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Inception of the MLSI



Our story is rooted in extraordinary times—the COVID-19 pandemic—when a surge in violence against doctors sparked urgent online discussions. Amidst the noise, one message stood out: Dr. Rajeev Joshi's simple, yet profound call to "do something concrete." Those words ignited the formation of MLSI and rallied like-minded professionals nationwide.

The beginning was marked by passionate debate and strategic planning. On January 29, 2022, over ten members gathered for our first online meeting, sowing the seeds of a pan-India initiative. The response was overwhelming. By our second meeting on February 13, 2022, more than 250 doctors from all specialties had expressed their support, solidifying our transition from idea to association.

These formative discussions provided the backbone for the Society, emboldening us to take on our first major case: the tragic suicide of Dr. Archana Sharma. After careful consultation with her family, MLSI committed to seeking justice, aiming to correct legal missteps by the authorities. This milestone was soon followed by another collaborative triumph—our members' expert contributions in shaping the NMC RMP Regulations 2022.

Each experience has propelled us further, enriching our vision and broadening our impact. This newsletter stands as a platform to continue that legacy: to inform, to educate, and to empower our community. Our journey is defined by advocacy at the highest levels, ensuring justice and professional integrity remain paramount.

OUR MISSION

1. Foster unity and collective action to safeguard doctors' rights and promote progressive legal reforms.
2. Provide strong legal advocacy for policies of critical importance and actively challenge the enforcement of unconstitutional laws.
3. Collaborate with law enforcement and the judiciary to uphold and protect patient rights.
4. Extend comprehensive support to doctors facing professional, legal, or personal challenges.

CORE VALUES

1. Maintain transparency and uphold the highest ethical standards in all organizational activities.
2. Embrace a democratic approach that values and integrates the suggestions of members in every decision and initiative



From the Editor's desk

It is with immense pride and great anticipation that we present the inaugural issue of the Medico-Legal Society of India's (MLSI) newsletter. Far beyond a collection of articles, this publication is a testament to our shared journey, a reflection of our collective resolve, and a guiding compass toward a collaborative future. As we embark on this exciting new chapter, we invite you—our members and readers—to actively engage, contribute, and help shape the future of MLSI. Let us continue to voice our concerns and drive positive change, united in our pursuit of justice and professional excellence.

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Being part of MLSI signifies joining a transformative and highly motivated movement dedicated to meaningful change for doctors. It is an invitation to help shape a future where the medical community stands united, respected, and empowered—a future defined by justice, progress, and solidarity that we collectively create.



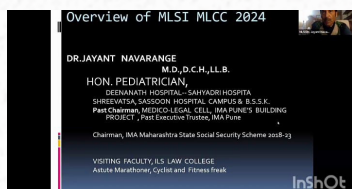
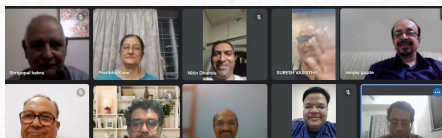
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From its inception, the Medical and Legal Studies Institute (MLSI) has recognized that strengthening the intersection of medical and legal professions demands proactive training and knowledge-sharing. The goal of the Certificate Program in Law and Medical Profession (LAMP), MLSI's flagship initiative, is to empower individuals to confidently navigate the complexities of medico-legal issues.

Comprehensive Training Across Professions

The LAMP curriculum is designed to be comprehensive and cross-disciplinary, addressing crucial subjects such as:

- IPC 1860 and BNS 2023 (Indian Penal Code and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita)
- Consent and Medical Records
- Medico-Legal Issues in Specialized Fields
- Consumer Protection ACT,
- Professional Negligence
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- ACTs related to Health care , and Professionals

This unwavering commitment to education is central to MLSI's mission: preparing members to face contemporary challenges and fostering a resilient, collaborative medico-legal community..

Practical Guide: A Doctor's Courtroom Survival Kit

By Dr. Nitin Dhandhe.

Understanding Your Core Roles

As a medical professional, your duties in a legal setting are distinct and critical. You must clearly understand and adhere to the following roles:

Fact Witness: As the treating doctor, your primary responsibility is to report only what you observed and the actions you took. You must stick strictly to the facts documented contemporaneously in medical records.

Expert Witness: When called as an expert, such as a forensic pathologist or toxicologist, you are expected to provide an independent, scientific, and unbiased opinion within your area of specialization. Your duty here is to offer objective analysis, not to advocate for any party.

Witness of Truth: Your ultimate obligation is to the court and to justice. You must maintain impartiality in paramount—avoiding bias or influence in your testimony.

Your Responsibility to Justice

As medical professionals, our responsibilities extend beyond patient care. We serve as pillars of justice, tasked with converting complex medical facts for judges and lawyers who often lack medical expertise. The outcome of critical cases—from criminal negligence to accident compensation—frequently depends on the clarity and accuracy of our testimony.



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MLSI intervention prior to Newsletter in print RECENT ACTIVITY

Offering a tangible solution for Maharashtra to resolve the conflict between the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, 1971 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

MLSI submitted detailed procedural frameworks that balance both Acts, ensuring minors' privacy rights under MTP while fulfilling POCSO reporting obligations. The guidelines include mechanisms like email-based notification to Police Commissioners without revealing minor identities, parental consent procedures, and a "No Objection Certificate" process from police stations before termination. Government officials engaged with MLSI founder Dr. Rajeev Joshi in meeting on September 20, 2025, assuring consideration of these guidelines. These protocols directly address the deadlines missed by the state as noted in the article, with the last hearing scheduled for September 29.th September 2025.

MLSI details along with other activities can be tracked on our website

<https://dataonweb.com/MLAA/index.php>.



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