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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhanwar Singh
(Former High Court Judge)
Director General
Delhi Metropolitan Education

Judges Do Commit Errors

Justice Prafulla Chandra Natwarlal Bhagwati was born on 31.12.1921 at Ahmedabad, Gujarat. His father N.H. Bhagwati was a Judge of Bombay High Court. After his early education in Municipal Board School, he studied in Elphinston School & Elphinston College and got his B.A. (Hons.) degree in Mathematics. He was inspired by the freedom movement call of Mahatma Gandhi and actively joined freedom struggle but soon the British Govt. Administration issued a warrant of arrest against him and Prafulla Bhagwati had to spend one month in jail for distributing a proscribed material. Naturally his studies of post graduate course got disturbed and disrupted. After his release from jail, he preferred to take on the legal studies instead of completing the Master's course. He was enrolled as an Advocate in 1948 and started practicing law, after clearing original side examination of Bombay High Court. He had a very successful & lucrative practice. After about 20 years of being a legal practitioner, Bombay state was divided into two- Maharashtra and Gujarat and he was invited to become a Judge of Gujarat High Court. Although he hailed from Ahmadabad (Gujarat) yet he showed his reluctance to be on the bench of Gujrat High Court because he wanted to continue as a Bombayite. The then Chief Justice of Bombay High Court asked his father Natwarlal Hari Lal Bhagwati, a former Judge of the Supreme Court then and Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University to convince the Junior Bhagwati to be a Judge of Gujarat High Court. His father's advice brought Judicial career fortunes to him and at the age of 38, Prafulla Chandra Bhagwati was on 21.07.1960 sworn in as founder Judge of Gujarat High Court. And why a boon with fortune as at the age of 45 i.e., when normally an Advocate of merit is elevated as a Judge of the High Court, he was appointed Chief Justice. As Chief Justice he for brief durations twice in 1967 & 1973, served as Acting Governor of Gujarat. At the age of 51, he became Judge of the Supreme Court of India for 15 long years. Normally the Supreme Court Judges get only half of that tenure.

In Supreme Court, he acquired fame of being a Judge showing compassion towards the downtrodden and backward classes of our society. Ignoring the technicality of 'locus standi' for filing a case in Supreme Court of India, he opened the doors of the Apex Court for poor people who could directly come to this court by filing a Public Interest Litigation. Even the NGOs could highlight the grievances of the poor and needy people. He was called as 'Masiha' (messiah) of poor classes. Under Public Interest Litigation, he protected the natural resources of hills in Dehradun district, which decision of



Mr. Abhishek Dwivedy
Assistant Professor

Convenor's Message Eco Club

Delhi Metropolitan Education envisions an all-round development of the institution as well as the students. Hence on these lines in the year 2017, DME introduced its Eco Club, which was later renamed as 'TATVA' in the year 2022. TATVA is the Delhi Metropolitan Education's environment club. The TATVA Logo consists of green leaves and water droplets, representing that with the support of every individual, the club aims to spread awareness about conserving of all the elements of nature and work for the betterment of the environment. The basic objective of TATVA is to create an Environment friendly campus and also to create a clean and green consciousness among students. So that the students of today can become tomorrow's good and aware citizens. TATVA conducts awareness drives, recycle campaigns, donation drives, plantation program and many such activities which helps in shedding off some weight off of mother earth's shoulders and also conducts environment related competitions for college students. TATVA has a dedicated team of students lead by the faculty in-charges, who are working to reach the ultimate goal of environment conservation.

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Symposium on Remaking Criminology

Delhi Metropolitan Education Law School, Noida, organized The International Symposium on Remaking Criminology: Contemporary Insights from the Criminal Justice System in partnership with The Department of Policing, Criminology & Justice, University of East London, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Govt of Philippines, Indian Society of Criminology, Center for Studies in Victimology, TNNLU, and Center for Criminology & Forensic Science, HPNLU, Shimla. The two day symposium was held on 17-18 March, 2023.



The Symposium comprised of eleven technical sessions in hybrid mode. We have had an overwhelming response of participants for the symposium with over 170 papers received and about 300 participants..

The aim of the symposium was to bring together leading academicians, researchers, practitioners, and students to exchange and share their experiences and research outputs on all aspects of Criminology, that is the criminal justice system.

The inaugural session was held at Nelson Mandela Auditorium with a welcome note and conference overview by Ms. Bedapriya Lahiri, Assistant Prof., DME Law School. This was followed by welcoming the luminaries of legal education as the at the symposium. Prof. Dr. P. S. Jaswal, Former VC, RGNUL Patiala, Vice Chancellor, SRM University Sonipat, and Prof. (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, VC, HPNLU Shimla to the event. Sri Harish Chander (IPS), DCP, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida, Mr. Pavel Khalashnyuk, Representative of the Ministry of Interior, Counsellor of the Embassy of Russia in India, a former investigator and lawyer, Hon'ble Chairman of DME, Mr. Vipin Sahni, Hon'ble Chairperson Mrs. Kiran Sahni, Vice-chairman, Mr. Aman Sahni and Ms Nishtha Sahni graced the event by their presence. Director General, DME and Former Judge, Allahabad High Court, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhanwar Singh, Director DME, Prof. (Dr.) Ravikant Swami, and Additional Director Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Khorana Nagpal and all other Heads and deans of the Media and Management school were present. There were around 200 audience which comprised of all the faculty members and law students. The ceremony commenced with lighting of lamps and Saraswati Vandana. The The guests were welcomed with a planter which was followed by the video glimpses of achievements of DME Law School, We have had the honor of receiving good wishes from the Hon'ble Home Minister, Chief Minister of Delhi, Governor of UP, Ambassador of Sudan, and many others for the symposium. The proceeds of the symposium

are intended to be published as a dedicated journal listed in the UGC Care. The event was then followed by the various keynote addresses by the various chief guests. Prof.(Dr.)Nishtha Jaswal, is the first woman Vice-Chancellor of HPNLU, Shimla, a veteran academician, has teaching experience of over 35 years. She has written over 6 books and authored over 60 papers in national and international journals of repute. Her book on "Environmental Law" second edition (2003) has been cited thrice by the Supreme Court of India in the 2005 landmark judgment in Noise Pollution by Justice R.C. Lahoti, the then Chief Justice of India. She was also invited as visiting

professor by the British Academy, London in 1992. She started with the Sanskrit Shloka from the Bhagwat Gita, a presumption that A Man is born good, and no one is born as the offender. Human beings ultimately need some norms in living society and Law and order is the best facility to prosper in the world. She enlightened the law students with various cases. Prof.(Dr.) P.S. Jaswal is an academician, professor, and presently the Vice Chancellor of SRM University, Haryana Jaswal sir is the former Vice Chancellor of the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law in Patiala and the former Chairperson of Department of Laws, Punjab University Chandigarh. He has been bestowed many honorary awards, including the most prestigious Nehru-Centenary British Fellowship Award by the University of London. Prof.(Dr.) P.S. Jaswal and Prof.(Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, in 2018 became the first couple to be Vice-Chancellors of the National Law Universities at the same time. An established author of environmental and human rights, Sir has served as Chairman of various Academic and Administrative Bodies, expert committees, Advisory boards, Governing councils, and Boards of studies of different International and National Universities. He shares his experience enlightening us about Justice-peace.

He threw light on the topics of Terrorism, Artificial Intelligence, and Cyber Crime concept relating to criminology , how law is not static, Transnational crimes, Rehabilitative theory restorative theory

DCP of Gautam Buddha Nagar. Noida, IPS Harish Chander shared his experience and the procedures followed as a police officer. He explained the concept of Veil of ignorance and Gandhian Philosophies. Director General Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhanwar Singh Sir, acquainted the audience with different aspects of crime and the subject of criminology. Delhi Metropolitan Education also inaugurated the Domain Specific Value-Added Certification Courses for its 3 schools of law, media, and management, which



aims to create a skill-enhancing environment bridging the gap between academia and industry requirement to keep pace with the requirements of the corporate world. Director DME, Prof. (Dr.) Ravikant Swami introduced Value Added Courses. The inaugural ceremony concluded with the felicitation of guests and vote of thanks by Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Nagpal, Additional Director, Dean, Law School, Delhi Metropolitan Education and National Anthem was played.

The valedictory session of the symposium The International Symposium on Remaking Criminology: Contemporary Insights from the Criminal Justice System was held at the Seminar Hall on 18th March, 2023. The guest for the occasion was Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Goel, NLU Delhi.

The day started with 4 online technical sessions at 9 am simultaneously at different locations. They were chaired and moderated by distinguished guests from the field of Criminology like Green Criminology, Restorative justice, Law enforcement in Criminal justice delivery and Cyber crime.

The valedictory session started at 12:30pm by welcoming the Chief Guest Prof. (Dr) Anupama Goel with a planter by Director General Hon'ble Justice Bhanwar Singh.

About 100 participants including faculty members, students and research scholars attended the session.

Director General Hon'ble Justice Bhanwar Singh addressed the

gathering focusing on restorative justice which is the requirement of the time. He also emphasized on how in Brazil as discussed, in Panel discussion inhuman justice is imparted to female prisoners. How in all developing countries human rights are available to the prisoners. We need to develop procedural reforms so that justice doesn't get late. His speech was followed by a medley by law students of DME. Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Goel in her address addressed criminology which studies the cause of crime and how we control these crimes. There is a long list of pending cases in Supreme Court, High Courts and other courts. Courts need to be efficient, especially criminal cases.

The session concluded with award ceremony where best paper was awarded to Ms Priyansha Badauni and Faiz-ur-Rehman from Law Department. Jamia Milia Islamia University. Best Paper in professional category is awarded to Ms. Renuka Sood and Malvika Gupta in Facial Recognition Technique. Best paper in student category was awarded to Aditi Bharadwaj in Forensic Science.

Certificates were given to all participants of online and offline technical session. The session concluded with the felicitation of the Chief Guest and was conferred citation for academic excellence. A vote of thanks was given by Ms. Bedpriya, the Co-Convener of the conference and finally the National Anthem was played in the auditorium.

SAMAGRA 2023- SPORTS MEET

Delhi Metropolitan Education envisions creating future leaders and nation builders by its endeavours in educating young minds. The institute is committed towards forming and sustaining conditions enabling students to embark on an unparalleled educational journey. Along with its prestigious heritage in the field of academics DME also focuses on the importance of sports and upholds the values of overall development of students, instilling sportsmanship, perseverance, competition and team spirit. And hence on that lines Delhi Metropolitan Education organised its 1st INTER-COLLEGE SPORTS MEET – समग्र '23 on 23rd & 24th March 2023 at Common Wealth Sports Complex

and Noida Stadium. The event saw the participation of more than 60 Colleges throughout Delhi NCR and more than 1000 student participants. The event consisted of Football, Cricket, Athletics, Volleyball and many Indoor games. The Event was inaugurated by Olympian and Arjuna awardee Ashok Kumar Dhyani Chand. Further the event was also graced by the presence of Justice Bhanwar Singh, Director General, DME, Dr Ravi Kant Swami, Director, DME, Dr Rashmi Khorana Nagpal, Additional Director, DME & Dean, DME Law School, Dr Ambrish Saxena, Professor and Dean DME Media School, Dr Susmita Bala, Professor and Head, DME Media School.



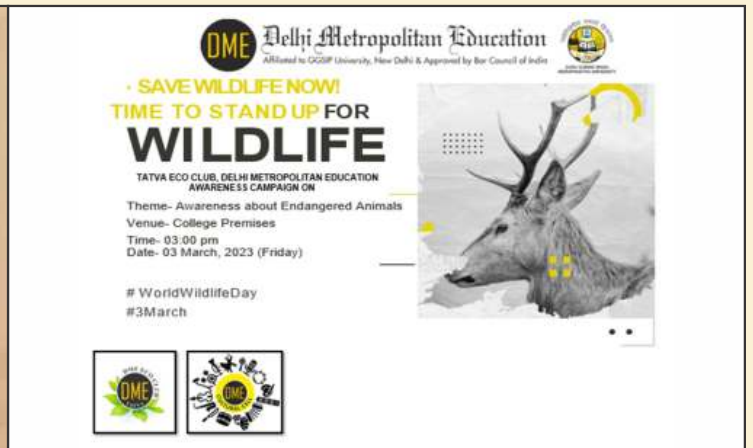
TATVA- Eco Club on World Wildlife Day

TATVA, Eco club of DME on 03rd March 2023, at 03:00 pm held an awareness campaign in college premises, on the theme of Creating Awareness about Endangered Animals to commemorate World Wildlife Day. Faculty members along with students came together in this event to raise awareness about the endangered animals nearing extinction.

The members of the Eco Club made a list of animals nearing extinction categorized under the “Critically Endangered

Species” as per the Wildlife World Wildlife Fund. Out of this list, pictures of animals were printed along with their names, and the third-floor notice board near the faculty room was updated accordingly.

This event would not have been possible without the supervision of our Cultural Cell head, Ms. Navjot Suri, and without the guidance of our Faculty Convenors, Mr. Abhishek Dwivedy and Ms. Bhoomika Ahuja.



Awareness generation and sensitization program on virtual presence, digital lives and real offences

conducted by

Cyber Cell of DME in collaboration with SOCH

The Cyber Cell of Delhi Metropolitan Education in collaboration with the School Outreach Cell of Higher Education (SOCH) conducted an awareness generation and sensitization program for students of class X and XII of Kothari International School, Noida sector 50 on the theme of Virtual Presence, Digital Lives and Real Offences.

It was lovely to see the students engage and interact with the resource persons Dr. Farah Hayat (Assistant Professor,

DME) and Aaditya Bhansali (5th year law student, DME).

The program was conducted under the guidance of Additional Director, DME and Dean of DME Law School, Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Khorana Nagpal and we are thankful for the support of Principal of Kothari International school Dr. Sangeeta Arora for the smooth conduct of the program.



Vedanshi Verma, BBA LLB (2020-25) received an award of special mention in Loksabha committee for representing MP Smt. Kirron Kher, from Former Union Minister Salman Khurshid and Dr. Saumya Saxena, a post Doctoral fellow from Cambridge and former advisor, Law commission of India and Justice Verma Commission at National Youth Parliament Competition SANSAD organised at NDMC Convention centre Delhi on 22nd and 23rd April.



DME Law School is proud to share that **Ms. Riya Kumar**, student of BA LLB currently in 5th year, DME Law School has joined the office of Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. as a Legal Intern. She is practicing law in the Dispute Resolution team, assisting with Drafting Petitions and Agreements, preparing notes of case files and court proceedings, researching on propositions of Commercial, Arbitration and Mediation and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Laws. This experience will take her to great heights and will help her to grow both personally and professionally. She expresses her gratitude to DME Law School, respected Additional Director Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Nagpal, Director Dr. Ravi Kant Swami for the opportunities that DME has provided her with and the support and guidance of her faculty members, colleagues and mentors.



DME is proud and congratulate **Shubhnavi Shivhare** of BBA LLB, 2A and **Anurag Tiwari** of BALLB, 3A who participated in 3rd Justice J.S. Verma Memorial National ADRCC Competition in Client Counselling Competition held at Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies for reaching Semi-finals



DME Law School is proud to share that **Ms. Harshita Singh**, Student of BALLB currently in 5th year, DME Law School has joined as Judicial Intern at the office of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Satish Chandra, Chief Justice, Delhi High Court. This experience will take her to great heights and will help her to grow both personally and professionally. She expresses her gratitude to DME Law School, respected Additional Director Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Nagpal, Director Dr. Ravi Kant Swami for the opportunities that DME has provided her with and the support and guidance of her faculty members, colleagues and mentors.



The Dark Sides of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a cutting-edge technology with significant effects on people, societies, cultures, and the environment. AI has the potential to support us in our fight for a future that is more just, equal, and sustainable. The significance of self-learning algorithms and smart machines is growing. Digital infrastructure and platforms have contributed to the smooth operation of numerous societies, schools, and economies for those with access.



However, AI's dark side has also been exposed. AI technology can be misused, which can escalate existing conflicts and ignite new ones. To spread hate speech, and misinformation online, fake news articles and content have been created using AI tools. With algorithmic micro-targeting on social media, deep fakes, videos, and photos created artificially may become useful tools for disseminating fabricated political messages to the wrong people.

Cyberattacks with the help of AI can be used to launch targeted, sophisticated attacks on networks and systems. It can be used to launch distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks and automate the process of identifying and exploiting vulnerabilities. AI can also be used to create malicious code that can circumvent conventional security measures and more effective phishing campaigns.

Microsoft threat intelligence released a report highlighting the tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) Russian cyber criminals and state-sponsored hackers are using. Ransomware attacks against multiple government and private institutions are highlighted by Russian cyber activity during the war in Ukraine. Phishing attacks, malware, and social engineering strategies for gaining access to critical infrastructure and sensitive data.

Global powers are developing various technologies to fight dark AI. To deal with threats posed by emerging technologies, the UN has an important role to play in establishing global standards and enhancing regulation to safeguard human rights and dignity.

The White House, the G20, the OECD, and the UNICRI Centre for AI and Robotics—have all initiated several initiatives to combat dark AI. Through a set of AI principles that have been instrumental in defining a workplace code of conduct surrounding responsible AI, companies like Microsoft have also helped mobilize the masses in a grassroots movement against dark AI. Fairness, dependability, safety, privacy, security, inclusiveness, transparency, and accountability are the most important Microsoft AI principles.

AI is a technology that can be a boon as well as a bane for humans.

By Siddhant Singh
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Is Social Media a privacy-intruding worm?

Social media privacy is when people can find out personal and sensitive information about you from your accounts. This information may be shared intentionally (such as in public profiles and posts) or unintentionally (such as data sites shared with other companies and social media marketing agencies). According to a recent survey, 93% of Indians say they are concerned about their privacy on social networking sites. However, the privacy risks of using social media



are a nightmare that most users choose to ignore until they become a reality. This is what happened to a family in Arizona when a local man used location data on Snapchat to stalk and surveil young girls in the area.

The scary truth is that scammers can use the information you give freely on social media—your posts, profile, and behavioral data to spy on you, scam you out of money, or steal your identity. To make matters worse, data protection issues and privacy gaps mean that you (or your children) can share personal data without your knowledge. But how much risk are you exposing yourself to just by using social media? Is there a way to stay social and safe at the same time?

Over 42% of Indians have been victims of financial fraud on social media in the past 2 years. Facebook has been plagued by privacy laws and leaks for some time, including the Cambridge Analytica scandal and a 2018 data breach that affected 530 million users.

A public Instagram profile allows users to access your name, location, and contact information (if the business setting is enabled). Ireland's data privacy watchdog recently fined Instagram \$402 million over a loophole that allowed children to open public business accounts. Social media is always a balance between privacy and publicity.

The more you make your personal information public, the more likely you are to be targeted by scammers and hackers. Protect your account with strong privacy settings and protect yourself from scammers.

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OTP-related Cyber Frauds.

An OTP, or one-time password, is a security feature that allows online users and service providers to secure transactions by adding an extra layer of security. It is the process of authenticating an online communication or transaction with an OTP sent by the service provider to the customer's registered mobile number, or email address. As the volume of digital financial transactions and activity increased, this additional layer was introduced to serve as a time-bound authentication mechanism for the safe online transfer of sensitive data and money. However, fraudsters have devised new methods and schemes to commit OTP fraud and exploit the feature in order to defraud digital users and commit financial fraud. Fraudsters commit OTP fraud by tricking digital users into sharing OTP in the following ways. Posing with fake identities in person with fake identities and fake reasons over the phone Malware-infested links direct users to malware that can read OTP dangers. Financial loss, data breaches, malware attacks, and mobile and system hackers are all possibilities. Fraudsters impersonating executives from companies, agencies, and institutions call and meet with individual users under pretenses such as gifts, offers, discounts, and so on. Credit limit, improvements Executives in charge of food delivery. They persuade them to share OTP to provide service and then commit fraud. Fraudsters send malware-infested fake links under various pretexts to capture OTP. Fraudsters use various social engineering techniques to trick people into disclosing their OTP.



Some preventive measures for such frauds include never sharing or disclosing OTP with anyone, and understanding that any genuine service provider would never request users/customers to share any sensitive details such as OTP, CVV, PIN, and so on. Clicking on links in instant messages and SMS from unverified or unknown sources should be avoided. Filling out forms provided online via messages or links does not constitute providing or sharing information. Keep checking your messages and emails to

stay informed and take immediate action if an OTP is generated without your knowledge. Downloading third-party apps with unnecessary permissions can jeopardize the device's security. Do not use the contact information for service providers. For filing complaints related to cyber-related issues, always visit the site [Cyber Crime.gov.in](http://CyberCrime.gov.in) which is under the control of the Ministry of External Affairs Government of India, or dial toll-free no 1930 for any further assistance.

By Vaibhav Shahi
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Identity Spoofing, espionage, and extortion

Identity spoofing occurs when a scammer assumes the identity of another person/entity and uses that identity to commit fraud. Identity spoofing means using a fake ID to retrieve personal/confidential information from any person for unlawful gain. Section 66C of the Information and Technology act 2000 states that whoever, fraudulently or dishonestly makes use of the electronic signature, password, or any other unique identification feature of any other person, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to fine which may extend to rupees one lakh. Initially, identity spoofing was restricted to monetary gain only but now it is also used for espionage purposes through the honey trap.



The honey trap is a practice of luring people into revealing confidential information which is entrusted to them. It is mostly used to target Army personnel to get strategic information about their units. In most cases, the modus operandi remains the same, the fraudster either gives missed calls and then enters into a conversation following a callback or gets in touch through fake social media IDs on Facebook, Instagram, or WhatsApp. Thereafter, in the process of honey trapping, they engage through video and voice chats, get emotionally close, share nude clips and pictures to seduce victims, and then trick or blackmail them into sharing confidential information and documents through social media. In some cases, the victim was providing information to the agent (secret service agents of other countries like ISI) through social media in exchange for money, and in some cases, the information was being provided due to emotional blackmail.

Honey trap Via Identity spoofing is not only used for cyber espionage but also for extorting money. In this kind of case, first, a victim is befriended on social media through fake ids, and after a few days of chatting, the offender exchanges phone numbers with their targets and lures them with texts and photos. After this, they call the victim to either a house or a hotel room, and a video of them in a compromising position is recorded anonymously. When all of this is done, the victim is threatened by the gang members to pay them a large amount of money otherwise he would be implicated in a false rape case. There is an influx of these kinds of cases nowadays which are majorly reported from Delhi NCR. Although there are several laws in place to deal with these cases still they are not stringent enough to deter the offenders and so we should refrain from connecting to a stranger on social media platforms.

By Vedarth Shivhare
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Alumni Message

Mahima Garg (BA.LLB.- 2015-2020) I am working as a Law Clerk cum Law Researcher at the Chambers of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Najmi Waziri of the High Court of Delhi since May 2022. I had also received an offer of appointment for the post of Legal Research Associate in the Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice, however I could not join the department due to other engagements. I have authored articles which have been published in LiveLaw, Bar and Bench and the Quint. I completed my BA.LLB. in 2020 from Delhi Metropolitan Education (DME) which is affiliated to the Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University. DME, over the years, has been actively working to provide better facilities and opportunities to its students. It provides a comfortable infrastructure, with new developments every year, to aid education and learning in the campus. DME has also been actively organizing guest lectures, interactions and talks with the best legal minds in the country. The endeavour is always to motivate students to do well in career and life. Various moot court, trial advocacy, client counselling, MUN, bill drafting competitions among various others are organised on a regular basis to brace up students to stand strong in the competitive environment. The Judicial Training Academy (JTA) which is a unique feature of this institution also prepares a lot of students to sit for various competitive exams besides the judicial service exams. Even if one is not preparing for any exams, the JTA classes help one revise the laws and keep one updated with the developments in law which is core to the legal profession be it litigation, academia, legal journalism or any other sphere of law.



I am **Adv. Akarsh Sharma** an alumni of Delhi Metropolitan Education in BBA LLB batch (2014-2019), currently I am pursuing my own practice in Delhi. My experience in DME has been a real life changer and I think the credit of this experience goes to my teachers and mentors in college. They always motivated me to perform better the best thing which I can say about them is they always appreciated me for my skills and knowledge rather than my marks.



My teachers has not just been a the lecturers they were also my guide, even today I am in contact with them and they still help me out with my doubts and queries. Other than my academic life my cultural life was also amazing, DME being an institution of vast cultural activities made me explore different kind of organizational work made me team when we use to conduct events. All the experience and knowledge I have gained in this institution is a lifelong learning for me and I am really grateful for that.

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his, had impact of its significance across the country.

A man of enormous zeal, Justice P.N. Bhagwati was known as a brilliant and scholarly Judge. Pranab Mukherji during his tenure as President of India called him the Champion of Public Interest Litigation.

During Emergency (1975-77), a large number of politicians were arrested and lodged in jail. Shiv Kant Shukla, who was one such detenu, challenged his detention on the basis of his Fundamental Right to ` Life & Liberty `under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. The High Court of Madhya Pradesh allowed his `Habeas Corpus` petition on the ground that no reason for his detention has been explained. ADM Jabalpur filed an SLP in the Supreme Court, which was heard by a constitution bench of 5 Judges namely Justice P.N. Bhagwati , A.N. Ray, M.H. Beg, Hans Raj Khanna & Y.V. Chandrachud the father of present C.J I. Mr. Justice Dhananjay Chandrachud. Justice Bhagwati and 3 Judges namely Ray, Beg & Chandrachud allowed the appeal and delivered a verdict justifying detention of Shukla during Emergency as the article 21 had been suspended by the Presidential Order after declaring emergency . Justice H.R. Khanna gave a dissenting judgment by holding that fundamental right to Life & Liberty could not be suspended even during Emergency and that rule of Law had to prevail. It is said that Justice H.R. Khanna lost his chance to become Chief Justice of India because of this decision but his judgment acquired wide range-acclaim across the country and during Janta regime, he was recognised and appointed as Law Minister of India for his bold Judgment.

However the majority Judgment of Justice Bhagwati was criticised as anti democratic by the legal Luminaries. Long after his retirement, Justice Bhagwati expressed his regret for passing his Judgment in A.D.M. Jabalpur case, felt sorry for his erroneous approach in that verdict and conceded to his mistake.

It is interesting to note that the decision in A.D.M. Jabalpur case has been overruled as a wrong law in K.S.Puttaswamy case (AIR 2017 SC4161) decided in 2017 by a bench, of the Supreme Court of India, of which the junior Chandrachud was a member . He is considered to be the apostle of Justice . That is why it is said that law is blind and does not recognise any relationship .Justice Dhananjay Chandrachud reversed the judgement of his own father and Justice Hidaytullah as Chief Justice of India dismissed twice the SLP of his own son.