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General News



Mass Transportation of people by Political Parties to show strength should be prohibited, Madras HC

In view of the upcoming election season, the Madras High Court has issued directions against the *en masse* transport of people by political parties to boost numbers at election rallies and campaign venues.

Read more: <https://barandbench.com/madras-hc-mass-transport-political-parties/>



RGNUL Protest enters Day 3; NLU student consortium, other student bodies express solidarity

After talks with the administration failed, students at the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Patiala have decided to continue their protests. As the agitation entered day 3, the venue shifted to the University gates this morning.

Read more: <https://barandbench.com/rgnul-student-protests-enter-day-3/>



Supreme Court issues notice to Centre in plea challenging Restitution of Conjugal Rights provisions

Supreme Court on Friday issued notice to the Central government in a petition challenging the Constitutional validity of provisions relating to restitution of conjugal rights under the Hindu Marriage Act and Special Marriage Act.

Read more: <https://barandbench.com/supreme-court-notice-validity-of-restitution-conjugal-rights/>

PILs in the SC and the Gujarat HC



SC notice to Centre on plea against marriage laws forcing estranged couples to cohabit

Constitutional validity of provisions in matrimonial laws empowering courts to ask estranged spouses to "cohabit" and "take part in sexual intercourse".

A three-judge bench comprising [Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi](#) and Justices [Deepak Gupta](#) and [Sanjiv Khanna](#) issued notice to the Centre on the petition which said that these laws treat women as "chattel" and are violative of fundamental rights including the right to privacy.

[Ojaswa Pathak](#) and Mayank Gupta, students of [Gujarat National Law University](#) at Gandhinagar, had challenged the validity of section 9 of the Hindu Marriage Act (HMA), Section 22 of the Special Marriage Act (SMA) and certain provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure (CPC). They empower courts to pass a decree of restitution of conjugal rights to an estranged couple.

Read more at : <https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/sc-notice-to-centre-on-pil-over-constitutional-validity-of-restitution-of-conjugal-rightsnew-delhi20190315141659/>



Should Political Parties Only Field Graduates as Candidates? Supreme Court to Decide

The Supreme Court on Thursday said it will hear on March 25 a plea seeking a direction that political parties field candidates with graduation as minimum qualification, and are below the age of 75 years. A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi listed the petition filed by lawyer Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay for hearing before an appropriate bench. "List the matter on March 25, 2019 before an appropriate bench as per the roster," said the bench, also comprising Justices Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna.

Read more at : <https://www.news18.com/news/politics/should-political-parties-only-field-graduates-as-candidates-supreme-court-to-decide-2066971.html>



PIL against Smriti Irani: Gujarat HC asks government to give details about recovery.

The Gujarat High Court hearing a PIL that accused Union minister and Rajya Sabha MP Smriti Irani of misusing her MPLAD fund, on March 14 sought details from the state government about the recovery of money from the implementing agency.

Division bench of Acting Chief Justice A S Dave and Justice Biren Vaishnav also sought to know the status of the investigation conducted so far by the government in the case.

The Public Interest Litigation (PIL) against Irani was filed in July 2017 by Gujarat Congress chief and MLA from Anklav constituency in Anand district, Amit Chavda.

Internship opportunity



ICC Court of Arbitration, Paris

The Secretariat of the ICC Court of Arbitration is currently looking for arbitration Interns for our Arbitration Case Management Teams for a non-flexible period of 3 months or 6 months.

The next periods of internships will start on: -

1. 1st July 2019 (Ref: Internship-Jul19) – deadline for the applications: 31 March 2019
2. 1st October 2019 (Ref: Internship-Oct19) – deadline for the applications: 31 May 2019
3. 1st January 2020 (Ref: Internship-Jan20) – deadline for

the applications: 30 September 2019

4. 1st April 2020 (Ref: Internship-Apr20) – deadline for the applications: 31 December 2019

The Intern will be under the supervision of a Counsel of one of the arbitration case management teams in Paris.

Tasks: -

1. Read and draft documents related to arbitration cases in English (French and Spanish are required for specific teams)
2. draft in English (French and Spanish are required for specific teams)
3. legal research and read legal documents in English and one of the languages listed below
4. preparation of conferences
5. translation of legal documents
6. ad hoc assignments as requested by the teams and the services of the Secretariat to which the intern may be assigned

Preference will be given to students in international commercial law arbitration with strong academic credentials and prior work experience. Fluent English is a requirement.

Eligibility: The candidate needs to still be registered as a student during the time of the internship. Recent graduates who are not anymore enrolled in an educational program are therefore not eligible to do an Internship at ICC.

Stipend: The Intern will receive a monthly gratification of about EUR 500 + meal vouchers + partial compensation of public transport costs. The Internship Programs are full-time and the average working week is 35 hours.

How to apply: Applications should be addressed in English only by email addressed to the Selection Committee (Attn. Ms Claudia Pansa) at courtinternship@iccwbo.org.

This should include:

1. a short CV (one page maximum focusing on the experience relevant to the Internship) and indicating your current studies (with expected graduation date)
2. a cover letter (no model provided), describing in a detailed way which arbitration classes you followed and your first professional experience(s) in relation to arbitration.
3. Two referees' names with their respective contact details (if possible one academic referee and one professional referee who supervised you directly)
4. an academic writing sample in English (e.g. submitted paper during university studies)

Contact: Email: courtinternship@iccwbo.org

Scholarship



LL.M Scholarships @ Queen Mary School of Law, London

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit, the submitted personal statement in response to the set question as detailed in the application, and in some cases, financial need and

professional/extracurricular achievements.

How to apply: -

Apply via [this online application link](#).

You must submit the following documents with your online application:

1. 1000 word (maximum) statement in response to the following: 'Please explain why you want to study for the chosen programme at Queen Mary University of London, specifying the area of law and the modules you have a particular interest in. What you will bring to the programme and why you feel you should be awarded a scholarship; focusing on your academic and professional achievements (if relevant) and financial need.
2. Transcripts of your law degree and any other legal qualifications. **Please submit relevant, translated copies only.**
3. Curriculum Vitae.
4. 1 x Reference letter (This can be a copy of the reference submitted as part of your programme application or, if not available to you, you must obtain a reference specifically for this scholarship application). **Please do not submit more than one reference letter.**

Apply for the programme as early as possible as and no later than **22 February 2019**. Students who have not submitted their **complete** application by this date will not be considered for funding.

If you have missing documents in your application it will not be considered in time for scholarship consideration. It is acceptable to apply with a conditional offer of study pending English language test scores or final academic grades.

Funding deadline: The deadline for submission of the scholarships application is **22 March 2019 by 17.00 hrs GMT** – students must have an offer of study (either conditional or unconditional) for the LL.M before applying for funding. Therefore, any student who has applied for a programme listed above by **22 February 2019** and has not received an offer of study by **18 March 2019** should contact lmscholarships@qmul.ac.uk (not the admissions team) and quote the date of application and their application number in order for us to look into this.

Contact: For queries about the progress of LL.M Applications please contact the Admissions Office by email: lawpgadm@qmul.ac.uk.

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NLUD Legal Services Committee

Over the years, the Legal Services Committee has been involved in fostering legal aid and awareness. While previously their focus was on spreading awareness about rights and facilitating access to courts, from this year the Committee has expanded its domain to also ensure access to government institutions. The

Project on Compensation for Sewerage Deaths being undertaken by the Legal Services Committee in association with the SafaiKaramchhariAndolan (SKA), aims to identify the families of deceased sewerage workers and to help them claim compensation from the Government of NCT of Delhi. Their Legal Aid Clinic has a separate office space where a legal aid lawyer from the South-West District Legal Services Authority visits the Clinic every week to deal with various grievances addressed to the Clinic. Also, the Clinic now has a dedicated phone number, enabling easier access to persons both within and outside the University. The Committee ensured that awareness drives (through posters and conversations) for the Clinic have been conducted. In addition to the core activities, the Committee also facilitates legal research for various NGO's by putting them in touch with the student body.



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