FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, SLS-P, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU fondly remembered Late Advocate Shri Ram Jethmalani (1923-2019), in her welcome address. She recalled the vibrancy of Mr. Jethmalani’s personality exuding wit and humor. She spoke about his dedication and commitment to law. Dr. Gurpur remarked how he could invoke a sense of patriotism in the hearts of all who had the privilege of listening to him. One of her fondest memories is associated with the publishing of his book ‘Rebel.’ The book was a collaborative effort of the faculty members and students of Symbiosis Law School, Pune. It depicted his dynamic personality and his various roles as a lawyer, a teacher and a mentor. As the chairman of the Bar Council of India (BCI), he proposed the groundbreaking idea of commencing a five-year law programme to revamp the Indian legal education system.

Following Dr. Shashikala Gurpur address, the portrait of Late Adv. Jethmalani’s was garlanded and a melodious Bengali song by Rabindranath Tagore was played. The audience shown a short film on the life, achievements and contributions of Late Advocate Shri Ram Jethmalani. The next speaker, Mrs. Nalini Gera, author, also lamented the loss of a crusader in the legal field. Late Advocate Ram Jethmalani was a staunch believer of the fact that corruption can and should never be tolerated by the society. Beyond the legal arena, Mr. Jethmalini was also a religious scholar, who wrote a tretise on Islam and have a debate on Hinduism. Reflecting on her days and long hours of discussions with him, she reminisced his humility.

Adv. Harshad Nimbalkar recalled on Late Advocate Ram Jethmalanis extraordinary skills as a criminal lawyer and an authority on Constitutional Law. Adv. Nimbalkar recounted the modesty and respect that Late Advocate Ram Jethmalani would extend to everyone. He went on to exclaim,"Simply put, there cannot be another Ram Jethmalani". Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro-Chancellor, SIU, recalled how Mrs. Nalini Gera and she were like daughters to Late Advocate Ram Jethmalani. She reminisced that Late Adv. Ram Jethmalani embraced Symbiosis Law School, Pune as his own. His pride and love for this institution was evident by his regular presence at the ‘Induction' and ‘Law Day' function every year.

Advocate Jyoti Shah recited a beautiful Jain hymn in the memory of Late Advocate Ram Jethmalani. Following the prayer, Advocate S.K. Jain described Late Advocate Ram Jethmalani as the ‘Professor of Professors: He stated how Late Advocate Jethmalani not only had a towering presence in the court but also had a positive impact on the lives of young students worldwide. He concluded his speech by stating how Late Adv. Jethmalanis demise was not only a great loss to the legal fraternity but also to the entire nation. Thereafter, Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, Chancellor, SIU, remembered the first time he had the opportunity to meet Late Advocate Ram Jethmalani. He shared an anecdote with the audience on Late Adv. Ram Jethmalani and described him as the ‘watchdog of democracy:

Dr. Mujumdar shared how Late Advocate Ram Jethmalani believed that law students should converse with knowledge of the law, and also other inter-disciplinary subjects.
Symbiosis Law School, Pune (SLS-P), and Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT), Pune Chapter, jointly organized the 8th Late Shri B.G. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture on ‘State of Governance in India’ on 24th of August, 2019.

A.V. Krishnan, Member of the PCGT, Pune Chapter, praised Late Shri B.G. Deshmukh for promoting transparency and accountability in governance which led to the launch of the Pune Chapter in May 2006. Mr. Ajit Nimbalkar, Member, PCGT, Pune Chapter recounted the efficiency with which Late Mr. Deshmukh handled his varied roles.

The keynote Speaker of the event, Ambassador Mr. K.P. Fabian (Retd.), Indian Foreign Services, applauded the works of PCGT. He stressed on the importance of government initiatives such as Swacch Bharat Abhiyan in collaboration with civil society efforts. Lieutenant General Ashok Kapoor delivered the closing remarks and moderated the question and answer session.
Symbiosis Law School, Pune, hosted its 2nd edition of Symbiosis Law School Parliamentary Debate on 23rd August to 25th August 2019. With a participation of over 150 students from premier institutions across the country, and a host of internationally acclaimed judges, this debating tournament was an endearing skill development like debating.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director, SLS-P and Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International University, who elaborated on the importance of an institution being dynamic in pursuing excellence in skill honing activities such as debating.

The finalists included participants from National Law School of India University, Indian Law Society’s Law College Pune and RV College of Engineering, with the team from NLSIU emerging victorious. The tournament concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Prof. Kshitij Naikade, Faculty in-Charge of the Debate Society, SLS-P.
The Common Commencement Programme for the first year students of Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts and Symbiosis School for International Studies was organized on 3rd September 2019.

In her welcome address, Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU; Director, SLS Pune, commented on the importance of higher quality education, as a common mission of all three institutes. She concluded her address with “in the sacred fire of knowledge, we burn our ignorance.”

Dr. Rajani Gupte, Vice Chancellor, Symbiosis International (Deemed University) in her address, surmised that education needs to be modified to adapt to the changing world. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis International (Deemed University) in her address lauded the strength and beauty of the Symbiosis culture. Dr. Mujumdar, the esteemed Chancellor of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) shared with the students the three mantras of success: health, understanding the worth of time and realizing the value of academics.

The second session of the programme, “SymbiCare Induction”, centered on physical and emotional health awareness. It was conducted by Col. (Dr.) Gopal Singh, Medical Superintendent, SCHC & Dr. Girija Mahale, HoD, Symbiosis Centre for Emotional Wellbeing. The third session was a panel discussion on “Maintaining Law and Order and Prevention of Substance Abuse”. Panelists included Mr. Prasad Akkanovru, DCP Zone 4, Pune City Police; Col. C. V. Mohan (Retd.), Senior Campus Administrator, SVC Campus; and Dr. Santosh Aghav, Assistant Professor, Symbiosis Law School, Pune.
The students of Symbiosis Law School, Pune celebrated the occasion of Teacher’s Day with great pomp and zeal on the 5th of September 2019. The theme for the celebration was ‘Pushkar Mela’ and all the vibrant decorations in the corridors and the halls of the college reflected the same.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Prof. Bindu Ronald, Deputy Director and other professors, 'participated in the celebrations.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur addressed the gathering on the importance of the teaching force that serves as the backbone of the college. The festivities of the day comprised of dance performances, a drama skit, musical acts performed by the students, a karaoke session for the amusement of the teaching staff and an award ceremony, wherein teachers were bestowed with different titles which encapsulated their unique personality traits.
The Investiture Ceremony for the Student Advisory Board 2019-20 and Student Bar Association of Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a component of Symbiosis International (Deemed) University, was held on 9th September, 2019. The Chief Guest for the event was Maj. Gen. (Retd.) V.C. Chitravanshi, VSM, JAG branch.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director, SLS-P, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU, in her welcome address, spoke about the journey of Symbiosis Law School, Pune and its position as one of the leading institutions of legal education in the country. Hon'ble Chief Guest enlightened the crowd on the importance of having personal values and a self-identity and encouraged them to never compromise on the same.

Subsequently, the President of the Student Advisory Board 2019-20, Mr. Ishwar Pratap Singh was formally sworn in by the esteemed Chief Guest who administered the oath. Following this, the swearing in of the Vice-Presidents, the Heads and Co-Heads of the various committees of SAB and the Class Representatives took place.
The Art Workshop and Exhibition, Et Iris ‘19, was organized by the Creative Committee in association with Extra-Curricular Cell of Symbiosis Law School, Pune on 16th September, 2019 in the Dome area of Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

Et Iris featured an exclusive Art Exhibition which showcased the work of students from Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Symbiosis School of Liberal Arts, Symbiosis School of International Studies and Symbiosis Institute of Design and other institutions across Pune.

The main feature of the event was an Art Workshop conducted by Ms. Divya Rao, Alumnus of Symbiosis Law School, Pune and Co-Founder of Kairassi, a non-profit organisation.

The theme of the workshop was ‘pop art’; Ms. Rao taught the participating students basics of sketching and maintaining the ‘pop art’ form.

Et Iris ‘19 also hosted a pottery workshop with traditional potters from Kumbhardwada, as well as Spoken Word in the Tell a Tale Open Mic, where students gave live performance.
Symptoms, the intra-college cultural and sports fest, was conducted by the Extra Curricular Cell of Symbiosis Law School, Pune from 17th to the 19th of September, 2019. Symptoms 2019 aimed at encouraging the first years to showcase and explore their talents.

The theme for this year’s fest was “Online is Alive”, in celebration of popular culture largely influenced by shows, memes, internet trends, social media and so on. The stunning decorations put up by the Creative Committee added life to the event. There were a plethora of events under various categories like literary events, performing arts, sports events and other unique events such as hogathon, stress interview, mad ads, PUBG.

The highlight of the event was an exciting heist wherein 25 most enthusiastic individuals were shortlisted in order to find “Mr. Symptoms” and “Ms. Symptoms”. Vibhor Chandra bagged the title of Mr. Symptoms while Shania Dash was adjudged as Ms. Symptoms. The fest concluded with a closing ceremony with prizes distributed to the winners of the various events by Dr. Bindu Ronald, Deputy Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune.
Symbiosis Law School, Pune (SLS-P), constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), held the Inaugural Ceremony of the 8th International Annual Research Conference on Rule of Law in Context: Indian and Global Perspectives (SYMROLIC) on 13th September 2019 at SLS, Pune. Lighting of the lamp by (L-R) Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. M. K. Ramesh, Acting Vice-Chancellor, Chair Professor, Urban Poor and the Law, National Law School of India University, Bangalore. The inaugural session witnessed the release of 'LexEt', the introduction of the Symbiosis Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (SCADR), the Symbiosis Legal Skills Centre and the launch of the EURASIA website.

The event was graced by esteemed Guests of Honour, Dr. Clemens Arzt, Director, Research Institute of Public and Private Security, Berlin School of Economics and Law, Germany, the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. M. K. Ramesh, Acting Vice-Chancellor, Chair Professor, Urban Poor and the Law, National Law School of India University, Bangalore and Justice (Retd) Shalini Phansalkar among other distinguished dignitaries.

‘There were tracks on various subjects such as ‘Law and Human Behavior’, ‘Business, Trade, Commerce, Management and Law’ and ‘International Law, Policy and Governance’. The first day ended with a workshop on EU Funding.
The Workshop was conducted by Prof. Mirko Varano, Senior Advisor, International Projects, KTH Royal Institute of Technology Stockholm, Sweden, and Prof. Christofer Fredriksson, International Relations Coordinator and Program Advisor, Stockholm University of Arts, Stockholm, Sweden. The speakers gave insights into how to set up a successful project for Erasmus+ and introduced various tools one could use to ensure its sustainability.

Day 2 commenced with the presentations of papers followed by a track on Innovation, Science, Technology, and Law. Track 4 of the second day covered the Eurasia – European Studies in Law, Management, Humanities, Science, Trade and Economics track.

Prof. Mirko Varano discussed European integration, EU funding mechanisms, and project cycle management. Prof Christofer Fredriksson spoke about developing ‘Internationalization at University Level: Strategy and Policy Development.’ The final track for paper presentations was on Public Law, Society, and Governance.
Symbiosis Law School, Pune (a constituent of Symbiosis International Deemed University) organized an Outbound Trip to Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Lavale, on 26th September, 2019. The student members of the Student Advisory Board, Student Bar Association and various cells were accompanied by respective faculty-in-charge.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, SI (DU) Pune addressed the gathering, emphasizing on the importance of a Student Advisory Board that works in a decentralized manner while incorporating principles of corporate governance in its work process. She emphasized on the need for determination of Key Result Areas (KRAs) every year for facilitation of both: Reflecting on the past and forecasting for the future.

The Constitution of the Student Advisory Board was reviewed and discussed by each committee while also discussing the committees’ agenda for the year. Similarly, the Student Bar Association and various cells addressed the gathering on their upcoming agenda. This was followed by a divergent set of team-building exercises and games, providing an opportunity for bonding and developing mutual respect.
Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) paid tribute to the iconic life of Late Senior Advocate Shri Ram Jethmalani, Professor Emeritus, SLS-P at the Viman Nagar New Campus, on 11th September, 2019 and celebrated his forty year long association with the University. Advocate Jethmalani, has been an integral part of the growth of the university and an indispensable element to its success. He was fondly remembered by all present at the meeting, everyone reminisce him in ways by which Advocate Jethmalini had inspired them.

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Mrs. Nalini Gera, an author, also recalled the strong ethical base of Late Advocate Ram Jethmalani, as he was a staunch believer of the fact that corruption can and should never be tolerated by the society.
The Cell commenced their operation for the year with a presentation which was held on 22nd July, 2019. On 1st August, 2019 the cell undertook a screening of a documentary for the members and other interested students. The event was to raise awareness about the ongoing political and economic issues.

Various Programs conducted by the Ecocon Cell:

Waste reduction Programs: Seed Flags (Indian National flags made of waste cotton and marigold seeds) were distributed on Independence Day, 2019.


Guest Lectures and Sessions:

The objective of the forum is to illustrate the potential of creativity, innovation and expertise through the nourishment of discourse and ideation for students with a creative bent of mind.

**Pune International Literary Festival**

Students from the Law Hawks Forum of Symbiosis Law School, Pune attended the fest on the first two days. On the 20th of September, members of the Forum had the privilege of attending a session by Dr. Shashi Tharoor. On 21st of September the panelists were prominent Congress leader Sanjay Jha and Tuhin Sinha, prolific author and a BJP spokesperson.

**Spell Bee**

In a first of its kind event at college, the Forum conducted Spell Bee, hosted on the 28th of September, 2019. Intended to breach the boundaries of juridical undertone and inspire feelings of high school nostalgia, while also catering to grammatical pedantry, the Spell Bee hosted by Sparsh Sinha, Dawnnie Joe and Akshitha Kasuganti, witnessed a good response from students, all willing to have their solecisms scrutinised in the competition.

The second weekly activity organised by the Law Hawks Forum was an Open mic for poetry lovers- the listeners and the reciters, hosted on the 5th of October, 2019. Titled ‘Lines to Life’, the event was hosted by Kashish Jain and Mansi Tyagi. The highlight of the event was when the gathering was joined by Prof. Manika Kamthan, Faculty, Symbiosis Law School. Prof. Manika inspired the students with some heart-warming Urdu poetry.
CLCL Cell, SLS, Pune participated in the HSFCEA Competition showcasing its efforts in providing ‘Legal Aid to the under-trial Prisoners of Yerwada Central Prison, Pune’. This year the Cell was ranked among the top 5 participants. The Cell set up Help Desks and assisted the applicants in understanding the procedure and working of the Lok Adalat.

The Cell regularly works in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Pune in organising the National Lok Adalat and facilitating the visit of the Students of Symbiosis Law School, Pune in gaining first-hand experience of the Alternate Dispute Resolution System in India. The Cell also organised a Guest Lecture by Adv. Hrishikesh Ganu who enlightened the students about the working and implementation of the NALSA Act, 1987 and Alternate Dispute Resolution System in India.

National Lok Adalat 2019

This was the last Lok Adalat of 2019 where 89632 Cases were taken up and 26760 were disposed off. The Total Settlement Ordered was Rs. 63,73,09,551/-. Dr. Girish Abhyankar, Asst. Prof., SLS, Pune was a Member of the panel deciding the matters related to Motor Vehicle Accident claims. A total of 32 cases were taken up where claims amounting to Rs. 2,17,77,000/- were settled. Legal Aid Camp in Sus Gaon Village of District Pune was established by CLCL Cell, SLS, Pune to provide legal aid to the needy people of the village.
The Open Forum, conducted by the International Cell, in collaboration with the Human Rights Cell conducted discussions on the topics “Extrajudicial Killings”, “Exploring Distinctive Leadership Methods - A Tribute to the Father of the Nation” and “NRC and Trade War”. Vedansh Tandon and Arnav Bhansali, members of the international cell, moderated the session.

Intra – Model United Nations

The International Cell of Symbiosis Law School, Pune organised the Intra-MUN, 2019 on 3rd August. This attracted registrations from over 50 students at the college who were each allotted a country. The committee simulated was the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The Executive Board comprised of Dharminder Singh Kaleka, Pranay Tuteja and Vishesh Kanodia who presided over the assembly. The agenda set for the day was “Formulating International Framework governing extradition policies.”

After the agenda was set, the committee commenced with the general speakers list wherein each delegate was given the opportunity to put forth their country’s stance on the issue at hand in relation to their respective foreign policies.
Mr. Thomas Grund

Prof. Thomas Grund delivered a lecture on “Corruption Scandal and the actual investigation”. Prof. Thomas Grund is an Associate Professor at University College Dublin, Ireland. Having a strong background in Sociology, he spoke about public criminal trials and the sociological relations.

Dr. Hartmut Aden

Professor of German and European Public Law, Public Policy and Public Administration, Berlin School of Law and Economics (BSEL), Dr. Hartmut Aden visited SLSP between 7th March, 2019 and 16th March, 2019. He delivered lectures to the students enrolled for the European Union Legal Studies course, and conducted a seminar for the faculty. Dr. Aden also shared with the students, the opportunities for LL.M. and Summer School Exchange in BSEL.

Professor Mimi Samuel

Professor Mimi Samuel is an Associate Professor at School of Law, Seattle University. Her visit to Symbiosis Law School was to provide orientation about moot court to students. She elucidated that thinking like a lawyer involves three things; firstly, analysing statutes and cases, secondly, applying law to fact in order to construct legal arguments and thirdly, evaluating the strength of legal arguments.
Vishwanath Kanale, III Year, B.A.LL.B (Hons.), attended the summer school situated in Geneva, Switzerland. The topic for the summer school was “International Humanitarian Law”. The duration of the summer school was from 29 June 2019 to 6 July 2019. The students were taught about United Nations’ functions and operations and visited the International Committee of Red Cross and the CERN laboratory (European Organisation for Nuclear Research). Vishwanath also took part in organising a Model United Nations competition while at the exchange.

Prithviraj Choudhury, V Year, B.B.A., L.L.B (Hons.), attended a Summer Course in Public International Law at the Hague Academy of International Law, Netherlands in the month of July, 2019. The course was for a duration of 3 weeks. He had the opportunity to attend classes in the grand auditorium, overlooking the Peace Palace and the International Court of Justice.

He visited the International Criminal Court and the Mechanism for the International Criminal Courts of former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. Immense value was added to the by the deliberations given by sitting Judges of the ICJ and ICC, such as their Excellencies, Judge Peter Tomka and Peter Kovacs. As a bonus, His Excellency, Judge Dalveer Bhandari had a private session with the Indian attendees.
Kanishtha Naithani of II Year published a research paper titled "Feminist Perspective: Decline in Female Workforce" in White Black Legal Law Journal, ISSN: 2583-8563.


Sparsh Jain, II Year, accomplished the following during the period July to December 2019:
- Won second Prize for the Paper "Plight of Victim in a Criminal Justice System: A Global Perspective" at the CRIMEAN (Criminal Law Conclave) essay writing competition 2019 held at Amity Law School, Noida.
- Published a research paper titled "Critical Analysis of Generic Trademark acquiring Distinctiveness" at the online portal of Latestlaws.com.

Rohit Kulkarni, II Year, BBA LLB. (H.) accomplished the following during the period July to December 2019:
- Published a research paper titled "Adultery: An Analysis of its provisions under the Indian Legal System" at the Transformative Constitutionalism: Exploring Ideas and Possibilities in its Theory and Practice Conference, National Law School of India University, Bangalore.
- Published a research paper titled "Shadow Cabinets: The Fifth Pillar of the Indian Democracy" at the Eight International Annual Research Conference on Rule of Law in Context: Indian and Global Perspectives SLS Pune.
- Obtained an O grade upon the completion of the Certificate Course on Cross - Border Challenges in Corporate Law held at Gujarat National Law University.
Shivani Shenoy and Yashwardhan Rajawat, V Year, published a research paper titled "Memorandum of Understanding and its Place in the UNCISG" at the Zagreb International Conference on the Law of Obligations-Faculty of Economics & Business- University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia.

Akanksha Pandey and Shivani Trichnopoly, V Year, accomplished the following during the period July to December 2019:

- Published a research paper titled "Memorandum of Understanding and its Place in the UNCISG" at the Zagreb International Conference on the Law of Obligations-Faculty of Economics & Business- University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia.
- Published a research paper titled "Substantial Performance – An Effective Defence" at the National Seminar on Strengthening Legal Provisions for the Enforcement of Contracts: Reassessing the Quality and Efficiency of Dispute Resolution of Commercial Matters in India at NLSIU Bangalore.

Akanksha Pandey of 5th Year accomplished the following during the period July to December 2019:


Anishka Jaidev Govekar, LLM Batch, was placed 10th for her article titled "Transformative Constitutionalism - An analytical Perspective" at the National Article Writing Competition on Transformative Constitutionalism conducted by Vidhi Aaghaz. It is available at ISBN 978-17070-06533

Idhika A. Agarwal, II Year, BBA LL.B. (H.) won the Prize of Appreciation and was awarded a cash prize of Rs.1000/- for her article titled "Legal Literacy and Public Awareness: The Role of Social media" at the National Article Writing Competition 2019 hosted by Banaras Hindu University, Faculty of Law, Legal Aid and Service Clinic.

Grishma Mahatme, II Year, B.A. LL.B. (H.) accomplished the following during the period July to December 2019:
• Published a research paper titled "Cyber Voyeurism against woman in India" at the Himachal Pradesh University of legal studies- National seminar on Cyber law and cybercrimes.

Soumyadip Ghorai and Shrisha Gautam, II Year, BBA LL.B. (H.) accomplished the following during the period July to December 2019:
• Published a research paper titled "Decriminalizing Adultery Will Endanger the Institution of Marriage" in the Law Audience Journal available at (ISSN (O): 2581-6705), indexed in IP, DJRI, CiteFactor and COSMOS.
• Won 2nd Prize in "Law Audience's National Essay Writing Competiton on Legal Issues 2019"

Soumyadip Ghorai also wrote an article titled "Independence of Judiciary – An Analysis" in the Lex Lura Law Journal available at ISSN: 2583-3949.
Moksh Dilip Ranawat, III Year, accomplished the following during the period July to December 2019:

- Published the paper “Understanding GST & its Implications on Fiscal Federalism in India: A Constitutional Perspective Study” in the HNLU Journal of Law and Social Sciences. (ISSN No.: 2347-839X; UGC Approved Journal List Serial No.: 41107).
- Published the paper “Revamping Competition Law in India” in the NUALS Review for Revamping Competition Law. (ISBN No.: 978-81-938852-6-0).
- Published an article "Emergence of Dawn Raids in India: The New Approach to Antitrust Enforcement" in the Indian Commercial Law Review and Practice Blog.
- Published the article "Lok Adalats in India: Apertures to Speedy Justice" on the IPleaders India Blog.
- Recipient of the Goolam Essaji Vahanvati Memorial Merit Scholarship 2019 by the Dr. Goolam E. Vahanvati Scholarship Fund for excellence in extra-curricular and academic performance.

DEBATING ACHIEVEMENTS

1. RV Debating Tournament, hosted by RV College of Engineering Bangalore from August 17- August 18, 2019
   • The team consisting of Sayantan Bhattacharya (Year – III) and Arya Bhandankar (Year-III) were adjudged Open Grand Finalists
   • The team consisting of Rohit Bhatachaarya (Year-IV) and Shrish Suresh (Year-IV) were adjudged Open Quarter Finalists

2. The Gujarat National Law University Parliamentary Debate hosted by GNLU from August 31- September 2, 2019
   • The team consisting of Shrish Suresh (Year-IV) and Aparajitha Prabhu (Year-III) were adjudged Open- Semi Finalists at the tournament.
   • The team consisting of Abhishek Singh (Year-IV) and Sarleen Kaur (Year-IV) were adjudged Open-Semifinalists.
   • Shrish Suresh (Year-IV) was adjudged 10th Best Speaker at the tournament.
   • Srijoy Deb (Year-III) and Samrat Chakraborty (Year- III) were adjudged Open Quarter- Finalists at the GNLU Debate 2019.
   • Sourya Chakraborty (Year-I) was a breaking adjudicator at the tournament.
3. 10th MS Ramaiah Memorial Parliamentary Debate conducted by MSRIT Bangalore from September 14-16, 2019
   - The team consisting of Shrish Suresh (Year-IV) and Rohit Bhattacharya (Year-IV) were adjudged Open Semi Finalists at the tournament.
   - The team consisting of Dyuthi Sutram (Year-II) and Gaea Sukumar (Year-II) were adjudged Open-Quarter Finalists at the tournament.
   - Rohit Bhattacharya (Year-IV) was adjudged the 10th Best Speaker at the tournament.

4. NALSAR Inter-varsity Debating Championship, 2019 from September 20-22, 2019
   - The team consisting of Shrish Suresh (Year-IV) and Rohit Bhattacharya (Year-IV) were Open Grand Finalists at the tournament.
   - The team consisting of Sayantan Bhattacharya (Year-III) and Vedika Walia (Year-V) were Open Grand Finalists at the tournament.
   - The team consisting of Trijit Ray (Year-I) and Avirukt (Year-I) were Novice Grand Finalists at the tournament.
   - The team consisting of Vikrant (Year-I) and Nandita (Year-I) were Novice Grand Finalists at the tournament.
   - Sayantan Bhattacharya (Year-III) was adjudged 10th Best Speaker at the tournament and Vedika Walia (Year-V) was adjudged the 4th Best Speaker.

5. IIT-Bombay Debate
   - The team consisting of Aastha Kapoor (Year IV) and Arya Bhandankar (Year III) were semi-finalists.
   - Arya Bhandankar (Year III) made it to the top 10 speakers of the tournament.

6. IISER Debate (5th – 8th October 2019)
   - Rohit Bhattacharya was one of the Core Adjudicators of the tournament.
   - The team consisting of Moksh Ranawat, Guha Sharan and Amrita J. were semi-finalists.
   - Amruta Alapatti won the best adjudicator.

7. World Universities Debating Championships, Thailand
   - Sayantan Bhattacharya (Year-III) and Vedika Walia (Year-V) were adjudged Partial Double-Octo Finalists (Open category). This is significant for several reasons:
     - The team from SLS Pune is the only Indian team to have broken at the 40th World Universities Debating Championships. This is the highest-ranking Indian team ever on WUDC Tabs.
     - SLS-P is the 3rd institution to qualify at the World Universities Debating Championships, after IIT Bombay and NLSIU Bangalore.
   - SLS-P also won the Alfred Tuna Snider Memorial Award for the Best performance by a debutant institution at WUDC.
Rakshitha Naik and Malay Shrivastav secured 9th position at the 11th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition 2019 held from 15th-19th July, 2019. The team is also Enlisted amongst the top 10 universities on the official website of the Competition.

Joanna Joshua, Vaishnavi Venkatesan and Sushma Rao were adjudicated as Winners at the 3rd Surana & Surana Environment Law Moot Court Competition, 2019 held from September 27th - 29th, 2019. Vaishnavi Venkatesan was awarded the ‘Best Advocate’.

Akshay Ayush, Vidushi Kesarwani and Nilay Raj were adjudged as Winners at 1st NALSAR Public International Law Moot Court Competition, 2019 held from 16th – 18th August, 2019. Akshay Ayush won 2nd Best Researcher.
Raunak Kurani, Vineet Dahiyia and Akash Singh were awarded the ‘Best Memorial’ at the 6th Justice Murtaza Husain Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2019 held from September 20th - 22nd, 2019.

Shrey Mahajan, Angad Matharu and Hiral Kothari were the 3rd best team at the Surana and Surana & UPES School of Law Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition, 2019 held from September, 27th - 29th, 2019. Hiral Kothari was awarded the ‘Best Researcher’.

Luca Antony, Arushi Guha and Pulkit Rathi were adjudged as Winners at the 6th NUALS International Maritime Law Arbitration Competition, 2019 held from 18th – 20th October, 2019. Pulkit Rathi won the ‘Best Speaker’.

Soumyadip Ghorai, Renuka Mishra and Avishek Mehrotra were adjudged as Winners at the Dr NN Jain National Moot Court Competition, 2019 held from 4th – 6th October, 2019. Soumyadip Ghorai won the ‘Best Speaker’.
Winona D’Souza, Siddhanth Sharma and Ria Mishra were adjudged as Winners at the 1st Wildlife Protection GLC National Law Moot Court Competition, 2019 held from 11th – 13th October, 2019. Winona D’Souza won the ‘Best Speaker’.

Taresh Bakshi, Anchit Nayyar and Aakruti Jayendran participated in the 11th Justice Hidayatullah Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2019 held from 18th – 20th October, 2019 where Taresh Bakshi won the ‘Best Speaker’.

S. Dhivya, Sawani Chote and Mrinal Aiyappa were adjudged as Winners at the 1st National Moot Court Championship, Reva University Bangalore held from 10th – 12th October, 2019.

Nikita Bokil and Shubhit Gaur were adjudged as Winners at the Himachal Pradesh, National Client Counselling Competition, 2019 held from 14th – 16th October, 2019.
Parvathy Suresh, Shreeja Mukherjee and Mayuri Kalelkar were adjudged as Best Team at the Amity Law School of Mumbai National Moot Competition, 2019 held from 18th – 20th October, 2019.

Sabreen Hussain, Daniya Rasheed and Manasa Renduchinthla were adjudged as Runners-Up at the Mediation Bombay 2019 at MNLU, Mumbai held from 18th – 20th October, 2019.

Utkarshini Anand, Gaea Sukumar and Mihika Jhalani were awarded the ‘Best Memorial’ at the 2nd VITSOL National Moot Court Competition on Surrogacy Law held from 11th – 13th October, 2019.

Rhea Bazaz, Sarthak Mishra and Hritik Jadhav were awarded the ‘Best Memorial’ at the Vak Tavya National Moot Court Competition, 2019 held from 10th – 12th October, 2019.
The period of July – December was filled with activities organised by the Sports Committee, SLS Pune. The first activity was participation in the Inter- Institute Badminton Event where SLS-Pune Women’s Badminton Team secured the second position. The event was held at Symbiosis Institute of International Business (SIIB) from 30th July to 2nd Aug. at Lavale Hill base Campus.

It was then followed by participations in various other activities like the Inter-Institute Chess Tournament 2019-20 organized by Symbiosis Institute of Geoinformatics (SIG) on 1st to 2nd Aug 2019 at Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS) Khadki. An important achievement to note here is that of Soumiljit Singh Gill, who secured the third position. A few students were also selected to represent the University at the AIU Tournaments. SLS-Pune also participated in the Inter-Institute Swimming Tournament 2019-20 organized by Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies, Pune (SIBM) on 6th and 7th August 2019 at Kirkee Campus. Ehsaas Bhadoria secured the second position in 50m Butterfly event.

These events were then followed by the Inter- Institute SIU Volleyball Tournament organised by SLS, Pune in association with the University Sports Board.

It was a 3-day event from 26th to 28th August 2019 at New Viman Nagar Campus Courts. The participation pool saw a total of 37 teams and nearly 400 players 22 teams (Men) and 15 teams (Women).

After the events, the selection committee appointed by the University Sports Board provisionally selected players to represent the Symbiosis International University at Inter-Varsity West – Zone (Men/ Women) Competition.
Along with Volleyball, SLS-Pune team participated in the Inter-Institute Tennis Tournament 2019-20 organized by Symbiosis Institute of Design (SID) from 26th to 28th August 2019 at New Viman Nagar Courts. Sahiti Annam secured the first place in the women’s category and Adhiraj Sandhu who secured the second place in the men’s category.

Later, the Sports Committee organised a journey to the National Law University Jodhpur for their Sports Fest – YUVARDHA. 86 members participated in various sporting events at the fest that was held from the 26th to 29th of September, 2019.

**The Major highlights of the event are as follows –**

- The Men’s Football team bagged the gold medal by defeating NLU-J in the finals.
- The Women’s Football team bagged the first position by defeating GNLU, Gujarat in the finals.
- The Volleyball Women’s team bagged the third position by defeating GNLU, Gujarat.
- The Cricket Team secured the third position by defeating UPES, Dehradun.
- Sahiti Annam bagged a gold medal in Tennis Singles.
- The Basketball Team bagged a silver medal in the Women’s Category.
- The SIU basketball tournament was also conducted in the month of September in which, both, the girl and the boys’ team secured the second position.
- The SIU Inter-Institute Football tournament was conducted in the month of November. The SLS Boys’ team was placed second in this tournament.

**In Athletics**

- Nirnay Shanbough bagged the silver medal in the 1500-meter men’s category.
- Anukriti Tomar secured the second position in the 800-meter women’s category.
- Smriti Ekka and Sameeha Ashraf secured the 1st and 2nd Positions in the Javelin Throw Competition at NLU Jodhpur.
- The women’s relay team consisting of Smriti Ekka, Parinishtha Ganz, Deepthi and Sharanaya, won a silver.
- Smriti Ekka and Prarthna Nachappa won the first and third position in high jump respectively.
- Praneet Nambiar won a bronze medal in Shotput men’s category.
Guest Lecture on Drafting & Pleading - Adv. Bhagyashree Patwardhan: 7th July 2019

Adv. Bhagyashree Patwardhan, a practicing advocate in Pune delivered a Guest Lecture on “Drafting, Pleading, Conveyance & Client Counselling” on 7th July 2019 for the students of 3rd year BA/BBA LLB Hons.

Guest Lecture on Legal Research - Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Oza: 19th July 2019

A Guest Lecture on “Introduction to Legal Research” was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Oza, Dean Incharge Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies, Mumbai University on 19th July 2019 for LL.M students.


Guest Lecture on Women & Judiciary - Hon’ble Justice Dr. Shalini Phansalkar Joshi: 24th July 2019

Hon’ble Justice Dr. Shalini Phansalkar Joshi, Retd., Former Judge, High Court of Bombay delivered a Guest Lecture on “Women in Judiciary” on 24th July 2019 for the students of 1st year BA/BBA LLB Hons, 1st year LLB.
Guest Lecture on Lawyering Practices - Dr. Anirban Chakraborty: 3rd August 2019

A Guest Lecture was conducted by Dr. Anirban Chakraborty, Associate Professor, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur on “Developmental lawyering Practice” on 3rd August 2019 for the students of 3rd year BA/BBA LLB Hons.

Guest Lecture on Article 370 and J&K - Gautam Bambawale: 9th August 2019

A Guest Lecture on “Abrogation of Article 370 & Reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir: Understanding International Ramifications” was delivered by Ambassador Gautam Bambawale, Distinguished Professor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, SIU on 9th August 2019 for LLM students.


Guest Lecture on Civil and Criminal Drafting - Judge Rehan Raza: 24th August 2019

Symbiosis Law School, Pune hosted a Guest Lecture on “Practical Training on Framing of Issues and Judgement Writing (CIVIL); Drafting Exercises; Practical Training on Framing of Charge and Judgement Writing (CRIMINAL)” by Judge Rehan Raza, Civil Judge, High Court of Judicature at Patna on 24th August 2019 for 3rd year BA/BBA LLB Hons Div D & E students.
Guest Lecture on Career in Intellectual Property - Mr. Priyank Gupta: 7th September 2019

A Guest Lecture was conducted by Mr. Priyank Gupta, Managing Partner at StratJuris Partners on “Career in Intellectual Property” on 7th September 2019 for the students of 5th year BA/BBA LLB Hons and 4th year BA/BBA LLB Hons.

Guest Lecture on Remedies and Writs - Dr.Dhanaji Yadav: 9th September 2019

Dr. Dhanaji Yadav, Dean & Professor, Faculty of Law, Sandip University, Nashik, delivered a Guest Lecture on “Remedies against Administration with special reference to Writs” on 9th September 2019 for the students of 3rd year BA/BBA LLB Hons.

Guest Lecture on Labour Law & Industrial Law - Hon'ble Justice Ravindra Vithalrao Ghuge: 10th September 2019

A Guest Lecture was conducted by Hon'ble Justice Ravindra Vithalrao Ghuge, Judge, Bombay High Court on “International Labour Organization and its relevance in India” on 10th September 2019 for the students of 3rd year BA/BBA LLB Hons.

Guest Lecture on Foreign Policy - Ambassador K.P. Fabian: 16th September 2019

A Guest Lecture on “Foreign Policy, Development Assistance and Human Rights” was delivered by Ambassador K.P. Fabian, (Retd.) Indian Foreign Services on 16th September 2019 for LLM, 1st year, 3rd year, 4th year, 5th year of BA/BBA LLB Hons. students.


Guest Lecture on Taxation Laws and Mergers & Acquisitions - Prof. Sanjeev Dandona: 27th September 2019

A Guest Lecture was conducted by Prof. Sanjeev Dandona, Chartered Accountant and visiting professor at BSE Institute on “Taxation Laws and Mergers & Acquisitions” on 27th September 2019 for the students of 4th year BA/BBA LLB Hons.

Guest Lecture on Vicarious Liability and Judiciary - Dr. Parimal Garud: 28th September 2019

A Guest Lecture on “Vicarious Liability; Judiciary: India, US, Germany, South Africa” was delivered by Dr. Parimal Garud, Expert in Environment Law and Law of Torts and an Advocate, Bombay High Court on 28th September 2019 for 1st year BA/BBA LLB Hons. students.
Guest Lecture on The Current Recessionary Trends in India: The Way Forward – Part I - Dr. O.P.Shukla: 28th September 2019

Symbiosis Law School, Pune hosted a Guest Lecture on “The Current Recessionary Trends in India: The Way Forward – Part I” by Dr. O.P. Shukla, Principal of National Defence Academy on 28th September 2019 for 2nd year BA/BBA LLB Hons. students


A Guest Lecture was conducted by Adv. Anil Malhotra, Practicing Advocate in Civil Law, Pune on “Practical Dimensions of Marriage and Live-in Relationships in India” on 1st October 2019 for the students of 2nd year BA/BBA LLB Hons.


A Guest Lecture on “Breach of Contract & its Remedies” was delivered by Adv. Rahul Kothari, Advocate and Co-Founder of Squarely Legal on 9th October 2019 for 2nd year BA/BBA LLB Hons. students.

Guest Lecture on Research Papers: An Introduction - Prof. (Dr.) S.C. Raina: 10th October 2019

Symbiosis Law School, Pune hosted a Guest Lecture on “Selection of Research Problem & Framing of Research Titles” by Prof. (Dr.) S.C. Raina, Director, KIIT School of Law, Bhubaneshwar on 10th October 2019 for LLM and 3rd year LLB. students.

Guest Lecture on Mergers & Acquisitions - Dr. Sanjeev Gemawat: 11th October 2019

Dr. Sanjeev Gemawat, Executive Director (Legal) and Group Company Secretary with Dalmia Bharat Group, delivered a Guest Lecture on “Mergers & Acquisitions: Conceptual Understanding” on 11th October 2019 for the students of 4th year BA/BBA LLB Hons.
Dr. Shashikala Gurpur’s following Papers were published in International (SCOPUS) Indexed journal:

1. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dr. Aparajita Mohanty and Ankur Yadav published a research paper titled “Displacement of Crisis of Rural Community in India” [JCR Journal of Critical Review, 2019; 6(6): 168-179 doi: 10.22159/jcr.06.06.23]

2. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur and Stuti Sowmya published a paper titled “Relationship Between GM Foods, IPR and Food Security in India” [JCR Journal of Critical Review, 6(6): 326-332 doi: 10.22159/jcr.06.06.41]


Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was invited to participate in the Evaluation Assistance & Certification Project (EAC) accreditation workshop and Global Law Deans’ Forum at Gdansk University, Krakow, Poland from 18th September 2019 to 20th September, 2019.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur visited Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland as a Project Manager, from 15th September to 17th September 2019 to attend the third training program and meetings under European Studies Revitalized Across Asian Universities – EURASIA project.
**Dr. Shashikala Gurpur** visited The University of Catania, Italy as the Project Manager, from 20th October to 3rd November 2019 to attend the second training session of the Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education project under the European Studies Revitalized across Asian Universities- EURASIA project.

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**Dr. Shashikala Gurpur** was invited as a Resource Person to address the workshop on “Research Hypothesis and Research questions” at the Gujarat National Law University, Ahmedabad on 21st August 2019.

**Dr. Shashikala Gurpur** was awarded at the Foundation Day celebration and Achievers’ award ceremony of Mangalore University on 12th September 2019.

**Dr. Shashikala Gurpur** attended the meeting of Departmental Research Committee on 23rd September 2019 at Amity Law School.

**Dr. Shashikala Gurpur** was invited as a panelist in the “National Seminar on Contribution of Judiciary to National Law Universities in India” and the felicitation function of Hon’ble Shri Justice R.M. Borde, Judge (Retd.), High Court of Bombay at Mumbai” on October 20, 2019, at Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad.
Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was invited as a resource person to conduct a session on Orientation Programme for Junior Division Judges at National Judicial Academy, Bhopal.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur delivered lectures for Ph.D Scholars at Gujarat National Law University Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on 12th December 2019.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was a resource person for the National Seminar on Research Methodology at the School of Legal Studies, CMR University, Bengaluru on 3rd December 2019.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was invited to be a part of a panel in the capacity of an expert for the assessment of the Ph.D candidates at Lupin Research Park, Lavale, Pune on 9th December 2019.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was invited as a panelist to speak on the topic "European Identity" at the O.P. Jindal University from 5th November - 6th November 2019.
**Dr. Shashikala Gurpur** was invited as a resource person for a workshop on ‘Research Methods’ from 17th to 19th December 2019 at Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, School of Law, Bhubaneshwar.

**Dr. Shashikala Gurpur** was invited for an interview with Zee Educare 2019, on 23rd November 2019 at Zee Educare, Mumbai.

**Dr. Shashikala Gurpur** delivered a Lecture at the Government Model Autonomous Holkar Science College, Indore, Madhya Pradesh on 25th November 2019 on the topic Impressive Personality Development.

**Dr. Bindu Ronald**

Chaired a Plenary Session on 22nd August, 2019, titled "Commercial Courts Contractual Enforcement Challenges Remedies and Reliefs." at National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

**Dr. Bindu Ronald, Prof. Trupti Rathi, and Prof. Lindsay Trotman** presented a paper titled "The woeful state of Whistleblower Protection in India" through means of a digital presentation at the International Conference on Research in Social Sciences and Humanities – Frankfurt, Germany.

**Dr. Bindu Ronald** visited Bulgaria as a part of the Eurasia Project.

**Dr. Bindu Ronald, Priyanka Prasad and Amol Sapatnekar’s** Paper - Protecting The Rights of Filmmakers in a Cinematographic Film, was published in the Journal of Critical Review Vol. 6(6) SCOPUS (International).

**Dr. Bindu Ronald, Shon Gadgil, Ms. Lasya Vyakaranam’s** Paper - Timely Resolution of Cases Under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 was published in the Journal of Critical Review Vol. 6(6) SCOPUS (International).

**Dr. Bindu Ronald & Neelima Sawaker’s** Paper - Conservation Induced Relocation and Its Impact on Adivasi: A Case Study of Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra, was published in the Journal of Critical Review Vol. 6(6) SCOPUS (International).
Dr. Atmaram Shelke


Dr. Atmaram Shelke visited Bulgaria as a part of the Eurasia Project.

Dr. Atmaram Shelke was invited as a Judge for the 2nd Edition of National Moot Court Competition held at Amity Law School, Panvel from 18th to 20th October, 2019.

Dr. Atmaram Shelke was invited by Symbiosis Institute of Digital & Telecom Management (SIDTM), Pune to deliver a lecture on ‘The Constitution of India’ on the occasion of the Constitutional Day on 26th November, 2019.

Dr. Atmaram Shelke was invited to deliver a lecture on ’Cyber Law’ at Garware College, Pune on 30th December, 2019.

Dr. Atmaram Shelke’s Paper - How to Frame a Good Hypothesis in Research? was published in the Journal Test Engineering & Management, Volume 81 (Nov-Dec 2019) with ISSN 0193-4120 SCOPUS (International)

Dr. Manika Kamthan’s paper - Rule of Law and Natural Disasters in India - was published in the Think India Quarterly Journal, Vol-22-Issue-3-July-September-2019 with ISSN: 0971-1260. 1. (National) UGC CARE

Dr. Manika Kamthan also presented a paper on “Dam Governance and Federalism in India” at the International Seminar on Disaster Risk Reduction and Community Resilience: Developing Policy Options, September 20-21, 2019 organized by the Department of Public Administration, Utkal University in collaboration with OSDMA.

Dr. Manika Kamthan presented a paper at 2nd International Conference on Challenges in Emerging Economies General Management Area held on 22nd to 23rd November 2019. The title of the paper was ‘Myopic Study of Mandatory Requirement of CSR for Pharmaceutical Sector: Is it Adequate’.

Dr. Manika Kamthan & Prof. Vandini Sharma’s Paper - Free Market Feminism and Breaking Stereotypes: From Four More Shots to Kabir Singh – was published in the Journal Test Engineering & Management, Volume 81 (Nov-Dec 2019) with ISSN 0193-4120 SCOPUS (International)

Dr. Manika Kamthan, Ms. Titiksha Kumari & Mr. Shashank Shekhar Pandey’s Paper - Women in Films: Revisiting the Censorship Debate, was published in the Journal of Critical Review Vol. 6(6) SCOPUS (International).
Prof. Yogesh Dharangutti, Prof. Ashutosh Panchbhai & Prof. Nupur Khanna attended the “Socio- Legal Research Writing Workshop” organised by Cardiff Law and Global Justice in collaboration with Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA - Supported by British Academy under the Faculty Development Programme held on the 4th and 5th of October, 2019.

Prof. Damodar Hake was invited as a Judge in the “First National Dr. D.Y. Patil Moot Court Competition” on 19 October, 2019 organized by Dr. D.Y. Patil Law College, Pimpri, Pune.


Dr. Neha Bobde & Dr. Bhupal Bhattacharya’s Paper - Reliance on Primary Non-Renewable Energy Import: Critical Appraisal of the Governmental Decisions of India was published in the Journal of Adv Research in Dynamical & Control Systems, Vol. 11, 11-Special Issue, with ISSN 1943-023X 378 SCOPUS (International)

Prof. Abhijit Vasmatkar


Prof. Abhijit Vasmatkar & Prof. Nagesh Sawant delivered a lecture at the Police Academy, Pune as a part of the training given to the Police Officers in Marathi
Prof. Nagesh Sawant

Prof. Nagesh Sawant and Shreya Mishra’s Paper – Mergers and Acquisitions in the Telecom Sector: A Contribution to Indian Economy was published in the Journal Test Engineering & Management, Volume 81 (Nov-Dec 2019) with ISSN 0193-4120 SCOPUS (International)

Prof. Smita Pandey

Presented a paper at the International Conference on “Delivering Future Infrastructure for Developing Countries” Driving Change for the Future Organised by SCMHRD on 10th to 12th July 2019. The title of the paper was ‘Biodiversity and Fossil Fuels vis a vis Solar Energy as Renewable Energy: A Case Study of Chhattisgarh’.

Prof. Smita Pandey with Dr. Bindu Ronald as Co-author: Presented a paper at the “International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research in Sustainable Development Towards Better Tomorrow ICMRSD, 2019” organized by Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce from 14th November to 16th November 2019. The title of the paper was ‘Social Responsibility of Pharmaceutical Industries: Feasibility of CSR of Corporates’.

Prof. Smita Pandey with Prof. Sujata Arya as Co-author, presented a paper at the “International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research in Sustainable Development Towards Better Tomorrow ICMRSD, 2019” organized by Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce from 14th November to 16th November 2019. The title of the paper was ‘Agriculture & Technology – A means of Sustainable Development’.

Prof. Smita Pandey presented a paper on “Acquisition of Generic Drug Producing Companies and Its Effect on National List of Essential Medicines: An Analysis” with co-author Dr. Bindu Ronald at the Eighth Annual Research Conference on “Rule of Law in Context: Indian and Global Perspectives” organized by Symbiosis Law School, Pune on 13th to 14th September 2019 (SYMROLIC 2019).

Prof. Smita Pandey & Dr. Sapna Bansal presented a paper at the National Conference on “Reach for Gold: Intellectual Property and Sports” organised by Chanakya National Law University on 19th April 2019. The title of the paper was ‘Brand Endorsement by Sports Personality: An analysis of Moral and Legal obligation’.
Dr. Sapna Bansal:


Dr. Sapna Bansal, Saloni Kabra & Richa Dwivedi’s Paper - A Judicial Shift in Personal Law Paradigm in India was published in the Journal of Critical Review Vol. 6(6) SCOPUS (International).

Dr. Sapna Bansal with Dr. Manika Kamthan as Co-author, presented a paper at 2nd International Conference on Challenges in Emerging Economies General Management Area held on 22nd to 23rd November 2019. The title of the paper was ‘Breaking the Glass Ceilings in Boardrooms: A Case study of IT sector in Pune’.

Dr. Santosh Aghav was awarded the title of “Human Rights Defender” by the Indian Human Rights Council (IHRC) on 18th September, 2019.


Dr. Santosh Aghav & Dr. Atmaram Shelke were registered as members of the Global Alliance for Justice Education.

Prof. Richa Dwivedi’s paper "Constitutional Morality - a tool for judicial Governance" was published in Think India Quarterly Journal, Vol-22 Issue-4 with ISSN: 0971-1260.
Prof. Vandini Sharma

Was awarded the centrally administered Full-term Doctoral Fellowship for the year 2019 - 2020 by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).


Dr. Rupal Rautdesai and Dr. Aparajita Mohanty attended the Short Term Training under the European Studies Revitalized Across Asian Universities – EURASIA Project at the Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Dr. Rupal Rautdesai was invited to conduct a teaching skills session on Intellectual property and technology laws at the Faculty Development Programme on “INTRODUCTIONS TO TEACHING, EVALUATION AND RESEARCH SKILLS” scheduled from 2nd to 7th December 2019 at SLS Hyderabad.


Dr. Rupal Rautdesai & Mr. Ujwal Nandekar : Paper Presentation titled as "Nanotechnology Innovations in Construction Industry and Environmental Sustainability" at the International Conference INFRACON (10th - 12th July, SCMHRD, Pune) in collaboration with the University of Wolverhampton on “Delivering Future Infrastructure for Developing Countries”.

Dr. Rupal Rautdesai, Murielle Rorigues & Mr. Ujwal Nandekar’s Paper - Intellectual Property Financing: Collateralizing a Trademark in India, was published in the Journal Test Engineering & Management, Volume 81 (Nov-Dec 2019) with ISSN 0193-4120 SCOPUS (International).
Prof. Garima Panwar:


Prof. Garima Panwar & Prof. Raj Anjani Kumar Varma’s Paper - Ethical, Legal and Regulatory Framework for the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Autonomous Vehicles, was published in the Journal Test Engineering & Management, Volume 81 (Nov-Dec 2019) with ISSN 0193-4120 SCOPUS (International).

Prof. Raj Varma

Co-authored a paper titled “Ethical, Legal & Regulatory framework for the use of Artificial Intelligence in Autonomous Vehicles” Al vis-à-vis Legal Personhood & Determination of Criminal Liability”. The paper has been selected as “The Third Best Paper” by the Jury of the Prem Kumar Duggal Memorial Call for Papers on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity.

Prof. Sujata Arya, Anjali D’cunha and Dr. Sandhya De’s Paper - Addressing Climate Change: A Critical Analysis of the Blue Revolution was published in the Journal of Critical Review Vol. 6(6) SCOPUS (International).
Prof. Shirish Kulkarni

Presented a paper in the TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON “LEGAL, ETHICAL AND CONTRACTUAL ISSUES IN SPORTS”, organised by National Law School of India University, Centre for Environmental Law, Education, Research and Advocacy [CEERA], Bengaluru, held from 27th July to 28th July, 2019.

Was a Co-Chair in one of the sessions in the TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON “LEGAL, ETHICAL AND CONTRACTUAL ISSUES IN SPORTS”, organised by National Law School of India University, Centre for Environmental Law, Education, Research and Advocacy [CEERA], Bengaluru, held from 27th July to 28th July, 2019.

Participated in the 3rd Regional Consultation Programme on Strengthening and Promoting Law School Clinics in India, held on 5th October, 2019 by BVDU New Law College, Pune.

Prof. Priyanka Majumdar

Prof. Priyanka Majumdar, Dr. Bindu Ronald and Dr. Rupal Rautdesai’s paper - Artificial Intelligence, Legal Personhood and Determination of Criminal Liability was published in the Journal of Critical Review Vol. 6(6) SCOPUS (International).

Prof. Priyanka Majumdar received the “Best Paper Presenter” award for her presentation skills in Track 6: Public law, Society and Governance at the Eighth Annual Research Conference on “Rule of Law in Context: Indian and Global Perspectives” organized by Symbiosis Law School, Pune on 13th to 14th September 2019 (SYMROLIC 2019).

Prof. Nupur Khanna’s Paper - An Insight into Elderly Victimization in India, was published in the Journal of Critical Review Vol. 6(6) SCOPUS (International).

Prof. Lasya Vyakarnam, Megha Apte and Deepika Prakash’s Paper - Anti Competitive Agreements in the Indian Civil Aviation Sector- A Need for Reforms, was published in the Journal of Critical Review Vol. 6(6) SCOPUS (International).
Prof. Yogesh Dharangutti, Shoaa Mansoor, Aditi Suresh Mane’s Paper - The Fundamental Right to Education as against its implementation in the contrarian settings of Naxalism in India was published in the Journal of Critical Review Vol. 6(6) SCOPUS (International).

Prof. Semanti Choudhury & Aishwarya Tripathi’s Paper - Resolution of Stressed Assets in Indian Banks – Recent Legal Developments, was published in the Journal Test Engineering & Management, Volume 81 (Nov-Dec 2019) with ISSN 0193-4120 SCOPUS (International)

Prof. Kshitij Naikade & Aadya Sharma’s Paper - Changing Theoretical Understanding of Issues faced by Women at Workplace: Fourth Wave of Feminism, was published as a part of the Conference Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference on Challenges in Emerging Economies organized by K.J. Somaiya Institute of Management Studies and Research (SIMSR), Mumbai with an ISBN Number: 978-81-936405-1-7. The paper was co-written with Miss. Aadya Sharma, Research Assistant at SIBM, Nagpur. (National)
Ms. Aditi Mane, Ph.D & JRF Scholar, presented a paper on "Analysing the Theory of Therapeutic Jurisprudence Vis- A- Vis the Reality of Reintegration of Girl Child Soldiers in India".

Prof. Mahesh Deshpande presented a paper on "Death Penalty in Non-homicide Offences".

Prof. Aditya Kedari presented a paper on "Transnational organized crime: The case of money laundering."

Prof. Pallavi Pathare presented a paper in the Track 1: Law and Human Behaviour titled "Mental illness at work: a socio-legal perspective."
Dr. Sapna Bansal and Prof. Virendra Singh Thakur presented a paper on "Abrogation of Article 370 and 35A of Constitution of India and its impact on the environment".

Dr. Aparajita Mohanty presented a paper on "Solar Energy with respect to India and the European Union" with students Meenakshi Raju Nair & Parvathy Suresh and on "EU and Asylum and Refugees" with students Anushka Ghosh and Tarini Sharma at the EURASIA Track.

Faculty Development Programmes and Training at Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad

18 faculty members from the SLS Pune visited SLS Hyderabad to attend the Faculty Development Programme on "Introductions to Teaching, Evaluation And Research Skills" scheduled from 2nd to 7th December 2019.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dr. Bindu Ronald, Dr. Atmaram Shelke, Dr. Rupal Rautdesai were the resource persons at the FDP.

The Faculty members who attended the FDP: Dr. Santosh Aghav, Prof. Raj Varma, Prof. Urvi Shrivastava, Prof. Varun Sharma, Ms. Aditi Mane, Prof. Virendra Singh Thakur, Prof. Ashutosh Panchbhai, Prof. Damodar Hake, Dr. Neha Bobde, Dr. Ramratan Dhimal, Prof. Trupti Rathi, Prof. Lasya Vyakarnam, Prof. Pallavi Pathare, Prof. Vandini Sharma, Prof. Nupur Khanna, Prof. Shirish Kulkarni, Prof. Richa Dwivedi, Prof. Preethi Kavilkatta, Prof. Sunistha Moghe

Faculty from SLS-P and SLS-H at the Faculty Development Programme held at Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad
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Collage of photos of Students’ achievements in various Debating events
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Upcoming Events......

• Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Inter-Collegiate Elocution Competition for Law Students
• 12th Edition of Symbhav
• Law Day & Justice Y.V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture
• 5th Symbiosis Law School, Pune International Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition (SICTA)
• Iridiscence
• Annual Alumni Meet
• National Conference on Nuclear Waste Management

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