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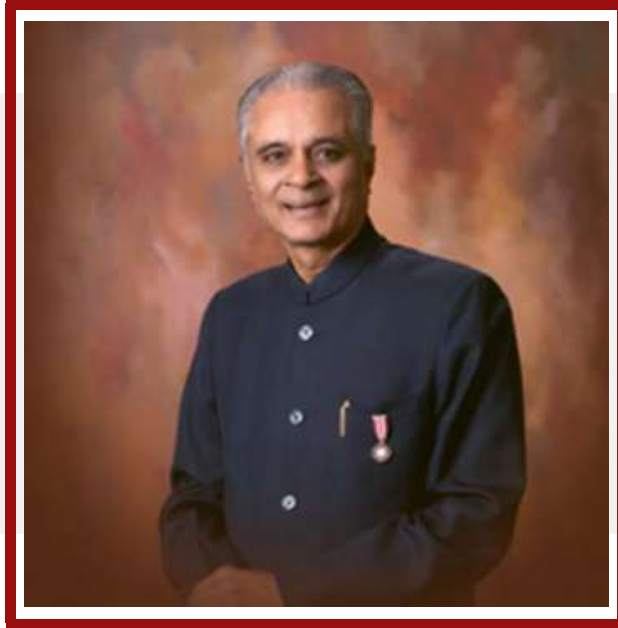
# ALUMNI NEXUS

ANNUAL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL (DEEMED UNIVERSITY)



## **FOUNDER, PRESIDENT, CHANCELLOR'S NOTE**

Symbiosis is an institution that endeavors to embody its principle of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', that also entails pursuing and perpetually maintaining good relationship with every Alumnus. The alumni of an institute represent the values, its solidarity and the message of their respective institute. We are proud of the fact that Symbiosis International (Deemed) University is a family of such a diverse group of inquisitive students and alumni who have represented the values of the institute in different walks of life in an exquisite manner.

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, since its genesis, has always been a torchbearer of in every sphere of the legal studies. It has engraved its name in the field of law through its glory and its excellency in the field. We are extremely proud of the heritage that the institution is leaving behind as it transcends its limitations and keeps on evolving. The institute always take pride and strives to promote achievements of its former students in various walks of life. The Nexus initiative aims to achieve the same and in furtherance reinforces the institute's bond with alumni. An institute stands on the shoulders of its alumni and our alumni has always made us proud with their work in their respective fields, and keeping our flag soaring high. We consider it our privilege to be able to celebrate the achievements of such brilliant legal minds.

It gives me immense pleasure that the institute has been constantly and actively involved with the growth and success of our alumni. The Symbiosis family takes great pride in the alumni who are acting as leaders and delivering upon the mission of justice.

I wish you all the very best!



## PRO CHANCELLOR'S NOTE

Symbiosis Law School, Pune has always attempted to maintain a harmonious association with its students even after their graduation. It is a matter of immense pride to welcome them as privileged members of the alumni community.

It is a delightful occasion to view the lovely entwinement between our university and its alumni. Our Alumnus, through their varied efforts, successes and accolades continue to exemplify the reputation of the University in society. We at Symbiosis Law School, Pune continue to support the objective of offering good quality legal education to build responsible and conscientious citizens.

I applaud the efforts of the Symbiosis Law School, Pune team for the many interactive activities that have enriched the avenues of alumni involvement and wish them good luck for all similar undertakings in the future. The alumni network of the college reflects the law school's great accomplishment in attaining its slogan.

We take enormous pride in the alumni of this institution who are the pioneers in strengthening the mission of justice and excellence.

I wish you all the best!



## VICE CHANCELLOR'S NOTE

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, has always preached the utmost importance of research and pursuit of knowledge dissemination, which continues to be the foundation of its legacy. We pride ourselves that our Alumnus has stood with us throughout every endeavor, which has contributed immensely to our growth and accomplishments.

Symbiosis International (Deemed) 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 unmet legal needs of society.

Symbiosis International (Deemed University) has reinforced its position of excellence in almost every sphere of education, not just in India, but across the world which can be attributed to our Alumnus, who, through their various contributions, achievements and accolades continue to exemplify the reputation of the institution in society.

The Annual Nexus is an opportunity for everyone to witness the evolution of Symbiosis Law School, Pune . We intend to invest in consolidating and expanding the alumni base to strengthen our university in its march towards world class. The publications of the nexus is imbued with a hope to bring the same into fruition.



## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Dear Alumni,

I hope this finds you in the pink of health.

As another year passes by, I see a new batch of graduates set out on their path to achieving their aspirations in life, and it fills me with extreme exuberance and pride. I also feel a tinge of nostalgia looking back on your days of college and how well you have incorporated the ideals and vision of the college into your professional life.

I recall the hardships you endured in your law school journey and the adjustments you had to make to reach the stature you are today. It fills me with a sense of content and fulfillment to recognize the plethora of fields our alumni have transcended into and made a name for themselves. You are truly responsible for the respect and recognition we gain today.

Whilst you may not be in direct contact with the Symbiosis Law School Pune that exists today, we stand today as we are because of your contributions and achievements.

Our initiative of Nexus reinforces this bond amongst us by creating a strengthening link between our prestigious college and the highly established alumni that we are proud to have today. This meet is imbued with a hope. A hope to have a stronger bond in the future and prosper together. A hope to working together for a better future and hope to an ever-growing network of people.

Let us all take our unity to further levels of excellence and joy.





## ONLINE ALUMNI MEET, 2021

The Annual Alumni Meet, a flagship event of the Alumni Committee and Cell, was held on the 12th of June, 2021 during a cheerful summer evening, on the virtual conference platform Zoom, keeping in mind the ongoing pandemic. Although the event was held on a virtual platform, yet, to ensure a personal touch, the event brought together our alumni from across the globe, reinforcing the ideology behind Symbiosis' motto, "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam." The meet showcased how our alumni have come together in the past to help each other and was also a testament to the fact that when the need arises, our alumni will come together putting aside their differences to overcome hurdles in daily life.

The programme began with Ms. Ishita Soni, Head of the Alumni Committee & Cell giving an opening address to all the guests. She introduced the theme of the meet which was "Exploring a Global Alumni Network for Crisis Management" and enunciated how this initiative is for, of and by the alumni.

After Ms. Soni, Dr. Shashikala Gurbur, the director of Symbiosis Law School Pune, took the centre stage and warmly welcomed the alumni. It was during the meet that it became apparent how Dr. Gurbur, who started the alumni initiative back in 2007 had played an essential role in creating a network that would go on to become a 20,000 member strong community united by her leadership.

After presenting certain key statistics, Dr. Gurbur presented the experiences of a few alumni who were the primary source of inspiration behind introducing the initiative of a Global Alumni Network for crisis management. The director thus, emphasized on the importance of a network that our alumni and even students could rely upon.

Dr. Gurbur also noted that they have been geographically limited in the past, but expressed her joy at the thought of a global network, with the statement, “Today is a historic day, since the whole world is a field tonight, let us not be defined by past, and selfishness, let us come together to prove that Symbiosis Law School, Pune is a symbol of justice and that the world is one family.”

As ending remarks, Dr. Gurbur shared a heart-warming anecdote about Rabindranath Tagore, wherein a child is able to complete the puzzle of map of India, because at the back of the puzzle was a human, that helped the child “bring the whole nation together”

Ms. Arpita Mittal and Ms. Prachurya Sahu, members of the Alumni Committee and Cell, highlighted the support our alumni have provided the institute with their continuous efforts.

Then, Mr. Neelesh Kumbhojkar took the centre stage, talking about various initiatives of SIU, such as a dedicated alumni portal or specific groups on social media platforms for entrepreneurs

Following this, Ms. Ankita Rao, Co-Head of the Alumni Committee, introduced the background of the crisis management committee. This was followed by Ms. Sakshi Barbate, Co-head Alumni Committee, explaining the aim and outcomes of the initiative.

The stage was then opened to the alumni, where we received multiple insightful suggestions from the alumni. Suggestions regarding how alumni can collaborate with recent graduates to help them secure positions in PG programmes and even get enrolled in the BARs abroad, provide assistance to students from tier 2 and tier 3 cities, clear queries regarding practicing litigation in the US, were received from the alumni.

Ms. Somya Nayyar and Mr. Shreyas Onkar, members of the Alumni Committee & Cell, then continued the discussion by explaining the plan of action for the implementation of this initiative. This was followed by Ms. Tanvi Godiwala, who introduced the proposed points of contact.

Mr. Aarsh Dhami then took the stage to compare the various communication platforms, in accordance to the feedback received from the alumni, who also wanted to include apps such as Signal and Clubhouse in the list as well, which consisted of apps like WhatsApp, Facebook, Telegram, LinkedIn etc.

Towards the end of the meeting, the Alumni Convener of the college, Adv. Sampath Bulusu was invited to give his special remarks. Adv. Bulusu named and praised a lot of alumni who have been involved in the welfare of others, simultaneously exposing us to various opportunities which can be followed up on. He ended his delightful speech by stating that by participating in this initiative, the alumni would not be doing any favours to the college, but will be fulfilling their duty towards their alma mater and peers.

The program then came to an end with Ms. Ishita Soni thanking everyone and Dr. Bindu Ronald delivering a formal vote of thanks.

# GLOBAL ALUMNI CRISIS SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Global Alumni Crisis Support Initiative was created with the point of view that there may arise various crisis situations for our alumni across the globe. Our aim is to create an efficient system in order to provide aid to the alumni in such situations. Therefore, we seek to identify ways to assist alumni who need support in such crises. For the same, regional crisis management contact groups has been created to facilitate aid and support to alumni in need. These groups shall consist of alumni whose prior consent has been taken.

Furthermore, a Crisis Management Committee has been established in order to facilitate efficient communication and crisis management. Points of Contact have been created to act as a liaison between the Crisis Management Committee and the alumni.

Our purpose is to create a peer-to-peer support chain, so as to enable effective crisis resolution and establish stronger disaster response groups among alumni around the world.

The division of groups has taken place in the following manner:

- Creation of Regional Groups
- Creation of a Core Group

## Formation of Regional Groups

WhatsApp groups comprising alumni has been created on a regional basis. These alumni have been added to the groups after their prior consent has been taken. The purpose of these groups shall be to act as a medium for the alumni to convey their problem, which shall then be identified and dealt with.

For alumni living abroad, the groups shall be categorized into the following regions: Americas; Europe; Middle East & Africa; Oceania and Asia. For alumni living in India, the groups shall be categorized on a zonal basis, viz. North, East, West and South regions.

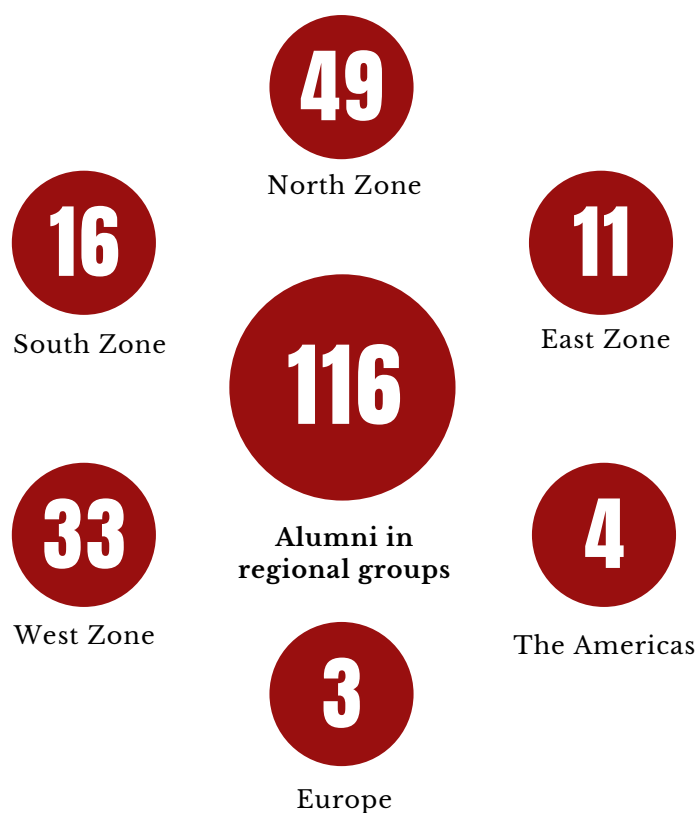
## Composition of Regional Groups

The WhatsApp groups consists of 15-20 alumni in each. Furthermore, alumni who have agreed to be Points of Contact has been added to the groups. Out of the members of each regional group, 2-3 members have been the Points of Contact. These Points of Contact will act as a link between the Crisis Management Committee and the regional groups.

The total number of alumni in the groups is 116.

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## Points of Contacts

The points of contact for the various zones are:

### North Zone:

1. Namrata Saikia
2. Anuj Sehrawat

### East Zone:

1. Supriya Dash
2. Supratim Chakraborty

### West Zone:

1. Anjan Dasgupta
2. Suvajit Chakraborty

### South Zone:

1. Karan Ajitsaria
2. Nihal Kashinath Choudyal

**America:** Simran Chandok

**Europe:** Nimrat Kaur

\*Please contact the Alumni Committee and Cell at [alumni@symlaw.ac.in](mailto:alumni@symlaw.ac.in) to be added to these groups!

# GRAND EVENTS

## TEACHERS DAY



Symbiosis Law School, Pune (SLS-P) celebrated Teachers' Day on 6th September, 2021 on the Virtual Platform, ZOOM from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM IST. The event was hosted by The Student Advisory Board 2021-2022 of SLS-P and was on the theme 'Action Replay.'

The event began with an enthralling introduction by Poushali Chakma and Srijan Sahu, Members, Extra and Co-Curricular Committee. Following which, Angira Bhattacharjee, President, Student Advisory Board, 2021-22 delivered the Welcome Address.



Subsequently, Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune delivered the Director's Address. Dr. Gurpur began her address by highlighting that Teacher's Day is not only for the teachers but also for various other stakeholders in an educational institution.



The Director's Address was followed by enthralling performances by the Extra & Co-Curricular Committee which was followed by the Award Ceremony for the teaching and non-teaching staff. Various professors and faculty members also received exuberant titles which reflect their personalities. Following the Awards ceremony, Members of Alumni Committee and Cell introduced the Games Session. The Teacher's Day, 2021 Programme ended on a positive note with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Ishita Soni, Vice President, Student Advisory Board, 2021-22.

## NATIONAL LAW DAY PANEL DISCUSSION



Symbiosis Law School, Pune celebrated National Law on 26th November 2021 to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution. A panel discussion on "Meaningful Inclusion of LGBTQIA+ in the Labour Force" was organized and it consisted of eminent legal professionals, Justice Ambadas H Joshi, Lokayukta, Goa, Retired Judge Bombay High Court; Dr Pragati Singh, Founder, Indian Aces, Delhi; and Dr Prof. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Symbiosis International (Deemed University).



Dr Shashikala Gurpur was invited to give the welcome address. Justice Ambadas H Joshi, Lokayukta, expressed the need to take up the issue of non-inclusion of the LGBTQIA+ community in an affirmative manner. Covering larger aspects of inclusion, Justice Joshi also mentioned that the onus lay upon institutions in the country to groom the community to make people believe in equality for all. He also highlighted the usefulness of law as a tool to remove social disability.



Dr. Pragati Singh, clarified the difference between 'inclusion' and 'meaningful inclusion' and the pressing need of the latter. She also spoke about the moral and legal imperatives for including the LGBTQIA+ community into the workforce but underpinned the economic imperative of the same.

Each address was followed by a moderated session of questions and answers by the panellists. The event was witnessed by 145 intellectual law students of the institute.

## 18TH CONVOCATION



Symbiosis Law School, Pune held the 18th Convocation of the graduating batch of 2016- 21 in a Hybrid Mode on December 12, 2021, amid COVID-19 social distancing protocols.

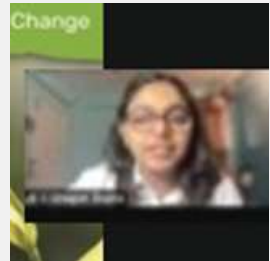
Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, addressed the students via a video message. He addressed the audience and told them that as alumni, students have great potential to contribute to India's growth, providing access to quality education is the key to India's position in the global stage.



Subsequently, Hon'ble Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, Governor of Maharashtra, was the Chief Guest of the Convocation and he conferred 9 Gold Medals to the students. He delivered the Convocation Address and gave blessings and good wishes to the young graduates. In his address, he mentioned that it is his belief that Symbiosis itself symbolizes coexistence and "symbiosis", which actually means "getting together" or "vishwabandhutva," as the name suggests is at par with the quality.

Prof. Dr S. B. Mujumdar, Chancellor, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), was requested by Dr Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, to confer the PhD degrees, degrees and diplomas to the excited and eager students. Prof. Dr S.B. Mujumdar Award for 'Outstanding Foreign Student of the Year' went to Mr Alikalisys Simwange from Congo.

## SEEDS OF HOPE AND ACTION EXHIBITION

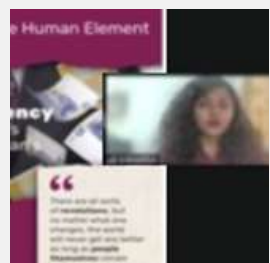


Symbiosis Law School Pune, virtually organised ‘Seeds of Hope and Action Exhibition (SOHA)’, a joint initiative of Bharat Soka Gakkai and Earth Charter International, in collaboration with the ECOCON Cell of Symbiosis Law School Pune on 12th November 2021 at 4:00 P.M IST. The exhibition intended to inspire positive change while embodying the spirit of sustainable development goals.

Mr. Akshat Goyal, a third-year student of SLS Pune and a member of Bharat Soka Gakkai warmly welcomed the gathering and presented an overview of the organization. Following the commencement, Prof. Dr. Aparajita Mohanty, Deputy Director (Academics) gave a brief account of the Law School’s tryst with increasing environmental conscience and the various initiatives taken in that direction.



Following the welcome address, Mr. Vishesh Gupta, Chairperson, Bharat Soka Gakkai enlightened the audience upon the nature of work taken up by the organization. After the brief introduction of the SOHA exhibition, panellist Ms. Devyani Mishra captured the attention of the audience with her explanation of man’s interconnection with nature. The second panellist was Ms. Naivedhya discussed inequality and human selfishness as a challenge to sustainable development. The third panellist was Ms. Niranjana who took the topic forward and spoke about inner change. Ms. Shagun Gupta concluded the exhibition with an appeal that the students should demand for a just future.



## NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LAW

A delegation from Symbiosis Law School, Pune visited the Parliament building, New Delhi, on 25 November 2021, to attend the ‘National Conference of Law Students’ organised by the Lok Sabha Secretariat on the eve of Constitution Day 2021.



The theme of the conference was ‘Separation of Powers in the Age of E-Governance’ and was attended by delegates from 31 Law Institutes. On behalf of Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director, SLS, Pune, the delegation was led by Prof. Kshitij Naikade, Assistant Professor, SLS-P, and composed of students - Angira Bhattacharjee, Tamanna Chachlani, Shivansh Ahuja, Vedansh Tandon, Taresh Bakshi and Ashwin Vardarajan.





The conference's inauguration ceremony was blessed by the presence of several dignitaries. The ceremony began with the launching of the 'Gen-Next Democracy Network' Program launched by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations. Hon'ble Union Law Minister, Shri Kiren Rijiju, in his address, focused on the need to bridge the gap between the three organs of the State – the Legislature, Executive and Judiciary. Hon'ble Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Om Birla, focused on the need of preserving the Constitution. Mr. Taresh Bakshi, 5th Year Student at SLS-P, made a presentation on behalf of the delegation from Symbiosis Law School, Pune. In his speech, Taresh emphasised on how the Indian Constitution does not explicitly recognise the principle of 'separation of powers.' The National Conference for Law Students was an insightful and inspirational visit for the delegation.

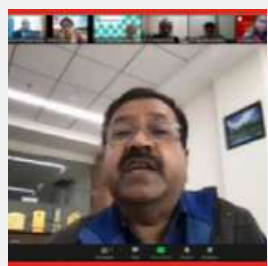
## FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION: CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY AND LAW



Symbiosis Law School Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) organised a Focus Group Discussion on the topic 'Curriculum Development on Climate Change Policy and Law' on 7th December 2021 at 10:30 AM IST in furtherance of the deliverables under the Eurasia Climate Change, Law and Policy Project.



The session commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, SLSP, Dean Faculty of Law, Jean Monnet Chair Professor in EU Climate Justice Law, Governance, Management and Policy. Following that, the panellists engaged in extensive discussions which canvassed topics such elements prospective climate change law, shortcomings of the existing curriculum on the climate change, synergy between the legal and scientific faculty in the country and more.



The panellists that graced the discussion included Prof. Anil Gupta, Program Director & Team Leader, HEAD of Division, International Cooperation; DRR & Sustainability Strategist; Professor at NIDM; Dr. T.R. Subramanya, Dean, School of Law, CMR University; Mr. M.C. Mehta, an eminent environment lawyer; Ajay Deshpande, Former Expert Member, NGT; Justice V.R. Kingaonkar, Former Member, NGT, Retd. Judge, Bombay High Court; Mr. Abhay Pimpalkar, Deputy Secretary of Environment, Govt of Maharashtra; Dr Prakash Rao, Deputy Director, SIIB, SIU.

## REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON REVIEW OF CRIMINAL LAW- IMPROVEMENT IN STATUS OF WOMEN

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, in collaboration with the National Commission for Women, Government of India, organized the “Regional Consultation on Review of Criminal Law- Improvement in Status of Women” on 16th February 2022 from 10 am to 4 pm in a hybrid mode. The esteemed panelists included:

1. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, SLSP, Dean Faculty of Law, Jean Monet Chair Professor in EU Climate Justice Law, Governance, Management and Policy
2. Chief Guest Justice Ambadas Joshi, Lokayukta- Goa
3. Guest of Honor Prof. Dr. K. V. S. Sarma, Vice- Chancellor MNLU, Aurangabad
4. Dr. K I Vibhute, Director, Amity Law School, Mumbai
5. Dr. Rashmi Oza, Principal- Chembur Karnataka College of Law
6. Dr. Purvi Pokhriyal, Dean- National Forensic Science University
7. Mr. Pravin Singh- NCW Nodal Officer
8. Prof. Tapan R. Mohanty, Dean, Department of Distance Education and Chairperson, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, NLIU Bhopal
9. Adv. Puneet Bhasin- Cyber Law & Cyber Crime Experts
10. Mr. Pratap Sawant, Chief Secretary – DLSA
11. Ms. Anuradha Sahasrabudhe, Director Pune Childline
12. Adv. S. K. Jain, Criminal Lawyer, Pune
13. Adv. Uday Warunjikar, Bombay High Court
14. Prof. Dr. Sanjay K. Jain, Principal (Additional Charge) ILS Law College, Pune
15. Dr. Rajeshri Varhadi, Professor & Head, Department of Law, University of Mumbai
16. Mrs. Geeta Kulkarni, Sevavardhini
17. Ms. Poornima Gaikwad, Deputy Commissioner Police, Zone III Pune and several other regional representatives from Law colleges.



## ONLINE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION AND WORKSHOP ON CURRICULUM REVIEW- 20TH APRIL, 2022.

The Jean Monnet Module- Legal Environment of Doing Business in the EU (LED BEU) Symbiosis Law School, Pune, constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) conducted the Online Round Table Discussion and Workshop on Curriculum Review as a part of the Jean Monnet Module- Legal Environment of Doing Business in the EU (LED BEU) on 20th April, 2022, 5 P.M. IST.



The Welcome Address was delivered by Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director, SLS Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU, Fulbright Scholar and Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EU-LAMP co-funded by EU). She expressed her gratitude to all the panelists and told that Jean Monnet Module Activities are instrumental in the pursuit of excellence.

Prof Dr. Bindu Ronald, Coordinator, Jean Monnet Module on LEDBEU, Professor and Co-Head, SCALSAR, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, commenced the discussion with a briefing and asked each speaker to deliberate and present their views on the proposed draft of the syllabus.



Dr. Dimitrios Parashu, Research Associate, Chair for German, European and International Civil and Commercial Law, Faculty of Law, University of Hannover, Germany called for a specialized course that would be pedagogically balanced and the addition of Private International Law and the Rome Regulation. Dr. João Assis, Lecturer in Private Law, Course Convenor for Commercial Law, Lisbon Accounting and Business School – ISCAL, credited the syllabus for being balanced and suggested the inclusion of consumer laws. Dr. Savina Mihailova, Sofia University, Bulgaria shared her experience and recommended study material. Dr. Mihailova, Prof. Dr. Fabian Stancke, Ostfalia University, suggested methods to harmonize national legislations of the member countries with the laws of the EU. Lastly, Amb. K P Fabian, Indian Foreign Service (Retd.) suggested addition of case studies.



The event then progressed into the workshop. Dr. Dimitrios Parashu conducted a session on 'Introduction to the EU market and the fundamentals of the EU system', Dr. Savina Mihailova, conducted a session on 'Setting up a Business in the EU including types of associations, tax regime, environmental standards and Dispute Resolution'. Subsequently, Dr. João conducted a session on 'Contract Law in EU and Competition Law Policy in EU', a session on 'Banking regulations and compliances for setting up of new business in the EU' by Prof. Dr. Fabian Stancke. and session on 'Indian Perspective of the EU Market' by Amb, K P Fabian.

## PANEL DISCUSSION ON MARITAL RAPE

The Gender Champions cell along with the Constitutional Law Club of Symbiosis Law School, Pune,, organized an online Panel Discussion on the occasion of International Women's Day. The topic for the panel discussion was "Marital Rape: Understanding the Sacrosanct Bond and Consent". The panelists included Dr Shashikala Gurpur, Professor Ratna Kapur, and Dr. Justice Shalini Phansalkar Joshi. Dr Shashikala Gurpur welcomed the panelists and emphasized on the need for gender sensitisation and highlighted the activities taken up by SLS Pune to create greater awareness.



Dr Gurpur pointed out the archaic view of the law and society irrevocable consent underlying on marital rape in India and highlighted its negative impacts. She concluded by reiterating the need for the removal of Marital Rape as an exemption and the need for a greater representation of women in the legislative. Ms Prachurya Sahu introduced the second panelist for the day- Prof. Dr. Ratna Kapur. Dr Kapur started by expressing her gratitude to all the women and gender rights activists and their contributions. She remarked that “Crime is a Crime, and can’t be hidden by the veils of culture, religion and social institutions such as family and marriage.” Her discussion focused on an archaic view of the courts and society which considered the wife as “property” and the bodily autonomy of women. Various reasons for the systemic ignorance of women’s rights and their consent to sexual acts within a marriage were discussed by her. Concluding, she called for a moral and legal intervention in the existing legislative framework.

Mr Aradom Belai, called upon the last panelist Dr. Justice Shalini Phansalkar Joshi. Dr Joshi pointed out the influence of family and cultural values in Indian Jurisprudence. Drawing from her expertise, she compared the jurisprudence of marital rape in various countries to draw the best practices. Concluding, she urged us to revisit the definition of marital consent in sexual acts. Question-Answer round was moderated by Mr Aradom Belai, where students posed substantive questions which further added to the insightful discussion. The Panel Discussion ended on a positive note with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Radhika Jagtap, Assistant Professor, SLS-Pune.

## LAW THEATRE



Symbiosis Law School Pune (SLS-P) presented the Eleventh Edition of Annual Law Theatre during the annual cultural fest, Symbhav 2022. This unique event was envisioned by Dr. S.B Mujumdar, Chancellor of Symbiosis International (Deemed university) for facilitating amalgamation of drama and law. The play was conducted at 12.30 PM IST at Symbiosis Viman Nagar Campus (SVC) Auditorium and was also live streamed on Youtube in line with the hybrid mode of Symbhav 2022.



Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, SLS, Pune, Dean Faculty of Law, Jean Monnet Chair Professor in EU Climate Justice Law, Governance, Management and Policy threw light on the essence of the law theatre and its importance in the life of the law students. The play titled Khel Khilauna highlighted the theme Inter-Parental Abduction, directed by Mr. Sachin Malvi, Director Law Theatre which emphasized upon the difficulties that arise due to lack of legislation on the inter-parental child abduction.





The Guest of Honor for the event was Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Legal Counsel Sanjay Leela Bhansali Films, Mumbai an alumnus of the batch of 2011. Mr. Kumar motivated the students to perform well in law school and advised them to keenly observe the various aspects of law school.



Through two parallel stories, the play highlighted the contrasts and similarities in the struggles faced by a homosexual couple and a so-called normal family. In both cases, family conflicts, rejection and despair forced the characters to take an extreme step - removal of a child outside their country of habitual residence in breach of another parent or guardian's custody rights. While in one story it deprived a loving and financially responsible parent of the child, custody. In the other story, an affectionate and caring father was forced into an ugly legal battle.



The courtroom scenes accurately portrayed the emotions running through the play. The petitioners and respondents argued at length over the burning issues and discussed the Hague Convention. The counsels had only one ultimate motive - to decide who is a better parent and can provide the children the future they deserve. A thorough examination of the parties' financial situation, their dedication towards the daughter's welfare and their sentiments was conducted. The final verdict declared that there was no abduction in the first place. The custody of the daughter was given to the father in furtherance of his intention to ensure a better future for her.



Another story reached the doorstep of the judiciary under Article 136 of the Constitution that it was a battle of "right to be a mother", despite not being a biological parent. Keeping in mind the best interests of the child, the Hon'ble court directed the Government of India to pass guidelines on Inter-Parental child abduction and consider signing the Hague Convention.

The Law Theatre successfully embedded with the expressions of socio-legal dilemmas faced in India. The characters were able to dispense knowledge and stimulate deliberation among the young audiences with a touch of varied emotions wrapped in layers of drama.

## CONCLAVE

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, organized Conclave entitled "The Future of Legal Practice in the Age of Artificial Intelligence, " one of the flagship events of SYMBHAV-22. The topics covered include the degree of AI incorporation in the Indian legal system, the necessity for legislative regulation, new possibilities for legal advances



in cryptocurrencies and blockchains, the interconnection of ODR and AI, balancing AI and data privacy, and more. The event was live-streamed on YouTube as part of SYMBHAV 2022's hybrid format. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, SLS, Pune, Dean Faculty of Law, Jean Monnet Chair Professor in EU Climate Justice Law, Governance, Management, and Policy, welcomed the eminent panelists and thanked them for attending Conclave 2022. She praised SLS Pune for its extensive research on AI and its legal ramifications. The Conclave's Chief Guest was former Chief Justice Dipak Misra. He claimed that SLS Pune is a "Symbiosis synergy" where there are no disagreements. According to the Hon'ble Justice Mishra, "pragmatism in actuality should be taken step by step," and mankind must progress sensibly and progressively. He promised to use AI as an "affirmative device."

According to Honourable Judge Yerur (High Court of Karnataka), judges and lawyers did not expect computers to be a professional boon. He also noted that AI in the legal system might have the same effect. According to him, the epidemic has strengthened technology links. On the AI for the Motor Vehicle and Negotiable Instruments Acts, Mr. Gaurav Bhatia, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, said, "The machine should protect, serve, assist, and strengthen the nation." In addition to supporting and increasing the judiciary's work, he acknowledged the usefulness of AI. He concluded that if AI is tasked with justice, it will fail miserably because it lacks empathy.

Following this, the discussion was furthered by the legal panelists, Ms. Ruby Singh Ahuja, Senior Partner, Karanjawala & Co., Mr. Amar Gupta, Partner, J Sagar Associate, Mr. Navarre Roy, Principal Attorney, Law Office of Navarre Roy, and Ms. Pooja Chakrabarti, Partner, Argus Partners.

## **SLS PUNE, SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL (DEEMED UNIVERSITY) AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS JEAN MONNET CHAIR IN EU CLIMATE JUSTICE LAW, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND POLICY BY THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Symbiosis Law School, Pune under the aegis of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) (SIU) home to the foremost legal minds of the country, has been bestowed with the honour of the prestigious Jean Monnet Chair under the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Education and Culture Executive Agency, European Union with the total grant of 50000 Euros from 2021-2024.

On behalf of SIU, Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International (Deemed University) will be the Jean Monnet

Chair Professor on EU Climate Justice Law, Governance, Management and Policy funded by the European Union and the former Member of Law Commission of India. The Jean Monnet Chair recognises Symbiosis Law School's decade-long experience in European Studies through Erasmus Mundus and Erasmus+ Projects, Student Exchange Programs, Masters Level Specialization, and Certificate Programs. Being the first Jean Monnet Chair awarded in Western India, this is a significant milestone for SIU.

EU-Jean LAMP's Monnet Chair is on EU Climate Justice Law, Governance, Management and Policy promotes collaboration between academia and society, including local and state policymakers, civil servants, civil society players, educators and media representatives. Most importantly, the Chair will have the ability to influence and shape a large cohort of young students from SIU's eight faculties, ranging from management to law and entrepreneurship. The Chair will indirectly benefit the community through outreach and training programmes for students from other Pune colleges.

The Indian central and state governments have made it a priority to recognize the implications of climate change on food security, energy security, water security, health, migration, and conflict. Which is a model for other countries seeking to establish a sustainable lifestyle and eco-system, the chair will promote the EU's efforts and policies in a globalised world. The ultimate objective is to support lifelong learning, enhancing educational, professional, and personal development of people in education, training, youth, and sport, fostering innovation, promoting European identity, and active citizenship.

Dr. Gurpur's main goal as a Jean Monnet Chair Professor and pioneer of EU Legal Studies in India since 2009 is to help young scholars improve their professional skills and advance their careers. In addition to European Research Grants, international collaborations, student and faculty exchange are rewards of coordinated leadership.

## SYMROLIC



Symbiosis Law School (SLS), Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), organised the 10th International Annual Research Conference on Rule of Law in Context: Climate Change and Sustainable Development-Indian and Global Perspectives (SYMROLIC 2022) on the 25th and 26th March 2022. The event was conducted in association with SLS NOIDA, SLS Hyderabad and SLS Nagpur on the virtual platform, Zoom.

The objective of this interdisciplinary conference was to provide an interface between law, climate change and life. Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur Fulbright Scholar, Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC-LAMP), Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, SI(DU), extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries and audience. SYMROLIC, an intellectual festival to inculcate a research culture, has encouraged several quality research publications and dissertations in eight legal areas.

Dr Bindu Ronald, Co-Head SCALSAR, SLS-P, introduced the publications to be released during the conference. She provided a brief overview of LexEt, the biannual newsletter of SLS Pune, introduced the Abstract Compilation of SYMROLIC, which has been an ode to law, technology, research and innovation and the book “Understanding Art Law in India” (Bloomsbury Publication) authored by Mr Rodney Ryder and Mr Vatsal Mehrotra, a third-year student as SLS Pune.



Dr S.B. Mujumdar, Chancellor, SI(DU), traced the journey of SIU from its genesis in 1971 and took pride in the quality education that promotes international understanding and globalisation. The inaugural ceremony culminated with the vote of thanks, delivered by Dr Aparajita Mohanty, Associate Professor and Deputy Director (Academics) SLS-P. The Plenary Session was conducted, and Dr Shashikala Gurpur introduced the theme.



After the plenary session, six tracks were conducted. In total, 54 papers were presented, along with four international papers.

The panellists for the first track- Law and Human Behaviour (Focal Area - Legal System & Stakeholder Behaviour with Respect to Law and Human Behaviour, Environmental Protection)- were Dr Y.S.R. Murthy, Dr Parul Rishi and Dr Gurudas Nulkar. Respect to Law and Human Behaviour, Environmental Protection)” authored by Varsha Bhagat-Ganguly (Professor, Institute of Law, Nirma University) and Karen Pineiro (Research Associate, MARAG) was adjudged as the best paper in Track 1.



The panelists for Track 2- International Law, Policy and Governance (Focal Area - Climate Change, International Migration, Global Inequalities)- included Dr Daniella Irrera, Dr S. G. Sreejithand Dang Cong Cuong, Tran Thi Dieu Ha, Dr Przemslaw Tacik. The Paper “International Law, Policy and Governance (Focal Area - Climate Change, International Migration, Global Inequalities)” authored by Ms. Sunaina Sharma (Student SLSP), Prof. Lasya Vyakaranam (Assistant Professor SLSP) was declared as the best paper in Track 2.





The third track- EU Climate Justice Law, Governance, Management and Policy (focal area- Climate Change, Cascading to Community, Corporate Compliances- included Dr Atanas Georgiev and Dr T R Subramanya as panellists. The Paper “EU Climate Justice Law, Governance, Management and Policy (focal area- Climate Change, Cascading to Community, Corporate Compliances)” authored by Roshni Shinde, Student SLSP, Prof. Shubham Shandilya (Faculty SLS P) was announced as the best paper in Track 3.

The second day of the conference commenced with the workshop on “Indian Philosophy in Research Methodology”. The resource persons included Mr Pranav Kumar Vasishta, Researcher on Dharmaśāstras and Indian Constitution at Purnapramati, A centre for Integrated Learning, Bengaluru.

Dr. Indrajit Dube and Adv. Hussian Nalwala were panellists for the fourth track: Public Law, Society and Governance, focusing on the Role of State, Business, Trade, Commerce, Management and Law. The Paper “Business, Trade, Commerce, Management and Law (focal area – Business, Global Climate change and Sustainable development, E-Commerce)” authored by Somya Dwivedi Student SLSP was announced as the best paper in Track 4.



The fifth track was on Innovation, Science, Technology and Law (focal area- AI, Data Science, Law Tech, 21st Teach Skills, Green Technology, Alternative Energy). The Paper “Innovation, Science, Technology and Law (focal area- AI, Data Science, Law Tech, 21st Teach Skills, Green Technology, Alternative Energy)” authored by Fatima Lunawadawala, Student SLSP was announced as the best paper in Track 5.

The final track was on Public Law, Society and Governance, focusing on the Role of the State, Constitutionalism, Governance and the Environment. The panelists included Advocate Sanjay Upadhyay, Prof. Yugank Goyal, and Prof. Henrico Radley. The Paper “Public Law, Society and Governance (focal area- Role of State, Constitutionalism, Governance and Environment)” authored by Arpan Simer Swarup, Kriti Bhatia Student SLSP was announced as the best paper in Track 6. This track included eleven papers.

The conference ended with the Valedictory function with the announcement of the best research paper in each track.

## SEVENTH SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, PUNE - INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION, 2022



Symbiosis Law School Pune (SLS-P) virtually hosted the Seventh Edition of Symbiosis Law School, Pune - International Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition, 2022 (SICTA 2022) from 21st April to 24th April 2022. The Inaugural Ceremony was organized on 21st April 2022 on the virtual platform, Zoom at 5:00 PM IST.

There were 440 participants who had joined for the event. Followed by a virtual lighting of lamp, the welcome address was delivered by Dr. Shashikala Gurbur, Director, SLS-P, Dean Faculty of Law, SI(NU), Fulbright Scholar and Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EU-LAMP co-funded by EU). SICTA 2022 was graced by Barrister Tapas Kanti Baul, Prosecutor, International Crimes Tribunal, Bangladesh as the Guest of Honour. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohit Shantilal Shah, Former Chief Justice, Bombay High Court delivered the Chief Guests' Address.

Day 4 of SICTA 2022 concluded with the valedictory ceremony held on April 24th, 2022. It began with the welcome address of Dr. Shashikala Gurbur, Fulbright Scholar, Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EU-LAMP co-funded by EU) Director, SLS-P, Dean Faculty of Law, SIU. Hon'ble Justice Pradeep Singh Yerur, Judge, High Court of Karnataka, were the Guest of Honour. Hon'ble Justice Ravindra Bhatt, Judge, Supreme Court of India were the Chief Guest's. Mr. Mohan Pieris, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to The United Nations, were the Guest of Honour.

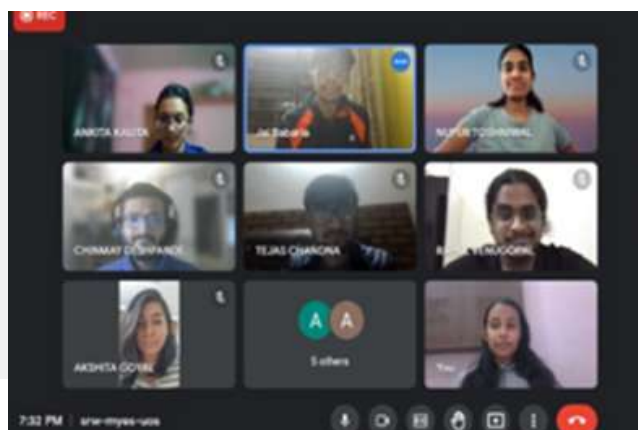
The valedictory included the announcements of winners for the various categories of awards on line. The first category was for Best Witness which was bagged by Defence Witness 1, Gaea Sukumar, and Victim Witness 1, Tanvi Chupal, for the first and second best witness. Lloyd Law College won the prize for the best memorial and Kathmandu University School of Law won it for the second best. The Late Yogini Kamdar Memorial Award for the Best Lady Student Advocate went to Samika Verma of the Army institute of law. The Shree P.V. Ramanayaa Memorial Award for the Best Prosecutor went to Dharmil Doshi of Pravin Gandhi College of Law. The Late Ishwari Prasad Begaria Award for the Best Defence Advocate went to Swikriti Thakur of Kathmandu university School of Law in the International Category and to Lubaina Sutarwala of Government Law College, Mumbai in the National Category. Finally, the winning teams were announced. Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala were declared to be the Winners of the Competition while Lloyd Law College and Symbiosis Law School, Noida got the position of First Runners-Up and Second Runners-Up respectively.

# LAW ECON CELL

## INTRA-COLLEGE WORKSHOP ON PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF THE FUNCTIONING OF CAPITAL MARKETS

Symbiosis Law School Pune's Corporate Law Cell, in collaboration with the Career and Professional Development Cell and LawEcon Cell, hosted a two-day workshop on "Practical Aspects of the Functioning of Capital Markets" on Tuesday, October 12th, and Wednesday, October 13th, 2021. The resource person was Mr. CS. Jayavant Bhawe, the proprietor of "J B BHAVE & CO. Company Secretaries," a reputed firm of Pune. All the students found the workshop to be a great learning experience.

Starting with the fundamental notion of equity and debt capital, which is the foundation for forming Capital Markets, Sir covered different regulations related to public offerings such as IPOs, FPOs, eligibility norms, prospectuses, IPO grading, book building, depository receipts, and so on. Overall, the workshop was a resounding hit in achieving its goal of providing valuable knowledge to students. Everyone gave positive feedback, demonstrating the workshop's success.



## INTRA-CELL GROUP DISCUSSION ON "REGULATION OF DIGITAL CURRENCIES BY THE BANKS: A NEED TO PREVENT THE BANK'S BANKRUPTCY"

A very fruitful group discussion was conducted by the LawEcon Cell for the academic session 2021-22. It was held on 27th November 2021, and witnessed the cell members enthusiastically participating in the discussion over "Regulation of Digital Currencies by the Banks: A Need to Prevent the Bank's Bankruptcy". The event was held via Google Meet, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, and all the members of the Cell, both newly inducted and previous members, had a penchant for tackling the menace of the misuse of cryptocurrency and indicated its positive notions as an instantaneous means of exchange, beyond the trajectory of borders. The members also discussed how the blockchain technology, used for mining cryptocurrency, is a grave cause of concern for the environment, thereby necessitating the discovery of an alternate method. Towards the end, the members agreed that there was a need for reserve-backed digital currencies so as to regulate the digital currencies.

# ANIMAL LIBERATION COMMITTEE

## RESULTS OF UPSKILLING MEMBERS REGARDING ABANDONED ANIMAL RESCUE

The Animal Liberation Committee tried to raise awareness among the committee members to take care of their companion animals. This was done while keeping in mind every member's limitation in mind since not everyone can bring home a pet. These are some photos we asked our member volunteers to send after the event and upskilling:



## POSTER MAKING AND PRESENTATION FOR AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

The committee insisted on creating awareness towards the cause of animal liberation from the dire circumstances the animals are subject to, due to the human made menace of plastic pollution



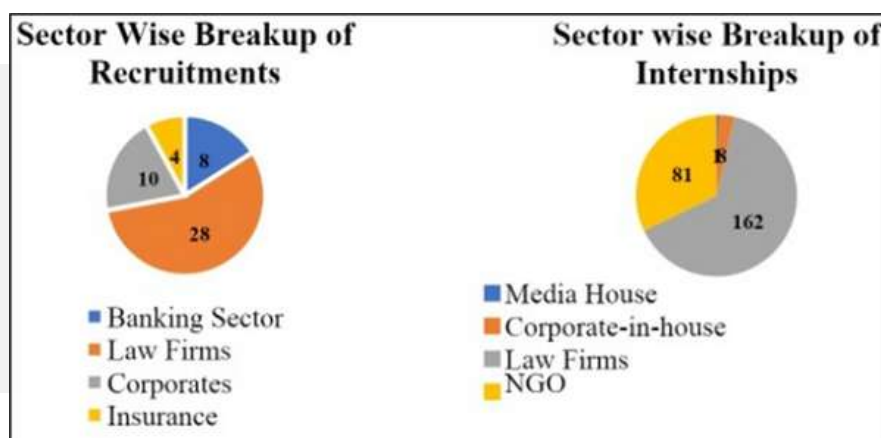


# CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CELL

The Career & Professional Development Cell functions as the primary facilitatory body for the process of professional development and constructive employment for our students. As a part of its training and development activities, the CPD Cell organized the Mock Group Discussion and Personal Interview Process (Mock GD-PI) for final year students to equip them with the requisite skill, professionalism, and etiquettes for a seamless recruitment process. The Mock GD-PI process is instrumental in grooming students for actual recruitment processes and helps them tackle their strengths and weaknesses.

The cell facilitated in providing 253 students with internship opportunities, out of which, 162 students secured opportunities in law firms such as AZB & Partners, Khaitan & Co, Argus Partners, etc; 81 students secured internships with various NGOs, 8 internships in multiple corporate houses and 1 internship in a prominent media house.

Since the beginning of this academic year, 50 students were recruited by the above-mentioned firms as well as firms such as ICICI Bank, TATA, Wipro, etc. and this number continues to increase with every opportunity. With several recruitment drives still in process, the number of students placed continues to increase. The Cell facilitated in providing 240 recruitment/job opportunities to final year batches of the 5- year and 3- year programme, LLM students and alumni. In addition, 15 students secured assessment internship opportunities with established firms like Spice Route Legal and BMR Legal, among others.



# ECOCON CELL

## POSTER MAKING AND PRESENTATION FOR AZAADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

Ecocon cell did a presentation on the single-use plastic waste management for the LLB batch on 26th October, 2021. The goal was to spread awareness about the ill-effects that such waste can cause, discuss the various legislations governing plastic-waste management in India, discuss the duties as a citizen and then, make recommendations so as to increase its efficiency thereby contributing towards environmental protection.

## ATTENDED E-TIGER SAFARI

The students of Ecocon Cell attended a live stream of a safari led by Mr. Shashank Birla through the Khatia Buffer Zone of the Kanha Reserve Forest. This was India's first ever non-commercial live safari initiative. The students were able to gain valuable insights about the biodiversity in the jungles of the national park as well as its history and management..



## VOLUNTEERING FOR BIODIVERSITY CELL SIU

Students of the cell in partnership with Biodiversity Cell of SIU volunteered for conducting and coordinating the Sunday sessions in the month of January. The Ecocon Cell in collaboration with SIU Biodiversity cell conducts a plethora of activities and events that engage students in Biodiversity learning whilst creating ecological consciousness and awareness.



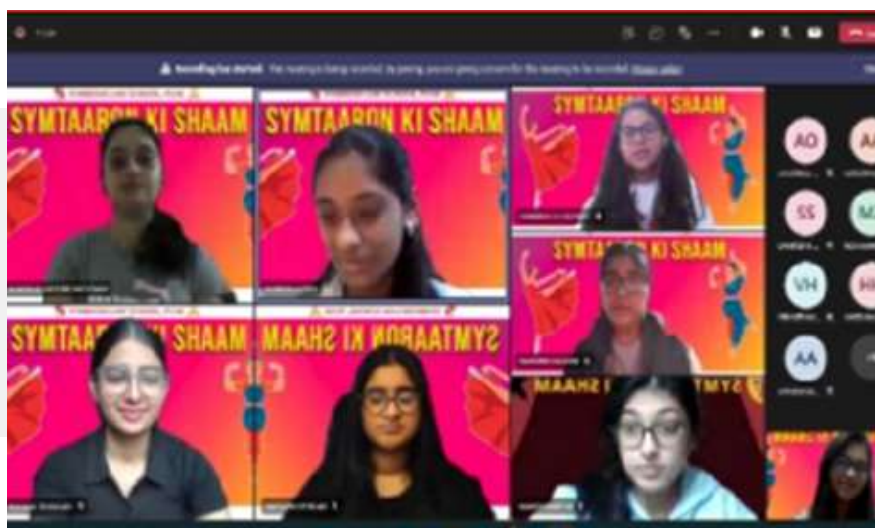
# EXTRA CURRICULAR CELL

With a vision of empowering cultural extravaganza, the Extra-Curricular cell at Symbiosis Law School, Pune functions as a student-run body that promotes extra-curricular activities in the college by providing necessary opportunities to the students to not only hone their skills but also to exhibit them.

## SYMTAARON KI SHAAM

To break the monotony of virtual law school, the Extra-Curricular Cell of Symbiosis Law School, Pune organized a four-day event filled with exciting opportunities in November 2021 - Symtaaron ki Shaam. The event unfolded in four different forms, namely, Art Exhibition and Slam Poetry, Open Mic for Stand-Up Comedy and Drama, Open Mic for Singing, Instrumental and Dance performances.

The event kickstarted on 12th November 2021 with the Art Exhibition and Slam Poetry event, which was moderated by Harshika Hazarika and Aishani Navalkar. Next in line was the Stand-Up Comedy, Drama, and Lip-Sync Event, which was held on 13th November 2021. On 19th November 2021, the third event - Open Mic for Singing and Instrumental was conducted over Google Meet with Jai Joshi and Mann Jain as the Event Heads. Lastly, the Dance event was conducted over Microsoft Teams on 20th November, 2021.



# THE LAW HAWKS CELL

The Law Hawks Cell is a platform for bringing students together to share ideas on various topics related to creativity, culture and a wide variety of other associated literary areas, and a plethora of other activities. During the first semester of the academic year 2021-2022, the Cell conducted an event titled 'Lines to Life.'

## LINES TO LIFE

A signature activity organized by the Law Hawks Cell in a line of its weekly activities is Lines to Life — an open mic for literature lovers, both the listeners and the reciters, hosted on the 30th of December 2021. True to the essence of its name, it involved the performance of original or noted works of poetry, slam poetry, and recitation. The event aspires to be a platform to celebrate expression in its freest form. A few students delivered parts of their creative writing and poetry which left everyone stunned. The event got good reactions and was overall a success, inspiring the creativity and originality of young lyrical and literary minds.

Lines to Life has been a significant part of the Law Hawks Cell weekly activities over the years, encouraging students and all interested to participate and voice their thoughts, unleash their creative insights, and express themselves.





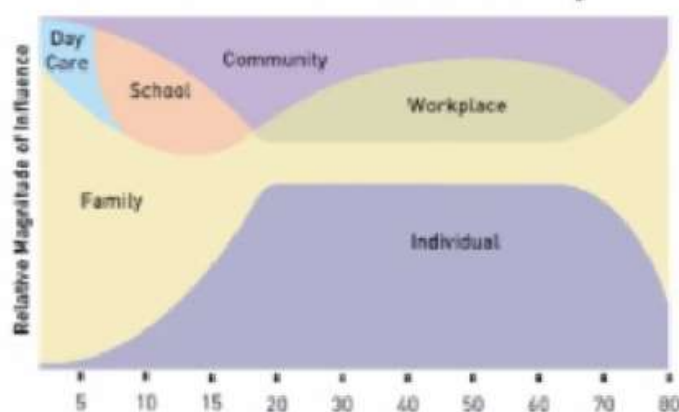
# GENDER CHAMPIONS CELL

## AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON BEYOND THE BINARY

Embracing LGBTQI+ in the Family, 26th Aug 2021. Panellists – Yoon S. Nam, Nicholas Novak, Dr Anneliese Singh, Shanto Bakshi, and Tessa.

The discussion was held by the U.S. Consulate to spread awareness about the importance of family support, open and healthy communication to embrace LGBTQIA+ at home. The panellists shared their individual experiences and stories to sensitize the participants about the same.

### Influence on LGBTQIA+ Development and Health Across the Lifespan



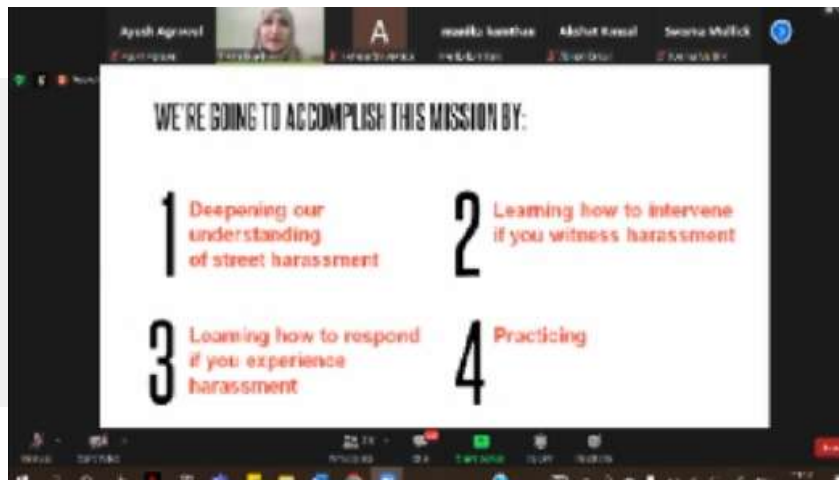
## AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON BUSTING BI-BIAS

Panellists – Yoon Nam, Sonal Giani, Natasha, Dr L. Ramakrishna. The session highlighted the struggles of Bisexuals facing stigma from both within and outside the LGBTQIA Community. Sonal Giani discussed the difference between bisexuality and pansexuality. She shared her thoughts and experience on Bi-erasure.



## AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON BYSTANDER INTERVENTION

Panellist – Bisma Javed. The awareness programme entailed understanding how one can save someone from street harassment and how they can deal with street harassment individually. The main aim of the session was to sensitize and build awareness about intervention strategy amongst students to understand the importance of bystander intervention.



## PANEL DISCUSSION IN THE DOMAIN OF CONSTITUTIONALITY OF SURROGACY BILL 2020

Socio-Legal Realities in India, 1st Dec 2021. Panellists – Dr Shashikala Gurbur, Dr Sunita Reddy, Dr Sonali Kusum, Adv. (Dr) Padmini Satyajit Pathak.

The discussion entailed the various paradigms of Surrogacy, health aspects, Right of Privacy, and aspirational needs related to the woman surrogates. The ground realities of how the commercialisation of surrogacy will harm the surrogate mother were brought into light with the discussion of the new bill. Opinions and initiatives for the scope of enhancement of the bill were discussed to prohibit exploitation and protect the rights of the mother and child.

## AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT WORKPLACE (PREVENTION, PROHIBITION AND REDRESSAL) ACT, 2013

Panellists – Dr Shashikala Gurbur, Dr Manika Kamthan. On the 8th anniversary of the POSHA, 2013 legislation, Dr Shashikala Gurbur provided an overview of the various concepts behind the need for guidelines to prevent sexual harassment at the workplace. Dr Manika Kamthan provided an in-depth understanding of the POSHA.

# HUMAN RIGHTS CELL

The Human Rights Cell for this academic year was formed on 18th November, 2021. The following activities were conducted by the newly formed Human Rights Cell:

Commemorating the adoption of the seminal document; the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the UN General Assembly and to raise awareness about the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being, the Human Rights Day is celebrated globally on December 10. The theme for Human Rights Day 2021 globally was Equality. Observing this pertinent day, the Human Rights Cell of Symbiosis Law School, Pune undertook various activities around the theme to raise awareness amongst students.



## ONLINE PANEL DISCUSSION

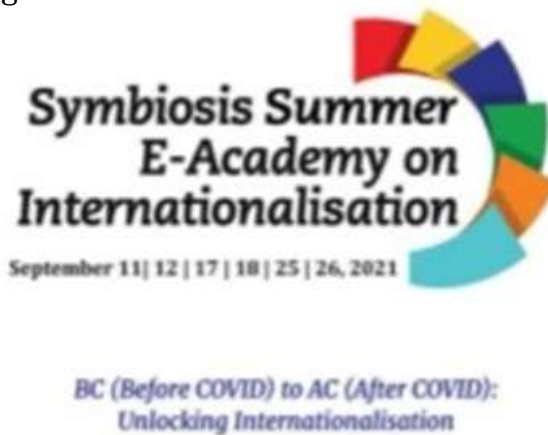
Online Panel Discussion on "Gender based violence against female sex workers in an environment of criminalised prostitution" with Ms. Tejaswi Sevekari, Executive Director, Saheli HIV AIDS Karyakarta Sang, (Pune) and the faculties-in-charge of the Cell, Prof. S. M. Aamir Ali and Prof. Sunshita Moghe as the panellists. The panel discussion was conducted virtually on Zoom and was well-attended by over 95 registered students

## HUMAN RIGHTS PLAYLIST

Human Rights Cell Playlist, the first ever made by the Cell, is a compilation of various books, web series, documents and movies, which covered mainly the dimensions incorporated in this year's theme. This playlist was created by the members of the cell, who wrote down the suggestions, shortlisted them, and encompassed them in this playlist.

# INTERNATIONAL CELL

The faculty team of the International Cell facilitated participation in the Symbiosis E-Academy on Internationalisation on the topic “BC (Before COVID) to AC (After COVID)-Unlocking Internationalisation” which took place in September, 2021. This programme allowed students to develop globally relevant skills to aid them in their future career or during higher education. Students were also able to experience an international setting at home and build a global professional network by virtue of the diverse participation from across the world in this programme.



The International Cell facilitated a student exchange programme with the Berlin School of Economics and Law (BSEL) in October, 2021, through which selected students from SLS, Pune will be given the opportunity to study at BSEL for a semester. The students will study law while being immersed in the experience of a different culture, which gives them the ability to develop in an all-round manner. Vishnu Rao and Srishti Multani were selected for the BSEL semester exchange programme.

The International Cell formed and sent a delegation of 10 students to the Christ University Business Studies and Social Sciences Model United Nations, 2021 (CUBS MUN 2021), which took place from 12th-14th November, 2021. The students participated in simulations of various committees such as the UN Security Council, the UN Human Rights Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Lok Sabha, among others. They benefited from debates and discussions on a host of globally relevant agendas. Karmannya Singh Raizada, Aradhya Bindal and Rohan Vadassery received honourable mentions for their exemplary performance.

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# COMMUNITY LEGAL CARE AND LITERACY CELL

## LOK ADALAT

The Community Legal Care and Literacy Cell actively participated in the conduction of National Lok Adalat on 1st August 2021, 25th September 2021 and 11th December 2021. The CLCL Cell in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Pune, worked for “Access to Justice” by ensuring the representation of the Third Gender as assistant panel judge as well as by conducting Legal Awareness Campaign for the National Lok Adalat. Symbiosis Law School, Pune (SLSP) was involved in the running of the Lok Adalat in various capacities. Certain SLSP faculty members and students served as Assistant Panellists in the resolution of cases. Students also provided assistance at the help desks, guiding people to their respective court rooms.



## AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

The CLCL Cell partnered with District Legal Services Authority, Pune, for the PAN India Awareness and Outreach Programme which was conducted from 2nd October, 2021 to 14th November, 2021. The cell also collaborated with the Bandhutva Group and Divine Jain Trust for this purpose. The objective of the programme was to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence through the grand event of “Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav” and also, to celebrate 25 years of NALSA. Under the aegis of the programme, the CLCL Cell hosted a lecture on “Rights of Undertrial Prisoners”, a “Mental Health Awareness Program” and a “Book Distribution Drive. A pamphlet distribution drive was conducted in order to spread awareness about the different schemes of NALSA. The cell also organized an Online Guest Lecture on “The Various Schemes of the National Legal Service Authority”. The faculty members along with the cell members spoke about the various different schemes of NALSA. The valedictory ceremony of the PAN India Awareness and Outreach Programme was conducted by Symbiosis Law School Pune which was sponsored by Gitanjali diagnostics. The District Legal Services Authority, Pune, appreciated the Faculty Members and student volunteers of CLCL Cell who worked for the smooth implementation of Pan India Awareness and Outreach Program.

# INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

## DR. SHASHIKALA GURPUR AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS JEAN MONNET CHAIR

Under the aegis of SIU, Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director Symbiosis Law School, Pune, and Dean Faculty of Law, SIU was awarded the prestigious Jean Monnet Chair in November 2021 under the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. A Jean Monnet Chair is a recognition given to the institute and a specific Professor for excellence, proven leadership, and for promoting EU Studies. Under this Chair, Dr. Gurpur and the SLS Team will be teaching innovative and contemporary courses in European Studies to students of Symbiosis Law School, Pune, and SIU sister institutes. This will result in imparting niche skills to students and enhance their employability in a globalized world. Additionally, multiple dissemination and cascading activities will be conducted to promote the learning to the community at large.



## 21ST TEACH SKILLS PROJECT

Erasmus+ CBHE Project “Teacher training with specialization on life and information technology skills” (21st TS) aims at strengthening the existing education system of the country by training teachers to equip students with skills and to make them ready for jobs in the 21st Century. This project, monitored by the Symbiosis Centre for European Studies (SCES), was won by SIU by a competitive grant, is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union and will run for a period of 3 years (2020-2024 with extension granted due to the Pandemic). The main objective of the project is to improve the quality of higher education and enhance its relevance in terms of the labour market. The project aims to target students, teachers, academicians, policy makers and eventually impact around 100000 stakeholders across Asia and 50000 in India.

Erasmus International Law and Forced Migration Project The International Law and Forced Migration (ILFM) is an international project founded by Erasmus + KA2 Project CBHE ILFM. This project is carried out by partner countries, including Malaysia, Myanmar, Italy, India, Austria, Luxembourg. With the purpose of filling in the knowledge,

legal and political gap in the forced migration issue this project proposes to conduct comprehensive research in the area and develop an innovative and intellectually challenging Master programme in international law and forced migration issues. The primary objective of the project is to develop a Master level programme on International Law and Forced Migration Studies. As a part of the deliverables of the project, it also aims at capacity building of academicians engaged in these areas of study.



## MOOT COURT ORIENTATION

Dr. Geoffrey Larson, Professor, LLM Moot Court University of Minnesota Law School conducted the virtual held Moot Court orientation series of eight lectures starting from November 16th, 2021, at 9:00 AM. The lecture series was organized by the Student Bar Association with the help of the faculties-in-charge for the subjects' Torts, Contracts and Legal Methods for the First Year LLB and BA/BBA LLB students. Dr. Larson dealt with various aspects of a moot court memorial drafting and essentially provided a primer on mooting activities with special emphasis on how to prepare for moot court competitions.

# THE ALUMNI INTERVIEWS

## FIRST GENERATION LAWYERS

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*Being a first-generation lawyer, the battle of becoming a successful lawyer is not so easy, in an immensely crowded nation like India. Making a sound career in law has never been an easy job for a first-generation lawyer.*

*A lack of acculturation to expectations in a professional setting; lack of knowledge of resources; a lack of self-confidence or sense of belonging; financial burdens that constrain first generation lawyers' career choices, along with the experience of being isolated at work and not understood in your family are just a few of the many challenges faced by first generation lawyer.*

*First generation lawyers play an impertaive role in judicial activism which is attributed to their new perspective of jurisprudence. They play a substantive role in the advancement and improvement of law, no matter what legal field they enter into.*





## MS. DIVYA SHARMA

BATCH OF 2012-17,  
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### 1) What are your fondest memories at Symbiosis Law School, Pune?

Oh they are endless! From submissions to preparing for exams to enjoying college fests, it's been a wonderful journey. I'll always cherish those five years which I spent in Symbiosis, met amazing people and made friends for life.

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### 2) What kind of challenges did you face as a 1st generation lawyer?

I feel the most crucial and difficult stage in your professional life is when you start your career, when you enter any industry after your graduation. All those memes that we see on social media about freshers are actually true. Every employer wants to hire a fresher with experience. In spite of getting all the advice to join a law-firm after graduation, I decided to start my career by joining a media-based company. I remember applying to different organisations, out of which some never replied and the others quoted their company policy of not hiring freshers.

As a 1st generation lawyer, I didn't have much contacts in the legal fraternity which play a key role in getting internships and jobs. Apart from this, settling in a city like Mumbai proved to be a challenge considering the pay you get during the initial years of your career.

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### **3) What encouraged you to pursue law?**

To be honest, becoming a lawyer wasn't my childhood dream. My dad suggested me to consider law as a career option. Now, when I look back I'm so glad I listened to him. Studying law develops your over-all personality. It makes you more confident and aware of your rights. Moreover, studying law from a prestigious institution like Symbiosis, grooms you as an individual and makes you ready to face the world.

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### **4) What would you recommend to other first-generation prospective lawyers?**

Keep putting in your efforts, be patient, and never give up! Yes, it is difficult out there, specially during this time of COVID. But you can always turn a No into a Yes with your persistence and hard-work. Don't be too picky, seize if its a good opportunity even if it pays you less than you expected. When you are sincere towards your work, money and everything else will follow.

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### **5) What are your future plans and goals?**

I'm really enjoying my work as a media and entertainment lawyer. Work has never been boring for me and I'm extremely grateful for that. With the development of new technology and recent boom of content on OTT platforms like Netflix, Amazon Prime etc., I see a lot of scope in the media industry. In future, I look forward to work with one of these multi-national companies and expand my horizon.



BATCH OF 2003-08,  
SLS PUNE

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MANAGING &  
FOUNDING  
PARTNER, EQUITY  
LAW CHAMBERS

## MR. PRASHANT KATARA

### 1) What are your fondest memories at Symbiosis Law School, Pune?

The MCC canteen was one of my fondest memories. Apart from that the experience overall, interaction with the faculty (they were very helpful).

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### 2) What kind of challenges did you face as a 1st generation lawyer?

The biggest challenge was that I didn't have a mentor so I had to commit mistakes and learn from those mistakes. There was nobody to guide me throughout the process and especially during my initial stages of litigation.

I was patient and as my family was cooperative and understood that it takes time to earn in the initial stages. I had my family's support during my initial stages of practice (which includes financially) and my hard work throughout my journey.

The biggest advantage that comes from being a first generation lawyer is when you ask for assistance people are not judgmental and they assist you.

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### 3) What encouraged you to pursue law?

My mother was my inspiration to pursue my career in law.

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**4) Do you think being a first-generation law was disadvantageous in any significant way? If yes, how?**

According to me it wasn't a disadvantage but yes the initial stage was a little behind. According to me, if one is ready to put in the hard work then everything catches up and it isn't a distinctive factor anymore.

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**5) What would you recommend to other first-generation prospective lawyers?**

Two important things I would recommend are-

- Don't be afraid of hard work as there are no shortcuts.
  - Never be afraid to try a new logic (according to him logic is the basis of law, if it cannot be logically it cannot be legal). So one needs to think out of the box.
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**6) Do you think your education at Symbiosis Law School Pune has helped you in tackling the challenges you faced as a first-generation lawyer?**

Yes, absolutely it helped me specially the education which was provided to him during class as there is no alternative to that. Apart from that, the environment provided helps to build the network as there are students all-round the globe and lastly the city makes you smart.

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**7) What are your future plans and goals?**

My future plans and goals would be simple enough to maintain a decent constitutional and insolvency practice and to manage myself better.

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BATCH OF 2004-09,  
SLS PUNE

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PARTNER,  
INSOLVENCY,  
BANKRUPTCY,  
BANKING AND  
FINANCE, SHARDUL  
AMARCHAND  
MANGALDAS.

## MR. SAURAV PANDA

### 1) What are your fondest memories at Symbiosis Law School, Pune?

I studied at Symbiosis Law School, Pune from 2004-2009. I have had a lot of fond memories in college. I met my wife in SLS Pune. I think that has to qualify as my fondest memory in college. Apart from that, I think it is very difficult to choose just one memory, but I think the journey itself was quite an experience, since we made friends for life. Other than that, a lot of other memories, like the things we used to do in the class, outside the class, in the canteen, etc. Also, being a part of the Human Rights Cell was a very enriching experience. I used to really like the work we did for HRC.

Another fond memory of mine has been the Symbhav experience. In 2009, we were a part of the committee that organized the first Symbhav in SLS Pune. Since it was the first time that we were conducting a fest in college, the challenges made it seem like an event management crash course. I was given the responsibility of organizing the concert by the band Indian Ocean, which was incidentally on my birthday. I have very fond memories from that event. One fond memory from the event was when we sat in college together at 3 AM after realizing that we had overshot the allocated budget, and that we could not get the band members their choice of seats in the flight. We waited for the then-Vice Principal Mr. Rawandale, who arrived at 7:15 AM. We explained the situation to him. The college was very supportive, we worked it out and the fest was a success.

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## 2) What challenges did you face as a 1st gen lawyer?

As first-generation lawyers, we face certain tangible and intangible challenges. The tangible challenges include a lack of platform, which is in fact available to lawyers with a family background in law, while the intangible challenges include a lack of guidance from experienced individuals. As a first generation lawyer you have to start from scratch. If you put your mind and heart into it there is enough scope and potential for the first generation lawyer to shine through.

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## 3) What encouraged you to pursue law and are you happy with your decision?

It wasn't proper planning but I had a general knack in matters of current affairs and in being able to sail through things and find the odd one out. I was also a keen listener and I was suggested by my few friends that I have a good aptitude to do well in law. But on the other hand, I didn't have proper knowledge about the field nor there was no-one in my family pursuing law.

So as suggested by one of my seniors who was in NLS, she read a couple of books related to law and she shared some of her coaching material for law entrance and I really enjoyed reading them. By the end, I was fairly clear that law is the career I would really like to pursue.

Absolutely, I'm glad with the decision that I took to pursue law because coming from a small town background my initial thought process was to pursue engineering but I had a knack for this field. Furthermore, I enjoy this career far more than any other career I would have pursued.

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## 4) Do you think being a first-generation law was disadvantageous in any significant way? If yes, how?

The biggest disadvantage, especially in your initial stages of your career, is getting the right guidance. According to me, I had decided it would be difficult for me to practice in an independent sector and with little to no income it would be difficult to sustain myself in a bigger city. Hence, by default I had chosen corporate law. Otherwise, IPC was of great interest to me in law school as well. Lastly, it is all about perspective and right guidance is required is the most critical and to keep your networking skills really good as a first generation lawyer.

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**5) How did you face the challenge of being a first-generation lawyer?**

The biggest motivation is to always be at the top, I always wanted to be successful and I always wanted to be the best version of what I can be. That has always been my driving force throughout not just college life, professional life but whatever I do.

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**6) Do you think there are any advantages that come from being a first-generation lawyer?**

According to me, the one advantage I can think of is that you really don't have baggage. I don't see much of a disadvantage. Your hard work and dedication matters the most irrespective of whether you are a first generation lawyer or not.

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**7) Do you think your education at Symbiosis Law School Pune has helped you in tackling the challenges you faced as a first-generation lawyer?**

So in Symbiosis Law School Pune one good thing is you are really put into a swimming pool so either you learn how to swim or you keep looking for a life jacket. That was one thing which I learned very quickly in my college life. This learning has not only helped in my college life but also in my professional life. There is no spoon feeding.

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**8) What are your future plans and goals?**

My future goals for now from professional pursuit I'm right now in a happy place but of course where I want to be is closer to the peak. From a goal perspective my goal is really to be able to respect all the clients I work with. Apart from my professional goal, my professional goal is to travel to quite a few countries.

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# HALL OF FAME



The achievements of the alumni of an institution are a matter of great pride and honour for the alma mater. These achievements contribute immensely to the reputation and esteem of an institution. We would like to congratulate the following alumni for their tremendous achievements in the past two years. It is to be noted that the following list is not exhaustive.

## ALUMNI PROMOTIONS

Name	Batch	Designation	Firm
Vatsala Rai	2010	Partner	AZB & Partners
Aditya Prasad	2009	Partner	Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
Anandita Kaushik	2009	Partner	Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
Ashutosh Narang	2006	Partner	L&L Partners
Kunal Arora	2010	Partner	Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan attorneys
Asish Abraham	2010	Partner	Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan attorneys
Saket Satapathy	2011	Partner	Tuli & Co
Manaswini mishra	2011	Head- Corporate communications	Fox Mandal
Aravindan Shanmugavel	-	Group Head- Corporate litigation	Fox Mandal
Anindiya Ghose	2007	Equity Partnership	Induslaw
Ekta Tyagi	2007	Associate Partner	DSK Legal
Anupam Shukla	2011	Partner	Pioneer Legal
Shoubhik Dasgupta	2007	Partner	Pioneer Legal
Abhishek Gupta	2007	Associate Partner	MZM Legal LLP
Somrita Chatterji	2011	Partner	Veritas Legal, Advocates and Solicitors
Shravanth Arya Tandra	2010	Partner	Poovayya & Co.



## IFLR AWARDS

Name	Batch	Award	Designation
Krishnava Dutt	1999	Highly Regarded	Managing Partner, Argus Partners (Solicitors & Advocates)
Aparajit Bhattacharya	2001	Highly Regarded	Partner, DSK Legal
Ajay Sawhney	2003	Highly Regarded	Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
Deep Roy	2007	Highly Regarded	Managing Partner, EQUILEX
Richa Choudhary	2008	Highly Regarded	Partner, Trilegal
Devidas Banerji	2001	Notable Practitioner	Partner, Khaitan & Co
Sidharth Shankar	2001	Notable Practitioner	Partner, JSA
Yashojit Mitra	2003	Notable Practitioner	Partner, Economic Laws Practice (ELP)
Neeraj Menon	2004	Notable Practitioner	Partner & Head (Projects Practice), Trilegal
Aninda Pal	2005	Notable Practitioner	Partner, DSK Legal
Upasana Rao	2005	Notable Practitioner	Partner, Trilegal
Arka Mookerjee	2006	Notable Practitioner	Partner, JSA
Ashutosh Narang	2006	Notable Practitioner	Partner, Link Legal
Anindita Roy Chowdhury	2006	Notable Practitioner	Partner, AZB & Partners
Arpita Garg	2006	Notable Practitioner	Partner, S&R Associates
Subhayu Sen	2006	Notable Practitioner	Partner, Khaitan & Co
Bharati Joshi	2006	Notable Practitioner	Partner, JSA
Ananya Sharma	2007	Notable Practitioner	Partner, AZB & Partners
Namita Bhari	2007	Notable Practitioner	General Manager, Legal, Lupin
Harsh Maggon	2007	Notable Practitioner	Partner, Trilegal
Karan Kalra	2007	Notable Practitioner	Founder, Bombay Law Chambers

Rishi Anand	2007	Notable Practitioner	Partner, DSK Legal
Bir Bahadur	2008	Notable Practitioner	Partner, JSA
Roxanne Anderson	2009	Notable Practitioner	Partner, AZB & Partners
Akshay Malhotra	2009	Notable Practitioner	Partner, Khaitan & Co
Ashraya Rao	2010	Notable Practitioner	Partner, Khaitan & Co
Jeet Sen Gupta	2001	Rising Star	Partner, Ziliyum Advisors LLP

## ASIA LAW LIST

Name	Batch	Award	Designation
Anshuman Sakle	2009	Distinguished Practitioner	Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
Probir Roy Chowdhury	2004	Distinguished Practitioner	Partner, JSA
Anjan Dasgupta	2002	Distinguished Practitioner	Partner, DSK Legal
Krishnava Dutt	1999	Distinguished Practitioner	Managing Partner, Argus Partners (Solicitors & Advocates)
Gowree Gokhale	1995	Distinguished Practitioner	Partner, Nishith Desai Associates
Aparajit Bhattacharya	2001	Distinguished Practitioner	Partner, DSK Legal
Vinayak Burman	2005	Notable Practitioner	Managing Partner, Vertices Partner
Harsh Maggon	2007	Notable Practitioner	Partner, Trilegal

## ASIA LEGAL BUSINESS

Name	Batch	Award	Designation
Rishi Anand	2007	India's top TMT/Fintech Lawyer	Partner, DSK Legal
Nidhish Mehrotra	2007	India's top TMT/Fintech Lawyer	Managing Partner, ANM Global
Nishad Nadkarni	1999	India's top IP Lawyer	Partner, Khaitan & Co

## IBLJ IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

Name	Batch	Award	Designation
Sourish Mohan Mitra	2005	Rising Star	Director, Legal Affairs, Gartner India Research and Advisory Services
Suhani Singh	-	Rising Star	General Counsel, Delhivery
Sudipta Ghosh	2004	Energy and Natural Resources	General Counsel, Apraava Energy
Ashutosh Narang	-	Financial Services	Head - Legal, Capital India Finance Limited
Rohit Kumar	2002	Industrials, Chemicals, Textiles	Global General Counsel, UPL Ltd.

## ASIAN LEGAL BUSINESS

Name	Batch	Award	Designation
Arush Khanna	2012	Indian Rising Star	Partner, Numen Law Offices

## BW LEGAL WORLD 30 UNDER 30 CLUB OF YOUNG ACHIEVERS 2022

Name	Batch	Award	Designation
Tanu Banerjee	-	BW Legal world 40 under 40	Partner, Khaitan & Co
Abir Lal Dey	-	BW Legal world 40 under 40	Partner, Saraf and Partners
Anisha Patnaik	-	BW Legal world 40 under 40	Founder, LexStart

Probir Roy Chowdhury	2004	BW Legal world 40 under 40	Partner, JSA
Rony Oommen John	2008	BW Legal world 40 under 40	Advocate, Law Offices of Rony Oommen John
Sumeet Singh	2009	BW Legal world 40 under 40	General Counsel & Head Corporate Affairs and Corporate Strategy, BharatPe

## CHAMBERS ASIA-SPECIFIC GUIDE AND RANKINGS

Name	Batch	Award	Designation	Category
Anjan Dasgupta	2002	Banking & Finance	Partner, DSK Legal	Band 4
Anshuman Sakle	2009	Competition/ Antitrust	Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	Band 3
Varun Sriram	2006	Corporate/M&A: Chennai-based	Partner, Commercial Law Advisors	Up and Coming
Dorothy Thomas	1997	Corporate/M&A: Chennai-based	Partner, Shardul Amarchand and Mangaldas & Co	Band 3
Krishnava Dutt	1999	Corporate/M&A: Mumbai-based	Managing Partner, Argus Partners (Solicitors & Advocates)	Band 4
Harsh Maggon	2007	Corporate/M&A: Mumbai-based	Partner, Trilegal	Up and Coming
Sidharrth Shankar	2001	Corporate/M&A: New Delhi-based	Partner, JSA	Band 4
Aparajit Bhattacharya	2006	Corporate/M&A: New Delhi-based	Partner, DSK Legal	Band 4



Rajat Mukherjee	2002	Corporate/M&A: New Delhi-based	M&A Partner, Khaitan & Co	Band 4
Hitesh Jain	1995	Dispute Resolution: Mumbai-based	Managing Partner, Parinam Law Associates	Band 3
Divaspati Singh	2007	Investment Funds	Partner, Khaitan & Co	Up and Coming
Ananya Sonthalia	2013	Investment Funds	Senior Associate, AZB & Partners	Associates to watch
Sidharth Shankar		Private Equity	Senior Associate, JSA	Band 4
Neeraj Menon	2004	Projects, Infrastructure & Energy	Partner and Head, Trilegal	Band 2
Rahul Arora	2008	Real Estate: New Delhi-based	Partner, Trilegal	Band 2
Mrinal Kumar		Real Estate: New Delhi-based	Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co	Band 1
Krishna Dutt	1999	Restructuring/ Insolvency - India	Managing Partner, Argus Partners (Solicitors & Advocates)	Band 2
Deep Roy	2007	Restructuring/ Insolvency - India	Managing Partner, EQUILEX	Band 3
Aditya Krishnamurthy	2007	Shipping - India	Partner, Bose & Mitra & Co.	Up and Coming
Gowree Gokhale	1995	Technology, Media, Telecoms (TMT) - India	Partner, Nishith Desai Associates	Band 2
Vinayak Burman	2005	Venture Capital - India	Managing Partner, VERTICES PARTNERS	Band 3
Samarjit Pattnaik	2002	White-Collar Crime & Corporate Investigations - India	Partner, Karanjawala & Company	Band 4
Manavendra Mishra	2010	White-Collar Crime & Corporate Investigations - India	Partner, Khaitan & Co	Up and Coming

Sherbir Panag	2014	White-Collar Crime & Corporate Investigations - India	Partner, Panag & Babu Law Offices	Band 3
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## THE LEGAL 500 ASIA PACIFIC GUIDE AND RANKING 2022

Name	Batch	Award	Designation	Category
Probir Roy Chowdhury	2004	TMT	Partner, JSA	Next Generation Partners
Chirag Naik	2017	White Collar Crime	Principal Associate, MZM Legal LLP	Rising Stars
Anjan Dasgupta	2002	Banking & Finance	Partner, DSK Legal	Leading Individual
Aparajit Bhattacharya	2001	Corporate & M&A	Partner, DSK Legal	Leading Individual
Sidharrrth Shankar	2001	Corporate & M&A	Partner, JSA	Leading Individual
Rajat Mukherjee	-	Corporate & M&A	Partner, Khaitan & Co	Next Generation Partners
Neeraj Menon		Projects and Energy	Partner, and Head Trilegal	Leading Individual
Anjan Dasgupta	2002	Projects and Energy	Partner, DSK Legal	Leading Individual
Gunita Pahwa		Dispute Res. Arbitration	S&A Law Offices	Leading Individuals
Nitesh Jain	2007	Dispute Res. Litigation	Disputes Partner, Trilegal	Next Generation Partners

## ARBITRATION 2022 GUIDE

Name	Designation
Moazzam Khan	Nishith Desai Associates

## ASIAN LEGAL BUSINESS BY THOMAS REUTERS

Name	Batch	Award	Designation
Yashvardhan Rana	2013	Rising star	Partner, Amarjit & Associates

## GENERAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Name	Batch	Achievement	Designation
Varuna Agarwal	2018	UPSC AIR 38	
Vineet Dhandha	2003	Appointed as Assistant Solicitor General of India	Standing Counsel, Arunachal Pradesh
Kuber Dewan	2008	Elected as the Chairman of the New Delhi Arbitral Institution of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Partner, DMD Advocates

# ALUMNI CONTRIBUTION TO THE STUDENT COMMUNITY

The contribution of alumni to their alma mater is something that is of such great value that it can never go unacknowledged. Since Symbiosis Law School, Pune, as an institution places a significant amount of emphasis on the relationship between alumni and their institution, we also believe that any form of contribution made to the institution by its alumni deserves acknowledgement.

Therefore, we would like to thank the following alumni for their invaluable contribution to the institution:

## GUEST LECTURES

Name	Contribution under Committee/ Cell	Subject
Dr.Mondira Dutta	Lecture fo Human Rights Cell (In collaboration with Gender Champions Cell)	Rights of Women and Trafficking
Mr. Dharminder Kaleka	Deliberation Forum 1.0 for the International Cell	Should Social Media Algorithms be regulated?
Rohit Purandare	Lecture on Corporate Law for the Corporate Cell	Drafting of Infrastructure Contract (Concession Agreement, Engineering, Procurement and Construction Contract
Sameer Avasarala	Non-Personal Data governance for the Corporate Cell	Discussion on the Forthcoming Data Protection Regime in India with an emphasis on Non-Personal Data Regulation
Adv Shravanth Aarya	--	Guest lecture for the first year students in the course of Environmental Law was conducted



Name	Contribution under Committee/ Cell	Subject
Ms. Satvika Krishnan, currently pursuing LL.M from PACE University U.S A		Guest lecture for the first year students in the course of Environmental Law was conducted
Mr. Sameer Avasarala	Tech Legal Cell, in collaboration with Career and Professional Development Cell	Open Forum discussion on the Opportunities in IP and Technology Laws: Prelude and Experiences
Mr. Karanvir Singh	Start-ups and Entrepreneurship by Entrepreneurship Cell!	Panel Discussion on the topic Topic - Start-ups and Entrepreneurs: The Future of India
Mr. Arnav Mittal	Subject - Busy Business Competition(Symbhav Event) by Entrepreneurship Cell	Competition on start-up ideas

## ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AND SPONSORSHIP

Name	Sponsorship
Adv. Sampath Bulusu	Sponsorship
Shravanth/Titan	Sponsorship
Manan Sanghai	Sponsorship
Harshad Bhadbade	Sponsorship
Ivan Dzouza	Sponsorship
Anil Aturkar	Sponsorship
SCC & EBC	Sponsorship
S.K.Jain Scholarship	Scholarship

## INTERNSHIPS AND MOCK GDPI

Name	Contribution under Committee/ Cell
Adv. Purvika Bhandari	Legal Internship/Service Internship (2021)
Aayushi Singh	Legal Internship/Service Internship (2021)
Rishabh Bhojwani	Mock GDPI (2021)
Abhishreshth Goswami	Mock GDPI (2021)
Subhlaxmi Sen	Mock GDPI

## JUDGES AND PANELLISTS

Name	Contribution under Committee/ Cell
Mohsin Sheikh	Acted as an Assistant Panel Judge in National Lok Adalat
Mahek Dalmia	Acted as a Panellist in cell recruitment process and volunteered for National Lok Adalat through online mode
Preksha Jain	Acted as an Assistant Panel Judge in National Lok Adalat
Aditya Ravindra Deshmukh	Acted as an Assistant Panel Judge in National Lok Adalat
Shruti Manchanda	Acted as an Assistant Panel Judge in National Lok Adalat
Vishal Dhawan	Acted as an Assistant Panel Judge in National Lok Adalat

## NME 2021

Adv. Purvika Bhandari  
 Adv. Aneesh Sadhwani  
 Adv. Priyanka Arora  
 Adv. Kartik Arora  
 Adv. Nikhilesh Agarwal

Adv. Aniket Nikalje  
 Adv. Manan Sanghai  
 Adv. Tanvi Khanna  
 Adv. Vidit Mehra  
 Adv. Nitin Kumar  
 Adv. Gaurav Puri

Adv. Vignesh Raj  
 Adv. Dhrumi Gada  
 Adv. Sanjana Mittal  
 Adv. Vadeendra Joshi  
 Adv. Sneha Yanappa

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Adv. Harshada Wadkar

Adv. Mounica Kasturi

Adv. Nikhil Mengde

Adv. Nitin Kumar

Adv. Srishti Khare

Adv. Rohan Deshpande

Adv. Tanya Shree

Adv. Urvi Mohan

Ms. Sanjana Mittal

Adv. Parth Dixit

Adv. Vignesh Raj

Adv. Vadeendra Joshi

Adv. Dhrumi Gada

Adv. Gaurav Puri

Adv. Nitin Kumar

**SICTA 2021**

Samarth Khanna

Tanya Shree

Mounika Kasturi

Parth Dixit

Aneesh Sadhwani

Kartik Arora

Gourav Mohanty

Shayan Dasgupta

Naina Rathore

Purvika Bhandari

Nitin Kumar

Suyash Mohan Guru

Advait Tambe

Gaurave Bhargava

Sampath Bulusu

**CHALLENGER I**

Adv. Rohan Deshpande

Adv Shayan Dasgupta

Adv Ridhish Rajvanshi

Adv. Sruthi Dixit

Adv. Somney Singhal

**CHALLENGER II**

Adv. Gourav Mohanty

Adv. Ekakshara Mahajan

Adv. Siddhesh Pradhan

**IADRE 2021**

Adv Nitin Kumar

Adv Karthik Arora

Adv Aneesh Sadhwani

Dr Nikhil Fulambarkar

Adv Purvika Bhandari

Adv Mounica Kasturi

Adv Priyanka Arora

Adv Nikhilesh Agarwal

Adv Tanvi Khanna

Adv Sanjana Mittal

Adv Vidit Mehra

## INTERNATIONAL MOOTS

Name	Competition Name
Vignesh Raj	Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, 2021
Someny Singhal	Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition
Shivani Trichonopoly	12th Leiden Sarin International Air Law Moot Court Competition
Karan Kamath	2021 International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition
Preetham Jude Correa	35th and 36th Editions of Jean Pictet Moot Court Competition.
Shayan Dasgupta	28th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot - Austria
Devina Srivastava	28th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot - Austria
Jenny Matthew	28th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot - Austria
Alifya Vora	Herbert Smith Freehills Competition Law Moot
Nehal Binani	FDI International Arbitration Moot 2021
Vedika Walia	FDI International Arbitration Moot 2022
Rakshitha Naik	Nelson Mandela Human Rights Moot Court Competition

# OBITUARIES

*In the loving memory of...*



**ANIRUDDHA GHOSH**

Principal Associate, Shardul  
Amarchand Mangaldas & Co  
(Batch of 2004)



**ELGIN MATT JOHN**

Founder, Managing Partner,  
Elgin Matt John & Associates  
(Batch of 2005)



**KANWAR BRARA**

Customer Service Lead,  
Synapse India  
(Batch of 2004)



**SUPRIYA MAULIK MAHAJAN**

Senior Manager - Legal,  
MCube Capital  
(Batch of 2006)