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1.	PRO/231 10-07-2025	RGNUL Faculty and Scholars Present Papers at ILO's Regulating for Decent Work Conference in Geneva (10 July 2025)	<p>ONNLINE TV</p>  <p>Geneva, Switzerland, July 10 (Desk) A team from Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, comprising Prof. (Dr.) Sharanjit, Vandana Sharma, and Shivika Goyal, co-authored and presented research papers at the 9th Regulating for Decent Work (RDW) Conference, organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO) at its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The biennial RDW Conference is one of the ILO's premier global academic platforms, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue among researchers, policymakers, and practitioners on labour regulation, institutional reform, and social justice.</p> <p>Research Presentations Futuristic Approaches to Prison Labour in India: Paving the Way for Rehabilitation and Right to Decent Work Post Release Presenter: Prof. (Dr.) Sharanjit, Professor of Law, RGNUL Details: The paper analyzed challenges in India's prison labour system and proposed a rehabilitative, rights-based framework aligned with international standards, including the Nelson Mandela Rules and ILO conventions. It emphasized post-release integration and decent work opportunities for former inmates.</p> <p>Empowering the Invisible Workforce: The Role of Labour Institutions in Advancing Decent Work for ASHA Workers in India Presenter: Vandana Sharma, Junior Research Fellow and PhD scholar, RGNUL Details: Based on extensive fieldwork in Punjab, the paper highlighted systemic gaps in labour protections for ASHA workers and recommended institutional reforms to align with the ILO's decent work framework. Vandana received a fully funded RDW Fellowship to attend the conference.</p> <p>Contributions While Shivika Goyal, a PhD scholar at RGNUL, could not attend in person, her contributions were integral to both papers, enriching the research with her insights.</p> <p>Institutional Support and Recognition Prof. (Dr.) Jai Shankar Singh, Vice-Chancellor of RGNUL, congratulated the team, noting that their participation underscores the university's dedication to socially engaged and globally relevant legal scholarship. Dr. Inderpreet Walia, Registrar, commended the team and encouraged young scholars to pursue research with international impact. The RGNUL team expressed gratitude for the university's unwavering academic and institutional support.</p> <p>Significance The participation of RGNUL scholars at the RDW Conference highlights their commitment to addressing critical labour issues in India, such as prison labour reform and the rights of informal workers like ASHA workers. Their research contributes to global discussions on decent work and aligns with the ILO's mission to promote social justice and equitable labour policies. This achievement reinforces RGNUL's position as a hub for impactful legal research with real-world implications.</p>



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2.	PRO/232 07-08-2025	National Conference on Reading Dystopias: Configuring Future in the Past and the Past in the Future (07 August 2025)	<p>LIVE LAW NEWS</p>  <p>Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab organized a National Conference on "Reading Dystopias: Configuring Future in the Past and the Past in the Future" on 7th August, 2025. The inaugural session of the event commenced with a Welcome Address by Prof. (Dr.) Jai S. Singh, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. Emphasizing the intersections between literature, law, and society, Dr. Singh underscored the value of literary inquiry, especially of dystopian texts, in interrogating contemporary socio-political structures. Plenary Address was delivered by journalist, novelist, and academic Mr. Prayaag Akbar, author of the novel "Leila". Invoking the phrase "Nolite te Bastardes Carborundorum", Akbar traced its etymological play and satirical invention, revealing how even a fictional Latin aphorism can become a symbol of defiance. He reflected on its classroom-like cadence, noting that such phrases, crafted to resemble mottos or rules, often evoke the figure of the teacher as the earliest enforcer of discipline. This reading opened an avenue into how structures of power embed themselves in the mundane, through institutions that appear neutral or nurturing. Akbar further expanded his discussion through readings of two contemporary dystopian novels, drawing parallels between speculative futures and the lived experiences of marginalized communities. He argued that dystopia is not always a far-off possibility but often a persistent condition, particularly for those already existing at the edges of systemic power. His address situated dystopian fiction as a vital genre through which political imaginaries and lived realities intersect. Prof. (Dr.) Manju Jaikka, eminent scholar, former Chairperson of the Department of English at Panjab University, and Founder-President of MELOW in her address talked on wide-ranging and lyrical reflection, and traced the genealogy of dystopian thought through canonical figures such as Dante, Milton, and Yeats, positioning dystopia as a literary form that transgresses, challenges, and reconfigures normative boundaries. Her intertextual approach brought a gravitas to the conversation, highlighting dystopia's role in exploring existential anxieties, moral ambiguity, and the perennial human yearning for transformation amidst despair. Her address demonstrated how dystopia functions both as critique and as a mode of radical hope. The inaugural session set a tone for the conference, laying the groundwork for a day of exploration and scholarly exchange. The Conference offered a platform for interdisciplinary dialogue through three concurrent technical sessions held. Scholars and students from across the country, spanning Jodhpur, Greater Noida, Dehradun, Jammu, Noida, Patiala, and Kolkata, came together to interrogate dystopian imaginaries through lenses of gender, law. The first session, chaired by Dr. Tanya Mander and moderated by Ms. Palak Singla and Ms. Vandana Sharma, focused on Indian Feminist Dystopias. It brought forth engagements with themes of surveillance, control, and resistance as articulated in both literary and socio-cultural contexts. Discussions ranged from gendered surveillance in "The Girl in the Glass Case", and the normalization of bodily control in educational institutions, to questions of gender performativity in Manjula Padmanabhan's "Escape" and maternal erasure in Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale". The session concluded with a critique of liberal biopolitics in Red Clocks, exposing how seemingly progressive frameworks may obscure deeper systems of control. The second session, chaired by Dr. Chasul Phogat and moderated by Ms. Vandana Sharma, turned to the relationship between dystopian thought, environmental degradation, and legal frameworks. Presentations addressed the role of the essay as a form of resistance, the complicity of justice systems in perpetuating dystopian realities, and the gendered consequences of ecological crises. Texts such as "The Water Cure" and "The New Wilderness" were examined through an ecofeminist lens, while discussions also unpacked legal reform as illusionary in the context of sexual violence and explored the dystopian framing of moral policing in contemporary Indian law. Simultaneously, the third session chaired by Dr. Vibha Bhoot and moderated by Ms. Palak Singla explored dystopian representations in media. This panel offered a compelling shift to the digital and visual, analyzing how screen-based narratives engage with dystopian tropes. Papers examined the distortion of reality in the works of Philip K. Dick and William Gibson, feminist revolutions portrayed in digital media, recurring themes of control in cinematic dystopias, and environmental exploitation as presented in streaming documentaries. Together, the three sessions demonstrated the depth and diversity of dystopian discourse, affirming the genre's relevance in addressing contemporary anxieties. The deliberations laid a strong foundation for future discussions on the role of dystopian storytelling in critiquing structures of power and imagining alternative futures.</p>



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3.	PRO/233 12-08-2025	<p>International Symposium on “The Geneva Conventions at the 76th: Contemporary Challenges.”</p> <p>(12 August 2025)</p>	<p>LIVE LAW NEWS</p>

The Centre for Advanced Studies in International Humanitarian Law (CASH) at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, organised a one-day symposium on "The Geneva Conventions at the 76th: Contemporary Challenges" at the university campus in hybrid mode. The event commemorated 76 years since the adoption of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, which form the cornerstone of international humanitarian law, protecting the wounded and sick on land, shipwrecked members at sea, prisoners of war, and civilians during armed conflicts. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Jai Shankar Singh, Vice Chancellor, RGNUL, who emphasised the enduring relevance of the Geneva Conventions and the urgent need to address modern-day challenges in their implementation. The symposium brought together experts. Major General P.K. Goswami highlighted disturbing trends including targeting of civilian areas, urbanisation of warfare, disinformation, and the use of autonomous systems and cyber tools. He urged regulation of new technologies, governance of private military companies, and stronger mechanisms to protect civilians, concluding that while we cannot change the beginning, we can change the ending. Wing Commander Dr. U.C. Jha examined the humanitarian impact of modern conflicts, referencing the Israel-Gaza war, Syrian civil war, and threats to civilians, journalists, and children. He discussed cyber warfare, lethal autonomous systems, AI targeting, and hypersonic missiles, stressing that these challenge the IHL principles of distinction, proportionality, and precaution. He emphasised that the Geneva Conventions, framed in a pre-digital era, require regular updates to address threats from space, biotechnology, and non-state actors in twenty-first century conflicts. Ms. Areti Sianni, Chief of Mission, UNHCR India and the Maldives, underlined the growing global displacement crisis and UNHCR's role in protecting refugees and internally displaced persons. Commending India's humanitarian tradition towards Tibetan, Sri Lankan, and other refugees, she urged the adoption of a national refugee policy framework to replace ad hoc measures. She called on India to leverage its leadership in the Global South to address root causes of displacement and urged universities to develop solutions for conflict victims. She highlighted that India's humanitarian traditions and contemporary humanitarian practices are cherished and need to be shared globally. Since 1969, UNHCR India established its office in New Delhi and since 1992 in Chennai. The Government of India extended all support to UNHCR India and its staff, enabling UNHCR India to assist refugee populations in India. UNHCR India appreciates the support rendered by the Government of India to the refugee community and UNHCR India values its engagement with the Government of India. UNHCR India hopes to see its collaboration with India expand to other countries that need, and welcome, India's humanitarian support. India is a member of the UNHCR's Executive Committee. UNHCR India believes that India can leverage its influence to address root causes of displacement. Dr. Ivneet Walia, Associate Professor of Law and Registrar concluded the session with the remarks on the evolving landscape of warfare and humanitarian protection. She noted that emerging cyber developments, including advanced AI systems, autonomous weapons, and even concepts such as cyborg technology, pose challenges to International Humanitarian Law (IHL). Dr. Walia reiterated that adapting IHL to modern realities is essential to safeguarding civilians and preserving humanitarian principles in future conflicts. An Open House Discussion, moderated by Dr. Sunod Jacob, Government Liaison Officer with the UNHCR, provided a platform for in-depth dialogue between speakers, faculty, and students on pressing humanitarian issues, including compliance challenges in contemporary armed conflicts. The event concluded with presentations by RGNUL Research Centres to the UNHCR, showcasing the university's research capabilities and commitment to advancing international humanitarian law scholarship. Reflecting on the success of the symposium, Dr. Sangeeta Taak and Dr. Sukhwinder Kaur Virk, Assistant Professors of Law at RGNUL and Convenors of the event, expressed their gratitude to the speakers, participants, and the UNHCR for their support. They highlighted that the symposium not only acknowledged the legacy of the Geneva Conventions but also created a space for academic exchange and reflection on contemporary humanitarian law challenges.



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4.	PRO/234 15-08-2025	Celebration of Independence Day of India (15 August 2025)	<p>LIVE LAW NEWS</p>  <p>"Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country," said Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Jai Shankar Singh during his address to the RGNUL community from the Academic Block of the University on the 79th Independence Day on August 15, 2025. In his speech, he paid homage to the sacrifices of our martyrs in their struggle for independence. Further, he reiterated his resolve to develop RGNUL into an institute of intellectual empowerment through his offices. He asserted on a number of reforms being undertaken for the betterment of the student as well as teaching and non-teaching community of RGNUL.</p> <p>Further, he encouraged the RGNUL community to focus on their personal growth and investment in positive intellectual affirmations that would catalyse the rise of RGNUL as an institution that upholds its motto of "Knowledge empowers".</p> 



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6.	PRO/237 08-09-2025	Two-Day International Conference on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law (6-7 September 2025)	<p>LIVE LAW NEWS</p>  <p>The Centre for Business Laws and Taxation (CBLT), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, hosted a two-day International Conference on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law: Challenges and Opportunities on September 6-7, 2025 in the online mode. Prof. (Dr.) Jai Shankar Singh, Vice-Chancellor of the University inaugurated the conference. He talked about the transformative role of insolvency reforms in India's financial and corporate ecosystem. Prof. Shankar discussed the impact of geopolitical shocks on Micro Small and Medium Enterprises exposing them to vulnerabilities in current frameworks. He emphasized that there is a need to examine the personal guarantor jurisprudence. He stressed that there is a need to explore the evolving framework of insolvency in India, the challenges faced in its implementation, and the opportunities it presents for strengthening the financial and legal system. Mr. Suman Batra, the first Asian President of INSOL International and Founder of the Insolvency Law Academy, offered insights on challenges to insolvency reforms. He highlighted the judiciary's role in shaping Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) jurisprudence, the global relevance of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India. He stressed that need to learn lessons from Singapore's reforms. Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Vats, Dean Academic Affairs of the University underlined the value of such academic platforms in equipping students with exposure beyond classrooms and preparing them for professional engagements. Prof. Vats remarked that Insolvency law has emerged as one of the dynamic areas of legal reform in recent years, shaping not only the corporate sector but also the larger economic framework of our country. Dr. Manoj Kumar, Faculty Coordinator of CBLT-IBLD, reflected on the development of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) and emphasized the importance of time-bound resolution as the Code's cornerstone. The inaugural concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Manoj Sharma, appreciating the efforts of speakers, faculty, and the student team. The panel discussion on Group Insolvency, generated an exchange of ideas among speakers and participants. The discussion brought together a mix of Indian and international perspectives, emphasizing the urgency of addressing group and cross-border insolvency within India's still maturing insolvency ecosystem. Speakers and panellists who participated in the conference were Professor Jason Harris, Professor of Corporate Law, Director, Ross Parsons Centre for Commercial, Corporate and Taxation Law, The University of Sydney Law School, Australia; Mr. Sidhant Kant: Equity Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas; Mr. Akash Chandra Jauhari, Co-Lead, Corporate Law and Financial Regulation Team, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy; Mr. Ankit Goel, Chartered Accountant; Insolvency Professional, Founder & Partner, AAA Insolvency Professionals LLP; and, Ms. Pooja Bahry, Insolvency Professional. Prof. Jason Harris of the University of Sydney provided a comparative overview of Australia's insolvency regime. He traced the development of group insolvency in Australia, outlining both its achievements and shortcomings. Notably, he explained how Australia's broad definition of a 'group' offers flexibility but also risks ambiguity, which complicates resolution when different companies in the same group undergo different types of insolvency. Drawing parallels, he observed that India's draft framework shares some features with the Australian approach, offering lessons but also cautionary tales. The session also featured a lively Q&A segment where students and delegates engaged the panelists with questions on real-world challenges such as jurisdictional conflicts, creditor coordination in multinational groups, and the enforceability of foreign judgments. Panelists responded with practical insights, explaining the interplay between domestic priorities and global obligations. The discussion combined theoretical reflection with grounded policy insights, offering participants a comprehensive understanding of the road ahead for India's group insolvency framework. The Two-Day International Conference provided an overview of the IBC's strengths, challenges, and future pathways. The Conference underscored the Code's economic significance, global relevance, and the need to address group and cross-border insolvency. The seven technical sessions showcased research, proposing reforms ranging from AI-driven early warning systems and blockchain integration to Environment Social and Governance prioritization, mediation frameworks, and substantive consolidation. Across sessions, the consensus was clear: while the IBC has transformed India's insolvency landscape by enhancing recovery and credit discipline, pressing gaps such as judicial delays, weak cross-border mechanisms, group insolvency challenges, and inadequate individual insolvency provisions—must be addressed through strategic legislative and institutional reforms.</p>



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7.	PRO/238 15-09-2025	Criminal Law Conclave on “An Assessment of the New Criminal Law Regime” (13 September 2025)	<p>LIVE LAW NEWS</p>

The Centre for Advanced Studies in Criminal Law (CASCL), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, organised the Criminal Law Conclave on “An Assessment of the New Criminal Law Regime” on 13th September 2025. The event was conducted in an online mode on the new Criminal laws. The resource persons for discussion and deliberation on the new reforms were Prof. (Dr.) Shruti Bedi, Professor & Director of University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS) at Panjab University, Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Dogra, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Dr. Neeraj Tiwari, Associate Professor at National Law University Delhi, Ms. Nayanika and Mr. Siddharth from the India Justice Report, and Mr. Naveed from the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy. The Vice Chancellor of RGNUL, Prof. (Dr.) Jai S. Singh, Registrar of RGNUL, Dr. Inderjeet Kaur Walia, Dean of Academics of RGNUL, Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Vats, and Dean of Research of RGNUL, Prof. (Dr.) Kamaljit Kaur attended and shared their insights in this Conclave as well. The Conclave’s aim was assessment of the three newly enacted criminal law statutes—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023 (BSA). By bringing together scholars, practitioners, and experts, the Conclave aimed to assess the new laws through the lenses of constitutionalism, jurisprudence, infrastructure, and policy, thereby making a contribution to the national dialogue on their scope and impact. Prof. (Dr.) Shruti Bedi, spoke on “Decolonising Criminal Law: Continuity, Change and Constitutionalism”. Prof. Bedi’s address examined whether the new legal regime truly breaks away from colonial legacies or perpetuates them under a constitutional framework. Her address laid the foundation for subsequent discussions. Subsequently, Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Dogra, delivered her insights on “Leveraging scientific advancements for ‘Nagrik Suraksha’: Anokhi Lal in perspective”, focusing on how scientific innovations may aid in advancing citizens’ security. Prof. Dogra’s address focused on the role of science and technology in enhancing citizen security, particularly examining how forensic and technological tools may contribute to the implementation of justice. The session was furthered by Dr. Neeraj Tiwari, who presented on “Tech Integration under New Criminal Laws: Initiatives and Way Forward”. Prof. Tiwari’s address elaborated upon the government’s initiatives in incorporating digital processes, the challenges of cyber adaptation, and the scope of efficiency gains through modernisation of procedures under the BNSS by the integration of technology in criminal law processes. Thereafter, the deliberations continued with a joint address by Ms. Nayanika and Mr. Siddharth on “Infrastructural Bottlenecks Emerging with the Implementation of the New Criminal Laws”. They shed light on institutional and infrastructural challenges hindering effective execution. They highlighted systemic challenges such as inadequate institutional capacity, a shortage of trained personnel, and infrastructural gaps, which may hinder the smooth enforcement of the new statutes. Following this, Mr. Naveed spoke on “Enduring Colonial Legacy in the New Criminal Laws”, assessing whether the reforms represent continuity rather than a genuine rupture from the colonial frameworks.



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8.	PRO/239 17-09-2025	Visit of Inspection Team at RGNUL Punjab upon an Initiative of Hon'ble Governor of Punjab (17 September 2025)	<p>LIVE LAW NEWS</p>  <p>Upon an initiative of Hon'ble Governor of Punjab, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, the following Heads and their nominees visited Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala on 17 September 2025 to follow up inspection. Dr. Rattan Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala; Dr. Kuldeep Kaur Walia, IQAC, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala; Sh. Manjeet Singh, PA to VC, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala; Prof. Palwinder Singh, Dean Academic Affairs, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar; Prof. Pawan Kumar, Dept. of Law, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar; Dr. Kanwar Mandeep Singh, Director Sports, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar; Sh. Maninder Singh, Sr. Asstt., O/o Dean Academic Affairs, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar; Dr. Nirmal Jaura, Director Student Welfare, Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana; Dr. Vishal Bector, Associate Director, VC Office, Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana; Dr. Monisha Dhiman, Director, IQAC, Central University, Bathinda; Prof. Anjana Munshi, Director, R&D, Central University, Bathinda. The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members on behalf of the University. He presented bouquet to all the dignitaries. Prof. Kamaljit, Dean Research opened the discussion. She highlighted the important contributions and achievements of the University. She told that University organized International Conference on theme of Navigating the Future: Ethics, Regulations, and Sustainability in the Age of Artificial Intelligence on February 22, 2025. In this conference Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, and The Visitor, The Rajiv Gandhi National Law of University, Punjab was Chief Guest. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court & Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab was guest of the conference. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Palli, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh and many other delegates from ten foreign countries and other states of the India participated and presented paper. The University organized 6th Convocation Program on February 15, 2025 Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, and The Visitor, The Rajiv Gandhi National Law of University, Punjab was Chief Guest. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court & Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab was guest in the convocation. In this program degrees were conferred to the B.A.LL.B., LL.M. and Ph.D. students. National Conference on the theme 'Seventy-Five Years of the Constitution of India' was organized on April 19, 2025. In this Conference Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal, Judge, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi was Chief Guest. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Lisa Gill, Judge, High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Deepak Sibal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh were guest in this conference. Delegates from 15 states participated and presented paper. National Conference was organized on the theme 'Seventy-Five Years of the Supreme Court of India' on April 26-27, 2025. In this conference Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pankaj Mithal, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.G. Masih, Judge, the Supreme Court, New Delhi and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court & Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab were guest of the conference. In this conference delegates from all over the country participated and presented the paper. International Conference was held on the Theme 'Seventy-Five Years of the Constitution of India: A Comparison with Major Constitution of the World' on August 30-31, 2025. In this conference Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipankar Datta, Judge, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pankaj Mithal, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court & Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab; Hon'ble Justice Balkrishna Dhakal, Judge, Supreme Court of Nepal and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohan T. Pieris, Former Chief Justice of Colombo, Sri Lanka. In this conference delegates from 25 countries participated and presented the paper. The other programs regarding Legal Aid, Academic Programmes and other activities were highlighted. A detail information was given regarding all research Centre's feedback form about Teacher's evaluation were filled by the students. The delegates were informed about the gender neutral washrooms and gender neutral spaces in the University. A detail information regarding library was given. The exam branch has initiated SANAD portal for attestation and Postal of documents including APAAR ID's. The Panelists were informed about the activities of RGNUL Institute for Competitive Examinations. They have initiated program called VAANI. VAANI is a program where students taught three languages like Hindi, English and Punjabi and another program was SANKALP which is a compendium is a collection of syllabus for the competitive exams. They also facilitated five successful judicial aspirants. The members gave important suggestions to improve the Academic environment of the University. In this program Prof. (Dr.) Jai Shankar Singh, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL. Dr. Ivneet Walia, Registrar, RGNUL, Prof. Sharanjit, Prof. Kamaljit, Dr. Geetika Walia, Dr. Manoj Sharma, Dr. Shruti Goyal, Dr. Tanya Mander, Dr. Sangeeta Taak, and Dr. Wazida Rahman.</p>



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9.	PRO/240 21-09-2025	<p>Two-Day National Conference on “Seasons of Life” Reconstructing Ageism and Youthism for a more Inclusive Society (20-21 September 2025)</p>	<p>LIVE LAW NEWS</p>  <p>India is the fastest-growing economy in the world and is poised to further rise as a global power—provided we manage to harness and blend the wisdom and experience of the elderly with the energy of Indian youth, said Anirudh Tiwari, Special Chief Secretary and Director General of the Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (MGSIPA), Chandigarh, Punjab. He was addressing as the Chief Guest at the “Seasons of Life” — a Two-Day National Conference on Reconstructing Ageism and Youthism for a More Inclusive Society, organized by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), and funded by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), Government of India, New Delhi. Prof. (Dr.) Jai Shankar Singh, Vice Chancellor of RGNUL, presided over the conference and welcomed the dignitaries, while Dr. Jasleen Kewlani introduced the theme of the national conference. Emphasizing the role of elders in society, Tiwari stated that age should not be seen as a barrier in any field. Citing an example, he noted that the average age of Nobel Prize recipients is increasing. He added that the key to happiness and contentment in old age lies in a balanced combination of wisdom and energy. Referring to the religious text Bhagavad Gita, he emphasized that elders must take care of their physical and mental well-being to be able to support and guide the younger generation. Highlighting India's unique demographic advantage, he said, “India is not only a young nation but also one of the oldest civilizations, which gives us a unique edge. We are already the third-largest and the fastest-growing economy in the world. The most powerful advantage is our youth—64% of our population is between the ages of 15 to 35. At the same time, 6% of our population comprises senior citizens. If we, as a nation, can channel the energy of the youth along with the experience and wisdom of the elderly, India will undoubtedly achieve developed nation status well before the set target,” he affirmed. He further emphasized that the elderly must also focus on nourishing their spiritual health by taking a ‘good diet for the soul’. Professor (Dr.) Sanjay Tewari, Honorary Professor at the Russian Academy of Social & Fundamental Sciences, Moscow, delivered the Keynote Address, focusing on the importance of sports in enhancing the happiness index of the elderly. He added that it is essential for society—from academia and culture to politics—to work towards reducing intergenerational gaps to foster a more inclusive social fabric. Dr. Tanya Sengupta and Anumol Mathew from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), along with Mammoohan Verma, Law Officer at the National Commission for Women, read their official messages. They highlighted the importance of the elderly in policymaking and the various legislative and welfare measures being implemented by the Government of India. Dr. Iyneet Walia, Officiating Registrar at RGNUL, specially invited senior citizens and honoured them in the Inaugural Session for their contributions to society and various institutions. Dr. Jasleen Kewlani, Convener and Organising Secretary of NatCon'25, remarked, “Simply being senior or elderly is not a big achievement—ageing is inevitable. What truly matters is how one behaves with that experience, and how much they contribute to guiding and uplifting the younger generation.” The Plenary Session featured talks by Dr. Vishal Chopra, Professor and Head of Pulmonary Medicine at Government Medical College, Patiala, and Dr. Kalpesh Gupta, Founder of Law Teachers India, who spoke on themes related to ageing and inclusivity. Student Conveners Daksh Khanna and Siya Pandita shared that the conference, NatCon'25, received 177 full-length research papers to be presented across 30 parallel academic business sessions, held both offline and online from September 20–21, 2025. Papers were contributed by authors from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives, and Indonesia.</p>



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10.	PRO/242 06-10-2025	Blood Donation Camp in Collaboration With Govt. Medical College, Patiala	LIVE LAW NEWS
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			<p>The Legal Aid Clinic at RGNUL, Punjab, organized a Blood Donation Camp on October 4, 2025. The event was held in collaboration with the Government Medical College, Patiala. Key university officials, including Vice-Chancellor Dr. Jaishankar Singh, Registrar Prof. Ivneta Kaur Walia, and Legal Aid Clinic Faculty Coordinator Dr. Abhinandan Bassi, were present at the initiative. A team from the Government Medical College, which included Dr. Loveleen, Dr. Sukhwinder Singh, Dr. Jeevan Lata, and others, conducted the medical procedures. The camp saw a total of 75 registrations for blood donation. Following their donation, participants were provided with refreshments. According to a statement from the university, the event was organized to promote social responsibility and foster a spirit of community welfare among students.</p>
11.	PRO/244 11-10-2025	“Campus to Corporate: Charting a Career in Corporate Law”	
		(11 October 2025)	<p>OCTOBER 12, 2025</p> <p>Law noble profession, uphold compassion alongside competence: Justice Thakur</p>
			<p>During the event at RGNUL, Patiala, on Saturday, Express</p>
			<p>law a noble profession,” Citing Swami Vivekananda’s Three Bs—Determination, Discipline, and Dedication and Three Ps—Purity, Patience, and Perseverance, he urged students to “rise, realize, and not till your goal is achieved.”</p>
			<p>Dr. Shiva Satish Sharda, faculty coordinator, emphasized the “central role of research in every branch of law” and “assured continued institutional support for students’ career growth.”</p>



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12.	28-10-2025	<p>Six Week Capacity Building Workshop of Investigating Officers (28 October 2025)</p>	<p>The Tribune WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2025 02</p> <p>Work honestly, even bags full of cash can't satisfy one's hunger: Mann to state police</p> <p>Tribune News Service</p> <p>PATIALA, OCTOBER 28 Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday asked the state police to work honestly and diligently, cautioning that a greedy person's hunger couldn't be satisfied even if he kept "collecting bags full of cash".</p> <p>He said corruption was unacceptable but some people forgot that they had to pay price of their deeds. The CM said that after the six-week, day-investigation course for the state police at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law.</p> <p>In a veiled reference to suspended IPS Rakesh Bhullar, who was arrested by the CBI on corruption charges, he said one or two black sheep always brought "disrepute" to the entire force.</p> <p>"Those busy minting mon-</p> <p>ey forget that they have to surely pay for their deeds as corruption is unacceptable," he added.</p> <p>The CM's remarks came days after Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria took a</p> <p>detour to the Punjab Government over the arrest of Bhullar, saying it was "unfortunate" that despite having an elaborate administrative set-up, it was unable to detect corruption.</p> <p>He had said that the DIG's</p> <p>arrest and subsequent recovery of cash and valuables from him called for introspection.</p> <p>Minister Balbir Singh and Vice-Chancellor Jai Shankar Singh were present on the occasion.</p> 



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13.	PRO/245 03-11-2025	Career Guidance in the Legal Profession - Interactive Session with Dr. Pradeep Rai, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India (01 November 2025)	<p>LIVE LAW NEWS</p>  <p>Dr. Pradeep Rai, Senior Advocate, visited the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab on 01st November 2025, to deliver a lecture on Career Guidance in the Legal Profession. While addressing the students, he emphasised the importance of consistent hard work, prioritising one's health, and enjoying college life without losing focus on long-term goals. He encouraged students to identify and start exploring a niche area of law early in their academic journey, as specialisation will inevitably hold value in future professional choices. Dr. Rai also discussed the three-year rule in the judiciary examinations and noted that this period should be used meaningfully to acquire practical exposure and genuine legal insight. He advised students to have fun during their college years, but to remain mindful and deliberate in their actions. He also highlighted that a lawyer must have complete mastery over the facts of the case and should know them inside out. During the session, two students, Pranjali and Kushank, narrated short factual stories, and Mr. Rai analysed the legal issues within them in an engaging and interactive manner. Through this exercise, he emphasised the importance of reading the entire brief, preparing a proper synopsis, identifying the legal points involved, framing the questions of law, and determining the relevant grounds. He stressed that these elements are crucial for dissecting a case effectively and presenting strong arguments before the court. He concluded the session by wishing all the students the very best for their future and encouraged them to believe in their own capabilities. He also interacted with students and addressed their questions, noting that every conversation and every exchange contributes towards shaping one's personality and ultimately, shaping the lawyer they become.</p>



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14.	PRO/246 21-11-2025	<p>Panel Discussion on Strengthening Access to Justice for Marginalized Adivasis and Denotified / Nomadic Tribes under NALSA's SAMVAD Scheme</p> <p>(21 November 2025)</p>	<p>LIVE LAW NEWS</p>

A panel discussion titled "Strengthening Access to Justice for Marginalized, Vulnerable Adivasis and Denotified / Nomadic Tribes under the NALSA (SAMVAD) Scheme, 2025" was organised on 20 th November 2025, bringing together legal experts, constitutional scholars, social practitioners, and community workers to deliberate on the systemic challenges faced by some of India's most historically excluded communities. The discussion was graced by Ms. Amandeep Kaur, CJM and Secretary, DLSA, Prof. (Dr.) Satish Chandra, Professor of Law, RGNUL, and Dr. Abhinandan Bassi, Assistant Professor of Law and Faculty Co-ordinator, RGNUL Legal Aid Clinic. The event also witnessed the presence of members of the DLSA Panel and SAMVAD Committee members, whose insights enriched the deliberations. Speakers highlighted the persistent barriers that Adivasis and Denotified/Nomadic Tribes continue to face in accessing justice—ranging from social stigma and linguistic hurdles to inadequate awareness of legal rights, over-policing, and gaps in institutional sensitivity. While strong constitutional and legal safeguards exist, panelists noted a significant disconnect between the formal recognition of rights and their actual realization on the ground. The session further underscored that the NALSA (SAMVAD) Scheme holds transformative potential to bridge this gap through sustained dialogue, community-centric legal awareness, and strengthened collaboration between police authorities, legal services institutions, and grassroots organisations. Key recommendations included training Para-Legal Volunteers from within the communities, expanding mobile legal aid clinics, ensuring effective victim compensation mechanisms, and developing culturally responsive justice practices. Panelists collectively affirmed that ensuring justice for Adivasis and DNT/NT communities is not only a statutory requirement but also a constitutional and moral responsibility. The event concluded with a resounding call for coordinated institutional action to ensure that marginalized voices are heard, rights are upheld, and access to justice becomes a lived reality for every individual.



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15.	PRO/247 27-11-2025	Celebration of Constitution Day 2025 (26 November 2025)	<p>LIVE LAW NEWS</p>  <p>Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, observed Constitution Day 2025 with a thoughtful and engaging programme organised by the RGNUL Legal Aid Clinic in collaboration with the Centre for Innovation in Intellectual Property Rights (CIIPR). The event brought together faculty members, research scholars, students, and the Investigating Officers currently attending the Capacity Building Workshop on campus. The programme was presided over by Dr. Ivneet Walia, Registrar, RGNUL Punjab. The Keynote Address was delivered by Professor (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats, Dean Academics and Coordinator, CIIPR. He reflected on the enduring relevance of the Preamble to the Constitution and emphasised that its guiding principles—Justice, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity—must be upheld with sincerity in both personal conduct and institutional practice. He highlighted how the Preamble continues to shape the country's democratic values and remains a constant source of guidance and inspiration. Professor Vats also expressed appreciation for the Investigating Officers participating in the Capacity Building Workshop. He acknowledged their crucial role in maintaining fairness, accountability, and transparency within the justice system, describing them as protectors of constitutional values through their everyday responsibilities. His remarks reinforced the link between ethical investigation and the broader commitment to constitutional governance. During the programme, the RGNUL Legal Aid Clinic conducted a brief session for the Officers on the significance of legal aid in NDPS trials. The team explained how informed legal assistance, procedural awareness, and timely coordination help ensure that such trials remain fair and consistent with constitutional safeguards. They emphasised that legal aid is not only essential for accused individuals but also vital for strengthening the justice delivery system as a whole. The Constitution Day event created a meaningful space for dialogue, reflection, and shared learning. It reaffirmed RGNUL's commitment to promoting legal literacy, encouraging responsible institutional practices, and nurturing a deeper understanding of constitutional values among all stakeholders, including the Law Enforcement Officers who play a vital role in upholding the rule of law.</p>



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16.	PRO/248 03-12-2025	Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab nominated as a member of National Legal Service Authority (03 December 2025)	<p>Hindustan Times THURSDAY DECEMBER 04, 2025 03</p> <p>RGNUL VC named as member NALSA</p> <p>PATIALA: Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL) vice-chancellor Prof Jaishankar Singh has been nominated as a member of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). The NALSA is a statutory body that provides free and competent legal services to the weaker and marginalised sections of society. It is headed by the Chief Justice of India as patron-in-chief. The nomination of Singh was made by the central government through a notification issued by the ministry of law and justice under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (39 of 1987), in consultation with CJ Justice Surya Kant.</p> <p>पटियाला भारकर वीरवार, 4 दिसंबर, 2025 2 राजीव गांधी नेशनल लॉ यूनिवर्सिटी के प्रो. जयशंकर सिंह नेशनल लीगल सर्विस अथोरिटी के मेंबर नियुक्त पटियाला केंद्र सरकार के कानून और न्याय मंत्रालय ने लीगल सर्विस अथोरिटी एक्ट, 1987 (39 of 1987) के तहत चीफ जस्टिस सूर्यकांत के साथ सलाह मशाविरा करने के बाद पंजाब की राजीव गांधी नेशनल यूनिवर्सिटी ऑफ लॉ के वाइस चांसलर प्रो. (डॉ.) जयशंकर सिंह को नेशनल लीगल सर्विस अथोरिटी का मेंबर नियुक्त किया है। प्रो. जयशंकर सिंह ने कहा कि नेशनल लीगल सर्विस अथोरिटी के मेंबर के तौर पर वे सभी लोगों, खासकर गरीबों के लिए न्याय तक पहुंच सुनिश्चित करने सहित नीतियों को असरदार तरीके से लागू करना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।</p> 



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