

Celeste

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“Ganesh Chaturthi – A celebration of wisdom and prosperity”



As the saying goes, "Vakratunda Mahakaya, Suryakoti Samaprabha"—Lord Ganesha's presence is like a thousand suns, brightening our paths and guiding us through challenges.

Keshav Memorial College of law has organized an Auspicious Ganesh Pooja as a part of Ganesh Festival which is a 10- day event across India. The Ganesh Chaturthi Pooja was organized on Sept 11 – 2024 at Sardar Patel Auditorium, Keshav Memorial Educational Society.

The graceful Pooja was conducted by Honorable L.Prabhakar Reddy, Treasurer of Keshav Memorial College of Law, and Mrs. Vani Akkepeddi, Principal of Keshav Memorial College of law in corroboration with all the Faculty members. The Ganesh Pooja was initiated with lightning of Diya (Deepak Prajwalan), which signifies the light, grace and purity of mind and body where the Diya enlightens the prosperity and wisdom while keeping away the negative thoughts and energies.

The Deepak Prajwalan ceremony followed by the significant Pooja named “Shodashopachara Pooja” where this pooja includes detailed 16 step ritual where flowers, prayers, and all other pooja items.

The pooja concluded by singing the “Aarathi song” and by concluding Pooja by giving Aarti signifies the purification of body and mind by the echos of elementary sounds of Nature that includes – Shankha Naadam(the sound of ocean waves innumrated in it) and Ghanta Naadam (the sound of bells). Everyone attended the pooja were served Prasadam (Considered as consecrated blessing of Lord Ganesha).



Registration a bit sooner!

In a recent decision that has brought relief to many aspiring lawyers, the Supreme Court of India ruled that final-year law students are now eligible to appear for the All India Bar Examination scheduled for November 24, 2024. Why was this judgment needed? The AIBE is a mandatory certification for law graduates to practice as advocates in India. There was a restriction that only registered students under state council had to write the exam which meant that final-year students faced delays in starting their legal practice due to the time it takes for universities to declare results.

The problem was highlighted by a group of final-year law students from the University of Delhi, who argued that barring them from appearing in the AIBE was unfair. They pointed out that they had no control over the timing of their final-year results, which could significantly delay their entry into the legal profession. The Supreme Court's Ruling: On September 20, 2024, the Supreme Court allowed final-year law students to sit for AIBE XIX.

The Court's decision came after reviewing the petition filed by the students, who referenced a 2023 judgment (Bar Council of India vs. Bonnie Foi Law College), which had indicated that final-year students should be allowed to sit for the exam, provided their results were conditional on completing their degree. The Supreme Court criticized the Bar Council of India (BCI) for not acting sooner. It noted that the BCI should have framed rules allowing final-year students to appear for the AIBE, as had been discussed in previous judgments.

HYDRA- matic!!

Hyderabad has recently witnessed the emergence of a significant new governmental entity:

The Hyderabad Disaster Management and Asset Protection Agency, known as HYDRA. Instituted by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, HYDRA is dedicated to a distinct mission: reclaiming illegally occupied government lands, protecting the city's ponds, and serving as a bulwark against both human and urban disasters. Although HYDRA was established less than a month ago, the agency has already made a significant impact. It has successfully reclaimed over 100 acres of government land and removed illegal structures from approximately 20 city ponds. These rapid actions of Hyderabad Hydra have not only captured public attention but have also stirred some controversy. HYDRA is more than just a policy; it's a bold vision for Hyderabad's future. This strategy fosters an ecosystem where safety, preparedness, and rapid response become the norm. The project also includes advanced emergency response systems to enhance Hyderabad's resilience, positioning the city as a global leader in urban disaster management. One of its primary missions is to mitigate urban flooding, which has become a growing issue due to unchecked encroachments on natural water bodies. The agency aims for long-term urban sustainability, implementing policies with a 100-year vision. These include upgrading Hyderabad's drainage infrastructure, protecting natural resources, and preventing further illegal land use.

One Season- Election!

India and its politics have always been busy with never-ending electoral battles, with brief intervals between elections not only challenging the government but also affecting its efficiency and ability to fulfil its commitments.

In response, the central government established a committee led by Former President Shri Ram Nath Kovind to give a detailed report on the concept of “One Nation One Election”. This initiative aims to conduct elections simultaneously at national, state, municipal and panchayat levels within a brief window of 100-days. The “One Nation One Election” bill will be introduced during the upcoming winter session of the Parliament. This proposal aims to streamline the election process, significantly reducing the financial and administrative strain on both the government and the political parties involved.

The committee has proposed the creation of an "Implementation Group" to oversee the working of recommendations proposed by the panel. It has also proposed the preparation of a common electoral roll and voter id cards by the Election Commission in consultation with the state election authorities. Additionally, the committee suggested several constitutional amendments, most of which do not require approval from the state assemblies, but demands certain constitutional amendment bills to be passed by the Parliament. The committee, chaired by President Kovind, has expressed a few concerns when it comes to the practical implementation, including how to manage disruptions due to dissolution of the House or the president's rule, as well as addressing various other conceptual and constitutional issues.

The “One Nation One Election” has calls for amendments of few specific sections of the Indian Constitution including Article 83, Article 85, Article 172, Article 174, and Article 356. However the lower house appears not to be on the same page with Congress along with 14 other parties voicing against the implementation of “One Nation One Election”

Student Marvels



Chandni Srinivasan

A Prodigy known as Chandni Srinivasan. Currently in her second semester of a 5-year law degree, and alongside her studies, she has been passionately playing tennis since her childhood. Truly surreal to say that she reached the international level, with her coach being none other than her father, who has been her guiding force both on and off the court. While tennis is a hobby she deeply enjoys, her true passion is cricket.

Balancing her academic and sports career have helped shape her competitive spirit and dedication to excellence.

She started playing tennis when she was around 2.5 to 3 years old while living in Dubai. Her parents used to play tennis on the weekends, and that fascinated her. One day, she picked up a racket and tried to play, and that initial curiosity sparked her interest in the sport. When the family returned to India, she started rigorously training her mind and skills in the sport , and it's been a part of her life ever since.

Calling back to one of her favourite matches, she mentioned that out of the thousands of matches she played, it's hard to remember each one, but if she had to pick, it would be one of the finals of a national match (under 12) when she was in good form during the first set the score being 6-0, but then things took a turn, and she ended up losing the match. Despite the loss, it remains one of the most memorable moments. That experience put her in a position to represent India. From that point on, her career took off, and she faced a lot of success since.

Achievements:

- 1) Represented India in Asian Junior Under 12 Tennis Championship held at Kazakhstan in 2018.**
- 2) Represented India and won Bank of Maldives International Tournament in 2019.**
- 3) Ranked India's Number 1 in under 14 for the year 2020.**
- 4) Ranked Number 4 In Asia Under 14 for the year 2020.**
- 5) Represented India In World Junior Tennis Championship (Asia - Oceania) region held at Australia in 2020.**

STUDENTS DEN

Riddle me this!

1) I am a court, but I have no courtroom.

I am a judge, but I have no bench.

What am I?

2) I am a crime, but I am also a punishment.

I am a theft, but I am also a reward.

What am I?

3) I am a right, but I can also be a duty.

I am a freedom, but I can also be a limitation.

What am I?

4) I am a document, but I can be a person.

I am a contract, but I can be a promise.

What am I?

5) I am a crime, but I am also a defense.

I am a threat, but I am also a protection.

What am I?

Learn A Legal Term!!

- Actionable per se – The very act is punishable, and no proof of damage is required.
 - Actus reus – Guilty act.
 - Amicus Curiae – A friend of court or member of the Bar who is appointed to assist the court.
 - In status quo – In the present state.
- Jus Necessitatis – It means a person's right to do what is required, for which no threat of legal punishment is a dissuasion.
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Editors Note

The Student Editorial Committee is glad to continue the successful run of the monthly newsletter and as such we would like to welcome all the new readers.

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