

Press Report

SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, PUNE

Hall of Fame Award Ceremony, 2023 on 18th March, 2023

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International University hosted the **Hall of Fame Award Ceremony - 2023** on 18th March, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. IST. **Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School-Pune, Dean-Faculty of Law, SIU, Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC- LAMP co-founded by EU)** and the Chief Guest, **Mr. Amitabh Gupta, IPS Addl. Director General of Police & Inspector General of Prison & Correctional Services**, graced the event by their presence.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the auspicious lamp, followed by the Welcome address of Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur. Dr. Gurpur delivered a thought-provoking speech highlighting the crucial role of education in nurturing young minds. She underscored the significance of recognizing outstanding achievements to foster healthy competition and motivate students, stressing that the Hall of Fame Award Ceremony was designed not only to acknowledge academic excellence but also all-round excellence. Dr. Gurpur expressed her gratitude to the Bank of Baroda team for their efforts in inspiring talent that will shape the future. She also mentioned the award for all-around excellence among female students, expressing her hope that it would dispel stereotypes and encourage students to push beyond limitations. The welcome address was followed by the felicitation of the dignitaries.

Mr. Satyabir S. Dodd, IAS (Retd.), a member of the PCGT Pune chapter, expounded on the Champawati Dodd Award, which is a rolling trophy fashioned in the form of Krishna Arjuna Rath. The award will be conferred upon an alumnus of SLS Pune, Nagpur, Hyderabad, or Noida who has qualified for the All-India Civil Services. Mr. Dodd delved into the history of the Civil Services in India and recounted his own experiences of taking the UPSC exam, which is widely regarded as one of the toughest exams in the world. He established the award to inspire SLS students to take up the challenge presented by the UPSC. Mr. Dodd also recounted the inspiring life story of his mother, after whom the award is named, captivating the students with her remarkable journey.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Amitabh Gupta, IPS, delivered a compelling address underscoring the significance of determination, diligence and practicing the art of decision making. Further, he also emphasized persistence in pursuing their goals and draw lessons from their setbacks. He encouraged ‘quick decision making’ and how decision-making becomes increasingly challenging at higher echelons of authority. He also cautioned against the perils of overthinking and emphasized that knowledge extends beyond the confines of books, advising the students to broaden their horizons by leveraging alternative sources like YouTube, movies, and documentaries to stay abreast of the latest developments in the contemporary world.

Ms. Varuna Agarwal, IAS, ASDM Sadr Dehradun, who was presented with the Champawati Dodd award, spoke about her college experience and about her respect for lawyers. She encouraged students to utilize their time judiciously, stating that knowledge seldom *goes to waste* and therefore studies ought not to be taken lightly. She exulted the importance of working to ensure that the legal field does not remain notorious in the eyes of the people and upholding morality and ethics in the profession.

Subsequently, the ceremony proceeded to the felicitation of the semester toppers, and the event culminated on a successful note with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Aparajita Mohanty, the Deputy Director (Academics), SLS-P.

PICTURES FROM THE EVENT



The lighting of the Lamp Ceremony by the esteemed dignitaries



Left to Right: Prof. Kshitij Naikade (Deputy Director (Administration), SLS-P), Mr. Satyabir S. Dodd, IAS (Retd.), a member of the PCGT Pune chapter, Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School-Pune, Dean-Faculty of Law, SIU, Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC- LAMP co-founded by EU), Mr. Amitabh Gupta (IPS), Dr. Aparajita Mohanty (Deputy Director (Academics))



Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School-Pune, Dean-Faculty of Law, SIU, Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC- LAMP co-founded by EU) felicitating Mr. Tapia Zunhaid, student SLS-P for securing 'First Rank in Bachelor of Laws Programme'