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COLLEGIATE-CUM-CULTURAL PURSUITS

GUEST LECTURE ON "LEGALIZING SAME-SEX MARRIAGE : IMPACT ON INDIAN SOCIAL STRUCTURE."

(11th February, 2026)

The University Institute of Laws (UIL) at the Panjab University Regional Centre (PURC), Ludhiana, organised a thought-provoking guest lecture titled "Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage: Impact on Indian Social Structure." The event featured Prof. (Dr.) Shiv Kumar Dogra, Director, UILS, Himachal Pradesh University, as a speaker.

Prof. (Dr.) Shiv Kumar Dogra provided a comprehensive analysis of the legal complexities surrounding marriage equality in the Indian context. The session served as a vital platform for students to broaden their understanding of how law acts as an instrument of social change, particularly regarding the evolving rights of the LGBTQ+ community.

The event was held under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Renu Vig: Vice Chancellor of Panjab University and Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Virk, Director of PURC Ludhiana, who emphasized the importance of hosting experts to bridge the gap between classroom theory and real-world legal evolution. The program was successfully coordinated by faculty members Dr. Vaishali Thakur and Dr. Nisha Jindal, with active assistance from student coordinators Palak Garg and Abhey Sharma.



MOVIE SCREENING OF 'THE SOCIAL DILEMMA'

(3rd February, 2026)

With the objective of fostering awareness about technology, online privacy, and cyber security, an informative short documentary Screening was organised for the students on 3rd February, 2026. Under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Renu

Vig, Vice-Chancellor of Panjab University, and Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Virk, Director, Panjab University Panjab University Regional Centre Ludhiana. A special screening of the critically acclaimed documentary "The Social Dilemma" was held. The screening session was aimed to empower students with knowledge about the realities of the virtual world and equip them with the tools needed to navigate the digital space safely and responsibly. The documentary offered a compelling insight into how social media platforms influence behaviour, decision-making, mental health and privacy, while also highlighting the ethical challenges posed by modern technology. Through expert interviews and real-life examples, the film encouraged viewers to critically reflect on their usage on digital platforms. The event was meticulously organised by Dr. Nisha

Jindal, Faculty Coordinator, and Palak Garg and Nandini Taank, Student Coordinators.



MOVIE SCREENING OF 'NEWTON'

(20th February, 2026)

The Election Literacy Cell organised a screening of the critically acclaimed film Newton on 20th February 2026 at the Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana. The initiative was aimed at enhancing electoral awareness and encouraging students to reflect upon the practical realities of democratic processes in India. The screening witnessed the participation of 76 students, who attended the event with keen interest and enthusiasm. The event served as a meaningful platform for students to understand that elections are not merely procedural exercises, but complex operations that demand courage, integrity, and dedication.

Under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Renu Vig, Vice-Chancellor of Panjab University, Chandigarh, and Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Virk, Director of Panjab University Panjab University Regional Centre Ludhiana, the event was meticulously organized by Prof. (Dr.) Arti Puri, Dr. Neelam Batra and Ms. Tamanna Kohli and student coordinators, Divya and Nandini Gupta, whose efficient coordination ensured the smooth and successful conduct of the screening. The programme concluded on a thoughtful note, leaving participants with a deeper appreciation of the complexities involved in conducting elections and reinforcing the spirit of responsible citizenship.



ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

(19th February, 2026)

The University Institute of Laws, Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana, organised an Essay Writing Competition on 19th February 2026 to commemorate International Mother Language Day. The event was centred on the theme "Revisiting the Role of Mother Tongue in Twenty-First Century Education, encouraging students to reflect on the vital link between language and cultural heritage.

The competition was held under the aegis of Prof. (Dr.) Renu Vig, Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University, and the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Virk, Director, PURC, Ludhiana. The event was meticulously coordinated by Faculty Coordinators Mr. Baldev Singh, Mrs. Shalini Verma, and Mr. Deepak Kumar, alongside Student Coordinators Gunitinder Kaur, Devanshi, and Geetanshu Mittal.

A total of 46 students participated in the competition, demonstrating exceptional linguistic and analytical skills. Participants were given 45 minutes to draft their essays in their preferred language-English, Hindi, or Punjabi.

Following a thorough evaluation of the entries, the first and second prizes were awarded in each language category as follows:

ENGLISH CATEGORY

First Prize :

KHUSHI KOHLI (B.A. LL.B 4th Sem)

Second Prize :

NOBEL ARYA (B.A. LL.B 4th Sem)

HINDI CATEGORY

First Prize :

NIVEDITA (B.A. LL. B 4th Sem)

Second Prize :

GURNOOR KAUR (B.A. LL.B 4th Sem)

PUNJABI CATEGORY

First Prize :

TANISHA MITTAL (B.A. LL.B 4th Sem)

Second Prize :

ANUSHKA (B.A. LL.B 2nd Sem)



GUEST LECTURE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

(19th February, 2026)



The University Institute of Laws, Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana, under the aegis of Panjab University, successfully organised an insightful online guest lecture on the topic "Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property: New Frontiers & Legal Challenges" on February 19, 2026. The lecture was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Lisa P. Lukose, Professor at the University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU, who is a distinguished academician and expert in the field of Intellectual Property Rights and emerging technologies.

During her lecture, Prof. Lukose elaborated on the growing impact of Artificial Intelligence on intellectual property laws, highlighting key issues such as authorship of AI-generated works, ownership rights, patentability of AI innovations, and the legal and ethical challenges arising from rapid technological advancement. She also emphasised the need for legal reforms and adaptive regulatory frameworks to address the complexities posed by Artificial Intelligence.

The event was held under the patronage of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Renu Vig, and Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Virk, Director, PURC Ludhiana, whose continuous support encourages academic excellence and exposure to contemporary legal issues. This event was attended by 38 students from PURC, Ludhiana. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Nisha Jindal, Faculty Coordinator, along with the student coordinators Manya Prajapati, Saurav Jain, and Palak Garg, whose dedicated efforts ensured the smooth conduct of the event.

The lecture proved to be highly informative and engaging for the students and faculty members, enhancing their understanding of the intersection between Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property Law. Such initiatives reflect the institute's commitment to promoting academic discourse on emerging legal challenges in the modern technological era.



NSS INITIATIVES

DEBATE COMPETITION TO COMMEMORATE MARTYRS DAY

(4th February, 2026)



The NSS Unit of Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana organised a Debate Competition on 4th February, 2026 to observe Martyrs' Day and commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Renu Vig, Vice-Chancellor, and Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Virk, Director. The theme, "Is Gandhian Advocacy: From Satyagraha to Social Service Still Relevant to the Responsibilities of Today's Youth?" encouraged reflection on non-violence, ethics, and social responsibility. Sixteen NSS volunteers participated, presenting well-reasoned arguments, while 60 students attended as audience. Judges Adv. Vandana Bhanot and Mr. Deepak Kumar evaluated performances

based on content, clarity, confidence, originality, and rules. Khushi Kohli secured first position, followed by Paarvi Verma and Gunitinder Kaur. The event was organised under Dr. Meera Nagpal and Mr. Deepak Kumar with student coordinators' support, the competition successfully promoted critical thinking, civic awareness, and appreciation of Gandhian values.

TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

(10th February, 2026)

The NSS Unit of Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana, organised a Tree Plantation Drive on 10th February, 2026, serving as a meaningful step towards environmental conservation and reinforcing the importance of afforestation in combating climate change and in preserving biodiversity. The Tree Plantation Drive was conducted under the aegis of Prof. (Dr.) Renu Vig, Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh, and the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Virk, Director, Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana, whose continued support has been instrumental in promoting academic and value-based initiatives at the Centre.

Through the successful organization of the Tree Plantation Drive, NSS volunteers participated enthusiastically by planting a variety of saplings. A total of 60 volunteers actively participated in the drive, contributing wholeheartedly and organically to the cause of environmental sustainability.

The Tree Plantation Drive was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Meera Nagpal, NSS Programme Coordinator, and Faculty Coordinators Mr. Deepak Kumar and Mr. Baldev Singh, along with the active support of student coordinators Nandini Gupta, Mayank Gupta, and Paarvi Verma. Their coordinated efforts ensured the smooth organization and successful execution of the event. Refreshments were also provided as part of the programme arrangements.



HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAMME

(12th February, 2026)

The NSS Unit of University Institute of Laws, Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana, organised a comprehensive Health Awareness Programme on February 12, 2026. The event was conducted in the Haibowal slum area of Ludhiana, serving as a vital initiative to promote public health, hygiene, and wellness among the underserved sections of society.

The Health Awareness Programme was conducted under the aegis of Prof. (Dr.) Renu Vig, Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh, and the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Virk, Director, Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana, whose continued support has been instrumental in promoting academic and value-based initiatives at the Centre.

The programme witnessed active participation from approximately 50 students. The primary objectives of the drive included disseminating information about basic hygiene, sanitation, and the prevention of common seasonal diseases. Students also interacted with residents to understand their health challenges and provided guidance on available medical resources, alongside providing essential health-related information and support to the families in the Haibowal area.

The Health Awareness Programme was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Meera Nagpal, NSS Programme Coordinator, and Faculty Coordinator Mr. Baldev Singh, along with the active support of student coordinators Dhruvak Garcha, Haritik Puri, and Gourav Samra. Their coordinated efforts ensured the smooth organization and successful execution of the event. Refreshments were also provided as part of the programme arrangements.



ACHIEVEMENTS

UIL Student Excels at YAMS Disaster Management Training

(28th January - 3rd February, 2026)



Priya Dhingra of B.A. LL.B 2nd Semester, an NSS Volunteer of Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana, successfully attended a seven-day Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme (YAMS) Camp held at Guru Nanak Dev Bhawan from 28th January 2026 to 3rd February 2026. The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 232 volunteers from across Punjab.

During the camp, she received comprehensive training in disaster management and emergency response skills, including First Aid, CPR, earthquake safety measures, fire safety, rescue techniques, and basic emergency response procedures. The Programme aimed at equipping youth volunteers with practical knowledge and preparedness skills to effectively respond during natural and man-made disasters.

Out of 232 participants, Priya Dhingra was among the six selected candidates who were chosen to deliver a training lecture on 13th February 2026 to NYKS volunteers from Uttarakhand. Her selection for this responsibility is a matter of pride for the institution and highlights her dedication, leadership qualities, and commitment towards community service.

The Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana, congratulates her on this remarkable achievement and wishes her continued success in her future endeavours.

N.J.Y MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026

(7th February - 8th February, 2026)

The University Institute of Laws, Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana, proudly celebrates the achievement of its students. Ms. Khushbu Chadha (B.A. LL.B., 2nd Year) won the Best Speaker award at the moot court competition held at ICFAI Law School, The ICFAI University, Dehradun, on 7-8 February 2026. Our students Ms. Khushbu Sharma (B.A. LL.B., 3rd Year), Ms. Khushbu Chadha (B.A. LL.B., 2nd Year), and Ms. Ritika Mahajan (B.A. LL.B., 2nd Year) showcased exceptional advocacy skills among 64 competing teams from NLUs and other reputed institutions. Ms. Chadha received the Best Speaker trophy, certificate, and a cash prize of ₹5,000. The institute applauds their achievement and acknowledges the guidance of Director Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Virk. Heartiest congratulations to the team for bringing laurels to the institution.



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