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In Conversation with Sharanya Chowdhury (RMLNLU): Author, Podcast Host, Content Creator

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Author, Podcast Host, Content Creator, and Law Student at RMLNLU- Sharanya Chowdhury is all of this and more! In this conversation with CLATalogue, Sharanya shares her #CLATStory.



Tell us a bit about yourself.

My name is Sharanya Chowdhury, I am a student of National Law University Lucknow with a particular interest in Tech Law, Intellectual Property Rights and LGBTQ+ rights. I have authored ‘The Queer Storyteller Fell Again’, and have worked as a host and content creator for ‘Wings of Pride’ (Podcast).

I have written a book and have a podcast. My book is called “The Queer Storyteller Fell Again”. It is a series of anecdotes romanticized and condensed into poems which hope to bring some joy into

the readers' life.

My podcast, on the other hand, is in association with the LGBTQ+ collective of my college where I attempt to make awareness about the LGBTQ+ community more relatable and accessible to audiences who have not been exposed to such sensitive issues growing up.
I also have a YouTube channel called 'angrylittleplant', where I attempt to document my life as a law (read lost) student. I attempt to discuss some tricks and tips on how to make your life easier during internships, major college events and discourse about mental health in general.

How did you start your CLAT journey?

I started preparing for the exam during my gap year. Basically I was preparing for a Japanese engineering exam, when the pandemic struck, the number of seats in this exam had been reduced considerably, and my parents did not want me to move abroad in such difficult conditions.

So, in the situation, I had to look for other options as far as my career was concerned. During this point I got exposed to the field of environmental law which allowed me to work towards a cause I wanted to work for in engineering (wanted to pursue environmental engineering). This is how my preparation for CLAT began.

The more I started studying for the exam the more the idea of other fields within law opened up to me. As a PCM student, who had just watched her dreams of studying engineering dissolve, I found a new attraction towards technology and intellectual property rights. Eventually these two became the motivators for preparing for the exam.

Today I am extremely happy with where I am, I get to study what I want and participate in events related to the topics I like. I have also recently completed my internship with an intellectual property rights boutique firm, which makes my nerdy inner child very happy.

How were your initial years in law school?

It has been the most enriching time of my life. Very few times we get the opportunity to be surrounded by such a diverse group of people who are so capable.

What motivated you to pursue law as a career?

I always wanted to be a part of a community that is extremely versatile and allows me to explore my potential in more than one way, during school, law seemed like the best way to meet this criteria.

What would you say sets apart your #CLATStory from others?

My biggest weakness was Current affairs because I had spent a long time in school with the idea that I would be pursuing engineering in the future. This meant that I had no reason to actually read the newspaper up until the gap year.

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