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I. RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS:

- Report on the **Impact Assessment of the National Legal Services Authority v. Union of India**

Legal Policy and Verdict:

- **Aasha Lata Soni v. Durgesh Soni** - December 31st, 2023.

Navigating Privacy and Evidence in Legal Discourse: The issue of whether evidence collected without consent and in breach of the right to privacy should be accepted in courts has sparked legal debate. The right to privacy, a fundamental right, remains at a crossroads with procedural laws and it is evident in the case at hand i.e. **Aasha Lata Soni v. Durgesh Soni** decided by Chhattisgarh High Court.

- **Yashpal Jain v. Sushila Devi** – November 12th, 2024.

The landmark case of **Yashpal Jain v. Sushila Devi** (1977-2018) exemplifies a protracted and intricate legal saga, navigating complexities of representation, property rights, and adoption.

Spanning four decades, this case ultimately led the Supreme Court to overturn the High Court's decision and **establish guidelines to expedite civil proceedings**, significantly impacting Indian jurisprudence.

- **IMT Industrial Association and another v. State of Haryana and another.** - November 27th, 2024.

The **IMT Industrial Association and another v. State of Haryana and another** judgment revolves around a **constitutional challenge to the Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Act, 2020**. The petitioners, comprising industrial associations and individuals, contested the Act's validity, arguing it infringes upon their fundamental rights.



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- **“Quota within Quota: When Political Promises hit a Judicial Wall”** – the column published in ‘The Indian Express’ was published on **23rd November, 2023**; authored by **Mr. Siddharth Fuller, Assistant Professor of Law, RGNUL**; and senior members of CCLG, **Mr. Kartikey Shukla and Ms. Monalisa Nanda**.

II. LECTURE(S) DELIVERED:



1. **Anti-Defection Law and Judicial Proceedings** lecture Organised by CCLG.
Dated- *April 23rd 2023*
2. Lecture on **Judicial Review** by **Prof. (Dr) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla** – *November 3rd, 2023*
3. **Constitutional Obligations of a Welfare State** by **Dr Uday Shankar, Associate Professor at The Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Rights, IIT Kharagpur** and **Dr Anubhav Kumar, Assistant Professor of Law at RGNUL**. – *November 26th, 2023*



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III. THE DETAILS OF THE CENTRE:

i. ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE:

Samvidhaan Simplified Series:

Explanatory Posts on the following Constitutional Developments were made on several social media handles under the Samvidhaan Simplifies Series.

- **Haji Abdul Gani Khan v. Union of India – January 22nd, 2024**

Haji Abdul Gani Khan v. Union of India is a landmark case that deals with the issue of waiver of sovereign immunity in contractual matters. The Supreme Court held that the Government of India can be sued in contract, and sovereign immunity is not absolute.

- **Jarnail Singh v. Lacchmi Narain Gupta – January 2nd, 2024**

Jarnail Singh v. Lacchmi Narain Gupta is a landmark case that deals with the interpretation of Section 100 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908. The



Supreme Court held that a second appeal can only be entertained on a substantial question of law.

- **In Re: Article 370 of the Constitution – December 12th, 2023**

In Re: Article 370 of the Constitution is a landmark case that deals with the constitutional validity of the Presidential Order dated August 5, 2019, abrogating Article 370 of the Indian Constitution. The case examines the Centre's decision to revoke the special status granted to the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

- **The State of Punjab v. Principal Secretary to the Governor of Punjab and Another – November 30th, 2023**

The State of Punjab v. Principal Secretary to the Governor of Punjab and Another is a landmark case that deals with the constitutional crisis between the Governor and the Chief Minister of Punjab. The case revolves around the Governor's powers and the extent of their discretion in summoning and proroguing the State Legislature.

- **Pharmacy Council of India v. Rajeev College of Pharmacy – November 10th, 2023**

The Pharmacy Council of India v. Rajeev College of Pharmacy case (2021) deals with the issue of approval and affiliation of pharmacy colleges, highlighting the regulatory powers of the Pharmacy Council of India. The Supreme Court's decision clarified the requirements for establishing and operating pharmacy colleges in India.

- **Supriyo Chakraborty and Another v. Union of India – November 6th, 2023**

The Supriyo Chakraborty and Another v. Union of India case revolves around a challenge to the constitutional validity of the Information Technology



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(Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. The petitioners argued that the Rules infringe upon citizens' fundamental rights to freedom of speech and expression, and privacy.

ii. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE:



Mr. Kartikey Shukla and Mr. Kshitij Pratap Singh under the supervision of **Mr. Siddharth Fuller**, Assistant Professor of Law, RGNUL participated in the Debate Competition on “**The Limits of Liberty: Rights and Duties in the Indian Constitution**” on the occasion of “**Constitution Day, 2023**” organised by the **Ministry of Law and Justice, New Delhi** in collaboration with the **Indian Law Institute** on *25th November, 2023*.



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