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From the Dean's Desk

Prof (Dr.) Rashmi K Nagpal
DEAN, DME Law School



The COVID-19 pandemic has an unprecedented impact on many areas of life; work, free time and family. These changes have also affected the educational process in formal and informal learning environments. Public institutions such as childcare centers, schools, universities, and higher education institutions had to stop on-site teaching and switch to distance education, or shut down completely. Similarly, organizations that provide sports and cultural activities had to be closed. The sudden lockdown required rapid adjustments on behalf of all stakeholders, and significant changes have taken place in the teaching and learning environment. Even after the lifting of the lockdown conditions in many countries, in the absence of a cure or vaccine, the everyday realities of teaching and learning, work and family life have undergone fundamental changes.

Necessity is the mother of invention, what was envisaged as a vision to offer hybrid mode/ online teaching in the forthcoming years, became a reality almost overnight. Amidst this adversity, learning did not stop. Educators of all ages, from early childhood education to continuing education, had to move from the traditional classroom setting to various forms of distance education and develop methods of staying in contact with parents and students. For students, the lack of a structured learning environment in the classroom now require more self-regulation and self-motivation to learn with less support. Additionally, as some countries have reopened educational institutions while attempting to maintain social distancing, teachers and students experienced various changes in the educational environment (such as changes in class size, and access rights, following covid appropriate behavior) in a short period of time. There are, however, challenges to overcome. Some students without reliable internet access and/or technology struggle to participate in digital learning; this gap is seen across countries and between income brackets within countries. Fact remains that our virtual classrooms cannot replace the traditional classroom with live interactions, teaching online is teaching in virtual reality, but not in reality. The teachers are real! The students are real! The material is real! The atmosphere, however, is not real.



Anecdote Corner

Director General's Desk

Justice Bhanwar Singh
(Former High Court Judge)
Director General
Delhi Metropolitan Education

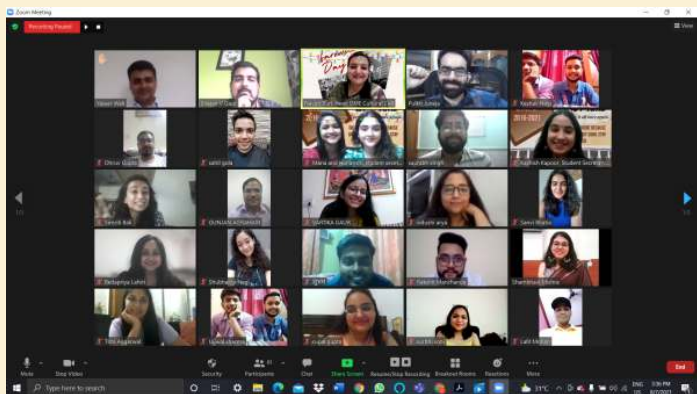
A habeas corpus writ petition was filed under Article 226 of the constitution of India by the father of a girl from a border village of district Sitapur. The petition as per the roster of the jurisdiction came to my court in Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court, where I was functioning as a Judge. The allegation levelled by the writ petitioner was that his daughter, only 16 years of age then, had been kidnapped by a boy, living in his neighborhood. The boy's father was said to be in league with the boy. Somewhere, in the background, the family-feud between the two families of the girl & the boy peeped through the pleadings of the parties. Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, I issued an order directing the Superintendent of the district Police to produce the girl before the court. On the date fixed the girl being escorted by the police, appeared in the court. She to everyone's surprise including her father, had a tiny child in her lap. I directed the girl to submit her statement.

She deposed that the boy, present in the court, had neither kidnapped her nor incited her to elope with him, rather she with her own free accord married with him in an Arya Samaj Temple and the baby boy in her lap was born, a few months back, out of their wedlock. When she was confronted with the alleged fact of kidnapping pleaded by her father and the law of a Hindu Marriage of a girl below 18 years being void, she replied that her father's allegations were all false and she was not aware of any Law except the palpable fact of a marriage certificate she filed and the baby boy was the proof of this wedding. The girl was absolutely thumb marked.

As the girl was minor, the court asked her to stay in the Lucknow Nari Niketan for 03 days and everyone, including the boy, were directed to stay away. The idea of her being for a short duration in the government's home was to enable her to think twice with a cool mind -whether to go with her father as per latter's prayer in the petition or to go with her boyfriend.

Even 03 days after, she stuck to her earlier decision of being together with her husband.

E-Farewell 2021



The Cultural Society of Delhi Metropolitan Education, Noida sec-62 affiliated to Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, conducted Virtual Farewell for Batch of 2016-2021 (BA/BBA LLB) on 7/August/2021, Saturday; 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm under the guidance of Head DME Cultural Cell, Ms. Navjot Suri. The event was a success with the blessings and presence of our ever guiding and supportive Vice Chairman Mr. Aman Sahni, Director General Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhanwar Singh, Director Professor Dr. Ravi Kant Swami, HOA DME Law School Prof. (Dr.) Bhavish Gupta and Academic Coordinator (Dr.) R.K. Randhawa. Students were filled with enthusiasm after listening to the kind words of our dignitaries. The event was followed by an enthralling musical performance by Enigma- DME Music Society after which games were organized for the students and the faculty. The faculties blessed the batch of 2016-2021 through beautiful video messages.

The event was further followed by an amazing dance performance prepared by the boys of FITOOR-DME Dance Society. The event was executed by the team of cultural cell - Anuja Saklani and Kunika Khurana (Student Head DME Cultural Cell), Mana Sharma and Kashish Kapoor (Student Secretary DME Cultural Cell), Himanshi Yadav (Student Senior OC Member DME Cultural Cell) and Harshita, Jhalak, Pragti and Siddhant (Student OC Members DME Cultural Cell).

Induction to Graduation: Pre-Final Batch

The Training and Placement Cell of DME Law School, affiliated to GGSIP University organized a virtual session on Induction to Graduation: Pre-Final Batch for law students of batch 2018-2023 on 31.08.2021 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi K Nagpal, Dean, DME Law School inspired students to chase higher goals in life by quoting that “DREAM is not what you see in sleep, DREAM is something which doesn't let you sleep.” – Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam. Dr. Nagpal in order to inculcate punctuality and reading habits within students, exuded the concept of “21 days to form a habit idea” originated in the 1960s by Dr. Maxwell Maltz. Dr. Seema Mam (Head, Placements), Ms. Shreya Mahajan (Convener, TPO), Mr. Gunjan Agrahari and Mr. Kush Kalra (Coordinators) emphasized on importance of building a professional Curriculum Vitae and alacrity. Students were apprised of the fact that total 124 law students of 4th Year were interested to gain internship opportunities from the TPO Cell, 70 companies were contacted by the Cell, 15 companies were procured from Internshala and total 40 students were successfully placed through the TPO Cell of the College. Clarifications and queries of students regarding types of internships and various application processes were answered. Awareness regarding internships, co-curricular activities and importance of promptness, successfully became the learning outcomes of this session.

Felicitation Ceremony of Batch Toppers



A felicitation ceremony was organised on Aug 25, 2021 for B.A. LL.B and BBA LLB courses from the outgoing batch, 2016-2021 for their outstanding performance in all ten semesters. They were congratulated, motivated and felicitated by Justice Bhanwar Singh, Director General, DME (former Judge, Allahabad High Court), Prof. (Dr.) Ravi Kant Swami, Director, DME and Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi K. Nagpal, Dean, DME Law School. Dr. R.K. Randhawa, Academic Coordinator, DME Law School and Ms. Shreya Mahajan, Head, Examination cell also graced the ceremony with their presence.

The names of the course wise toppers are as follows:

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Gayatri Swani- Ist
Rahul Kalra-IIInd
Simran Malik- IIIrd

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Sakshi Dev- Ist
Mukul Sharma- IInd
Vidushi Arya-IIIrd

Azadi Diwas Quiz Competition

Delhi Metropolitan Education (DME) NSS Cell & School of law & Outreach had organized AZADI DIWAS QUIZ COMPETITION on the occasion of Independence Day, Aug 15, 2021.

This quiz competition was open for school students (Class 9, 10, 11 & 12th) & DME students, and was organized virtually. First Round of the competition was held on Aug 13 & 14, 2021, 3 – 3.30 pm. Second Round was held on Aug 15, 2021, 3 -3.30 pm. The theme of the quiz was India's Independence struggle. Quiz was created and graded with Google Forms. 85 students registered for the event.

Winners:

First Prize (Rs. 2500/-): **Anjali Anand** (DME Student) (BBALLB - Third Year)

Second Prize (Rs.1500/-): **Khushi Bansal** (School Student) (SBPDAV Centenary Public School, Fatehabad)

Third Prize (Rs.1000/-): **Yash Sharma** (DME Student) (BALLB – Fourth Year)

Consolation Prize: **Parteek Batheja** (School Student) (SBP DAV Centenary Public School, Fatehabad), **Mayank Besoya** (DME Student) (BBA LLB - IV Year), **Prakhar Kumar Londhe** (DME Student) (BBA LLB Fourth Year), **Gauri Sharma**, DME Student, BBA First

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Rajinder Kaur Randhawa

One WEEK Faculty Development Programme on Global Education and Economic Order: Challenges, Opportunities, Strategies and Innovations organized by Ideal Institute of Management and Technology from 12th -15th July 2021.



Dr. Smita Gupta

Dr.Smita Gupta attended online Refresher Course in Human Rights & Social Inclusion, Aug 3 - Aug 14, 2021, organised by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.



Ms Komal Kapoor

Komal Kapoor attended 10 days Internal Academic Audit Training (IAAT) from 2nd August, 2021 to 13th August, 2021 organised by IQAC Cluster India.



Ms Navjot Suri

- Participated in One Week FDP on Changing Aspects of Law Organised by the MAIMS, 29th July to 4th August 2021.
- Participated in 6 Days Online FDP on Changing Dimensions of Crime, organized by Shoolini University, Solan. 2nd Aug 2021 to 7th Aug 2021
- Participated in a one-Day workshop on Air and Space Law organized by RGNUL, Punjab on 13th August, 2021.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

DME team bagged BEST TEAM AWARD in 3rd National Gitaratan Business International Business School National Virtual Moot Court Competition, held on March 20-21, 2021.

Team included

- 1 - Lakshay Kumar (B.A.LLB, 4th Year) SPEAKER
- 2 - Riya Mittal (B.A.LLB, 4th Year), RESEARCHER
- Rohit Kumar (B.A.LLB, 4th Year)

DME Team achieved quarter finalist position in 1st GP Singh Memorial national Moot Court Competition organised by National Law University, Jabalpur.

Team included

- 1 - Lakshay Kumar (B.A.LLB, 4th Year), SPEAKER
- 2 - Riya Mittal (B.A.LLB, 4th Year), RESEARCHER
- Rohit Kumar (B.A.LLB, 4th Year)



STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS-Covid 19

Holding one's hand in need



"These are reasonable precautionary measures, which would be the case even if there were no pandemic." - Emanuel Goldman, PhD (Professor of Microbiology, Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School)

Hygiene and sanitization are vital, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Aside from that, cleanliness should be an essential aspect of one's life. Hygiene helps both your health and the lives of people around you. We all know that the least educated people may overlook this importance. As a result, it is our responsibility to educate people on the significance of hygiene. I'd like to share my social work experience and how I addressed it.

This is the moment for us all to come together and maintain a good spirit by doing our part in the fight against the virus. Add in the fact that street vendors' food are all touch foods. So, I informed local street vendors on the need of hygiene and sanitization around them, as well as how they may take precautions to avoid virus spread. Furthermore, I explained how paying attention to hygiene may help them win the trust of customers, which can help them improve their sales also.

The number of COVID- 19 cases increased, resulting in a jump in the need for masks, sanitizers, and other COVID items. I went to the sugarcane vendor, pani-puri vendor, Ice-cream vendor, and one roadside grocery cart person. When I arrived, they were all without a mask, so I provided them with masks and gloves and instructed them on how to properly wear them. I provided them with an extra mask in case they lost one. My strategy was simple and direct. I provided masks and gloves to the vendors, stated the purpose of hygiene to them using simple Hindi terms. I also informed them of the severity of COVID-19 and the need for double masking.

Overall, it was my first experience of working for a social cause. I enjoyed it and learnt basics such as how to teach and persuade others, which was a challenge for me. All of the vendors, on the other hand, were courteous and responsive to my suggestions. People are urged to take the best possible care of themselves by using masks, sanitizers, and breaking the COVID-19 chain. It is our responsibility, and not to take safety for granted.

Rishika Chaurasia - BALLB
(II Year Student)

Helping People Amidst COVID-19



I worked with the two NGOs in the past as a volunteer and as a fieldworker by helping and improving the social surrounding, contributing to the social development of women and children. However, Covid-19 pandemic was a whole different scenario not only for me but for the whole world as it has locked up everyone in their respective homes and some with no place to reside. Covid-19 not only spreads the virus and death but also a loss of hope in the eyes of people and negativity in their minds.

Beside all this, I always tired and kept myself optimistic throughout the pandemic keeping in mind the words of A.P.J Abdul Kalam Sir, - *"We should not give up and we should not allow the problem to defeat us."* which has kept my morale up. Keeping the beautiful quote in mind, I enrolled myself in the NSS Cell of our college and started working with them, it was a whole different and life long experience.

Since the second wave was at its peak at that time, people were short of oxygen and beds in the hospital, moreover, underprivileged families also needed financial and healthcare support. I contributed my time to them by providing them verified phone numbers through which they can contact and ask for help for whatever they need. I personally searched and verified the phone numbers so that those in need and patients can get help without any wastage of time.

On my personal level along with the help of my family, in my locality I started distributing Rashan/food to the people who lost their jobs and the poor people specially, keeping in mind the guidelines for Covid-19 given by the Government and more neighbors joined hands with me which really helped me to complete the drive and has taught me a life lesson which I will surely never forget. The happiness that you feel while helping someone in need is at a whole different level.

Yashika Goel - BALLB
(II Year Student)

Pantry on Wheels (A Bhojan Vitran Drive)

Parasparik Rakshan Samiti (Paras), is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) was founded in the year 2015 and established at the pious land of District Haridwar, Uttarakhand. It is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

The primary aim of the Sanstha (Samiti) is to uphold the idea of social and distributive justice by extending maximum aid to the needy at large. As of now, the NGO is primarily involved in

the activity of distributing meals to those who are barely getting hygienic food, safe for consumption.

In lieu of the same, the organization is providing at least one single meal, which either could be consumed on the spot or could be spared to be consumed later. This includes packed items like bread, milk, jam, bananas etc. as well as prepared meals containing a variety of Indian food. The Samiti has been distributing nutritious meals to around one hundred fifty people every day since the Covid 19 wave has started. The team consisting of 15 people has covered more than 264 days of service so far. The drive has been performed under the name of "Pantry on Wheels" a Bhojan Vitran Drive.

The major contributors of the noble cause include brands like-Britannia, Amul, Patanjali, Bonn, Hindustan Unilever, Paras Dairy, Parle etc. Together, as a team, we are striving to achieve our goal of eradicating hunger in our jurisdiction and subsequently in the different areas of the State.

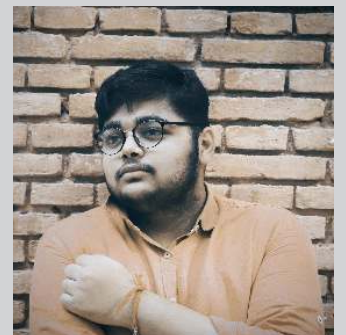
Disha Aneja - BALLB
(III Year Student)

Tough Covid times

Covid has been a tough time for all of us but it taught us the importance of each person we know or maybe not. When many were suffering and needed support, many people came forward and helped everyone, putting all their efforts to save lives and provide all necessities to those who could not afford them. Those days showcased a real scenario of life teaching us

how to be useful to others. People with no connections, without even knowing each other were just helping one another just to make sure that no one loses their loved ones. My friends and I came forward under the name of Saath foundation so that we can play our part and help as much as we can. We were into oxygen cylinders, plasma arrangements, and medicine deliveries. During the process, many people like chemists, few people who were into plasma donation centers, and many more joined us in our initiative. Rashan kits, masks, sanitizers were also provided to the families in need or who was someone who was going through those difficult times we can't even imagine. There were cases where we saw families even refusing to bid a final goodbye to their family members and even their cremation was performed by volunteers who came forward. We were able to help around 60-70 families through our efforts as a team. It gave me relief and happiness that yes we achieved something. When those families blessed us and our efforts brought a smile to their faces, the moment cannot be expressed in words and those happy faces will always stay with us during this whole journey, boosting us when we feel low.

Parth Agarwal - BALLB
(III Year Student)



COVID-19 and Health Workers

Coronavirus popularly known as COVID-19 is a type of virus which infects humans. According to sources, this virus emerged in Wuhan, China in December 2019 which further spread and became a global pandemic. Due to this pandemic many countries order a total lockdown to prevent the virus from spreading and due to which many countries are facing economic downfall. With total 1,337,021 cases of COVID-19, India has become the third worst hit country, with US on first with total 4,205,499 cases and Brazil on second with total 2,303,661 cases of covid-19. 639,973 people worldwide have died so far due to the outbreak of this virus. It is an unfamiliar situation for both normal people and health workers, there is also just not enough information about this virus and people don't know what to expect and what major steps to take to prevent the risk of getting infected.

As the numbers of the COVID-19 cases are increasing steadily, the medical infrastructure of the world is stretched. The health workers are on the front line to save people and are fighting against COVID-19 because of which they are exposed to this deadly virus that put them at high risk of getting infected and due to which many health workers have tested positive. But on the contrary it was reported that many doctors and health professionals have recovered and resumed their job to save other peoples' lives. Doctors and all the health care staff who are assigned the duty in COVID-19 ward have to go through mandatory quarantine for one week. In order to perform their best job in taking care of patients, health care workers are needed to be healthy, both physically and mentally. As the everyday increase in the cases of COVID-19, the medical workers and hospitals are forced to work long hours which leads to more work, fatigue, psychological stress, depression and frustration. Health care workers are worried about their patients who are desperately ill and they are working hard to protect them and cure them from this dangerous disease, they are also afraid that they themselves may become infected. And if they do, they are afraid that they may infect their own family members. Due to the shortage of supply, they feel frustrated; they are not given all the tools they need to do their job. Sufficient PPE kits and IPC are not supplied to the health care workers because of which it becomes very risky to take care of suspected COVID-19 patients. All of this makes what is already a very stressful work environment that much worse. Least we can do to help our medical force is by abiding by the guidelines issued by The World Health Organization (WHO) and standing united to stop further spread of COVID-19 virus and get back to how life was before COVID-19.

“For the virus, the whole world is one country. Unless we get that through our thick skulls, the virus will keep burning through our communities. Let's balance out the panic with hope!”

Pooja Koul - BALLB
(III Year Student)

COVID-19: A jolt to Esports Industry in India

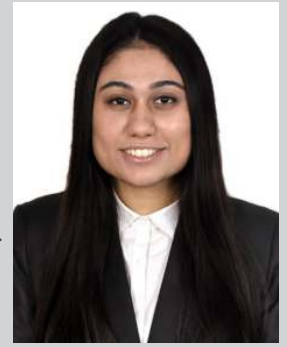
Esports is the world of competitive video game tournaments, played by professional players individually or in teams. Esports tournaments are streamed online and watched by millions of users worldwide.

In the current scenario, while most of the industries are facing an unfortunate downfall, it is notable that the Esports Industry has prospered greatly. Additionally, the fact that it is a potentially profitable investment for both the players and

publishers of such games who can earn money through live streaming their game and number of downloads, respectively, has greatly accelerated the growth of this industry.

Even though it is still in its infancy, it is forecasted that the Esports industry would thrive in India. A host of initiatives are taken by the Esports Federation of India such as the inclusion of Esports in 2022 Asian Games, working in tandem with other National Esports Federations of South Asia, to launch the South Asia Championship indicate that upward revenue growth can be expected in Esports in the post COVID-19 era, however the current challenges it is subjected to including, lack of awareness on part of people who consider it as more of a source of entertainment rather than sports per se entailing it not only more costly for the organisers who have to pay more tax in former case, but also diluting its seriousness as an industry per se, need to be addressed.

Shreya Sharma - BBA LLB
(III Year Student)



Covid 19: Navigating the Unexplored

My main motto since my school time has been to help those in need. By educating them or donating to them, Covid-19 hit us and the way of helping somebody changed for me. I started verifying contacts. Contacts related to food, oxygen, bed and ambulance. We would work in groups by calling every hospital enquiring about the availability of beds and oxygen then noting it down and making a list. This went on for weeks. I contacted at least 100 contact numbers a day. It wasn't easy. We all were new to this but the urge to help someone kept us going. It was overwhelming. A lot of anxiety was there. Pressure to do the assigned task. The Hospitals were not picking up the calls. Getting no lead from anywhere was heartbreaking because people were looking forward to lists that were being made by our NSS team.



We made various teams. 10 people were under a specific title like beds. The other ten were made responsible for oxygen availability. Next 10 for food and an ambulance.

We were still getting accustomed to it. It was new for me. Some Days we would verify 300 numbers in one go. Other days it would be difficult to even find numbers that had to be verified.

I learnt something very important during this difficult time: that our system is doomed. Hospitals did have beds available but for some reason, they would hide them. People had leads for important medicines but they didn't want to share. At this time also people were looking at their own benefit. Those who didn't need oxygen still bought lots of it and stored it in their house which was heartbreaking but I am glad that I was able to contribute and hope I could have saved some lives.

Gauri Kapoor - BALLB
(II Year Student)

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During the course of the factual and legal arguments from both sides it was pleaded and counter pleaded that tensions in the two camps were high and outside the high court's premises, there were present hundreds of armed supporters of both the factions.

Having regard to the legal position of a marriage with a minor being totally void under section 13, Hindu Marriage Act. I directed the girl to go with her father under police escort. The girl, while leaving the court, politely murmured that she would prefer death rather than going out of the wedlock.

Nobody, including the court, paid any heed to her emotional outburst. The girl and her father were asked to appear in the court after 01 month for further hearing of the case.

On the next date of hearing an inspector from the police station concerned appeared in the court and informed that the girl had made an attempt to commit suicide by putting her on blaze and being hospitalized she was battling between life and death with 60% burn injuries. This gave a jolt to everyone concerned and the court, always engrossed with human values, was no exception to this shocking news. The boy waiting for the girl and unaware of the incident felt gravely concerned with all his emotions on his face.

Fortunately, to the baby's good luck the girl survived her burn injuries and appeared in court before me about 02 months after her suicidal attempt. I asked her as to why she had taken a drastic step to end her own life even without caring for her baby. The girl replied to the courts query, "Sir, I will commit suicide again if I was deprived of my husband's company and asked to stay elsewhere."

It was a bizarre situation before the court. On one side, I had to abide by the law, to uphold which I had undertaken an oath, while being sworn in as High Court judge and on the other hand to keep in my mind to do complete justice while honouring the girl's sentiments with a stern threatening to take her life, in case of an adverse order again.

With a view to buy some time so as to rationalize how to do justice in these strange circumstances, the Court had risen for a break leaving the girl under police supervision in the courtroom itself.

I resumed the hearing of the case at 2:00 p.m. that day and putting some queries to the parties' counsels and the couple, arrived at a conclusion, the sum and substance of which is as mentioned below: -

“The firm determination of the girl to stay in the wedlock without caring for the marriage being legal or void can't easily be brushed aside. Infatuation knows no limits or boundaries. In the situation of ending her life, the tiny kid would be thrown to the mercy of others and not only they but the entire world would always treat him as an illegitimate child with a stigma throughout his life and the boyfriend will be left heartbroken forever. There would always be a possibility of the marriage being legalised after 2 years. The father's allegation of the kidnapping, which is the only relevant question in a petition of habeas corpus, had been falsified to its entirety by the girl herself. The issues pertaining to the marriage had to be jurisdictionally decided by a civil court. Subject to such a declaration which could wait for the girl to become major and exercise her legal right to marry or not, the petition of the father was dismissed permitting the girl to go with her free will with her boyfriend, factually a spouse. Police protection was granted to the couple and the petitioner and her other family members were sternly warned not to harm the couple in any way or manner and further the boy's family members were instructed to accord every possible protection to the couple.”



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