



Event: Guest Lecture on Labour Law & Law of Torts

Date: 26/03/2026

Time: 10:00am-12:15pm

Venue: Moot Court Hall, Vydehi Institute of Law

Organized by: Events Committee

Target Audience: 3 Year LLB (Semester II & IV), BA LLB, BCOM LLB, BBA LLB (Semester II & IV)

Resource Person : Prof. Shilpi Roy Chowdhury (Christ University)

Student Participation: List Attached

Introduction:

The Events Committee of Vydehi institute of law organised a guest lecture session on the topic “Law of tort and law of torts” on Thursday, 26th March 2026, at the Moot Court Hall of the institution. The session commenced at 10:00am for the 3 years LLB students followed by 5 years BBA LLB, BA LLB and Bcom LLB. The event began with welcoming Principal Sir and the Guest speaker for the day. The principal of Vydehi Institute of Law, Dr. C.G Manjunath, introduced the session by addressing the importance of legal awareness.

Profile of the Speaker: Prof. Shilpi Roy Chowdhury specializes in gender, personal laws, and public international law. In 2016, she founded the Gender Studies Committee at the School of Law. She has conducted gender sensitization programs in corporates and educational institutions. She has presented at seminars, conferences, and panel discussions on topics such as criminal law, gender, labour laws, torts, LGBTQ rights, and child rights. Her work also includes research on intersectional feminism and transformative constitutionalism. At the School of Law, CHRIST, she encourages students to adopt a critical gendered lens when analyzing domestic and international laws. She continues to inspire the next generation of legal professionals.

Description of the Event:

The event on Law of tort and Law of torts was conducted to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of civil wrongs and their legal implications. The session began with an introduction to the basic concepts of tort law, including negligence, nuisance, and defamation. The speaker explained key principles with the help of real-life examples and landmark case studies, making the session interactive and easy to understand.

Further, important doctrines such as absolute liability, especially in cases involving hazardous substances, were discussed in detail. The session also covered key legislation like the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 and concepts such as environmental impact assessment and status quo ante

(restoration to the original position). The principle of double jeopardy was also briefly introduced to enhance legal understanding.

Several landmark cases were explained to provide practical insights, *M.C. Mehta v. Union of India* (1987), the Oleum Gas Leak Case, and the Shriram Fertilizer Case. These cases helped students understand the application of tort law principles in real-life situations.

Participants were encouraged to engage in discussions and share their perspectives on various legal scenarios. Activities such as case analysis and question-and-answer sessions further enhanced their understanding. The event successfully created awareness about legal rights, duties, and remedies available under tort law, making it both informative and engaging.

Objectives of the event :

- To introduce participants to the concept of Law of Tort as well as the broader framework of the Law of Torts.
- It aimed to build a clear understanding of civil wrongs, legal liabilities, and available remedies, while highlighting the importance of individual rights and duties.
- The event also focused on enhancing analytical and critical thinking skills through case-based discussions and promoting awareness of the practical application of tort law in real-life situations.

Outcome of the Event:

- **Enhanced Understanding:** Participants gained a deeper understanding of the fundamental principles of law of tort, including civil wrongs, liabilities, and remedies.
- **Conceptual Clarity:** Clear understanding of key concepts such as negligence, nuisance, and defamation was developed.
- **Legal Doctrines:** Improved knowledge of important doctrines such as status quo ante and double jeopardy.
- **Environmental Awareness:** Understanding of environmental aspects like environmental impact assessment was enhanced.
- **Legislative Knowledge:** Awareness of important laws such as the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 was developed.
- **Practical Application:** Ability to relate theoretical concepts to real-life legal situations was improved.

Event Mentors: Dr. Anindita Bose

Principal