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Enthusiastic legal professional versed in International Laws and Indian Constitutional Laws, adept in legal research and documentation. Provides clear and concise information based on creative and complex research findings.

Doctorate (Ph..D. in Laws): Department of Laws, Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar.

Post-Graduation: Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab.

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Date of Birth: 15 October 1991.

WORK EXPERIENCE

1. Taught as an Assistant Professor at Department of Laws, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab. [Jan 2017-December 2018]
 - Subjects taught - Jurisprudence, Service Laws, Consumer Protection Laws, Environmental Laws, Contractual Laws, Laws related to Intellectual Property Rights, Criminal Laws, Women Laws and International Laws.
2. Taught and provided Research Assistance on *pro bono* basis at Virtual Law School, India's 1st, a Law teaching initiative by Dr. Nachiketa Mittal during the lockdown in this pandemic COVID-19, [May- August 2020]
 - Subjects taught- Contract Laws.
3. Working as a Research Fellow in a Public & Policy Fellowship Programme, by LegalDesire, Media & Insights Company, New Delhi. [Oct 2020- Jan 2021]

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

Doctorate- Ph.D. in Laws

November 2020

Department of Laws, Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar.

Title of thesis- ***“Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, 1979 (CEDAW): A study with reference to misuse of Women Empowerment by Criminal Legislations in India.”***

under the mentorship of Dr. Kuljit Kaur (Professor and Head).

Availed fellowship under UPE-UGC Scheme, 2016-2017.

(Pre-Ph.D. Course Work - 8.33 CGPA)

(August 2016- November 2020))

Post-Graduation

(2016)

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab.

LL.M. [Constitutional Laws]

Dissertation topic- ***“Fighting Gender Biased Laws in India: The Misuse of Women Empowerment Laws”***

under the mentorship of Dr. Gagan Preet, Assistant Professor of Law.

Percentage- 74.5%

GPA- 9.14

Distinction.

(2015-2016)

Graduation

(2015)

Department of Laws, Panjab University (PU), Chandigarh.

LL.B. (Professional) 3-year course

Percentage- 66.27%

(2012-2015)

Graduation

(2012)

BBK DAV College, Amritsar, Punjab

B.A. in Social Sciences

Percentage- 65%

(2009-2012)

Higher Senior Secondary (Class XII)

(2009)

Affiliated to **CBSE Board**

DAV Public School, Amritsar, Punjab.

Non-Medical

Percentage- 74.2%

(2009)

Senior Secondary (Class X)

(2007)

Affiliated to **CBSE Board**

DAV Public School, Amritsar, Punjab

Percentage- 88.4%

(2007)

PUBLICATIONS & PAPER-PRESENTATIONS

- Article titled, **“Gender Neutrality and Gender Sensitization: Need of the Hour”**, got published in the UGC Care Listed Journal, **“Our Heritage,”** 68(30), pp. 9457-9483, in February 2020.
- Article titled, **“Judicial Verdicts Reflecting Gender-Neutrality-A trend Analysis”** got published in the UGC Care Listed Journal, **“South Indian Journal of Social Sciences Vol. XVIII No. 2”** Official Journal of the A.P. Academy of Social Sciences (Regd.) in December, 2020 Vol. XVIII No.2 BI ANNUAL (UGC Care Listed) ISSN 0972-8945
- Article titled, **“Analysis of the Aadhaar Judgment: Whether Automating Equality or Creating a bias?”** got published in a book with ISBN number 9781636065526, by Lexis Nexis, titled, **“Life, Liberty & Privacy: The Indian Jurisprudence on Individuals’ Data Privacy.”**
The book holds forewords by Hon'ble Justice KG Balakrishnan, Former Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Justice Kurian Joseph, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Justice AK Sikri, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India & presently International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court and Prof. Dr. R Venkata Rao, Former Vice Chancellor, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.
- Chapter titled, **Gender Biased Legislations under Marriage and Divorce Laws**, got published in the book titled **“Legal Eye: Book on Human Rights studies”** by the Pratishthaa Publishing House, Lucknow, An Anthology series by JC Foundation, with an ISBN: 9789389221213, 9789389221213; Edition: First, 2019.
- Article titled **“Fleeing Persecution: The Situation of The Rohingya’s In India,”** got published on the website **Legal Service India.com**.
- Article titled, **“Gender Biased legislations under health laws with reference to the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 and MTP Rules, 1975”** got published in **Medico-Legal Reporter, Issue 1, June 2018** ISSN NO: 2347-3525. This Article was also highlighted in the “Analysis” segment of the website **Legaldesire.com**.
- Article titled **“Gender equality is a human right: An assessment of Convention on the Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (CEDAW),”** got published in **“South-Asian Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies (SAJMS)”** Volume 4 Issue 3 | ISSN: 2349-7858”
- Article titled **“GST Enforcement- Is a Decoy Good to Deploy?”** got published in **“Excise Law Times,”** 2017 (Volume 350) E.L.T. Part 4 A138 by Centax Publications Pvt. Ltd., Delhi”
- Article titled **“Right to Life and Personal Liberty in Indian Constitution”** got published in **“Indian Bar Review,”** Vol. XLIII (3) 2016.

- Article titled **“Free Legal Aid: A Catalyst for Social Change”** got published in **“Journal of Global Research and Analysis,”** [December 2016 Volume 5 (2)] ISSN-2278-6775.
- Article titled **“Capital Punishment: An Analysis of Judicial Interpretation”** got published in **“Legal Mirror”** Vol. 1 | Issue 2 ISSN-2454-6216.
- Article titled **“LGBT Rights and Decriminalization of Section 377”** got published in **“Lexkhoj International Journal of Criminal Law”** Vol. 1 Issue II | ISSN 2456-2297.
- Article titled **“Fighting Gender Biased Laws: The Misuse of Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005”** got published in **“International Journal of Legal Research”** Vol. 2 | Issue-2 ISSN- 2349-8463.

Paper presentations

- Paper titled **“LGBT Rights and Decriminalization of Section 377”** presented in a One Day National Seminar on **“Human Rights Law: Prospects and Challenges”** organized by Centre for Advanced Studies in Human Rights, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab on 2nd Feb, 2016.
- Paper titled **“Legal Aid: A Catalyst for Social Change”** presented in a One Day National Seminar on **“Prison Administration and Reforms with Special Emphasis on Legal Aid and Legal Services”** organized by Centre for Advanced Studies in Criminal Law Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab on 9th April, 2016.
- Paper titled **“Gender equality is a human right: An assessment of Convention on the Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (CEDAW),”** Presented in UGC Sponsored National Seminar, organized by Department of Political Science, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab on 4-5th March 2017.
- Paper titled **“Media Trial: An Analysis of Indian Scenario”** presented in **National Seminar on Impact of Media on The Social, Economic and Political Fabric Of Democracy** organised By University Institute Of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh On 9Th March, 2018.
- Paper titled **“Fleeing Persecution: The Situation of The Rohingya’s In India,”** Presented in **International Symposium on ‘Contemporary International Affairs’**, organised by Indian Journal of Law and International Affairs in association with Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia University on 7th April 2018.

- Paper titled “**Gender Biased Legislations under Family Law,**” presented in **UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Feminine Jurisprudence and Gender Biased Laws in India**, organized by **Chanakya National Law University (CNLU), Patna** on 29th September 2018.
- Participated as a **Delegate** in **2nd Doctoral Colloquium, 2019** and presented paper titled “**Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, 1979 (CEDAW): A study with reference to misuse of women empowerment by criminal legislations in India.**” Organized by **University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, (UPES) Dehradun** on 24th May 2019.

Abstracts Published:

- Abstract Titled “**LGBT Rights and Decriminalization of Section 377**” got published in National Seminar Proceedings of on “**Human Rights Law: Prospects and Challenges**” **Feb 2016.**
- Abstract Titled “**Fleeing Persecution: The Situation of The Rohingya’s In India,**” got published in Seminar Proceedings of “**Indian Journal of Law and International Affairs**” **ISSN 2518-3257, March 2018.**

INTERNSHIPS

Adv. Hemant Saini Senior Advocate of Punjab and Haryana High Court [Sep 2012-Jan 2015]

Researched case laws on the Indian Penal Code.
 Framed a legal opinion for new amendments in rape laws.
 Did extensive case law and statutory research on the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act; case law research on international arbitration and online mediation processes.
 Did Translations of FIRs for various complaints.

Adv. Vijay Advocate at District Courts, Complex [Jan- March 2015]

Learnt civil matter’s Drafting and proceedings.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Got Certificate of **Merit and Cash prizes** in BA-III for securing **Highest Scores** in Sociology, Political Science and History.
- Got Certificate of **Appreciation** in BA-III for achievements in Co-Academics.
- Got Grade of **Distinction** in Master of Laws, 2016.
- **Cleared** All India Bar Exam, 2016 (**AIBE-XI**).

- **Enrolled** as an Advocate under Advocates Act, 1961 by Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana, under enrolment number- **P/3405/2015**.
- Availed **Fellowship** for Ph.D. in Laws by University Grants Commission (UGC) for special grants under the '**Universities with potential for excellence**' (UPE) scheme from August 2016- July 2017.
- Participated, in the 3rd Rajiv Gandhi National University Moot Court Competition (March 2014).
- Host and Joint Organizer, **Philip Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition** (Surana & Surana North India Rounds-2014)
- Did Online Certificate course on **Competition Law and Intellectual Property Rights**, by FICCI, June- August 2014.

WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS AND SEMINARS

- Participated in the **Mediation Awareness Programme** organised by the **State Legal Services Authority** under the aegis of "**The Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee, Supreme Court of India**" at District Courts Complex, Sector 43, Chandigarh. (February 2014).
- Participated in "**Right to Information: Workshop**" organised by "**Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative**," at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. (April, 2016).
- Participated in "**Doctoral Colloquium**" organized by University of Petroleum and Energy Studies,(UPES),Dehradun, on 24th May, 2019 and presented my Doctoral thesis titled, "**Convention on the Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, 1979 (CEDAW): A study with reference to misuse of women empowerment by Criminal Legislations in India.**"
- **Speaker** at an Interactive webinar session **Lexx Talk**, on the topic **Marital rape a crime not criminalized in India and Globe**, organized by NALAD (National Association for Legal Aid and Development) and Lex Assisto, on May 2, 2020.
- Participated and Hosted, **GNDU Law Webinar's** Inaugural session on the topic, "**Nuances of Legal Practice in Online Era**" by Dean Law Faculty, **Justice (Retd.) Rajive Bhalla**, of Dept. of Laws, GNDU Amritsar on April 22, 2020.
- Participated in **GNDU Law Webinar**, on the topic "**Child Custody: Socio-Legal Issues: The Future**" keynote speakers were, **Justice AK Sikri, Justice Rajive Bhalla and Sr. Advocate and Author Anil Malhotra** on April 24, 2020.
- **Speaker and Course Instructor** at **5 days Lecture Series on Advanced Constitutional Laws**, organized by **Vakeel Khoj**, media organization from June 24 - 28, 2020.

- Participated in a panel discussion on "**Sexual Assault in the Military: Justice for Vanessa Guillén**" organised by *La Alianza* at **Harvard Law School** on August 25, 2020.
- Participated in LEGIS ORBIS e-Seminar conducted in association with Lexis Nexis on "**Life, Liberty & Privacy : The Indian Jurisprudence on Individual's Data Privacy,**" key note speakers were Hon'ble Justice K.G. Balakrishnan, Former Chief Justice of India and Hon'ble Justice A.K. Sikri, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India.

Article titled, "**Analysis of the Aadhaar Judgment: Whether Automating Equality or Creating a bias?**" selected for publication in a book with ISBN number, by Lexis Nexis, titled, "**Life, Liberty & Privacy: The Indian Jurisprudence on Individuals' Data Privacy**" which will be released on or before September 15, 2020.
- Participated in Webinar, "**International Colloquium on "Individual Rights During COVID-19"**", on May 31, 2020, Organized by **ICFAI Law School**, The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Hyderabad.

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ SOCIAL WORK

- President of Red Cross Society of BBK DAV College, Amritsar (2009-12) organised various events including free medical checkup and blood donation camps.
- Member of a NGO "*For A Better World*" (*F.A.B.*). It's a volunteer organization in my department which works to serve society and mankind, which includes visiting and donating to Old Age Homes and Orphanages in Chandigarh.

ORGANISATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Convener, **Department Moot Court Society** (2014). Responsibilities include conducting and managing logistics of moot courts in association within the department; selecting/training moot court teams.
- Host and Joint Organizer, *Philip Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition* (Surana & Surana North India Rounds-2014)
- Peer-reviewer at GNDU Student Law Journal.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

- Participated in **Table-Tennis CBSE National Tournaments** in 2006, held at D.A.V. Public School Sector 8, Chandigarh.

- **Won** Silver Medal at **Table-Tennis CBSE State Level Tournaments** in 2006, held at Innocent Hearts School, Jalandhar.
- **Won** Gold Medal at **Table-Tennis CBSE District Level Tournaments** 2006, held at Senior Study School, Amritsar.
- Participated in **Yuvardha** Sport Fest organised by, **National Law University, Jodhpur** in September, 2015.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

I love to dance and do aerobics this includes my fitness regime. Apart from academics, I love to play Table-Tennis. I am also a very social person; my routine includes hang outs with friends and social networking. I have a great passion for reading, writing and collecting quotes.