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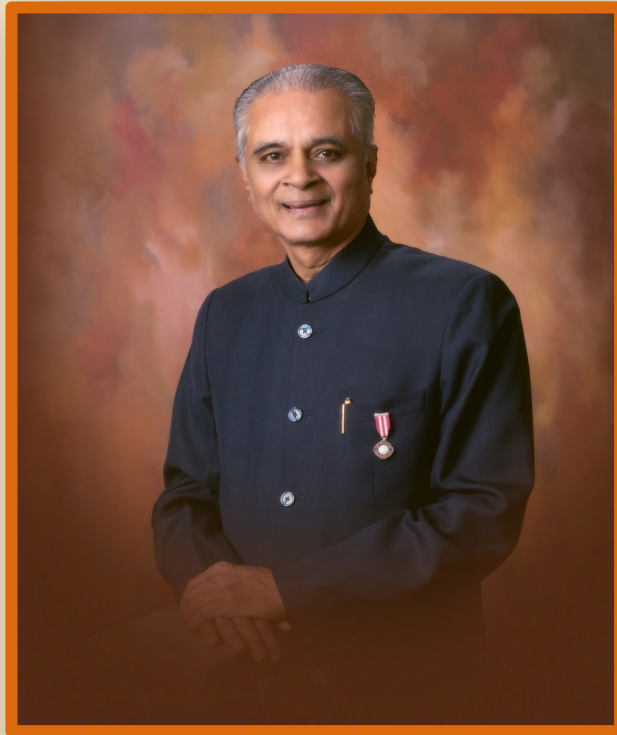


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## THANK YOU!

To all our Alumni for their continuous support,  
encouragement and guidance.  
We appreciate your efforts and for being there  
when we needed you the most.

## FOUNDER, PRESIDENT, CHANCELLOR'S NOTE



Symbiosis Law School, Pune under the auspices of the Symbiosis family has always witnessed a large variety of intelligent and capable students from varying backgrounds and cultures coming together, fulfilling the essence of the Vedic Principles of “*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*.” The students of our college come from all over the world and live as one family.

Symbiosis International University has been the beacon of excellence in all spheres of education in India and beyond. Symbiosis Law School, Pune under its aegis has created a niche for itself in the field of legal education, offering not only quality legal education but also catering to the human needs of society.

The Annual Alumni Meet is an opportunity for all the alumni who have witnessed this evolution of Symbiosis Law School Pune to come together to reconnect, reminisce and bridge the present with the past. This college has witnessed all of you as young enthusiastic students, whether it was in 1977 or now. It is for the young to learn from the more experienced and the accomplished to relive the passion and innocent zeal of starting afresh.

We are proud of our alumni for keeping our flag flying high both in professions and public service. Keep up the great strides!

Padma Bhushan Dr. S.B. Mujumdar  
Founder and President, Symbiosis Society  
Chancellor, Symbiosis International University

## VICE CHANCELLOR'S NOTE



We are proud to say that our alumni have always been with us throughout every endeavour, which has contributed greatly to our growth and success. The Law fraternity has contributed to judiciary, profession, academia and governance through its alumni. The focus on research and the quest for knowledge dissemination continue to be the cornerstone of the legacy of Symbiosis Law School, Pune and it has earned us several laurels.

Every institution is nurtured by the hard work of the Director, Faculty and staff. Such reputation for excellence is consolidated when the alumni win accolades for themselves and their alma mater. Symbiosis Law School, Pune continues its journey of excellence through you, our dedicated alumni.

We are proud of the achievements of the Symbiosis family and hope for the continued success of all its members.

All the best.

Dr. Rajani Gupte  
Vice-Chancellor  
Symbiosis International University

## PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Symbiosis Law School, Pune has consistently maintained close association with its students after they graduate and become privileged members of the alumni community.

An institution is known by the quality of its students and the students in turn are recognised by the reputation of the institution. Symbiosis Law School, Pune was founded with the vision of imparting good quality legal education to its students along with developing them into leaders of tomorrow.

The Alumni network of the college showcases the Law School's astounding success in accomplishing the motto. I appreciate the efforts of the Symbiosis Law School, Pune team for the various alumni interaction activities and wish them well for the similar initiatives in future.

I am proud that the alumni of this law school have strengthened the mission of justice and excellence over the years.

I wish you all the best.

Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar  
Principal Director, Symbiosis Society

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Dear Alumni,

Warm hello and welcome after a year.

This newsletter resonates with the joy of your achievements and contribution. Your friends and colleagues have raised the bar. Over last 7 years, many stars have emerged holding the true spirit of excellence imbibed in Symbiosis Law School, Pune. This spans across profession and service at global level.

We intend to invest in consolidating and expanding the alumni base to strengthen our university in its march towards world class. This Meet is coinciding with such a hope. In future, it will witness our team visit to your home city or your visit for convocation or a mega event.

Words fail me to express gratitude for the generous financial and all-round support of our Alumni Convener Advocate Sampath

Bulusu. It made our maiden international mock trial competition possible. Many of you have helped in placement, internship, curriculum review, enrichment programs and moot support. Consistent Scholarship support by Advocate Hitesh Jain in last 7 years has also echoed the spirit of giving. Most of all, many star faculty drawn from the alumni have been part of journey to excellence in the recent NAAC Re-accreditation process.

Long live our bond. Let us take our unity to further levels of excellence and greatness.

Much gratitude, solidarity, appreciation and joy.

Professor Dr. Shashikala Gurpur

Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune

Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International University

## INTERVIEW WITH ADV. AMIT SINGH SETHI



**ADV. AMIT SINGH SETHI**  
**ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL**  
**PUNJAB**  
**BATCH OF 1986**

### What was your motivation to enter the legal profession?

The legal profession is unique in as much as it offers you the luxury of being independent and not subservient to any other individual or body. It involves a lifelong process of intellectual growth, and opportunity for learning. The great M. C. Setalvad reportedly once said that even on his last day in the profession, he learnt something new! There is hardly any other profession which can offer all this. In my case, there was an added advantage since I was the third generation into the legal profession, and was familiar with the kind of milieu I would be entering on joining it.

### If not law, what would have been your choice of profession and why?

Just before joining Symbiosis, Pune, I got admission in the prestigious Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi. However, I opted to go in for law. Therefore, the other choice most certainly would have been journalism and mass communication.

### What are some of the best memories you have of Symbiosis Law School, Pune?

Looking back, I have no hesitation in saying that the three years I spent in Symbiosis, Pune, were the three best years of my life till now! The kind of people I met at Symbiosis and the diverse people I made friends with, would not have been possible if I had continued to remain in my hometown, Chandigarh. The memories are too many. The interactions with the most benevolent Prof. Mujumdar, who forgave all our child-like indiscretions! Amongst the great memories are participating in the functions organised by the various foreign student groups – Symbiosis had a great international flavour as an institution in those days, which probably continues now also. Many of my friends were from the management wing, the MBA students, and both the law and the management department existed side by side in the campus on Senapati Bapat Marg in those days.

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Apart from academics, what are the other experiences at Law School that have assisted you professionally?

To understand and appreciate the cultures and norms of other people, and to respect opinions different from yours. To be open minded, open to conviction and willing to learn, but at the same time believing in yourself. These were all qualities imbibed in us by Symbiosis. Moreover, how to communicate effectively with others.

What are the changes you would like to see in the Indian Legal System?

I can only make a few observations from my own thoughts. For one, the quality of judgments needs to improve. The judgments should pronounce upon the issues arising in the case in a clear and concise manner, so that the same can be followed by the courts below without having to sift as to what the higher court meant while passing the judgment. Secondly, effective legal representation for indigent persons and persons belonging to the marginal sections of society should be put in place, so that the poor and marginal people do not feel that the courts are only a place for the rich and mighty, and for the big companies etc. Thirdly, increase in the number of courts and judges proportional to the population.

What are some of the challenges that you have faced in your practice that you would caution young lawyers about?

As a young lawyer, one of the main challenges one faces is establishing your identity in the court that you practice in. In the early years of practice, one often feels that one does not get a good audience in court as compared to others who are well-established or who are the “blue-eyed babies”.... However, life is a great leveller, and hard work, and good, honest work seldom goes unrewarded. It shows itself sooner or later. I would say, never let despondency get into you, and always have the attitude that I will read and learn more.

What message would you give to the current students of our college?

Consider each day spent at Symbiosis as a gift and an opportunity, and make the most of it! This time will never come back again, and later in life, you will look back upon them with utmost fondness.

Is there any message you would like to give your fellow alumni?

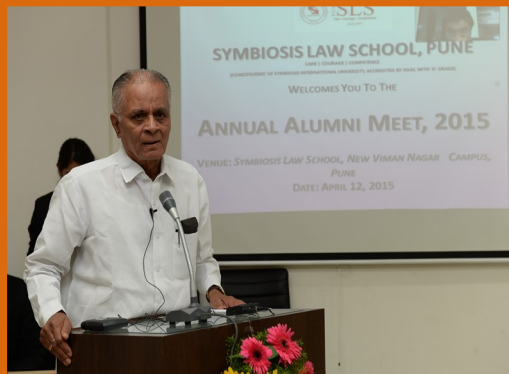
Let us connect more effectively to do something for our alma mater.

# ALUMNI NEXUS

## GLIMPSES OF ALUMNI MEET, 2015

The 2015 Alumni Meet conducted on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015 witnessed over 80 alumni getting together at the New Viman Nagar Campus of Symbiosis Law School, Pune. Hon'ble Justice Smt. Revati Mohiti Dere of the Bombay High Court an alumna of SLS Pune was the chief guest of the event. The guest of honour was our alumni Mr. Sameer Chugh, Director Legal & Regulatory for Bharti Airtel and the key-note speaker was Mr. Rohit Kumar from the batch of 2002 who is currently the General Counsel for United Phosphorus Ltd., Mumbai.

The Alumni Meet witnessed a series of historic announcements which included the inauguration of Incubator and Entrepreneurship Cell by our Chancellor Dr. S B Mujumdar. This was followed by the release of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of 'Alumni Nexus', the Annual Alumni Newsletter. Concluding the meet was a Continued Legal Education (CLE) Programme conducted for the benefit of the Alumni by Adv. Chander Lall, Founder, Partner, Singh & Singh, Lall & Sethi.



## GRAND EVENTS

### THE FOURTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONTEMPORARY LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP



The event was hosted on 19th September, 2015 on the backdrop of Symbiosis Law School, Pune's flagship journal SCLJ (Symbiosis Contemporary Law Journal) and the student journal SSLR (Symbiosis Students Law Review) published in collaboration with LexisNexis. This event was graced by Prof. Dr. Bhavani Panda (Vice Chancellor, NLU Mumbai) as Chief Guest and Prof. Dr. V. Vijaya Kumar (NLS Bangalore and former Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai) as guest of honour. The

event was also graced by Prof. Dr. Dilip Ukey, Head, Law Department, Savitribai Phule Pune University, former Pro Vice Chancellor, Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded and Dr. Shashikala Gurpur. The conference served as an inspiring platform to budding law scholars and researchers to impart and discuss ideas.

### 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SURANA AND SURANA INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2015

This mega-event hosted on 21st to 23rd August, 2015 in association with Surana and Surana International Attorneys, Chennai witnessed participation from 34 teams from top law schools from all over the country and Bangladesh. The Chief Guest for the event was Hon'ble Justice P. Venkatarama Reddi, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India. The other judges included Hon'ble Justice Mr. Uday Umesh Lalit, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Adv. Krishna S. Dixit, Assistant Solicitor General and Dr. Luther M. Rangreji, Associate Professor, South Asian University. The Moot was an edifying and enjoyable experience for all the participating teams and students of Symbiosis Law School, Pune alike.



## LATE SHRI B.G. DESHMUKH MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES



On 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015 Symbiosis Law School, Pune organized the Late Shri B.G. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture on “Democracy, Governance and the Youth” in collaboration with Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT) Pune. The Annual Public Lecture Series had been instituted in honour of Late Shri B.G. Deshmukh, IAS and Former Cabinet Secretary to the Prime Minister. Mr. Prabhat Kumar, IAS (Retd.), Former Governor of Jharkhand and Former Cabinet Secretary, GOI was the key-note

speaker. Lt. Gen. Ashok Kapur, member of the Advisory Board, PCGT, Pune Chapter; Air Marshal Anil Kumar Trikha, member of Advisory Board, PCGT, Pune Chapter and Dr. Shashikala Guppur graced the occasion and shared their ideas with the audience. The series of talks touched upon various topical issues of great concern such as the palpable crisis of governance in India, inefficiency of the bureaucracy and ignorance of the citizens.

## SYMPTOMS' 15

The annual intra-college fest of Symbiosis Law School, Pune was conducted on the 28th, 29th and 30th September 2015 on the theme “Comic-Con”. The fest witnessed different competitions such as dance, poetry, quiz, drama, singing, debate, business challenge and sports. This served as a screening opportunity for selecting potential representatives for inter-collegiate competitions.



## LEADERSHIP TRAINING OUTBOUND PROGRAMME, GIRIVAN



Symbiosis Law School, Pune organised a leadership training outbound programme on 2nd October, 2015 for all its Student Council members. The outbound activity was a trip to Girivan, a hill station near Mulshi Taluka of Pune. The speaker for the leadership camp was Mr. Neville Lobo, Vice President, Corporate and HR, Larsen and Toubro Limited. He enlightened the students regarding the need for a vision and mission. He emphasised that it must be a team effort with the students working in perfect synchronisation and balance. The talk was

followed by small group based team building exercises and a meditating session. Dr. Gurpur put forth the idea of transforming Symbiosis Law School, Pune into a world class institution that moulded students into leaders and this proved as a stepping stone to achieve the same. The idea of organizing a Global Summit was also initiated and discussed during this outbound activity.

## LAW DAY & 6TH JUSTICE Y.V. CHANDRACHUD MEMORIAL PUBLIC LECTURE

Symbiosis Law School, Pune celebrated Law Day & the 6<sup>th</sup> Justice Y.V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture 2016 on the 16th of January, 2016 at the SVC Auditorium in Viman Nagar, Pune. The function involved several dignitaries including the chief guest Dr. M. Sridhar Acharyulu, Central Information Commissioner, Government of India & Former Registrar, NALSAR, Hyderabad.

Dr. M. Sridhar Acharyulu delivered the Justice Y.V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture 2016 on the topic, “Right to Information: An Intrinsic Part of Freedom of Speech and Expression”. He began the lecture by speaking on Justice Y.V. Chandrachud’s views on transparency in jail administration and paid his tribute to the great personality.

Adv. Ram Jethmalani, Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of India, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Professor Emeritus of SIU, presented the “Ram Jethmalani Trophy” to Mr. Gaurav Mohanty (V Year, Batch of 2011-16) for excelling in Evidence Law by scoring the highest marks in his batch. Mr. Mohanty was presented with a medal and cash prize of Rs. 50,000.



## 8TH NANI A. PALKHIVALA MEMORIAL INTER-COLLEGIATE ELOCUTION COMPETITION

On the 23rd January 2016, Symbiosis Law School, Pune organised the 8th Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Inter-Collegiate Elocution Competition. The dais was graced by the judges for the event along with our Director, Dr. Shashikala Gurpur and our Deputy Director, Dr. Bindu Ronald including esteemed Shri. S.V. Naik, Former District Judge (Retd.), Mr. Amitabh Dasgupta, Adjunct Faculty, Symbiosis Centre for Media and Communication & Dr. Shweta Deshpande, Faculty, Symbiosis School of Liberal Arts, Pune.



Various contemporary topics were discussed in depth such as “Law as an Instrument of Change and Progress”, “Mobile Applications and Data Access- Serious Threat to Privacy” and “News Media - Blurring Line between Responsibility and Overreach”.

After the invigorating speeches by the participants, V.G. Sreeram from Symbiosis Law School, Pune was adjudged the best speaker. Abhishek Salian from DES Law College, Pune and Kunal R. Sarpal, from ILS, Pune secured the second & third prize respectively.

## SYMBIOSIS PRISON LEGAL AID PROGRAM (SPLAP)

In the month of December, 2015, Symbiosis Law School, Pune started its “Prison Legal Aid” program in the Yerwada Central Prison. The programme was launched with the objective of setting up prison welfare clinics separately for male & female prisoners, to provide them with legal services in the form of legal awareness with respect to health care and well-being at prisons through expert sessions and street plays.

## UNDER TRIAL PRISONER RELEASED:

During their visits to the Yerwada Central Jail, the cell came to know about a 27-year-old under trial prisoner V.K. (name changed to protect the privacy) suffering from HIV and skin disease who was arrested by the railway police in Lonavala on July 30th, 2015 in a petty offence under Railway Police Act. It is to the credit of the Cell and its Volunteers who facilitated the release of V.K. on December 31, 2015.

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## SYMBHAV' 16 : THE GREAT INDIAN DREAM



The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of Symbhav, the Annual Cultural Fest, kick-started amidst grand performances ranging from classical dances to a medley, setting the tone for the roaring cultural extravaganza lined up for the three days that were to follow. The theme was 'The Great Indian Dream', with the tagline "Explore, Experience, Enjoy."

Symbhav '16 was inaugurated by the renowned theatre and film artist, Mrs. Ratna Pathak Shah well known and revered for her scintillating roles in various movies and plays and the TV show character Maya Sarabhai in Sarabhai v/s Sarabhai. A new edition to this year's Symbhav was the Alternate Dispute Resolution Tournament, a series of ADR competitions and the college that won the most of them would be adjudged the winner of the tournament. Symbhav hosted 47 events some of them being, Photography, MUN, Creative Writing and Quizzes. The flagship events like Fashion Show, Group Dance and Parliamentary Debate were regarded as being especially outstanding. The crowd on the last day's ProNite was ecstatic and swayed to the music of the legendary artist, Kailash Kher's Kailasa along with a performance from TVF Pitchers, a stand-up comedy group that got the audience roaring with laughter. All in all, Symbhav' 16 concluded successfully and was a bigger, better and a more enriching and exciting experience for all present.

## NATIONAL MAHA-LOK ADALAT



Faculty & students of the Legal Aid & Literacy Cell participated & contributed to the National Maha Lok Adalat on December 12, 2015 at Pune District and Sessions Court, Shivajinagar, Pune. More than 64,802 cases were amicably resolved and Rs. 15 crores was recovered in a days' time with the help of Symbiosis Law School, Pune students.

## SCOPE SURVEY

The members of the Legal Aid Cell of Symbiosis Law School, Pune conducted a survey in Malegaon, Jalgaon Jamod Tehsil of Buldhana district of Maharashtra as a part of the SCOPE activities undertaken by the Legal Aid Cell on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2016. The aim of this field visit was to understand the gravity of the problems faced by the villagers and to come up with feasible solutions. After interacting with the NGO 'Asha Behen' and the Head Master of the local Primary School, various problems affecting the village came to light. The major challenges faced by the village included literacy only till 4<sup>th</sup> Standard due to the lack of higher education facilities in the vicinity, lack of varied source of employment leading to rampant unemployment, many cases of domestic violence and child marriage and most importantly a grave shortage of water. On the basis of the above, the Cell decided to counter the problems with efficient solutions such as informing the villagers about the Domestic Violence Act through a lecture session, making the villagers aware of the various laws on Child Marriage and various schemes of the Central and the State Government, informing them about the importance of documentation and to aid them in the same, to conduct a lecture on Study Technique and to conduct a lecture cum interactive session on Farmer's Rights in the village, considering the main source of employment in the village is agriculture. The college hopes that its efforts have aided in the implementation of measures to improve the village and will continue to do what it can to implement change at the grass root level.

## CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE.

### A ONE DAY PANEL LAWYERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME OF PUNE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY IN COLLABORATION WITH SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, PUNE

More than 130 lawyers across Pune district participated in a one day panel lawyers' training programme of Pune District Legal Services Authority in collaboration with Symbiosis Law School, Pune. The Pune District Legal Services Authority (PDLSA), under the guidance of the Maharashtra State legal Services Act, in accordance with the National Legal Services Act, has since its inception endeavoured to provide legal aid to the needy.

The dignitaries at the event were - Chief Guest of the function, Judge Sumant Kolhe, Principal District Judge; Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director and Dean of SLS, Pune and Former Member of the National Law Commission; Mahesh Jadhav, Secretary of PDLSA along with other esteemed dignitaries including senior noted lawyer Sudhakar Avhad.

The programme was composed of various informative sessions; The first conducted enlightened the audience about the laws of injunction, provisions of Code of Civil Procedure and Specific Relief Act, and various Legal Aid Schemes in the country. Following this, specific provisions of the Domestic Violence Act, 2005 were elaborated upon, with information on how to assist the victims of domestic violence. Role plays were initiated as ice breakers, and overall, it was agreed that it was a successful event decorated with the hard work and effort of the Legal Aid Cell of Symbiosis Law School, Pune and the Pune District Legal Service Authority.

## TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Students of Symbiosis Law School, Pune hosted a fun-filled Teachers' Day. Dr. Gurpur, addressed the gathering and distributed awards to the faculty in recognition of their efforts and contribution to the institute. Students showcased a cultural extravaganza in the form of music, dance, poetry and drama to entertain the teachers.



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## PLACEMENT CELL

The Placement Cell announced its successful year of operation in 2015-2016 with students being placed from the Campus Recruitment Programmes into prestigious firms and organizations like Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., ICICI, L&T, Ernst and Young, JSW Steel, Deloitte, Wipro and Tech Mahindra. Students from all 5 batches of Under Graduate Programme, the LLM Programme and, the newly introduced 3-year LLB programme were also assisted by the Placement Cell in securing internships in established firms, organizations and with practicing advocates. In addition the Placement Cell organised workshops and training sessions to ensure that all students were well prepared for the Campus Recruitment Process. The Placement Cell would like to extend its gratitude towards the alumni of our institution for their invaluable and unwavering support and guidance.

For any information regarding internships or Campus Recruitment contact: Prof. Pallavi Mishra and Prof. Munnazar Ahmed at 020 - 65201117 E mail: [placement@symlaw.ac.in](mailto:placement@symlaw.ac.in)

## INTERNATIONALISATION



The ILSA chapter of Symbiosis Law School, Pune is instrumental in broadening horizons of the students by offering to the students various opportunities including Juristas (International Law Essay Writing Competition), MUN (Model United Nations), guest lectures and workshops. Symbiosis Law School Pune has the distinction of developing area studycentres in European Union Legal Studies and South Asian Legal Studies. Several visits of international faculty and students are ensured for this purpose.

Symbiosis Law School, Pune also hosted the Chuo University delegation from Japan who visited the Law School with Professor Hesse. In December 2015, a delegation from Deakin University, Australia consisting of 30 students visited Symbiosis Law School, Pune for the second consecutive year. The students enjoyed a heritage walk around Pune City apart from various guest lectures by luminaries and industry visits.

The student exchange programmes offered to Symbiosis students was equally diverse. A number of students were part of the DAAD-New Passage To India programme to Germany along with Semester Exchange Programmes with University College Dublin, Ireland and with University College Cork, Ireland. Many also attended the Summer School Program conducted by the London School of Economics.

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## HALL OF FAME 2015- 2016



### ENTREPRENEURS

1. Suyash Mohan Guru – Founder, Partner Triumph Law
2. Vardhman Kaushik– Founder, Partner Triumph Law
3. Nishant Gautam – Founder, Partner Triumph Law
4. Dhruv Rohatgi – Founder, Partner ADAZ Law Chambers
5. Abhijit Mittal – Founder, Partner ADAZ Law Chambers
6. Vinayak Burman – Founder, Partner Vertices Partners
7. Rahul Kothari – Founder, Partner Independent Law Firm
8. Adab Singh Kapoor – Founder, Partner Adab Singh Kapoor & Associates

### BAR & BENCH

1. Ravindra Adsure – Most number of appearance in the Supreme Court by a Symbiosis Law School Alumni
2. Nandakumar Srivatsa – Advocate in Prosecutor v. Bemba et al, Trial Chamber VII of the International Criminal Court at ICC, Hague.
3. Rahul Dev Singh – Deputy Advocate General for the State of Haryana
4. Avinash Avhad – Former Member, Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa



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## LAW FIRMS

1. Aninda Pal– Partner, Juris Corps
2. Nishad Nadkarni– Partner, Khaitan&Co, Mumbai
3. Faraz Alam Sagar – Partner, Trilegal, Mumbai
4. Varun Sriram– Partner, J. Sagar Associates, Chennai
5. Percis Anklesaria – Partner, Pune Head of AZB ( June 2015 )
6. Arunima Chatterjee – Partner, Luthra & Luthra, Mumbai
7. Sherbir Panag - Partner, MZM Legal, Mumbai
8. Arka Mookerjee – Partner, J Sagar Associates
9. Neeraj Menon – Partner, Trilegal Mumbai

## OTHERS

1. Raj Singh Arora – Recipient of Zee Gold Awards 2015 for role in Yeh Hai Mohabbatein
2. Madhav Mallya – Doctor of Civil Law Candidate , Clive E. Allen Fellowship, Graduate Excellence Award in Law, Institute of Comparative Law, McGill University, 2015 – 16 Centre for International Governance Innovation Scholar, LL.M , McGill University
3. Gauri Puri –L.L.M Harvard Law School
4. Nikhil Fulambarkar – General Manager, Legal, Quick Heal

## ENTREPRENEUR FEATURE

### WALNUT SOLUTIONS

*Raghav Chakravarthy, Sachin Ravi*



Walnut Knowledge Solutions is a start-up founded by Raghav Chakravarthy & Sachin Ravi, that uses questions and stories to aid learning for kids and to engage audiences across platforms.

Apart from conceptualizing and conducting events, they conduct QuizShala, a quizzing-oriented developmental workshop for schools in Bengaluru where they use questions,

stories and activities to make children more inquisitive and participative.

They can be contacted via social media or at [contact@walnuts.co.in](mailto:contact@walnuts.co.in).

Check them at [www.walnuts.co.in](http://www.walnuts.co.in) for more details!

Social media links:

<https://www.facebook.com/walnutknowledgesolutions>

<https://twitter.com/askwalnut>

### TRIUMPH LEGAL

*Suyash Mohan Guru, Vardhman Kaushik and Nishant Gautam*

Triumph has been started by the alumnus of Symbiosis Law School, Pune Suyash Mohan Guru (Batch of 2010), Vardhman Kaushik (Batch of 2009) and Nishant Gautam (Batch of 2014) with an aim to provide matchless legal services and one stop solution to its clients. Triumph Legal provides a spectrum of legal services to its clients and is specially known for its expertise on matters relating to Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Electricity Laws, Mines & Minerals Laws,

Laws relating to Petroleum and Natural Gas, Constitutional Law, Laws relating to Arbitration, Competition & Anti-trust, Banking laws including SARFAESI, RDB and RBI Guidelines, General Civil & Commercial Litigation related to Contractual disputes, Infrastructure, Tender, Licensing, Consumer Protection, etc.

Triumph legal in very short span of time has started working with many high profile corporate houses such as Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd, Reliance Life Insurance, Future Generali Life Insurance, Kotak Old Mutual Life Insurance Ltd, IDFC Bank Ltd and many other corporate houses. Starting with 2 lawyers in 2015, they have rapidly grown with lawyers from diverse backgrounds, with multiple skill sets, and



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*Divya Rao*

I often get asked, "When did you know you could paint?" I never quite know how to respond, because I feel like I have been working with paints and crayons ever since I was a toddler. But if I really think about it, I suppose I realized the full extent of my talent right here, in College; while working for Symbhav.

After graduating from College, I joined HSB Partners, Chennai. After a long day of work, it is a great feeling to have something to indulge in and unwind. .

A few months ago, a friend of mine approached me with an opportunity to display my art for sale. Before I knew it, come February, I had a full-fledged art display at the Surf Turf Café in Madras. The response was overwhelming, and that was when I realized that I did not have to choose between law and art; it is possible to pursue both spectrums successfully.



If I had to advise my juniors, I would want them to pursue an interest in parallel with their legal education. It is often believed that to be successful, you must pull 14 hour shifts and be completely invested in your work. I disagree - find the correct balance between work and play and you'll find that success cannot elude you!

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Symbiosis Law School, Pune wishes all its alumni who have ventured out on their own the very best of luck, and hope that the dreams they envisioned for their business turn into reality.

The college also hopes to encourage all students to develop any idea they have, and to concretise these business plans. In furtherance of this, the college will be associating with the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) through the Symbiosis Law School, Pune Entrepreneurship and Incubator Cell which was inaugurated at the Annual Alumni Meet 2015. Our aim is to provide a support system to all students in college with entrepreneurial dreams and we hope for the support of all our alumni in this endeavour.

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## *Thank You Alumni*



Dearest Alumni,

You have always played a crucial part in the growth of this Institution. The management, staff, and students of Symbiosis Law School, Pune thank you for your support and we look forward to a continued association. We would especially like to thank the following alumni for their invaluable assistance and we would like to extend our gratitude to our Alumni Convener Mr. Sampath Bulusu for assisting us every step of the way .



- Sampath Bulusu, General Manager, Legal, Shell Hazira, Ahmadabad
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