

NEWSLETTER

February 2026

"If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough."

Oprah Winfrey

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM DESK OF DEAN



Hello All,

This is the second month of the New Year 2026, and I am pleased to bring you the year's second Newsletter i.e. February 2026, of Department of Law(IIJS), University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata capturing the momentum and achievements of our vibrant legal community.

This edition captures the energy, commitment, and scholarly engagement that define our Department which is marked by impactful events, meaningful academic initiatives, and commendable achievements by our students and faculty after a good winter holiday.

During this period, the Department conducted its first Round Table Discussion at the Kolkata International Book Fair along with Distinguished Lecture Series and Inter-Departmental Moot Court Competition.

The students engaged themselves with the public in general by organizing different game shows for them at the book fair and even attending World Bangla Conference along with the faculties.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who contributed towards making this month productive and memorable. I also encourage our students to continue participating actively and making the most of the opportunities the Department provides.

My heartfelt thanks to Hon'ble Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for their unfettered support and encouragement to take the department to greater heights.

PROF.(DR.) SHAMBHU PRASAD CHAKRABARTY

MESSAGE FROM EDITORIAL BOARD

Hi Everyone!

Welcome to the FEBRUARY 2026 edition Newsletter of Department of Law(IIJS), University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata.

We, the team of 4 members (1 Faculty and 3 Obedient Musketeers) are thrilled to have everyone as a part of our vibrant academic journey for the month of February , 2026. This issue is specifically crafted to keep the students and the faculties informed, inspired, and connected and happy at the same time.

This segment of our 2026 is a mixture of Conduction of International Round Table Discussion and Student Participation in Moot Court, some reality check around the World and India, and loads of game with the strangers at Kolkata International Book Fair.

This edition of newsletter also included Comic on Political satire. Hope you enjoy.

Stay tuned, stay involved, and let's make this a space for collaboration and celebration in the coming year as well.



Prof. (Dr.) Alice Dey



Esha Singh



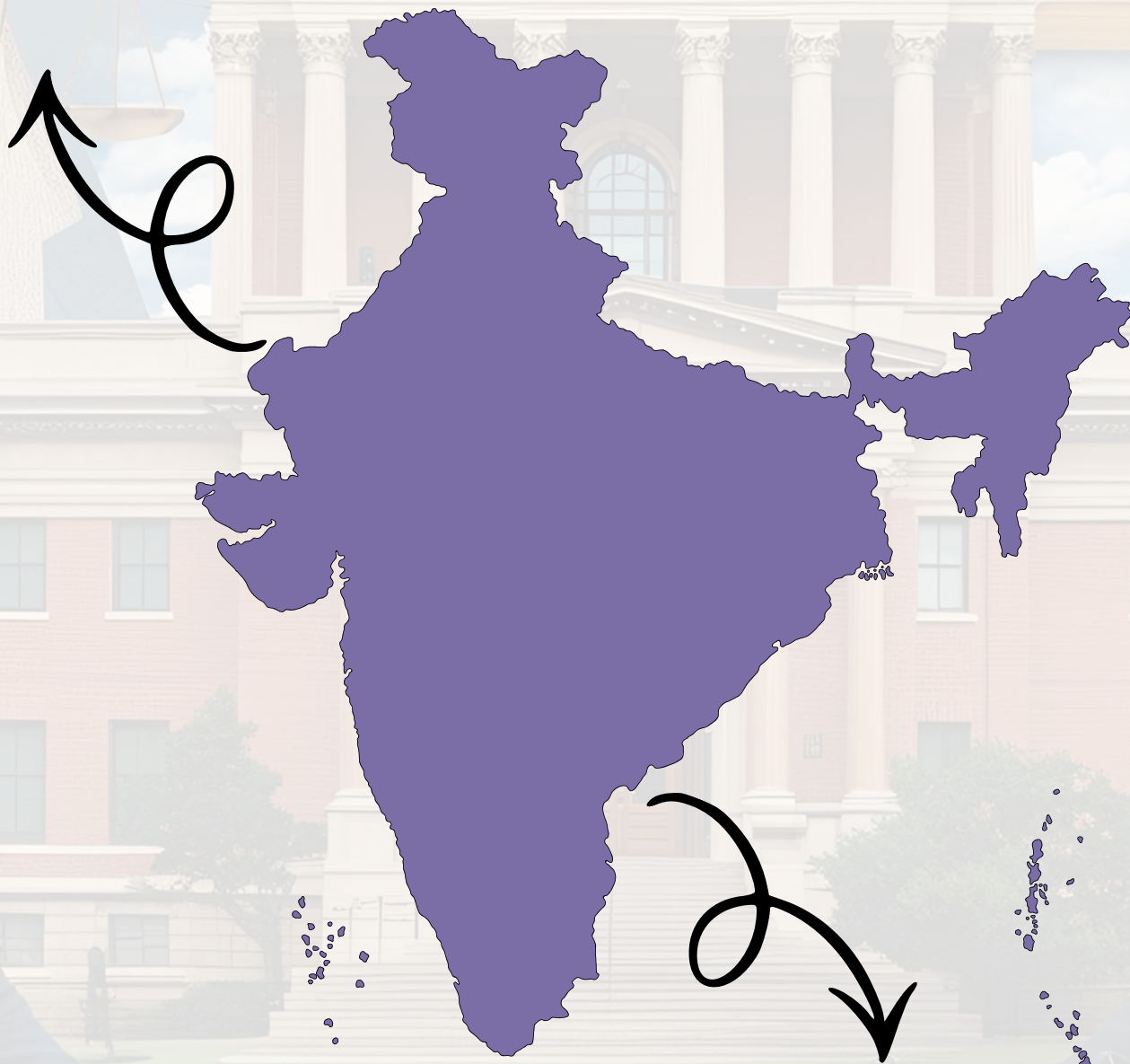
Ishita Das



Aaman Ahmad

THROUGHOUT THE SUBCONTINENT

Supreme Court on Age Determination (Feb 2026): The SC ruled that determining a victim's age under the Juvenile Justice Act belongs to the trial phase, not bail hearings, limiting the use of medical tests to cases where documents are unavailable.



India's First National Counter-Terrorism Policy 'PRAHAAR': In late February 2026, the Ministry of Home Affairs released PRAHAAR, India's first comprehensive national counter-terrorism policy. It focuses on seven pillars, including prevention, swift response, and addressing cyber-attacks by state and non-state actors.

THROUGHOUT THE SUBCONTINENT

India AI Impact Summit 2026: Hosted at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, this summit concluded with the signing of the 'New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact' by 88 countries and international organisations. The event focused on using AI for inclusive growth and sustainable development in the Global South.



India-GCC Joint Statement on Free Trade: On 24 February 2026, India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) signed a joint statement to pursue a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA). This agreement aims to reduce tariffs on goods and improve market access for Indian professionals in sectors like IT and healthcare.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION - BOOK FAIR





**UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT, KOLKATA
DEPARTMENT OF LAW(IIIJS)
ORGANIZES
ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
THEME: INTERSECTION OF AI AND LAW**

PANELISTS:



DR. SATYAJIT CHAKRABARTI
PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR
IEM-UEM GROUP



MR. INDRANIL ADHIKARI
FORMER JUDGE
HIGH COURT, CALCUTTA



MR. AMIT VERMA , IPS
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF
POLICE



DR. ANA PENTEADO
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR,
THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE
DAME , AUSTRALIA

CONVENOR : PROF.(DR.) SHAMBHU PRASAD CHAKRABARTY

FACULTY ORGANIZERS:

- DR. ALICE DEY, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
- DR. SHRABANA CHATTOPADHYAY, ASSISTANT HOD & ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



TIME : 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM

DATE : 02.02.2026

DEPARTMENT OF LAW(IIIJS), UEMK

VENUE: KOLKATA INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR MELA GROUND, KARUNAMOYEE, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA

The Department of Law (IIIJS), University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata organized a Round Table Discussion on the theme “Intersection of AI and Law” on 2nd February 2026 at the Kolkata International Book Fair, held at Mela Ground, Karunamoyee, Salt Lake. The session brought together experts from academia, the judiciary, and law enforcement to deliberate on the growing relationship between artificial intelligence and the legal system.

Convened by Prof. (Dr.) Shambhu Prasad Chakrabarty, the session provided an engaging platform for dialogue and knowledge exchange, helping participants better understand the challenges and opportunities presented by the integration of AI into the legal framework

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION - BOOK FAIR



GALLERIA FROM THE BOOK FAIR



From 23rd January to 3rd February 2026, a structured series of daily engagement activities was conducted, featuring four participants each day. Every session mandatorily included a Quiz, ensuring consistent knowledge-based interaction throughout the week. Alongside the quiz, varied activities such as Memory Game, Extempore, Riddles, Rapid Fire, Guess the Song, Guess the Movie/Actor, and Who Am I were organized to promote creativity, quick thinking, and teamwork. Several participants appeared on multiple days, encouraging continuous involvement. The schedule reflects a well-planned, diverse, and interactive program aimed at enhancing communication skills, general awareness, confidence, and active participation among members.

3 DAY SEMINAR AT CII: Suresh Neotia Centre of Excellence for Leadership

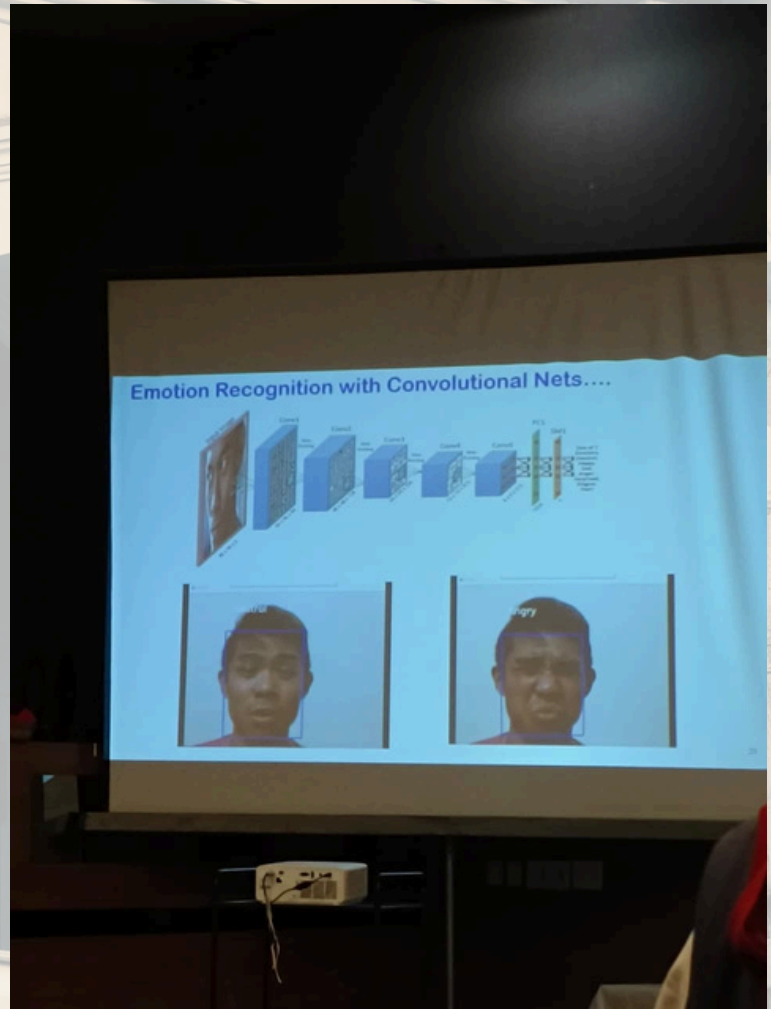
A 3-day Conference of 5th International Bangla Conference was held on 'Artificial Intelligence and Its Impact' from 6th February 2026 - 8th February, 2026. It was an insightful platform to understand the growing influence of AI across different sectors of society. Throughout the sessions, distinguished dignitaries and experts highlighted how AI is rapidly becoming an integral part of everyday life. Speakers from diverse fields such as healthcare, finance, and technology discussed the transformative potential of AI, particularly the role of machine learning in improving efficiency and decision-making.

At the same time, the conference also emphasized the ethical and functional challenges associated with AI. A major concern discussed was bias in AI systems, which often arises because models are trained on uncured public datasets. Such biases can lead to discrimination and unequal outcomes in critical sectors.

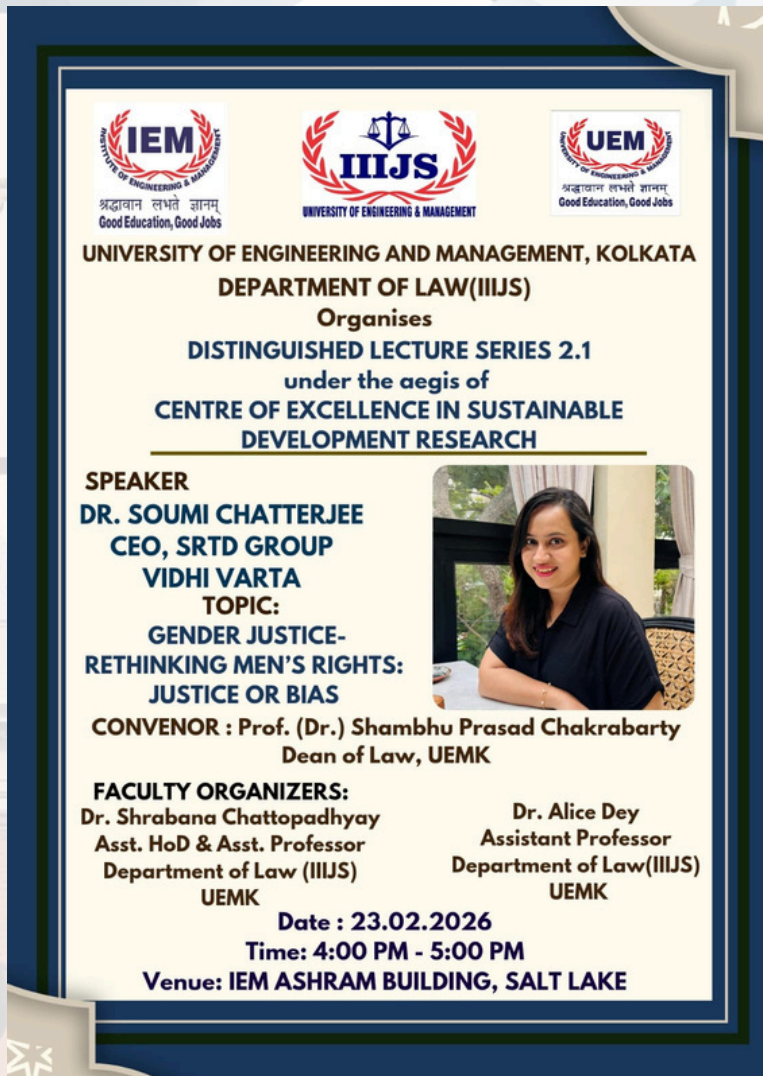
Overall, the three-day conference provided participants with a comprehensive understanding of both the opportunities and risks associated with AI, making it a valuable learning experience for everyone involved.



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Distinguished Lecture Series 2.1



The poster is for a lecture series organized by the University of Engineering and Management (UEM) and the Department of Law (IIIJS). It features logos for IEM, IIIJS, and UEM at the top. The text on the poster includes:

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW(IIIJS)
Organises
DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES 2.1
under the aegis of
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DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

SPEAKER
DR. SOUMI CHATTERJEE
CEO, SRTD GROUP
VIDHI VARTA
TOPIC:
GENDER JUSTICE-
RETHINKING MEN'S RIGHTS:
JUSTICE OR BIAS

CONVENOR : Prof. (Dr.) Shambhu Prasad Chakrabarty
Dean of Law, UEMK

FACULTY ORGANIZERS:
Dr. Shrabana Chattopadhyay
Asst. HoD & Asst. Professor
Department of Law (IIIJS)
UEMK

Dr. Alice Dey
Assistant Professor
Department of Law(IIIJS)
UEMK

Date : 23.02.2026
Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Venue: IEM ASHRAM BUILDING, SALT LAKE



The Distinguished Lecture 2.1, held on 23rd February 2026, focused on an important yet often overlooked perspective on gender discourse—men's rights and the need for balanced conversations on gender justice. The speaker emphasized that while the struggle for women's rights remains crucial, society must also acknowledge the challenges and injustices faced by men. She highlighted how social stigma and traditional expectations often discourage men from speaking about their vulnerabilities. The lecture encouraged breaking the taboo surrounding men's issues and advocated for a more inclusive and equitable approach to human rights, where both men's and women's concerns are addressed with equal sensitivity, understanding, and fairness.

MOOT COURT WORKSHOP SERIES 1.0

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KOLKATA**

DEPARTMENT OF LAW
IIIJS MOOT COURT SOCIETY

ORGANISES
Moot Court Workshop Series 1.0
Learning the nuances of effective Mooting

 **February 7th 2026**
Time: 10:00 AM

FACULTY ORGANISER
• Mr. Victor Nayak
Assistant Professor, Faculty Coordinator,
Moot Court Society, Department of Law

STUDENT ORGANISERS
• Ishan Sarkar
• Bidit Paul
• Samraggi Chakraborty

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

SATYENDRA MANI TRIPATHI
(ADVOCATE)
SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

The Department of Law at University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata, through its **IIIJS Moot Court Society**, successfully organized the “**Moot Court Workshop Series 1.0: Learning the Nuances of Effective Mooting**” on **7th February 2026 at 10:00 AM**. The session featured **Satyendra Mani Tripathi**, Advocate at the Supreme Court of India, as the Distinguished Speaker. The workshop was organized under the faculty guidance of Mr. Victor Nayak, Assistant Professor and Faculty Coordinator of the Moot Court Society, Department of Law. The event was also supported by the dedicated efforts of the student organizers – Ishan Sarkar, Bidit Paul, and Samraggi Chakraborty, who played a key role in coordinating and facilitating the program. The workshop aimed to equip law students with practical insights into the art and technique of mooting, an essential component of legal education and advocacy training. The session proved to be highly enriching for the participating students, offering them a deeper understanding of advocacy skills and the nuances of mooting.

DENOVO ADVOCARE 3.0 INTRA DEPARTMENTAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION



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INTRA DEPARTMENT MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Patron

Prof. Banani Chakrabarti
Chancellor
UEMK (IEM-UEM GROUP)

Prof. Dr. Satyajit Chakrabarti
Vice Chancellor
UEMK (IEM-UEM GROUP)

Convener:
Prof. (Dr.) Shambhu Prasad Chakrabarty
(Dean, IIIJS)

Faculty Organisers
Mr. Victor Nayak (Asst. Professor, IIIJS)
Mr. Abhishake Roy (Asst. Professor, IIIJS)

Date
28th Feb, 10th & 11th Mar 2026

SCAN FOR THE MOOT PROBLEM

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Venue: IEM Newtown Campus

The **De Novo Advocare 3.0 Intra-Departmental Moot Court Competition** under Department of Law(IIIJS),University of Engineering and Management is a Flagship event of the Moot Court Society of the Department which was held on **28th February, 2026**. There were 21 teams that registered within the Department for making this event a grand success. The Prelims was judged by the Departmental faculties who then selected 4 teams for the semi-final to be contested between.

GALLERIA OF DE-NOVO ADVOCARE 3.0 (PRELIMS)



MEN'S RIGHTS IN INDIA: A STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE

ARGHA SAR; BBA.LL.B. 2ND YEAR

INTRODUCTION

Discussions about men's rights are an essential part of the broader discourse on gender equality and human rights. While women have historically faced systemic discrimination and violence, it is equally important to recognize that men, too, can be victims of injustice, false accusations, and social neglect. Striving for a society that upholds the dignity and safety of all individuals—regardless of gender—remains a collective goal.

Origins of the Men's Rights Movement in India

The men's rights movement in India began in the 1990s, with organizations such as Perito Purush, Purush Hakka San Rakshan Samiti, and Patni Atachaar Virodhi Morcha emerging in metropolitan cities like Kolkata, Mumbai, and Lucknow. These groups primarily focused on protecting husbands' rights and raising awareness about the misuse of Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which was originally enacted to curb dowry harassment.

Section 498A: Protection or Weapon?

Section 498A prescribes imprisonment of up to three years and fines for husbands or their relatives accused of ill-treating women. Being non-bailable and cognizable, the section quickly gained a reputation for misuse.

Before July 2014, arrests under Section 498A could be made without warrants, often leading to wrongful imprisonment.

A Supreme Court ruling later mandated preliminary investigations before arrests, but conviction rates remain low—only 15% of cases result in guilty verdicts.

According to the NCRB 2020 report, 111,549 cases were filed under Section 498A, of which 5,520 were proven false and 16,151 withdrawn due to lack of evidence or errors in law.

This data highlights how the section, while intended as a protective measure, has often been misused, causing immense agony to men and their families.

Sexual Violence Against Men: An Overlooked Reality

Indian law traditionally views men only as offenders in cases of sexual violence, ignoring their victimhood. However, recent studies challenge this narrative:

A 2022 National Commission for Women study found that 1.4% of Indian men reported sexual harassment, with 3,000 cases of sexual assault on men documented that year.

In 2023, a Centre for Civil Society survey revealed that 18% of adult Indian men reported being forced or coerced into sex.

The Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023, drafted to replace the IPC, fails to include provisions protecting men from sexual assault, leaving them legally vulnerable.

This legal vacuum underscores the urgent need for gender-neutral laws that recognize men as potential victims of sexual violence.

False Allegations and Their Consequences

False accusations of rape and molestation have become a pressing concern:

NCRB data suggests that 74% of rape charges under Section 376 IPC are ultimately found false.

Between 2013–2014, of 30,000 molestation cases, 75% were false.

Tragically, more than 3,500 men reportedly die by suicide each year due to the stigma and trauma of false allegations.

These figures reveal the devastating psychological and social impact of misuse of protective laws.

Conclusion

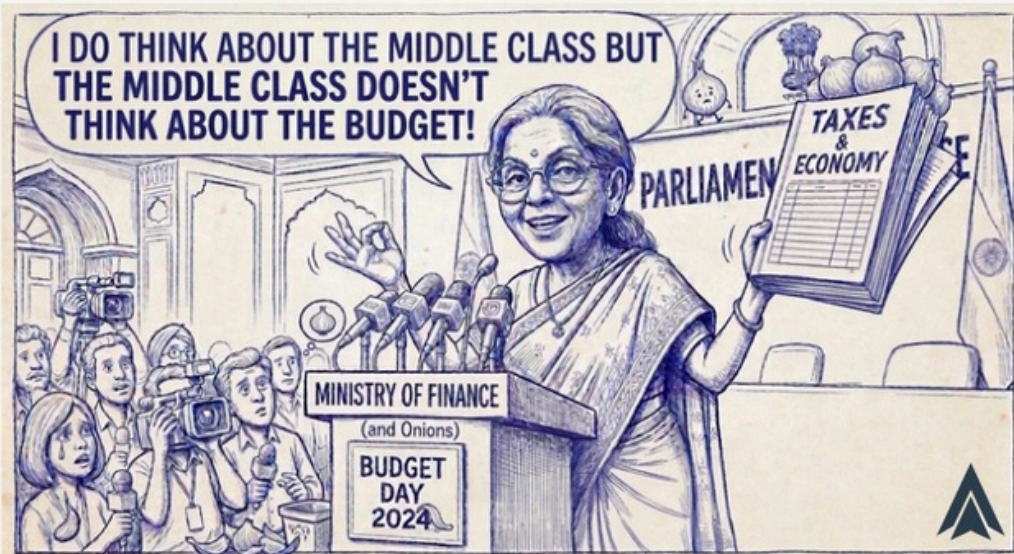
The men's rights movement in India is not about undermining women's struggles but about ensuring true gender equality. Laws must be balanced, evidence-based, and protective of all individuals—men and women alike. Recognizing men as victims of violence, harassment, and false accusations is crucial to building a just society.

The path forward lies in gender-neutral legislation, fair judicial processes, and societal awareness that dignity and justice are universal rights, not privileges tied to gender.



Vote Note Politics

Ayan Adhikary; BBA.LL.B. 2nd Year



We pay our homage to



Dr. Prof. Satyajit Chakrabarti

(Jul 12, 1947 - Dec 19, 2024)

-- Chancellor --

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