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ABOUT US

Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS) is founded on Swami Vivekananda's philosophy that education is "Man-Making, Character Building and Nation Building". The vision behind VIPS is to establish, maintain and promote excellent centers of education for imparting quality professional education equitable with the best in the world.

Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS) was set up in the year 2000, by Strength India Educational Society for the purpose of providing not only quality education but also professional ethicism and with the objective of shaping the students into good professionals without compromising on the responsible citizenship of the country.

VIPS is affiliated to Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi. It has been accredited "A" grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). VIPS is recognized by the Bar Council of India and approved by the All India Council of Technical Education. Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies has also been recognized by UGC. In acknowledgement of the organization's quality management system, the institute was awarded 'ISO 9001:2008' Certification. Presently the institution has one of the best infrastructures and campuses, guided by every standard in the ultra-modern capital city of Delhi. VIPS has emerged as one of the most sought after institution for higher studies amongst colleges affiliated to GGSIP University. VIPS offers professional courses which renders students competent for opting skilled professions (like lawyer, software engineer, manager) Today VIPS nestles in its bosom 11 courses, 5000 students, approximately 300 faculty members and a huge number of support staff.



VIPS imparts not only domain specific knowledge but also builds character-centric intellect of its students. It has in furtherance of its comprehensive design, entered into a collaboration with the **National Law School of India University, Bangalore**. It has also collaborated with the All India Reporter (AIR) for setting up of a Research Center for the enhancement of research activities. An MOU between VIPS and **University of New Hampshire, School of Law-Franklin Pierce Centre for Intellectual property, Concord** has also been signed.

ABOUT VLS

Vivekananda Law School (VLS) being an integral part of VIPS, induces amongst the students, the urge to think intensively and to think critically, enabling them to meet the challenges of the grappling time. The students are constantly reminded that they have chosen to pursue and practice not business but a noble profession.

In its arduous journey of almost two decades, VLS has produced number of distinguished scholars and legal luminaries adorned by 10 gold medalists and 18 Judicial officers. At VLS, the true goal of education is not merely circumscribed by intelligence but by "intelligence plus character", facilitated by the continuous dialogue of education where the faculty plays the role of a facilitator and not simply of a teacher. The philosophy of our faculty is what Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishna once said, "When we think we know, we cease to learn."

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DEAN'S MESSAGE



India is marching towards globalization while achieving growth through indigenous development. Digital India, foreign investment, Make in India, Start up and such many more initiatives are a part of this strategy. These initiatives are creating more opportunities for the legal professionals as well. Within this context, it may be noted that India has the second largest legal profession with more than 6,00,000 lawyers. However, considering the population of India, the ratio available for Indian population is only six lawyers per ten thousand people. In this scenario, there is a need to staff the legal services along with making it efficient and equipping it to deal with changing scenario and increasing expectations. In this background, Vivekananda Law School (VLS), VIPS, by delving upon its experience and expertise in law, is doing progressive efforts to equip its law students face the world. The approach of VLS towards academics is holistic. The faculty members have expertise in various areas of national and international law: trade, commerce, intellectual property, corporate, family, as also constitution and civil and criminal procedure. They strive to develop the conceptual clarity amongst students and insist on creation of research, aptitude and critical approach amongst student. Along with various stakeholders from Bar, Bench and legal services industry, VLS is consciously developing its student's fraternity for all round development by organizing activities mainly moot courts, alternative dispute resolutions mechanisms, research, legal aid, debates and many more. It helps in empowering students with various skills necessary for a legal professional. Collaborations with University of New Hampshire- Franklin Pierce Center, Concord, United States and National Law India University Bangalore are also being made for the exposure of students at international and national level. It gives us immense pleasure to announce the inaugural edition of VIPS DRCC. The idea behind the competition is to solicit massive participation for increasing awareness among the young legal minds about alternative modes to litigation.

Prof. Rashmi Salpekar

Dean, VLS

VIPS CLINICAL LAW CENTRE

VIPS Clinical Law Centre was inaugurated by Shri. Biri Singh Sinsinwar, Member, Bar Council of India on September 18, 2014.

The theoretical knowledge of law cannot be divorced from practical application thereof. In fact, to know the alternative dispute resolution procedures it is imperative to be informed of adjudication method. To acquaint students with practical aspects of law, Clinical Law Centre undertakes the following activities:

(i) Client Counselling - Students are imparted the art of counselling the client. Students are trained in the process of extraction of facts from the clients, thus making them capable of advising the clients holistically.



(ii) Negotiation, to make students understand ways to bring conflicting parties at a comfortable level on a negotiation table and to protect their mutual interests.

(iii) Mediation, whereby the students are trained in the complicated task of mediating between conflicting parties and their disputing interests.

OUR LAURELS

As part of our initiative and motive of ensuring that our students are well trained in the art of Alternative Dispute Resolution and the art of client counseling, the Institute actively promotes participation in various ADR and Client Counselling Competitions, around the country and has also bagged various prizes. Here's a look at some of the achievement of our ADR Board -

- Winner at Symbiosis *Symfiesta* National Client Counselling Competition, 2017
- Runner-up (Mediator) at VMSCL-WMO *lex-infinitum* International ADR Competition, 2017
- Runner up at 2nd NCU National Client Counselling Competition, 2016
- Semi-finalist at Symbiosis *Symfiesta* National Negotiation Competition, 2017
- Amongst top 5 finalist in the NLS NMC Negotiation Competition, 2016
- Amongst Top 5 finalist in the Arguendo Law Fest, Panjab University, Chandigarh, 2016.
- Semi Finalist at 4th National Client Counselling Competition, UPES, 2015.



At college level, the following initiatives have been taken up:

- 1) Dedicated Course guideline towards the ever expansive discipline of ADR

ADR is a recent development in the field of dispute settlement. It has to borne in mind that traditional methods of dispute settlement are not self-sufficient in today's time. With this view the academic syllabus has been specifically drafted and ADR thereby forms a part of mainstream legal subjects at VIPS.

- 2) Demonstrative Impromptu Mediation Session instructed and guided by Judge-Incharge, Mediation (District Legal Services Authority, North West District, Rohini Court). VIPS has collaborated time and again with legal services authority at High Court level and District Court level.

- 3) Regular Orientation sessions for ADR Systems.

- 4) Intra level ADR competitions –

- Negotiation
- Client Counselling
- Mediation

The skills of effective counselling, negotiating and apropos mediating is sought to be instilled as a part of routine development towards the career growth of law students as much as the mootng skillset.

- 5) Regular visits to Mediation cells of the courts.
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VIPS Dispute Resolution And Client Counselling Competition (DRCC)

“We are not gladiators fighting for the blood and life of the other person, but rather the knight in shining armor, guided through the noble path of chivalry.”

This April, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies is going to pioneer the inaugural edition of VIPS DRCC, a platform exclusively dedicated for creating awareness about various alternatives and expeditious ways of resolving disputes. The event aims at bringing together students, academicians and scholars from across the country to explore new facets in the field of dispute resolution. The national event comprises of two competitions – Mediation and Client counselling.

“ADR is not in us – it is a new graft like a new heart, or a new kidney; like the human body the body politic looks for an opening to reject it. This new transplant must be nurtured & kept alive. Lawyers & Judges will be solely responsible, if it is not.” so said Mr. Fali Nariman, the noted Doyen of Bar.

At VIPS, the potential of the young to go beyond the traditional and explore the new and upcoming, is understood and encouraged. We believe that Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), though still in its nascent stage, holds tremendous potential and is the future of adjudication.

VIPS DRCC has been set out with the aim of helping the students, as future lawyers to imbibe this crucial skill. To that purpose, VIPS DRCC aims to:

- (a) to increase awareness as to the significance of ADR;
 - (b) to promote settlements of dispute through ADR;
 - (c) to make budding lawyers, who are generally trained with the art of fighting in the battlefield of court, understand that court driven adjudication is not the only mode of settlement of disputes.
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VIPS DRCC is an attempt to tap this potential, lying dormant in every law student and additionally, to provide them with ground to play and foster their capabilities. We are resolute in making our students a part of this change and equipping them with all the tools at their disposal before entering into this seemingly expanding horizon. No person can shake hands with a clenched fist and this is what VIPS DRCC intends to promote through a two-day educational competition, combining the arts and skills of mediation and client counselling, with mock mediations and client counselling, which will bring together participants from the best universities all over India. It will cater to them an excellent opportunity to interact with experts in the field of Alternate Dispute Resolution.

This silent revolution has been sustained effectively by the faculty at VIPS, who has always been encouraging of the students and has played a cardinal role in giving shape to the brainchild, which is VIPS DRCC.

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The details of the events can also be checked at <https://www.facebook.com/vipsdrcc/>

