon where one heavenly body moves into the shadow of another.

4. Article 21, which is considered to be part of the Golden Triangle of Fundamental Rights, provides for the right to _____ & liberty. This right has been expanded by the Courts in later years to include the rights to Privacy, Livelihood, Clean Environment, etc.

8. This word was added to the Preamble only in 1976, along with the word 'Socialist'. This ideal insists that the Government should be neutral while dealing with the affairs of various religious groups.

9. President of the Constituent Assembly of India; also the longest serving President of India, who is the only President to complete two full terms in Office.

10. Article _____, among other things, enables the Government to make special provisions for the advancement of members from Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe communities. It was also the title of a 2019 Bollywood movie, starring Ayushmann Khurrana.

11. Part 18 of the Indian Constitution was used to impose a nationwide ____ thrice in the history of Independent India. However, the most infamous instance was when Indira Gandhi imposed this for 21 months between 1975 & 1977. This provision, which was borrowed from the German Constitution, provides for the suspension of many Fundamental Rights, including all the Fundamental Rights to Freedom.

12. Number of freedoms given to a citizen under Article 19 of the Constitution

15. One of the three branches of the Government; Their function is to interpret the law, settle disputes and administer justice to the citizens

16. This feature of the Constitution, borrowed from the Constitution of the USA, reflects the hopes and aspirations of its people and serves as a brief introductory statement to the values of the Indian Constitution. You can find this part of the Constitution in almost every NCERT Textbook.





GUESS THE WORD

S.NO	CLUE	4 LETTER WORD
1	Money paid to secure one's release	
2	Where one may go after conviction	
3	What a defendant enters at arrangement (either guilty or not guilty)	

ANSWERS-

1. Bail 2. Jail 3. Plea



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