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### NOTICE

It is with extreme elation and honour, that we bring to you the newly-established USLLS CJR Cell, a student body that shall be working under the immediate guidance of prof. Dr. Upma Gautam. The cell will take up hands-on research activities and follow an active approach of organizing events ranging from intra-institution competitions to internship opportunities to strengthen and foster a healthy understanding of the reformative aspect of the Indian Criminal Justice System.

To build a strong community of avid thinkers, voracious readers and well-versed researchers, the USLLS CJR Cell hereby invites applicants for inductions to the Cell.

All students, with a passion for criminal law and/or research activities, are open to fill the Induction form, following which a screening process shall be initiated to induct meritorious members.

We wish you best of luck and invite you to join us in the endeavor!

PFA the document elaborating the full structure of the cell, available positions and hierarchy as well as eligibility criteria for the said student positions.

Deadline to fill the form:- 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023

Form Link -

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# CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH CELL

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University School of Law and Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh  
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## **GGSIPI AND USLLS**

Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPI) is the first university established by the Delhi Government under the provisions of the Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University Act, 1998. Its sprawling campus is nestled in the Dwarka area of the capital – an ideal location for a university which has the explicit objective of facilitating and promoting “studies, research and extension work in emerging areas of higher education with a focus on professional education”. The university, recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC), offers a myriad of courses including law, engineering, technology, management studies, medicine, pharmacy, nursing, and education. The University’s vision is to stimulate both the heart and mind of the scholars. It seeks to empower them to contribute to the welfare of society at large, by training them to adapt themselves to the changing needs of the society and the economy. With its top-notch faculty and a really diverse field of students from all over the globe, it is on a never-ending quest to achieve excellence in all fields.

### **University School of Law and Legal Studies**

Established in 2001, University School of Law and Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University is located in Dwarka, New Delhi, India. It is the first University to be in the vicinity of Supreme Court, Delhi High Court, various subordinate courts, commissions, tribunals and various monitoring offices of national and international voluntary organizations. The Law School aspires to open new vistas in the arena of law, legal studies, theoretical and clinical legal education through an incessant endeavour towards developing academic potential, critical analytical ability, advocacy, counselling and mediation skills so as to fully equip the students with learning which is intellectually stimulating, socially vital and professionally enriching.

### **ABOUT CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH CELL, USLLS**

The criminal justice system evolves alongside a changing society. Given its ever-evolving nature, an analytical approach to its pedagogy and discourse is necessary. Research is crucial in advancing any body of knowledge, particularly in the field of criminal justice. It helps criminal justice professionals, government policymakers, scholars, and students to identify effective practices in law enforcement, corrections,

and crime prevention. Engaging in research activities in this field fosters critical thinking, and aids in formulating evidence-based criminal justice policies and practices. Developing and acquiring robust research skills in the criminal justice profession, particularly for those new to the field, can help bridge the gap between theory and practice in the criminal justice system. Consequently, laws and policies tend to evolve to become more effective and efficient over time.

Research and policy-making are closely intertwined in criminal justice. Researchers in this field approach issues of crime and justice using scientific methods. They select areas of interest for study, present their findings at conferences, publish them in criminology and criminal justice journals, and shape their research in a way that allows law enforcement officials and government policymakers to create effective anti-crime policies. The Criminal Justice Research (*hereinafter* "CJR") Cell is a dedicated body that conducts research on various aspects of criminal justice, including law enforcement, courts, corrections, and related policies.

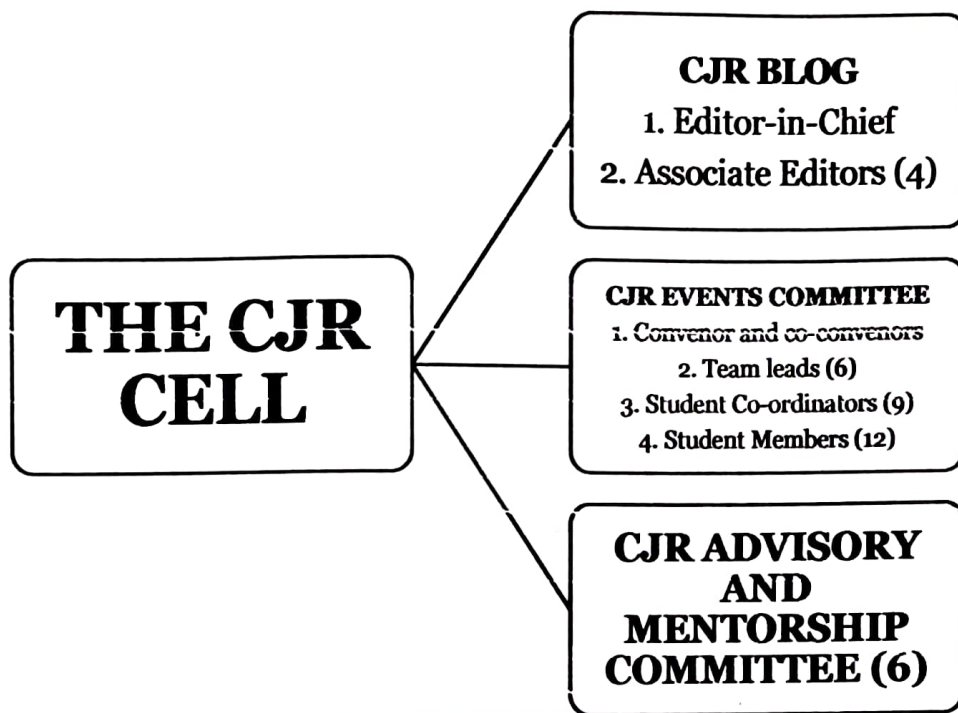
Furthermore, the CJR Cell is committed to taking a comprehensive approach to its practical, on-the-ground activities. The Cell aims to place its members in various settings for pro-bono legal representation, working closely with legal professionals, notable advocates, and government organizations. By doing so, the Cell aims to enhance knowledge, promote aptitude, and broaden the scope of criminal law and policy among students.

## **MISSION**

Law schools are an ideal space for law students to develop research skills, analytical approaches, and a deep understanding of criminal law and policy. The CJR Cell is dedicated to cultivating these skills and attitudes among students, to achieve the following outcomes:

- 1) The CJR Cell aims to nurture a research-oriented mindset among students, not only in the areas of criminal law and policy but also at the intersections of other disciplines. By doing so, the Cell seeks to develop in students an interdisciplinary approach to criminal justice research.
- 2) The Cell aims to provide students with opportunities to contribute to policy documents, research projects and published articles in indexed journals. Through these activities, students can hone their research skills and gain practical experience in the field of criminal justice.
- 3) The CJR Cell also seeks to facilitate collaboration and networking opportunities for students with experts, policymakers, and practitioners in the field of criminal justice. These interactions will enable students to gain practical insights into the challenges faced by criminal justice professionals and develop a deeper understanding of the practical aspects of criminal law and policy-making.
- 4) The Cell aims to promote community engagement by encouraging students to participate in pro-bono legal clinics and community outreach programs focused on criminal justice. Through these activities, students can apply their knowledge and skills to serve the needs of the community and gain practical experience in the field.
- 5) Finally, the CJR Cell aims to foster a culture of innovation and creativity among students. By encouraging students to develop new and innovative solutions to the challenges faced by the criminal justice system, the Cell aims to equip them with the skills and mindset needed to create a positive impact on society.

## STRUCTURE OF THE CJR CELL



**CELL DIVISION** – The Cell is broadly divided into three committees which are namely: -

**CJR Blog** – The CJR Blog is an enabling platform that fosters discussions and deliberations, providing students both inside and outside the university with the opportunity to publish their well-researched content. The editorial team of the CJR Blog will consist of an Editor-in-Chief from the 4th or 5th year of the 5-Year Integrated LL.B. Programme, along with four Associate Editors from the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th years of the 5-Year Integrated LL.B. Programme in the University.

**CJR Events Committee** – The CJR Events Committee is responsible for the overall operations and functioning of the Cell, including the organization of events, the conduct of research projects, and other pro-bono activities.

**CJR Advisory and Mentorship Committee** – The CJR Advisory and Mentorship Committee is tasked with advising and aiding the Events Committee and the Blog in their research-related activities. The CJR Cell includes an Advisory Board that provides guidance and support for the cell's research activities. The Board is

composed of students pursuing the 4th and 5th years of their 5-Year Integrated LL.B. Programme at the University, as well as expert practitioners and academics in the field of Criminal Justice. The Board provides input on the cell's management and research agendas, reviews research submissions, and provides feedback and recommendations to enhance the overall operation of the Cell.

**PATRON** – Padma Shri Prof. (Dr.) Mahesh Verma, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor– Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University.

**DIRECTOR** – Prof. (Dr.) Queeny Pradhan, Dean– University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU.

**FACULTY CONVENOR/COORDINATOR** – Dr. Upma Gautam, Associate Professor, University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU.

**LEADERSHIP** – The CJR Cell is composed of the Dean of USLLS, the Faculty Convenor/Coordinator, Student Convenors and Co-convenors, Student Leads, Student Coordinators, and members of the Advisory and Mentorship Committee.

### **SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES OF THE CJR CELL**

1. **Events & Activities**: Augment the public perception of the University School of Law and Legal Studies by conducting seminars, workshops, expert discussions, and providing internships in the concerned field of Criminal Justice.
2. **Integration**: Integration of multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research related to contemporary issues of the criminal justice system.
3. **Collaboration**: To bring the expertise of various professionals and collaborate with various organizations/institutions/firms for enhancing knowledge in academic and research matters.
4. **Discipline**: To undertake the projects which will further the objective of the Cell in a discipline-oriented manner.



# **ABOUT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE & RESEARCH BLOG**

## **I. Brief**

The Criminal Justice & Research Blog of the University School of Law and Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Dwarka, is committed to examining the multifaceted aspects of the criminal justice system, encompassing law enforcement and corrections, court procedures, and policy.

Our esteemed team of contributors consists of experienced scholars, researchers, practitioners, and policymakers who have dedicated themselves to the field of criminal justice. They will provide readers with cutting-edge research and analysis on a diverse range of topics, including:

- Criminal law and procedures
- Policing and law enforcement
- Corrections and rehabilitation
- Criminology and criminal psychology
- Juvenile justice
- Cybercrime and digital forensics
- International criminal justice

Our blog will offer a diverse range of content, including concise research summaries, insightful policy analyses, and engaging opinion pieces. Moreover, we will regularly showcase articles on the latest research studies and advancements in the dynamic and constantly evolving field of criminal justice. Our ultimate objective is to help our readers stay up-to-date with the latest trends, insights, and best practices.

## **II. Student Body**

The student body of the Criminal Justice & Research Blog will consist of primarily two positions.

### **1. Editor-in-Chief**

*Functions and powers:* The Editor-in-Chief of the Criminal Justice and Research Blog shall have the following key functions and powers:

- **Managing the editorial process:** The responsibility of managing the editorial process, from selecting topics to assigning articles to writers, and ensuring that deadlines are met.
- **Editing and proofreading:** The responsibility to review articles for accuracy, clarity, and style. This would include editing and proofreading articles, and ensuring that they meet the publication's standards.
- **Developing content strategy:** The responsibility to develop a content strategy that outlines the blog's goals and objectives, target audience, and topics to be covered. This would help to ensure that the blog remains relevant and engaging to readers.
- **Building relationships with contributors:** The responsibility to build and maintain relationships with contributors, including writers, researchers, and experts in the criminal justice field.
- **Managing social media and online presence:** The responsibility to manage the blog's social media and online presence, including promoting articles and engaging with readers.
- **In case of any conflict, the decision of the Editor-in-Chief shall be full and final.**

**Eligibility:** The eligibility criteria for the position of Editor-in-chief shall be as follows:

- This position is the senior-most position in the Criminal Justice & Research Blog.
- There is only one post for Editor-in-Chief.
- Applications will only be accepted from students in their 4th or 5th year of USLLS.
- The applicant must have previously served at least one term as the associate editor of the CJR Blog. This rule shall not apply to the inaugural Editor-in-Chief.
- Selection will be based on a combination of Interviews and/or Written Ability Tests (WATs).
- Applicants are required to have relevant experience and a keen interest in criminal law.

## 2. Associate Editors

*Functions:* The Associate Editor of the Criminal Justice and Research Blog shall have the following key functions and powers:

- **Manuscript acquisition:** Associate editors are responsible for identifying potential authors and acquiring manuscripts to be published. They typically review book proposals, research articles, and other written works to determine their quality and suitability for publication.
- **Manuscript editing:** Once manuscripts have been acquired, associate editors shall review them for content, structure, grammar, and style. They may provide feedback to authors on how to improve their work and suggest revisions.
- **Project management:** Associate editors shall oversee the production process for a publication, working closely with other members of the editorial team, including proof readers, designers, and production staff.
- **Peer review:** Associate editors shall oversee the peer-review process for scholarly articles, ensuring that they are evaluated by qualified experts in the field and that the feedback provided to authors is constructive and thorough.
- **Marketing and promotion:** Associate editors shall play a role in promoting and marketing the publication through social media, email newsletters, and other channels. They may also attend conferences and other events to network and promote the publication.

### *Eligibility:*

- There are four posts for Associate Editor.
- Applications will only be accepted from students in their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> year of USLLS.
- Selection will be based on a combination of Interviews and/or Written Ability Tests (WATs).
- Applicants are required to have relevant experience and a keen interest in criminal law.

## About the Criminal Justice & Research Events Committee

### II. Brief

The Criminal Justice & Research Events Committee is a pioneering initiative that brings together researchers, policymakers, and practitioners in the field of criminal justice. Our mission is to conduct innovative research, provide evidence-based policy recommendations, and promote best practices in the criminal justice system.

Our team of experts includes leading scholars, experienced practitioners, and dedicated researchers who are committed to advancing our understanding of the criminal justice system and improving outcomes for all stakeholders. Through our research, advocacy, and outreach efforts, we aim to promote fairness, justice, and accountability in the criminal justice system.

We work to promote evidence-based policies that promote fairness, accountability, and transparency in the criminal justice system. Our research focuses on reducing disparities in sentencing and improving outcomes for individuals involved in the justice system.

We stand for restorative justice practices that prioritize repairing harm and rebuilding relationships between victims, offenders, and communities. Our research focuses on evaluating the effectiveness of restorative justice programs and advocating for their implementation in the justice system.

We promote juvenile justice policies that prioritize the rehabilitation and reintegration of young offenders. Our research focuses on reducing the incarceration of youth and promoting evidence-based practices that improve outcomes for young people involved in the justice system.

The Criminal Justice & Research Cell stands for community-oriented policing practices that prioritize building trust and relationships between law enforcement and communities. Our research focuses on evaluating the effectiveness of policing practices and advocating for policies that promote accountability and transparency in law enforcement.

Our research and advocacy efforts are complemented by a range of outreach and training initiatives, including workshops, seminars, and training programs for policymakers, practitioners, and members of the public. We also publish a range of reports, policy briefs, and academic articles that provide insights and recommendations on key issues in the criminal justice system.

## **II. Student body**

The CJR Events Committee shall be comprised of the students from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year of USLLS, GGSIPU. The committee is divided into 3 sub-teams: Publications, Media and Outreach, and Human Relations. The events committee will consist of the following positions: -

1. **CONVENOR AND CO-CONVENORS**: To be appointed as per the discretion of the Faculty Convenor.
2. **TEAM LEADS**: Each of the three teams shall be led by two team leaders who shall be appointed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> year.
3. **STUDENT COORDINATORS**: Each of the three teams will have three student coordinators who will be appointed from 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
4. **STUDENT MEMBERS**: Each of the three teams will have four student members who will be appointed from 1<sup>st</sup> year.

**Note:** - The students shall be appointed to the respective posts after undergoing an induction process as deemed fit and necessary by the CJR Cell. A student may qualify to be a part of more than one body of the cell simultaneously.

## **ADVISORY AND MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **II. Brief**

The Advisory & Mentorship Committee shall advise and aid the Events committee and the blog in research-related activities. The CJR cell shall consist of an Advisory Board that provides guidance and support for the cell's research activities. The advisory board shall be composed of students pursuing 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Years of their 5-Year Integrated LL.B. Programme at the University, and other expert practitioners as well as Academicians in the field of Criminal Justice. The board may provide input on the cell's management and research agendas, review research submissions, and provide feedback as well as recommendations as far as the overall operation of the cell is concerned.

### **II. Student Body and Eligibility**

The Advisory and Mentorship Committee shall be comprised of the students of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year of USLLS, GGSIPU. The members of this committee shall be inducted at the discretion of the Faculty Convenor of the CJR Cell. Applicants must possess a fair knowledge of Criminal Law to effectively advise and support the functions of the Cell. A maximum of 6 members shall be inducted into this committee.

## How To Apply

The form for 2023 inductions of the USLLS Criminal Justice Research Cell shall be filled via the following attached link: -

<https://forms.gle/Ajb77gt6nVyimDs29>

**Note: The deadline for filling out the Google Form is March 31, 2023.**

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