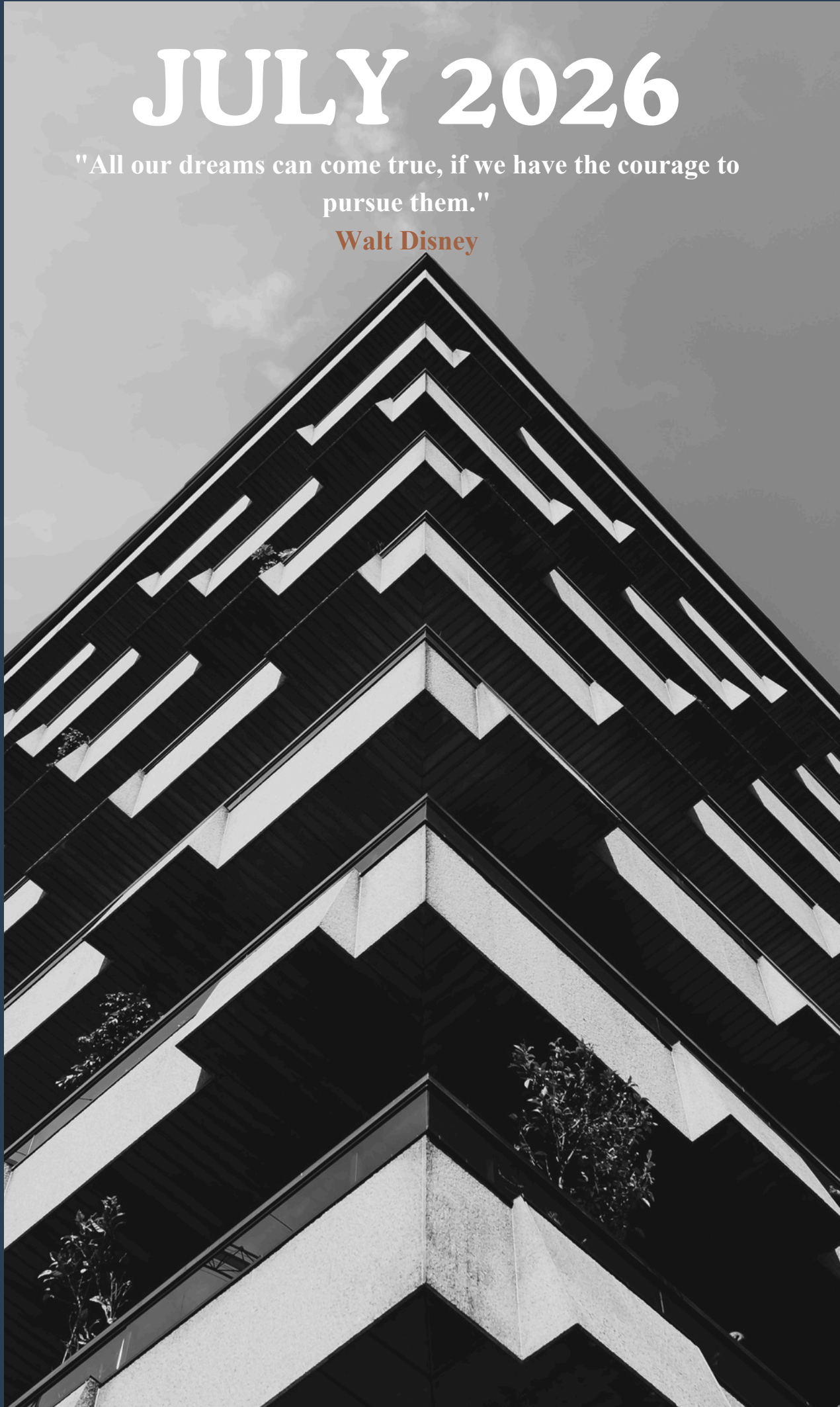


NEWSLETTER

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"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

Walt Disney



WELCOME MESSAGE FROM DESK OF DEAN



Hello All,

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

This month Welcomes the BBA.LL.B. Batch of 2026 with new enthusiasm from 1st July itself. Series of orientation Programmes have been planned for the new batch to settle in this new chapter of their life.

During this period, the Department also conducted its 1st ever MUN which also gives me immense joy to witness that our students are exciting and discovering themselves in these new facets and taking the Department to the World out there.

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 JULY 2026 edition Newsletter of Department of Law(IIIJS), University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata.

We, the team of 3 members (1 Faculty and 2 Obedient Musketeers) are thrilled to have everyone as a part of our vibrant academic journey for the month of July , 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 Orientation Programme for the BBA.LL.B Batch of 2026 and and Rashtriya NitiManch (MUN)along with some reality check around the World and India.

This edition of newsletter also include two Writeups by the student. Hope you enjoy.

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



Dr. Alice Dey



Esha Singh



Ishita Das



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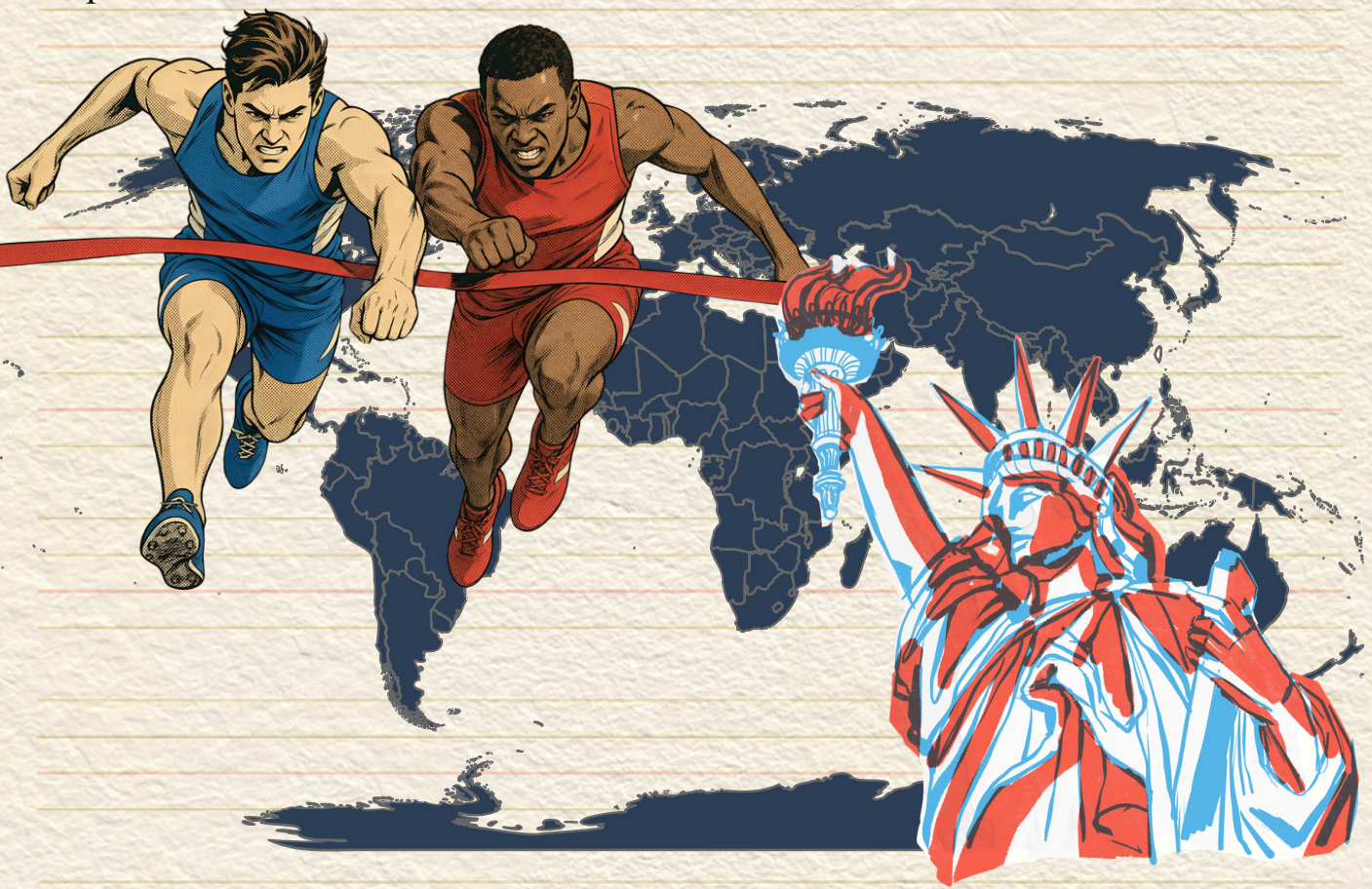
The 2026 FIFA World Cup concluded in July after a month of competition across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The tournament was historic as the first to feature 48 teams and to be jointly hosted by three countries. It set new records for participation, attendance, and global viewership, highlighting football's growing international popularity and the success of the expanded tournament format.



July 2026 witnessed severe heatwaves and devastating wildfires across Canada, Scotland, Spain, and France. Thousands of residents were evacuated as extreme temperatures and prolonged drought fueled rapidly spreading fires. Scientists linked the worsening conditions to climate change and urged governments to strengthen disaster preparedness, wildfire management, and climate resilience measures to protect lives and ecosystems.

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The 2026 Commonwealth Games opened in Glasgow, Scotland, on 23 July, bringing together athletes from Commonwealth nations to compete in multiple sporting disciplines. The event emphasized international friendship, sporting excellence, and cultural exchange while adopting a streamlined and sustainable model to reduce costs and environmental impact compared to previous editions.



On 4 July 2026, the United States celebrated the 250th anniversary of its Declaration of Independence, marking the nation's Semiquincentennial. Nationwide events included parades, historical exhibitions, cultural performances, and commemorative ceremonies reflecting on America's history, democratic values, and achievements, while encouraging public engagement with the country's heritage and future aspirations.

**DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES MARKS ORIENTATION OF
BBA LL.B. (HONS.) BATCH 2026-27**



The Department of Law (IIIJS) at the University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata welcomed its newest cohort of law students this July with a specially curated Distinguished Lecture Series, held as part of the Orientation Programme for the BBA LL.B. (Hons.) Batch 2026-27. Spread across six sessions on the IEM Ashram Campus between 1 and 17 July 2026, the series brought together academics, industry leaders, and legal practitioners to give the incoming batch a first, well-rounded look at the discipline they have chosen to pursue.

Wednesday, 1 July 2026

Dr. Shounak Chatterjee

Deputy Vice President, Srei Equipment Finance Limited

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm | IEM Ashram Campus, Kolkata

The series opened with a lecture by Dr. Shounak Chatterjee, who drew on his experience at the intersection of law, finance, and corporate strategy to set the tone for the programme, helping students appreciate how a legal education opens doors well beyond the courtroom.

Thursday, 2 July 2026

Dr. Monalisa Saha

Assistant Professor, Department of Law, University of Burdwan

12:30 pm onwards | IEM Ashram Campus, Kolkata

Speaking from an academic vantage point, Dr. Saha offered the freshers guidance on approaching legal studies with rigour and curiosity from day one, encouraging them to build strong foundational habits early in their five-year programme. She also tried to preach research skills and Court practice.

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Friday, 3 July 2026

Dr. Prem Agarwal

**Head of the Department and Associate Professor, Director IQAC
Goenka College of Commerce and Business Administration**

12:30 pm onwards | IEM Ashram Campus, Kolkata

In the first of two lectures held that day, Dr. Agarwal spoke on building a strong academic foundation, drawing on his experience in academic administration and quality assurance to guide students on what disciplined study in law truly demands. He also inspired the students to go for Legal -Administrative Services.

Friday, 3 July 2026

Dr. Arunava Banerjee

Assistant Professor, National Law University Jodhpur

02:00 pm onwards | IEM Ashram Campus, Kolkata

Speaking from an academic vantage point, Dr. Banerjee offered the freshers guidance on approaching legal studies with rigour and curiosity from day one, encouraging them to build strong foundational habits early in their five-year programme. He also tried to preach research skills and Court practice.

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DISTINGUISHED LECTURE
 ORIENTATION PROGRAM
 BBA LL.B. (Hons.)
 BATCH 2026-27

RESOURCE PERSON
Dr. Ripon Bhattacharjee
 Controller of Exam and Assistant Professor,
 National Law University (NLU) Tripura

 DATE 07-07-2026 (Tuesday) & 08-07-2026 (Wednesday)	 TIME 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm	 VENUE IEM Ashram Campus	 FOR BBA LL.B. (Hons.) Batch 2026-27
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LECTURE
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RESOURCE PERSON
Dr. Souvik Mukherjee
 ARC Research Team Member, HDR Candidate
 Deakin University, Australia

 DATE 09-07-2026 (Thursday)	 TIME 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm	 VENUE IEM Ashram Campus	 FOR BBA LL.B. (Hons.) Batch 2026-27
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Friday, 7 July 2026

Dr. Ripon Bhattacharjee

Assistant Professor, NLU (Tripura)

12:30 pm onwards | IEM Ashram Campus, Kolkata

The opening session emphasized the significance of professionalism, integrity, and responsibility in the practice of law. Students were introduced to the expectations of the legal fraternity and were encouraged to cultivate leadership qualities, effective communication skills, and a commitment to justice from the very beginning of their academic journey.

Friday, 9 July 2026

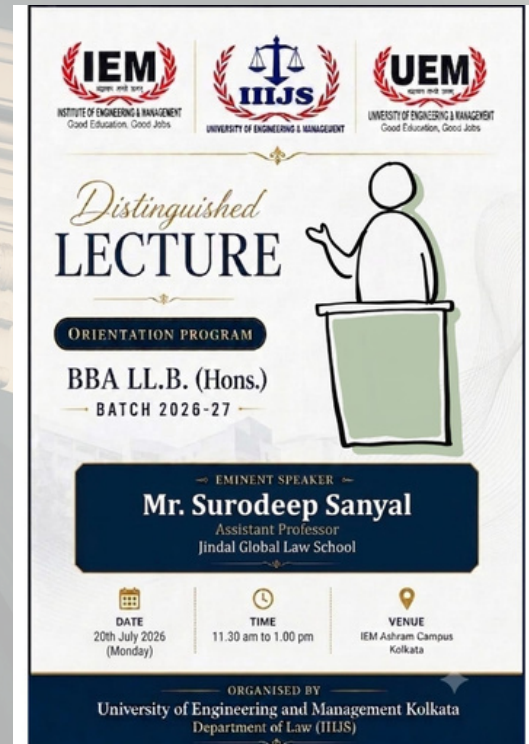
Dr. Souvik Mukherjee

Deakin University, Australia

02:00 pm onwards | IEM Ashram Campus, Kolkata

The lecture centered on the importance of developing a research-oriented mindset in legal education. The session encouraged students to engage in legal writing, case analysis, and interdisciplinary learning while emphasizing the value of curiosity, innovation, and evidence-based reasoning in addressing contemporary legal challenges.

**DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES MARKS ORIENTATION OF
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Friday, 10 July 2026

Dr. Debdatta Das

Assistant Professor, Department of Law, University of Burdwan

12:30 pm onwards | IEM Ashram Campus, Kolkata

The first lecture explored the diverse career opportunities available to law graduates beyond traditional litigation. It provided insights into careers in corporate law, judicial services, legal research, policy-making, and public administration. Students were motivated to identify their interests early and work consistently towards achieving their professional aspirations.

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Mr. Surodeep Sanyal

Jindal Global Law School

12:30 pm onwards | IEM Ashram Campus, Kolkata

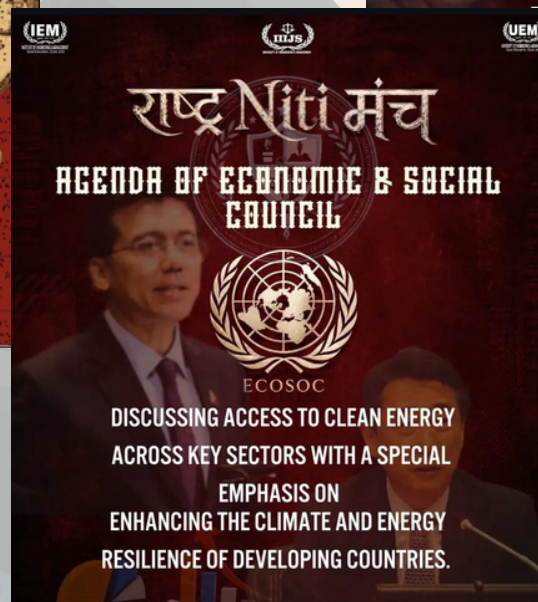
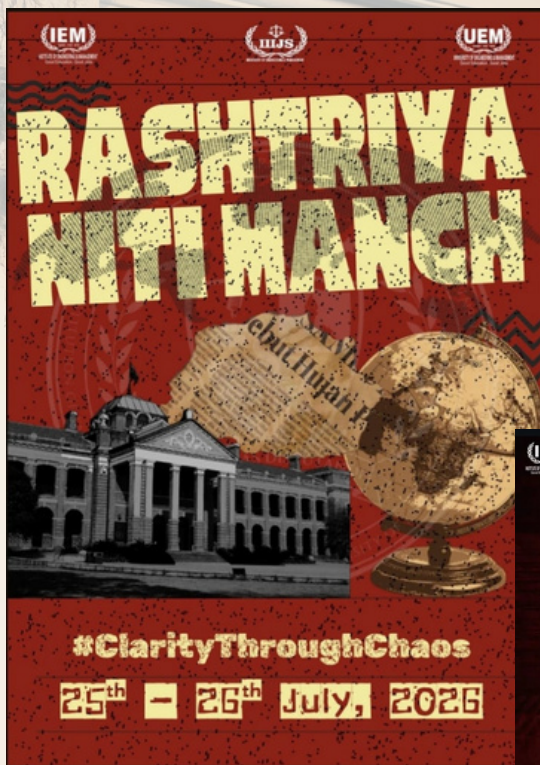
The session of the day highlighted the role of legal professionals in promoting social justice and constitutional values. Students were encouraged to view the study of law as a means of creating meaningful social impact through advocacy, public service, and ethical decision-making. The discussion reinforced the responsibility of future lawyers in strengthening the rule of law and democratic institutions.

A GALLERIA OF ALL THE SESSIONS DOWN THE MONTH OF JULY



RASHTRIYA NITI MANCH

#CLARITYTHROUGHCHAOS



The Department of Law, IIIJS, UEM Kolkata successfully organized its Model United Nations named Rashtriya Niti Manch in 25th - 26th July 2026, providing students with an engaging platform to develop their skills in diplomacy, negotiation, public speaking, research, and policy-making. The MUN featured three committees—Lok Sabha, ECOSOC, and International Press—with a total participation of 77 students. The Lok Sabha, comprising 40 delegates, deliberated on the implementation of the Mandal Commission Report and its implications for social justice in India, while the 25-member ECOSOC discussed access to clean energy and strengthening climate and energy resilience in developing countries.

The International Press, represented by 12 participants, documented and reported the proceedings. The event fostered informed debate, critical thinking, leadership, and a deeper understanding of contemporary national and international issues.

RASHTRIYA NITI MANCH

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THE AGE WRITTEN IN THE MARGIN

ARGHA SAR ; BBA.LL.B. 3RD YEAR

Riya was sixteen when her family decided she was old enough to marry.

“Your sister married at seventeen,” her mother said. “That was different.” “How?”

Riya had no answer.

The groom was twenty-four. He had a stable job. His family was considered respectable.

Everyone told Riya that she was fortunate.

She did not feel fortunate. She wanted to finish school. She wanted to study law. She had written it on the last page of her notebook.

Lawyer.

Then the wedding date was fixed.

Riya's teacher noticed that she had stopped attending classes. She visited Riya's home and learned what was happening. The family insisted that it was their private matter. “Our daughter is willing,” they said.

The teacher asked Riya privately.

“Are you?” Riya looked down. “No.”

That single word changed everything. The teacher contacted the appropriate child-protection authorities and sought legal assistance.

The family was angry. “You are destroying our daughter's future,” Riya's uncle said.

The teacher replied quietly:

“Her future is precisely what we are trying to protect.”

The case introduced the students assisting the matter to an important legal distinction: social acceptance does not make an unlawful act lawful.

Under Indian law, the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 establishes the legal framework for preventing child marriages. The law defines a “child” by reference to age and provides mechanisms for preventing such marriages and addressing their legal consequences.

But the matter could not be understood through one statute alone. The students also had to consider the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, which provides special protection to children against sexual offences. One student asked: “But if Riya says she consented later, wouldn't that settle it?” The professor shook his head. “That is exactly why age matters.”

Child-protection law recognises that children require special safeguards because their capacity, vulnerability and dependence can make apparently voluntary decisions legally and morally complicated. The students then encountered another important principle.

The best interests of the child.

THE AGE WRITTEN IN THE MARGIN

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Riya's family believed they were protecting her. They wanted financial security. They feared social criticism. They believed marriage would provide stability. But protection cannot simply mean deciding everything for a child without considering the child's rights, welfare, education and future. The authorities intervened before the marriage could take place.

Riya returned to school. For several months, she avoided speaking about the incident. Then one afternoon she opened her notebook.

The word "Lawyer" was still there. She added another word underneath it.

Rights.

Years later, Riya entered law school. During a class discussion on child marriage, a student argued that law could not change social customs.

Riya disagreed. "Law cannot change society overnight," she said. "But it can tell society where the line is." Her professor asked: "And what is the role of a lawyer?" Riya thought for a moment. "To make sure that the person standing on the weaker side of that line is not forgotten." The class became quiet.

The story of child marriage is often told through statistics. But statistics cannot describe the sound of a school bell that a child stops hearing. They cannot describe the unfinished homework in a notebook.

They cannot measure the career that was abandoned. They cannot capture the difference between a childhood spent learning and a childhood spent negotiating adult responsibilities.

For law students, therefore, child marriage should not be studied merely as an offence or a social problem.

It should be understood through the interconnected ideas of child protection, dignity, education, autonomy, equality and access to justice.

The law does not ask society to abandon culture.

It asks society to ensure that culture does not become a justification for denying a child's rights.

Riya's notebook remained with her throughout law school.

On the final page, she wrote:

"A child should not have to become a lawyer to prove that she deserves a childhood."

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