

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 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 third month of the New Year 2026, and I am pleased to bring you the year's third Newsletter i.e. March, 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 MARCH 2026 edition Newsletter of Department of Law(IIIJS), University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata.

We, the team of 4 members (1 Faculty and 2 Obedient Musketeers) are thrilled to have everyone as a part of our vibrant academic journey for the month of March , 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 Writing with AI and Student Participation in Moot Court and Poster making and ,and some reality check around the World and India.

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



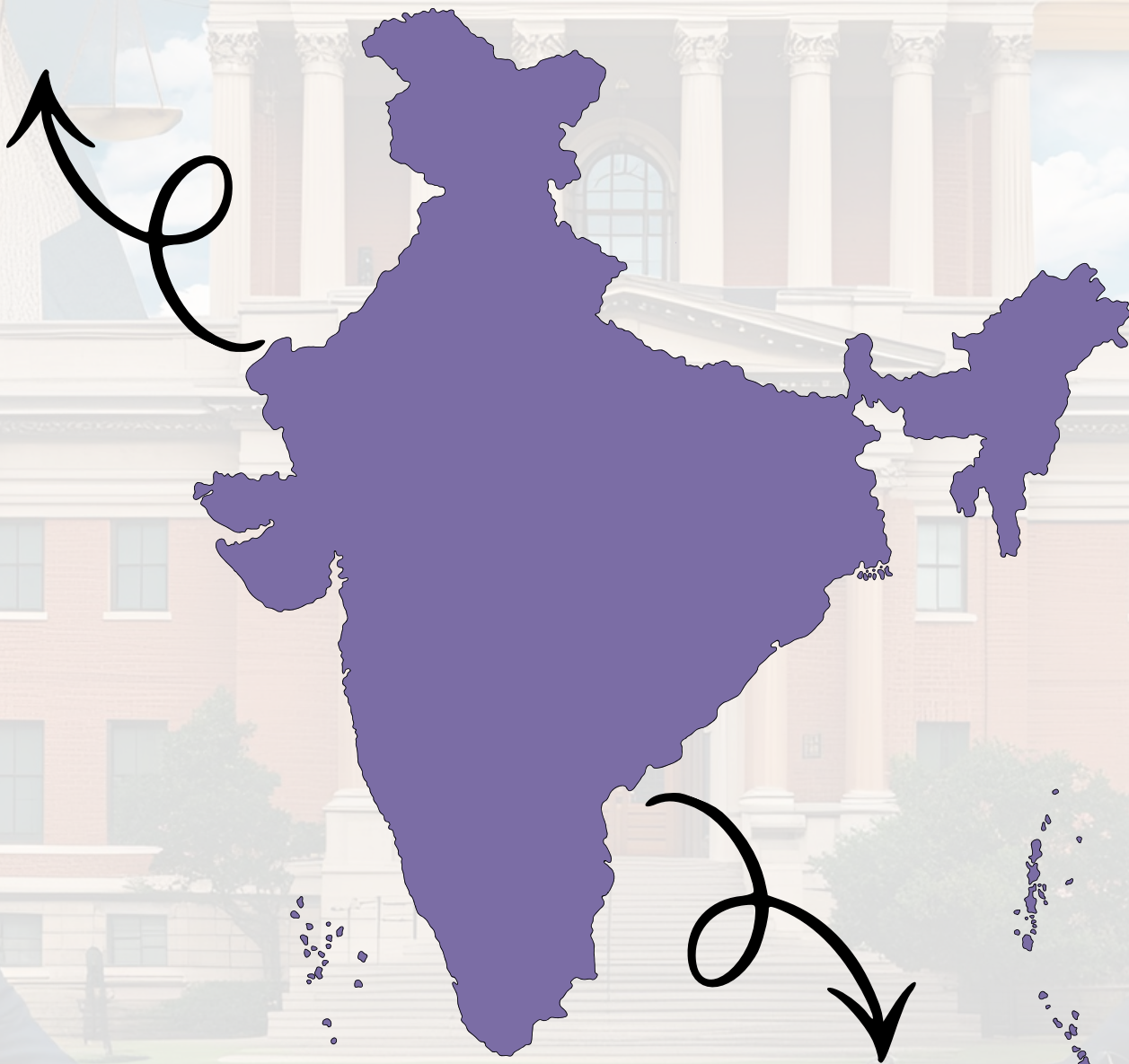
Esha Singh



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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.

DISTINGUISH LECTURE SERIES





UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT, KOLKATA
DEPARTMENT OF LAW(IIIJS)
Organises
DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES 3.1
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DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

SPEAKER



DR. SAYANTANI BAGCHI, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, NLU JODHPUR

TOPIC:

FROM SUFFRAGE TO SUBSTANTIVE EQUALITY: NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL EVOLUTION OF WOMEN'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

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

FACULTY ORGANIZERS:

1. Dr. Alice Dey, Assistant Professor, Department of Law (IIIJS)
2. Mr. Abhishake Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of Law (IIIJS)
3. Ms. Anuleena Bhattacharjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Law (IIIJS)

Date : 08.03.2026

Time: 11:30 AM ONWARDS

Mode: Online

The Department of Law (IIIJS) at the University of Engineering and Management (UEM), Kolkata, is set to host an insightful session as part of its Distinguished Lecture Series 3.1. Under the aegis of the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development Research, the event features Dr. Sayantani Bagchi, an Assistant Professor from NLU Jodhpur, who will speak on the compelling topic, "From Suffrage to Substantive Equality: Navigating the Global Evolution of Women's Constitutional Rights."

Convened by Prof. (Dr.) Shambhu Prasad Chakrabarty, Dean of Law at UEMK, and supported by faculty organizers Dr. Alice Dey, Mr. Abhishake Roy, and Ms. Anuleena Bhattacharjee, this online lecture is scheduled for March 8, 2026, starting at 11:30 AM. The session aims to explore the transformative journey of women's legal status, tracing the path from the fundamental right to vote to the broader pursuit of substantive equality across global constitutional landscapes.

WRITING WITH AI

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Department of English, Jadavpur University

In collaboration with

CoE in Literature Language and Communication Skills (Dept. of Basic Science and Humanities) & CoE in Intellectual Property Research (Dept. of Law) University of Engineering & Management Kolkata

Presents A One-Day International Seminar On

Writing With AI: Integrating Human Insight, Ethics & Methodological Possibilities

Convened By:
Prof. Saswati Halder
Prof. Ayanita Banerjee

SPEAKERS

- Prof. Achina Kundu**
Vice Chancellor,
National Law University, Gangtok
- Prof. Satyajit Chakrabarti**
Vice Chancellor,
University of Engineering and Management
Kolkata
- Prof. Siddhartha Mitra**
Department of Economics,
Jadavpur University
- Prof. Sudipta De**
Department of Mechanical Engineering,
Jadavpur University
- Prof. Shambhu Prasad Chakrabarty**
Director,
Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Property
Research
Dean,
Department of Law (IIISB), UEM Kolkata
- Prof. Ana Pentead**
Adjunct Associate Professor,
Notre Dame University,
Australia

10:00 am
04:00 pm

7th March
2026

Anita Banerjee
Memorial Hall,
UG Arts Building,
Jadavpur University

The Department of English at Jadavpur University, in collaboration with the Centers of Excellence (CoE) from the University of Engineering & Management (UEM), Kolkata, is hosting a one-day international seminar titled "Writing With AI: Integrating Human Insight, Ethics & Methodological Possibilities." Scheduled for March 7, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, the event will take place at the Anita Banerjee Memorial Hall within Jadavpur University's UG Arts Building. This collaborative effort between the CoE in Literature Language and Communication Skills and the CoE in Intellectual Property Research aims to explore the evolving intersection of artificial intelligence and human creativity.

The seminar features a distinguished lineup of speakers, including Prof. Satyajit Chakrabarti (VC, UEM Kolkata), Prof. Achina Kundu (VC, National Law University, Gangtok), and Prof. Ana Pentead from Notre Dame University, Australia. Other notable experts include Prof. Siddhartha Mitra and Prof. Sudipta De from Jadavpur University, along with Prof. Shambhu Prasad Chakrabarty from UEM Kolkata. Convened by Prof. Saswati Halder and Prof. Ayanita Banerjee, the program is designed to provide a comprehensive look at the ethical frameworks and methodological shifts required when integrating AI into modern writing and research practices.

GALLERIA FROM THE WRITING WITH AI



STUDENT'S ACHIEVEMENT



*Cheers to a successful
participation at first edition of
BECON'26*



BECON'26

HAMSHAKAL MONO ACT COMPETITION



THE HUNGRY JUDGE EFFECT: WHEN JUSTICE RUNS ON EMPTY

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

We like to believe that judicial rulings emerge from cold reason and precedent. A famous 2011 study shattered that illusion. Researchers tracked over 1,000 parole board decisions and found a startling pattern: right after a food break, judges granted parole about 65% of the time. Just before the break, that number dropped to near zero.

The popular takeaway—“hungry judges are harsh”—is only half the story. The real culprit is ****decision fatigue****.

Every ruling, no matter how small, depletes a finite store of mental energy. The brain’s prefrontal cortex, responsible for complex reasoning and impulse control, runs on glucose. After hours of weighing arguments and applying laws, cognitive resources dwindle. Judges don’t become mean; they become mentally exhausted. And exhaustion defaults to the easiest, safest path: deny the request, preserve the status quo, avoid risk.

This shifts the conversation from lunch menus to legal system design. If a judge’s biology affects whether a prisoner walks free, then “neutrality” is an illusion. Sleep deprivation, time of day, hydration, and even the emotional tone of the courtroom all seep into rulings.

The solution isn’t more willpower—it’s structural reform. Mandatory 90-minute caps on active decision-making, algorithmically scheduled breaks for high-stakes cases, and simple fatigue checks before bail or parole hearings.

Justice shouldn’t depend on when a judge last ate a sandwich. Recognizing decision fatigue isn’t an insult to the judiciary; it’s a necessary step toward a system that respects both human cognition and human rights. A tired brain is a biased brain—and the law must account for that.

We pay our homage to



Dr. Prof. Satyajit Chakrabarti

(Jul 12, 1947 - Dec 19, 2024)

-- Chancellor --

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AND ACCOMPLISHMENT**