

## ILS CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

**Introduction:** The establishment of the Centre in 2014 was geared towards raising awareness of International Law, with the primary goal of fostering enthusiasm for the subject through engaging in discussions and arranging activities that cover a wide array of International Law aspects and advancements. Operated by students, it plays a pivotal role in coordinating debates, Model United Nations conferences, presentations, and seminars.

**Faculty Coordinators:** Dr. Nitish Nawsagaray, Ms. Divya Mittal and Mr. Rohit Bokil

**Student Members:** Shweta Shukla, Abha Dalal, Shreya Patni (all V BA LLB), Devansh Bhatt (IV BA LLB), Shreya Basu, Sana Kulkarni, Soumik Ghosh (all III BA LLB), Anuradha Lawankar, and Arya Mitkari (all II BA LLB)

### **Details of the activities conducted during Academic year 2022-23:**

- **Student Seminar I**

**Title of Session:** The Idea of Indigenous People: Are Tribal People Really Being Protected in India?

**Date:** May 26, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Persons:** Shreya Patni (V BA LLB) and Sana Kulkarni ( III BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 30

**Report:** The session began with an overview of the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) and its application in various countries. Post this, an attempt was made to define Indigenous People since there's no accepted definition and it is largely debatable. It was followed by the discussion on evolution of laws regarding rights of indigenous people from 1923 to 2023. Later, case studies of the Treaty of Waitangi (Maori Tribes) and the Pathalgadi Movement were discussed in detail. The session finally concluded with various recommendations made for the prospective changes in the Indian scenario, taking inspiration from other communities throughout the world.

- **Student Seminar II**

**Title of Session:** The Problem of Consent in International Law

**Date:** June 30, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Persons:** Shweta Shukla ( V BA LLB) and Anuradha Lawankar (II BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 22

**Report:** The session began with an overview of the idea of consent in international law and how much of international law is based on the notion of States' consent. Thereafter the pros of the current system and its flaws were discussed. This was followed by an overview of the exceptions to the rule of consent, i.e. customary international law, jus cogens, United Nation Security Council (UNSC), international organizations, and tribunals. Later, there was a discussion on a question posed to the students at the beginning of the session and after the overview of the current system, which is as follows: 'Since the current exceptions (CIL, jus cogens, UNSC, etc.) cover the most fundamental aspects of international law (maintenance of international peace and security), do we really need more/enhanced exceptions to cover the same/other aspects?' With this the session was concluded.

- **Student Seminar III**

**Title of Session:** Bringing the ICJ to the 21st Century: Overcoming Challenges

**Date:** July 31, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Persons:** Shweta Shukla (V BA LLB) and Pritesh Shende (IV BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 60

**Report:** The session began with an overview of the various challenges the ICJ has faced namely, national bias of the judges and State non-compliance with the court's judgements. Firstly, the issue of national bias was expounded upon, with the use of empirical data, the likelihood of judges, including ad hoc judges, to adopt the position of their respective governments was analyzed. The existence of national bias was proved to the attendees using this empirical data. After this, the Nicaragua (1986) judgment was discussed to establish two trends - the first being prior to 1986, where State compliance was comparatively less; the second being post-1986, where State compliance increased. This was followed by a discussion of various cases after 1986 where States initially did not comply with ICJ judgements, but

complied eventually. This was followed by a discussion on the various factors affecting State compliance. Finally, a question was presented to the audience: Whether the Ukraine v. Russia (Genocide Convention Case) could be considered the 'new Nicaragua' and whether it would mark the beginning of a new trend in State compliance? To conclude, this question, as well as the impact of Russia's current and suspected future non-compliance was discussed.

- **Student Seminar IV**

**Title of Session:** From Arrest to Justice: Kulbhushan Jadhav and the VCCR Framework

**Date:** August 15, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Person:** Devansh Bhatt ( IV BA LLB) and Arya Mitkari (II BA LL.B)

**No. of Participants:** 40

**Report:** The session focused on the Kulbhushan Jadhav case which was brought to the International Court of Justice by India, with questions and arguments based upon the ambit of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. The session revolved around the facts of the case, the arguments put forth by both nations (India and Pakistan), the legal framework, the jurisdiction of the ICJ for this particular matter and the post-verdict developments of the same. Article 36 of the VCCR, Article 14 of the ICCPR and Articles 1 and 3 of the Optional Protocol were the main focus of the session and were discussed. The session concluded with the shortcomings of the VCCR, the post-verdict developments in both India and Pakistan, how this judgment is supposed to shape the future diplomatic relations between the two nations and the importance of the international conventions over domestic laws.

- **Student Seminar V**

**Title of Session:** Introductory Session for First-Year students of ILS Law College.

**Date:** September 9, 2023

**Mode:** Offline in Hall No. 18

**Resource Persons:** Shweta Shukla, Abha Dalal, Shreya Patni ( all BA LLB), Devansh Bhatt (IV BA LLB), Shreya Basu, Sana Kulkarni, Soumik Ghosh,(all III BA LLB) Anuradha Lawankar, and Arya Mitkari (all II BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 50

**Report:** The session focused on the various activities that the CIL conducts throughout the year, the session served to inform the students about the skills and opportunities that it wishes to provide for them. This included encouraging students to research various topics of international law and write articles for the fortnightly newsletter, participate in sessions, as well as the Inter-Batch Model United Nations (MUN), and the annual conference on international law. Finally, it ended with a Question-and-Answer session where the core committee members answered queries that the students had about the functioning of the cell.

- **Student Seminar VI**

**Title of Session:** Is Your Phone Powered by Child Labour?

**Date:** September 14, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Persons:** Abha Dalal (V BA LLB) and Pritesh Shende (IV BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 25

**Report:** The session began with an introduction and overview of the lawsuit against Apple, Google, Tesla and others (re child labour, DRC). The Democratic Republic of Congo, which provides about 70% of world supplies of cobalt, depends largely on forced child labour for cobalt mining. This cobalt is then used by the companies to make their electronic products. The session moved forward with discussing the risks involved in cobalt mining in DRC. Later, the arguments and submissions from plaintiffs and defendants were discussed in detail. The Plaintiff relied on The Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorisation Act, 2005 (TVPRA) of the US to obtain relief for children who were either maimed or killed during mining in cobalt caves and tunnels. The District Court of Columbia dismissed the case, stating that the provisions of TVPRA do not apply extraterritorially. The appeal in the present matter is pending. The session concluded with an elaborate discussion on whether private companies can be liable under international law for human rights violations, how States are implementing their international obligations through domestic legislation, and whether the world is moving towards a preference for ethical sourcing of goods. The Kimberly Process, US-Tuna II case, and US-Shrimp case were debated on to determine this.

- **Student Seminar No. VII**

**Title of Session:** General Orientation for the 4th Year Intra-Batch Model United Nations, 2023

**Date:** September 17, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Persons:** Devansh Bhatt (IV BA LLB) and Sana Kulkarni (III BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 15

**Report:** The session began with an introduction and overview of the Rulebook of the competition. Then, every rule in the rulebook was explained to the attendees. This was followed by a guide on how to research for the MUN.

- **Student Seminar No. VIII**

**Title of Session:** Introduction to MUNs for the 4th Year Intra-Batch Model United Nations, 2023

**Date:** September 21, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Person:** Anuradha Lawankar (II BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 10

**Report:** The session began with a discussion on the nature and scope of the competition. The basic tenets of MUNs, i.e. simulation, advocacy, and cooperation were discussed. The audience was taught how to streamline their research to align with the allotted Committee, Country, and Agenda. The 'advocacy' aspect of MUNs was then elaborated on. A simple explanation of the General Speakers List (GSL), how to prepare an opening speech, a position paper, a working paper, and a draft resolution was provided. In the end, the session reiterated the basic rules mentioned in the Rulebook and addressed some questions asked by the participants.

- **Student Seminar No. IX**

**Title of Session:** The Polar Sea Controversy

**Date:** September 23, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Name of the Resource Person:** Shreya Basu (III BA LLB) and Soumik Ghosh (III BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 30

**Report:** The session covered one of the problems that the world may face owing to climate change - the melting of the Arctic polar sheet in the Northwestern Passage. Since the northwest passage is strategically placed as a bridge connecting the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans, it is of great importance as an alternative shipping passage to the Panama Canal. It is also a hotspot for natural gas and petroleum. Thus, as the ice sheet recedes in the coming years, the passage may open up as a permanent shipping route, as compared to the 4-6 week access in the summer. This will make it viable for long-term drilling operations, leading to a frenzy amongst other nations to send their ships. This session covered the unadjudicated dispute between Canada and the U.S. regarding the status of the passage as an international strait. Canada has maintained that the Northwestern Passage is not a strait and remains under the full control of its sovereignty, while the U.S. claims that it is an international strait and thus, claims the right of transit passage. Various intricacies of these arguments were covered, including the now revoked argument of “Historical Claim” as proposed by Canada. Finally, the aspect of potential conflict was discussed, as this dispute is now set to become an issue for many countries, and not just USA and Canada.

- **Student Seminar No. X**

**Title of Session:** Introduction to the HRC for the 4th Year Intra-Batch Model United Nations, 2023

**Date:** September 24, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Person:** Sana Kulkarni (III BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 10

**Report:** In this session, a brief overview of the agendas of the Human Rights Commission was discussed. Thereafter, we focused on the research aspects and briefly discussed the general guidelines for the delegates. The delegates were informed about conducting research for MUN.

- **Student Seminar No. XI**

**Title of Session:** Introduction to the UNSC for the 4th Year Intra-Batch Model United Nations, 2023

**Date:** September 25, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Person:** Tanishq Mishra (III BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 10

**Report:** The session began with an introduction and overview of the United Nations Security Council, along with its agendas. This session involved a discussion on the Committee's procedure and general guidelines, along with the level of research that is expected from the participants of the committee.

- **Student Seminar No. XII**

**Title of Session:** General Orientation for the Inter-Batch Model United Nations, 2023

**Date:** October 1, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Person:** Devansh Bhatt (IV BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 103

**Report:** The session began with an introduction and overview of the Rulebook of the competition. Thereafter, all rules mentioned in the rulebook were explained to the attendees. This was followed by a short guide on how to research for the MUN and a question-answer session.

- **Student Seminar No. XIII**

**Title of Session:** Clarifications Session for the 4th Year Intra-Batch Model United Nations, 2023

**Date:** October 5, 2023

**Mode:** Offline

**Resource Person:** Devansh Bhatt (IV BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 15

**Report:** The session included a detailed, step-by-step explanation of the expected procedure for the respective sessions of the MUN. The Rulebook was discussed once again, and the session concluded with an extensive question-answer session.

- **Student Seminar No. XIV**

**Title of Session:** Clarifications Session for the Inter-Batch Model United Nations, 2023

**Date:** October 7, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Person:** Devansh Bhatt (IV BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 55

**Report:** The session included a detailed, step-by-step explanation of the expected procedure for the respective sessions of the MUN. The Rulebook was discussed once again, and the session concluded with an extensive question-answer session.

- **Student Seminar No. XV**

**Title of Session:** Introduction to the Committees for the Inter-Batch Model United Nations, 2023

**Date:** October 11, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Persons:** Devansh Bhatt, Pritesh Shende (both IV BA LLB); Shreya Basu, and Sana Kulkarni (all III BA LLB); Anuradha Lawankar, and Arya Mitkari (both II BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 70

**Report:** The session included an explanation of the agendas of each committee, a brief of the specific procedure to be followed by each committee. Information regarding important documents which has to be prepared by each committee. The session concluded with an extensive question-answer session.

- **Student Seminar No. XVI**

**Title of Session:** How to Write for the CIL Newsletter

**Date:** December 7, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Name of the Resource Person:** Shweta Shukla, Shreya Patni, (both V BA LLB) and Anuradha Lawankar (II BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 35



**Report:** In this session, students were guided on key elements to increase the quality and relevance of their articles. Emphasis has been placed on choosing a specific issue within the sector, prioritizing international law over the politics of engagement. The importance of asking substantive legal questions rather than theoretical questions was emphasized.

This was followed by a comprehensive discussion of access to research materials, including books, databases, journals, blogs and reliable news sources. Students were encouraged to diversify their sources to gain a well-rounded perspective. Considerable attention was paid to structuring the content with a focus on avoiding plagiarism, unnecessary elaboration and personal biases. Tools like Grammarly and ZeroGPT have been recommended for quality assurance.

Participants were reminded to avoid common pitfalls, including repeating laws without analysis, expressing personal opinions about morality, and presenting historical timelines without legal insights. The collaborative nature of the writing process was emphasized and were encouraged to submit draft articles for editorial review

- **Student Seminar No. XVII**

**Title of Session:** Nicaragua v. Colombia: A Discussion

**Date:** December 28, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Person:** Devansh Bhatt and Pritesh Shende (Both IV BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 25

**Report:** The session covered the 2023 judgment by the International Court of Justice in the maritime delimitation dispute between Nicaragua and Colombia. In this, maritime boundaries and the jurisdiction and rights of a state concerning those boundaries were explained and defined. Attendees were made aware of maritime terms like the ‘internal waters, territorial sea, contiguous zones, exclusive economic zones and the continental shelves.’ The previous approaches of the ICJ in the ‘Lotus Case’ and the ‘North Sea Continental Shelf Case’ were discussed and the contradictory approach adopted by the Court in this recent judgment was analyzed accordingly. The relevance of ‘opinio juris’ and customary international law was the main topic of discussion in the later part of the session. The session was highly interactive as the

attendees and the cell members indulged in various discussions concerning the laws involved in the case and was a great learning opportunity for the students.

- **Student Seminar No. XVIII**

**Title of Session:** South Africa v. Israel: A Re-enactment of the Courtroom Battle

**Date:** April 24, 2024

**Mode:** Offline

**Resource Person:** Shreya Basu , Sana Kulkarni (Both III BA LLB) and Arya Mitkari (II BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 25

**Report:** The session focused on the live re-enactment of the case raised by South Africa at the ICJ against Israel, accusing Israel of committing the crime of Genocide in Palestine.

The session revolved around the preliminary arguments put forth by the Agent of South Africa against Israel to establish the accusation of committing genocide in the territory of Palestine. The factors essential for the acts of a state to qualify as genocide were extensively put forth by the agent of South Africa and how the acts of Israel fall under the same category.

The agent of Israel presented their case by challenging the accusations leveled by South Africa against Israel and how the acts of Israel were a reaction to the attack by HAMAS on October 7, 2023 and must qualify as Self-Defence as defined under the UN Charter and the ICJ Statute. The ICJ President acknowledged the arguments put forth by both parties and questions were raised to both of them on the validity of their arguments. The session was highly interactive with the audience getting the opportunity to ask their questions to both the agents and the chairs of the ICJ. The issue of the 'intent' of an act for that act to qualify as a Genocidal act was extensively discussed.

The session concluded with a discussion of the measures presented by the agent of South Africa for Israel to acknowledge as the Israel- Palestine war continues to date and the reply of the agent of Israel to those measures.

### **COMPETITIONS CONDUCTED:**

- **Title:** 4th-Year Intra-Batch Model United Nations 2023

**Date:** October 9, 2023

**Level:** Intra-Batch

**No. of Participants:** 33

**Mode:** Offline

**Name and Designation of Judges: United Nations Security Council:** Chairperson: Devansh Bhatt (IV BA LLB), Co-Chairperson: Tanishq Mishra (III BA LLB);

**Human Rights Council:** Chairperson: Abha Dalal (V BA LLB), Co-Chairperson: Sana Kulkarni (III BA LLB)

**Report:** For a better understanding of Public International Law and the United Nations mechanism, the Centre for International Law organized the 4th Year Intra-Batch Model United Nations only for the students of IV BA LLB (Batch of 2025).

There were two committees: the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and the Human Rights Council (HRC).

The committees were chaired by drafters of respective study guides who have prior experience participating in various Model United Nations across the country. The UNSC Study Guide was drafted by Devansh Bhatt, Tanishq Mishra (III BA LLB.), and Arya Mitkari. The HRC Study Guide was drafted by Mr. Pritesh Shende (IV BA LLB), Ms. Sana Kulkarni, and Ms. Anuradha Lawankar.

The Agenda for the UNSC was based on the Yemen Conflict. The Agenda for HRC was based on the Sudan Crisis. Both issues are of immense importance on the international level. After two highly competitive sessions, the participants were marked on four criteria: speech, diplomacy, research, and negotiation. The Organizing Committee conducted five sessions, shared video recordings, and study material for the competition.

**Winners:**

**United Nations Security Council:**

Best Delegate: Parth Paliwal (IV BA LLB)

High Commendation: Kaushik Puranik (IV BA LLB)

**Human Rights Council:**

Best Delegate: Kush Morghade (IV BA LLB)

High Commendation: Tania Majooran (IV BA LLB)

- **Title:** Inter-Batch Model United Nations 2023

**Date:** October 17, 2023

**Level:** Intra-College

**No. of Participants:** 165

**Mode:** Offline

**Name and Designation of Judges: United Nations General Assembly:** Chairperson: Mr. Arnav Dev (Government Law College, Mumbai), Co-Chairperson: Devansh Bhatt (IV BA LLB)

**Economic and Social Council:** Chairperson: Ms. Mahima Wankhede (Fergusson College), Co-Chairperson: Anuradha Lawankar (II BA LLB)

**Disarmament and International Security Committee:** Chairperson: Prabal Mehrotra (MIT, Pune), Co-Chairperson: Shreya Basu (III BA LLB)

**International Labour Organization:** Chairperson: Mr. Sahil Patre (Fergusson College), Co-Chairperson: Abha Dalal (V BA LLB)

**Human Rights Council:** Chairperson: Ms. Akshara Chavan (Fergusson College), Co-Chairperson: Sana Kulkarni (III BA LLB)

**International Atomic Energy Agency:** Chairperson: Ms. Ruteeka Ranjwan (Fergusson College), Co-Chairperson: Arya Mitkari (II BA LLB)

**World Health Organisation:** Chairperson: Ms. Neha Jadhav (Fergusson College), Co-Chairperson: Pritesh Shende (IV BA LLB)

**Report:** The Competition was instituted and has been upgraded every year to introduce the student body to international law and relations, a subject that, unfortunately, students come into contact with only in their penultimate year. The Co-Chairpersons drafted their respective committee agendas. Additionally, there was a two-member UN Press Committee constituted to record the proceedings of each committee. Those reports were published in a Special Edition of the CIL Newsletter.

The Competition featured 7 committees with various contemporary agendas:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Agenda(s)</b>
1.	United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)	Addressing the Issues of Autonomy and Democratic Freedoms in Hong Kong in the Context of its Relationship with China.
2.	Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC)	Evaluating and Discussing the Use of Drones in Warfare, Especially in the Context of the Ukraine-Russia Crisis
3.	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Addressing Radioactive Waste and Spent Fuel Management for Sustainable Environmental and Social Protection</li> <li>2. Strengthening the Treaty of the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons</li> </ol>
4.	United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Analyze the Issues Pertaining to the Kimberley Process and its Efficiency in the Contemporary Diamond Industry</li> <li>2. Analyzing the Scope of Conflict Diamonds with Regard to the Russia-Ukraine War and its Impact on the Global Diamond Market</li> </ol>
5.	World Health Organization (WHO)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assessing the Impact of Climate Change on Health in the Greater Horn of Africa, Considering the Specific Health Challenges and Crises Exacerbated by Climate Change</li> <li>2. Addressing the Challenges in Improving Healthcare Infrastructure and Preparedness in the Greater Horn of Africa</li> </ol>

6.	International Labour Organisation (ILO)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Streamlining Sex Work in Developing and Under-Developed Countries.</li> <li>2. Addressing Migrant Policies and its Implications on Human Trafficking</li> </ol>
7.	Human Rights Council (HRC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evaluating Humanitarian Response to the Crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Considering Issues Related to Access and Distribution of Humanitarian Aid and Assistance.</li> <li>2. Addressing the Challenges in Holding Perpetrators of the Renewed Armed Conflict Accountable and Ensuring Justice for Civilians</li> </ol>

After three highly competitive sessions, the participants were marked on four criteria: speech, diplomacy, research, and negotiation. The Organizing Committee conducted multiple sessions, shared video recordings, and study material for the competition.

**Winners:**

**Human Rights Council:**

Best Delegate: Ishwaree Mahajan (I BBA LLB)

High Commendation: Pranit Parmar (I BBA LLB)

**Disarmament and International Security Committee:**

Best Delegate: Harshita Tandon (I BA LLB)

High Commendation: Devyani Kapse (III BA LLB)

**United Nations General Assembly:**

Best Delegate: Pranav Kulkarni (III LLB)

High Commendation: Utkarsh Singh (III BA LLB)

**International Labour Organisation:**

Best Delegate: Anusha Mishra (II LLB)

High Commendation: Raaed Kotwal (I BA LLB)

**World Health Organisation:**

Best Delegate: Shreyank Yembarwar (II LLB)

High Commendation: Kashish Bansal (I BBA LLB)

**International Atomic Energy Agency:**

Best Delegate: Trisha Bangari (I BA LLB)

High Commendation: Shardul Khanolkar (I BA LLB)

**United Nations Economic and Social Council:**

Best Delegate: Kunal Behal (IV BA LLB)

High Commendation: Kashish Chadha (III LLB)

**Panel Discussion: Russia Ukraine and the Israel-Palestine Conflicts: Role of International Law**

**Date:** October 20, 2023

**Mode:** Offline

**No. of Participants:** 160

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Umesh Kadam, former Legal Advisor for ICRC India; Mr. Vijay Kunjeer, Faculty at The Unique Academy; Dr. Parimal Maya Sudhakar, Associate Professor at MIT-SOG and Mr. Rohit Bokil, Assistant Professor at ILS Law College,

**Moderator:** Dr. Nitish Nawsagaray, Assistant Professor at ILS Law College.

The panel provided exclusive intellectual insights into the global powers at play in the Russia–Ukraine and Israel-Palestine conflicts. A detailed discussion on the influence of these on international relations and vice-versa followed as the speakers delved into nitty-gritty aspects of international humanitarian law entwined with international politics, with a particular focus on the limited to negligible enforceability of international law.

Mr. Bokil talked about the role of international law in the Russia-Ukraine war and Israel-Palestine Conflict and how these conflicts have added a new perspective to international law especially with Article 51 of the UN Charter. Mr. Kunjir discussed the historical background of the state of Israel and how since its inception the region has been engulfed in conflict with Arab states and Palestine. Dr. Parimal provided the international relations' perspective to the conflict and how global politics has changed because of the two conflicts. Dr. Kadam discussed the conceptual aspects of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and the fundamental principles of IHL applicable during armed conflicts.

The Panel Discussion ended with a Question and Answers Session.

### **The Newsletter:**

The ILS Centre for International Law introduced its new fortnightly international law newsletter. The first newsletter published by the Cell was formally inaugurated by the Principal, Additional Charge of ILS Law College, Dr. Deepa Paturkar on September 22, 2022. Keeping up with the monthly theme from the center, it includes a breakdown of interesting topics and areas from the respective theme. It contains news, extra reading material, and a section to keep students updated about upcoming events concerning international law. It also includes a small summary of the session conducted that week. The Centre has published thirteen volumes with two issues each and seven special issues since the newsletter's inauguration. The Editors of the Newsletter were: Shweta Shukla, Shreya Patni, and Shreya Basu.

The Centre for International Law has also been giving out awards for 'Best Article' for each month from October 2023 onwards. This was given to the student who has written, in the opinion of the Editorial Board, the best piece for that particular month.

The details of the winners are given below:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Volume and Issue No.</b>	<b>Date of Publication</b>	<b>Name of Winner</b>	<b>Title of Article</b>
October, 2023	Vol. XI No. I	October 15, 2023	Anish Padhye (II BA LLB)	Comity and Characterisation - A Doctrinal Study of Private International Law viz-a-viz the Civil Procedure Code, 1908



December, 2023	Vol. XII No. II	December 15, 2023	Saurabh Patil (V BA LLB)	The European Union Finalizes a Groundbreaking AI Legislation
January, 2024	Vol. XIII No. I	January 15, 2024	Vishwajeet Deshmukh (V BA LLB)	Global Threat of Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems (LAWS) and the Recent UN Resolution
February, 2024	Vol. XIV No. I	February 15, 2024	Aayushi Kashyap and Tanu Priya (I BA LLB)	Diplomatic Immunity: Why and When is it Waived?
March, 2024	Vol. XV No. I	March 15, 2024	Asmita Ayilavarapu (III BA LLB)	The Secret IP - Protection of Trade Secrets in International Law
April, 2024	Vol. XVI No. I	April 15, 2024	Avantika Patra (I BBA LLB)	Space Debris: How is Liability Determined and What are the Measures Under International Law to Tackle It?

The details of each issue of the newsletter published by the Centre in this academic year are given below:

<b>Volum e and Issue No.</b>	<b>Date of Publication</b>	<b>Theme (if any)</b>	<b>Names of Contributors</b>
Special Issue No. III	May 15, 2023	Basics of International Law	Editors: Shweta Shukla and Shreya Patni Authors: Pritesh Shende (IV BA LLB), Rutuja Bhand (IV BA LLB), Tanishq Mishra (III BA LLB), Soumik Ghosh, Sana Kulkarni, Shreya Basu, Arya Mitkari, and Anuradha Lawankar.
Vol. VII No. II	May 31, 2023	-	Editor: Shreya Patni Assistant Editors: Shreya Basu and Tanishq Mishra Authors: Pritesh Shende (IV BA LLB), Rutuja Bhand (IV BA LLB), Shashank Raj (IV BA LLB), Somil Jain (I LLB), and Anuradha Lawankar (II BA LLB)
Vol. VIII No. I	June 15, 2023	International Diplomacy in the Face of Terrorism	Editors: Shweta Shukla and Shreya Patni Assistant Editors: Sana Kulkarni and Soumik Ghosh Authors: Shreya Basu and Anuradha Lawankar
Vol. VIII No. II	June 30, 2023	-	Editor: Shweta Shukla Assistant Editor: Shreya Basu Authors: Anuradha Lawankar, Tanushree Pateriya (I BA LLB), Shravani Revankar (I BA LLB), and Tanishq Mishra (III BA LLB).
Vol. IX No. I	July 15, 2023	The Israel- Palestine Conflict	Editors: Shweta Shukla and Shreya Patni Authors: Arya Mitkari, Sana Kulkarni, Shreya Basu, Soumik Ghosh, and Shreya Patni.

Special Issue No. IV	July 31, 2023	Centre for International Law Alumni Edition	Editors: Shweta Shukla and Shreya Patni Authors: Ashutosh Ghag (Batch of 2023), Avanti Deshpande (Batch of 2022), Bhargav Bhamidipati (Batch of 2022), Atharv Joshi (Batch of 2021), and Vasudevan G (Batch of 2019).
Vol. IX No. II	August 15, 2023	India's Impact on International Law	Editors: Shweta Shukla and Abha Dalal Authors: Arya Mitkari, Anuradha Lawankar, Sana Kulkarni, and Devansh Bhatt.
Special Issue No. V	August 31, 2023	ILS Law College Faculty Edition	Editor: Shweta Shukla Assistant Editor: Anuradha Lawankar Authors: Mr. Akshay Ugale, Ms. Bhumika Rathod, Ms. Ninawari Ware, Ms. Vindhya Gupta, Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar, Ms. Divya Mittal, Mr. Rohit Bokil, Ms. Ashish Pawar, Ms. Mugdha Hedau, Ms. Isha Khopkar
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