Elections define democracy. It is the one mechanism that symbolizes people’s power, celebrates their participation in the political process and honours their choice with regard to the direction that a society should take. Elections, therefore is the acknowledgment that state power is beholden to the people.

Elections being the essence of modern democracy should hold sanctity to be truly meaningful. If reduced to a mere once-in five-years jamboree, elections serve only as a façade of democracy and nothing more. In its spirit and essence elections are meant to serve as an instrument in the hands of the masses to demand accountability of those that wield power. The one opportunity accorded to the people to choose individuals and policies that would govern their lives should act as a means of empowerment.

Making it just a formality that is exercised unthinkingly or, leaving it open to influence of money or muscle power can only corrupt the system and dilute the claims of accountability. Elections, therefore, do not, per se usher in democracy in the true sense, it is the spirit and manner in which the exercise is undertaken that makes all the difference.

It is widely acknowledged that it is the fair conduct of elections that is the key to true democracy, to the emancipation of the downtrodden and, to bringing about all round development. But, as with everything human, elections too, is susceptible to manipulation, subversion and fraudulent practices. When that happens, elections become just another way to perpetuate the hold that a set of influential people have on power. It no longer remains about the aspirations of the common people, of the dire needs of the marginalized and the unrealized potential of the youth.

The stark need to address the issue of corrupt practices in elections gained urgency during the recent general elections in India. Charges of buying votes by way of distribution of cash, influence poorer voters through enticements like liquor and material gifts, misleading voters through fake news and massive propaganda, abuse of official resources and machinery for partisan objectives and, above all, of voting machines being tampered, few thick and fast but saw no worthwhile response from those entrusted with running the show.

Elections are the mainstay of democracy. It ensures - smooth transfer of power, representation of all sections of society in the government, public attention on all important matters, opportunity to choose between alternative viewpoints and policy initiatives and increased public awareness of pressing national issues.

All these very desirable political objectives can be realized only if the election machinery is independent of and immune to political influences and manipulation.

The Election Commission as an agency should be as free of executive control as it can be. The constitutional provisions that are meant to protect the independence of the Election Commission should not be diluted by arbitrary appointments, transfers and promotions. Only then can elections be free and fair, politics be a level playing field for all the parties, and democracy flourish.

FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur with Ms. Elaine Mahon (Irish Embassy), Prof. Ray Murphy (Professor at Irish Human Rights Center, National University of Ireland, Galway), Dr. Fatou Bensouda (International Criminal Court Chief Prosecutor), Justice Peter Charleton (Supreme Court of Ireland), Dr. Siobhan Mullally (Director, Irish Human Rights Center, National University of Ireland, Galway) at the National University of Ireland, Galway for International Summer School on International Criminal Court, 2019

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A two-day regional workshop on The Biodiversity Act, 2002 under the UNDP Global ABS Project was hosted on 18th and 19th January, 2019. Inaugurated at the hands of the Chief Guest, Justice Swatanter Kumar, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India & Former Chairman, NGT, the event was also graced by Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat, Professor, NLSIU. The Volume III of the Symbiosis Contemporary Law Journal and Symbiosis Student Law Review was released at this inaugural ceremony. The workshop was attended by noted academicians like Prof. (Dr) Sairam Bhatt, Professor, NLSIU, Bangalore, Prof. (Dr) M.K Ramesh, NLSIU, Bangalore, Asst. Prof. (Dr) Gargi Chakrabarti, NLU, Jodhpur, Dr Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, SLS-P & Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU and Dr Prakash Rao, Dr. Gurudas Nulkar, Ms. Shilpa Avte from the University Biodiversity Committee (SIU).

SLS-P in association with Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Trust, Mumbai organized the 12th Edition of Nani A. Palkhivala Inter-Collegiate Elocution Competition on 31st January 2019. The panel of judges comprised Mr. S. S. Sohoni, IAS (Retd.), Shri R. V. Deshmukh, Principal District and Sessions Judge (Retd.), Mr. Rahul Kothari, Advocate & Co-founder ‘Squarely Legal’, and Dr. Aparajita Mohanty, Associate Prof., SLS-Pune. 10 participants from different colleges of Pune city spoke on the following topics: ‘Are Indian Courts Interfering in the Domain of the Executive and, if so, is it Permissible under our Constitution?’, ‘Right to Equality versus Right to Practice Personal Religious Belief: The New Tussle in the Field of Fundamental Rights?’ and ‘Protection of Women, Children and Weaker Sections of Society: Have our Laws Failed?’

Hon’ble Judge R.V. Deshmukh appreciated the performance of the participants and shared his wisdom and expertise with them. He highlighted the importance of ‘presence of mind’ for the members of the legal fraternity and congratulated the students for their stellar performances.

The first prize was shared by Ms. Himanshi Jain of Balaji Law College and Mr. Roop Jain of Symbiosis Law School, Pune. Ms. Bhakti Mutha of D.E.S. Law College won the second prize and Mr. Shubham Joshi of Y.C. Law College secured the third position.
Symbiosis Law School, Pune witnessed the inauguration of the 11th edition of the Inter-College Annual Cultural Festival 'Symbhav' 19' held from 21st to 24th of February 2019. The Chief Guest was Air Marshal Vivek Rajhans, VSM, Commandant, MILIT, Khadakwasla and the Guest of Honour was Group Captain, Ajay Kishore Mishra. The theme "Winds of Change" symbolized proactive community initiatives like 'Social Impact Week' and 'Road Safety Awareness' through street plays.

The opening ceremony began with a spectacular dance performance based on Women Empowerment. It was followed by the play "Mere Hisse Ki Dhoop", based on the real-life tragic events of Rohingya refugees in India, brought to public attention by the judicial precedent of *Lian Khan v Union of India*.

The four-day extravaganza included cultural, sporting, literary and legal events. The exhilaration reached a crescendo with an electrifying performance by Prateek Kuhad, a popular singer, a hilarious act by Anubhav Singh Bassi, a lawyer-turned-stand-up comedian and a spectacular performance by DJ Ola Ras. Another major attraction were the stalls set up by NGOs exhibiting art and cultural items, proceeds of which went to the underprivileged and prisoners. The exhibition was part of the Institutional Social Responsibility Initiative of SLS, Pune.
A long-standing tradition at the Law School, 'Law Day' is celebrated to affirm the most important objectives of the legal profession: to advance equality and justice, encourage observation and enforcement of the law and foster respect for law. In addition to Law Day, SLS-P also held the ‘Justice Y.V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture’, in honour of Late Justice Y. V. Chandrachud on 16th March, 2019.

A booklet on Justice Y.V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture, 2018 and 'LexET', the bi-annual college newsletter were released by the Chief Guest Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) Dr. Shalini Phansalkar Joshi, Former Judge, High Court of Bombay. Dr. S.B. Mujumdar, Hon'ble Chancellor, SIU, also graced the occasion. Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) Dr. Shalini Phansalkar Joshi gracing the gathering.

Hon'ble Justice Dr. Shalini Phansalkar-Joshi (Retd.) delivered the Justice Y.V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture on “Gender, Human Rights and Indian Judiciary”. She also administered the Law Day Oath.The audience at Law Day & Justice Y.V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture Ms. Tejaswi Sevekari, Director, 'Saheli', a Pune based NGO, recounted her organization’s efforts at rescuing and rehabilitating the sex workers. She regretted the lack of acceptance of them by the society.
The Fourth Edition of the Symbiosis Law School, Pune, International Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition (SICTA) was held from 28th March to 30th March 2019. The three-day competition hosted teams from 24 law schools including 2 foreign law schools namely, University of Bristol, UK and Nepal Law Campus, Nepal.

Justice Tarun Chatterjee, Retired Judge, Supreme Court of India, inaugurated the event. The ensuing battle of skills saw nine teams outwit their competitors and reach the Semi-Final rounds. At the end of the gruelling semi-finals, three teams made it to the final round. Lighting of the Lamp by Justice Mohan Pieris, Dr. Shashikala Gurpur and Justice Tarun Chatterjee.

The Valedictory Ceremony was graced by the presence of Chief Guest, Justice Deepak Gupta, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Guests of Honour, Justice Dr. Shalini Phansalkar-Joshi, Former Judge, High Court of Bombay, Justice Mohan Pieris, Former Chief Justice and Attorney General of Sri Lanka, Dr. Alexander Fischer, Associate Professor & Associate Dean (Research), Executive Director, Centre for Public Law and Jurisprudence of Jindal Global Law School, and Mr. Niranjan Reddy, (Sr. Adv.) High Court of Telangana. Participants advancing their arguments before the judges Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala (RGNUL) emerged the prestigious winners of the competition. The award for the best international team was bagged by the team from University of Bristol, UK.
Chief Guest, Justice Deepak Gupta, and Judges, Mr. Amar Ramesh and Mr. Joshua Karthik along with the Organisers of Iridescence 2019. PR, Media & Website Committee of SLS-P organized the 5th Annual Photography Exhibition, 'Iridescence' in the Multipurpose Hall of the college. The theme of the exhibition was 'Tales by Lights'. Iridescence showcased a plethora of fascinating images, extraordinary talent and fantastic photography.

The Chief Guest for the Event was Justice Deepak Gupta, Supreme Court of India, who shared the same passion for photography as the participants and is an avid landscape photographer himself. The Guests of Honour, who also officiated as the judges for the event were, Mr. Joshua Karthik, co-founder of 'Stories by Joseph Radhik and PEP Inc.' and Mr. Amar Ramesh, Founder, Studio A, Toddler and Big Short Films.

Tejas Malik from National Law University, Jodhpur bagged the first position and Ayeed Paloli from Kerala and Aakash Pechetti of Symbiosis Law School, Pune stood second and third respectively.
SLS-P conducted its annual Alumni Meet on 31st March 2019. The Chief Guests for the occasion were Hon. Ms. Justice Sujata V. Manohar (Retd.), Judge Supreme Court of India, Adv. Sampath Bulusu, General Manager-Legal at Shell Hazira LNG and Alumni Convener, Symbiosis Law School, Pune. Adv. Amit Singh Sethi, Former Additional Advocate General, Punjab was the Guest of Honour for the occasion. Chief Guest, Hon. Justice Sujata V. Manohar (Retd.), Former Judge, Supreme Court of India.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, SLS-P, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU expressed her delight that alumni from the first batch till the most recent batch were present together at the event. She extended her heartfelt gratitude to the alumni who have garnered support to the institution.

The Chief Guest spoke on 'The Role of Legal Professionals in Serving the Roads of Justice Better.' She remarked that working within timelines has become an eroded concept and that litigation today has become expensive which lasts for several years. She highlighted the role of education in inculcating responsibility. The Alumni Directory and the newsletter -'Nexus' was launched by the dignitaries. The event witnessed a number of other activities for the alumni like the Annual Alumni Legal Quiz, a performance by the SLS-P band and a dance performance by the college's dance crew.
The Community Legal Care Centre of Symbiosis Law School, Pune has been in the forefront to provide pro bono para legal and other legal aid services. Hon'ble Judge R.V. Deshmukh, Retired Principal District & Sessions Judge inaugurated the Symbiosis Legal Aid Clinic in Sus Gaon on 15th June, 2019. This event was conducted in collaboration with SCOPE and Sus Gram Panchayat.

The Community Legal Care Centre participated in the Permanent Lok Adalat, meant for pre & post litigants, organised by the Pune District Legal Service Authority (PDLSA) on 17th March 2019. Prof. Shirish Kulkarni co-ordinated the entire process on behalf of Symbiosis Law School, Pune. The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of 60 students, with the target group of this activity being the students of DADRS.

CLCC, in collaboration with Symbiosis Community Outreach Programme and Extension (SCOPE) of Symbiosis International University, orchestrated a Legal Survey and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Survey on 18th and 19th March 2019 at Sus Gaon and Lavale Gaon. The survey was conducted among the villagers of both localities and the collected data was analysed to provide paralegal and legal aid services to the villagers. The Survey was carried out under the guidance of Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dr. Rupal Rautdesai, Dr. Ashish Deshpande, Prof. Smita Pandey and Prof. Nitin Kumar.
CLCC, in association with Ashta No Koi (ANK), a non-profit organisation working for women empowerment in Pune conducted a ‘Training Session on Legal and Financial Literacy’ for rural women on 30th April 2019. The group of women who were informed of their rights, participated enthusiastically in the discussions during the session. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dr. Ashish Deshpande Adv. Latika Salgaonkar and Dr. Abhijit Kelkar conducted the training session.

Training Session on Legal and Financial Literacy

Community Legal Care Centre, under the guidance of Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Adv. Latika Salgaonkar and Prof. Sunishtha conducted a 'Legal Literacy Camp for Adolescent Girls' on 30th May, 2019 for about 30 girls.

The Law Hawks Forum of Symbiosis Law School, Pune is the heart and soul behind all literary and poetic activities in college. On January 16th, 2019, they organised 'The Hawk Talk', a Stand-Up and Open Mic event which encouraged students to unleash their creativity. Further, on 31st January 2019, it organised the 'Nani Palkhivala Memorial Trust Elocution Competition' which witnessed a large number of participants expressing their ideas, opinions and beliefs on topics of public interest.

On March 19, 2019, Law Hawks conducted the JAM (Just a Minute) and on April 5, 2019 it conducted 'Shipwreck,' a competition designed to evaluate persuasive skills of the students.
The Happy, Healthy Campus Event was hosted at New Viman Nagar Campus of Symbiosis International University on 10th January 2019 between 11 am to 1 pm. This two-hour event was filled with fun, physical activities and adventure games which honed the physical, social and moral capacities of the participants. The objective of this event was to promote health and wellness amongst the students, faculty and the staff.
Mr. Michael Horwitz, Assistant District Attorney, Israel, visited Symbiosis Law School, Pune between 25th February - 4th March, 2019. He delivered lectures for the European Union Legal Studies and Asian Legal Studies Programmes, and a Faculty Development Seminar during his stay.

Prof. Paul Babie, Dean of Adelaide Law School, visited Symbiosis Law School, Pune on 29th February, 2019. He delivered a guest lecture on 'Law and Religious Freedom.' His extensive research findings on law and religion engaged the audience thoroughly during the European Union Legal Studies Programme.

Dr. Maria Stoicheva, Professor, Functional Rector, Sofia University, came on a visit to Symbiosis Law School, Pune from 28th February to 6th March. She delivered lectures for the EULS students and also contributed to the curriculum development of the programme.
Justice Mohan Pieris, Former Attorney General of Sri-Lanka visited Symbiosis Law School, Pune from the 27th of March 2019 to the 30th of March. He judged the final rounds of Symbiosis International Criminal Trial Advocacy, 2019 and delivered lectures for the European Legal Studies and Asian Legal Studies Programmes.

Dr. Darius Whelan, Senior Lecturer, University College Cork, School of Law, Ireland visited Symbiosis Law School, Pune from 24th April to 2nd May, 2019. With his expertise and experience in the field of research and development, he engaged Faculty Seminars, reviewed Curricula related to EURASIA project.

Judge Miriam Krause, Tel Aviv, Israel visited Symbiosis Law School between 17th to 24th January. She delivered various lectures on European Union Legal Studies and Asian Legal Studies and conducted a faculty development seminar during her visit. She was able to wonderfully connect with the audience by sharing her mother’s experience of the holocaust. She also touched issues of international justice.
Dr. Alexander Fischer, Associate Professor and Associate Dean (Research), Executive Director, Centre for Public Law and Jurisprudence, Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat visited Symbiosis Law School, Pune from the 29th March to the 1st April 2019. He judged the final rounds of the Symbiosis International Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition and delivered EULS lectures.

Dr. Aparajita Mohanty, Prof. Sujata Arya and Prof. Kshitij Naikade attended and participated in the Workshop on European Legal Studies at Stockholm University, Sweden on 21st and 22nd. They presented a research paper titled, "Menace of Plastic Pollution: Responses from India and EU."

Mr. Edward Choi, a Doctoral Candidate from Boston University visited Symbiosis Law School, Pune on 9th April, 2019 to interact with Dr. Shashikala Gurpur on Higher Education and Law.
International Criminal Law Summer School was held from 24th to the 29th of June, 2019 at National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland. It was attended by Vikrant Sharma (First Year, BA LLB), Vasundhara Mehta (First Year, BA LLB), Aarya (First Year, BA LLB), SindhujaBirenji (First Year, BBA LLB), Manasi Desai (Second Year, BA LLB), Preetham Correa (Third Year), and Coral Shah (Third Year) under the guidance of the International Cell.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Soumyadip Ghorai published an article titled “Rule of Law in India: An Analysis” which was published in “Law Audience Journal” (ISSN (O): 2581-6705) which is indexed in IP, DJRI, CiteFactor and COSMOS.

Raunak Kurani of III Year published a Research Paper titled 'Understanding Cartels and their Regulation in India' published in Journal of Legal Studies and Research.


Joanna Joshua of II Year BBA LLB(Hons.), published a research paper titled “Current Situation of Jallikattu in the State of Tamil Nadu” in the Journal of Socio Legal Studies and Research Vol. 1 Issue 1.

Sumedha Sen, of V Year BA LLB (Hons.), a student of Symbiosis Law School, Pune reached the Stage 2 of 'The Global Undergraduate Awards', the world's largest academic awards programme which identifies the world's leading creative thinkers and problem solvers.
Moksh Ranawat has achieved the following:

1) Won the third Prize at the Nani Palkhivala- Satya Hegde Essay Writing Competition 2019 for the paper titled “Evolution of Section 11: From Pre-Konkan Railway to 2018 Amendments.”

2) Published a paper titled 'The Evolution of Live-In-Relationships in India' in Journal of Juvenile & Family Law (Vol. 6) bearing ISSN No.: 2581-6381. (22nd January, 2019)


4) Published a paper titled 'Sustainability, Global Warming and the Greening of Religion: Understanding Religious Environmentalism in India' in International Journal of Socio-Legal Research (Vol. 5, Issue 1) bearing ISSN No.: 2393-8250. (12th February, 2019)


Taresh Bakshi, Akshay Ayush and Anirudhan Balajee were declared 3rd Runners Up of SBI YONO Quiz Competition, 2019 held in MIT, Pune. The team was also declared as the WINNERS of the Semi-Finals Rounds. More than 50 teams, participated in the coveted tournament from across the Western Zone.

Rajorshi Palit of Vth BB.A.LL.B(Hons.) programme published a research paper titled ‘Your Cellular Subscription has been Cancelled-A Conspiracy of the Telecoms’ in the RGNUL Financial and Mercantile Law Journal - Volume 6, Issue 1.
DEBATING ACHIEVEMENTS

A. Core Adjudicators at National level debates - SLS PDMPA

1. VG Sreeram (V year) was the Core Adjudicator at College of Engineering Pune British Parliamentary Debate 2019.

2. Shreya Shenolikar (V year) was the Core Adjudicator at Lady Shri Ram College Parliamentary Debate, Delhi University.

3. Kavya Jain (IV year) is Deputy Core Adjudicator at Indian Women’s Debating Championship 2019, St Stephen’s College, Delhi University.

4. Swaha Sinha (IV Year) has been selected as the tournament director for Indian Women’s Debating Championship 2019, St Stephen’s College, Delhi University.

B. Debating and Adjudicating Achievements - SLS PDMPA

1. NUJS Kolkata, Asians Debate 2019
   • Sarleen Kaur (III year) - Breaking Adjudicator
   • Rudra Shankar (V Year), Deep Bhattacharya (IV year), Nehal Binani (V year), Chirag Basu (II Year) Kaustav Roy (II year) and Treenok Guha (I year) - Quarter-finalists

2. College of Engineering Pune (COEP) Debate, 2019
   • Rohit Bhatachaarya (III year) and Shashank Venkat (III Year) - Winners
   • Shrish Suresh (III - Year) and Aastha Kapoor (III Year) - Finalists
   • Shrish Suresh (III - Year) and Rohit Bhatachaarya (III-Year) - Top 10 Speakers

Swaha Sinha (Left-most) and Kavya Jain (middle) as the tournament directors at St. Stephens College, Delhi University

Shashank Venkat (L) and Rohit Bhattacharya (R) securing top positions at College of Engineering Pune Debate, 2019
3. ILS Debate 2019
   • Bhavya (II Year) - 3rd Best Adjudicator.

4. Xth Christ University Parliamentary Debate, 2019
   • Angad Matharu (II - Year) - 2nd Best Adjudicator.
   • Shrish Suresh (III - Year) - 5th Best Adjudicator and Panelist in Open Semi-Finals.

5. NLS Debate 2019
   • VG Shreeram (V - Year), Shreya Shenolikar (V-Year) and Rudra Shankar (IV-Year) - Runner’s Up.

MOOTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Taresh Bakshi was adjudged as the best speaker at the Adv. Sri. M. P. Govindan Nambari Memorial Moot, 2019 conducted on 4th-6th January 2019.

Sparsh Jain and Shrisha Gautam were the second runners-up at the KTS Tulsi Mock Trial, Symfiesta’19, held on the 15th, 16th and 17th of February, 2019.

Sneha, Ananya Agarwal, Vishal Mandal and Idhika Agarwal were the runners-up at Troika’s Moot Court 2019 which was conducted from 16th-18th January 2019.

Lipi Garg, Ishita Soni and Nandita Varshney were adjudged as the winners of the K. K. Luthra Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2019 that was held on January 18th-20th, 2019.

Riddhi Joshi, Ramya Katti and Shanika Bhowmick qualified for the world rounds of Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot, that was conducted from the 18th-20th of January, 2019.
Nupur Antrolikar won the award for the Best speaker at the IsariVelan Memorial National Moot 2019 (IVMMC), conducted on 1st-3rd February, 2019.

Ankita Bhattacharya, Eesha Bisht and Sisira Reddy were adjudged as finalists for the Justice P.B. Sawant Sixth National Moot Competition, which was held from 1st-3rd February, 2019.

Srijay Deb, Sayanthan Bhattachary and Akanksha Singh were the winners of the 9TH National Moot Court Competition – Christ University, Bangalore, conducted on the 8th, 9th and 10th of February, 2019.

Aman Guru, Gaurav Puri and Disha Tulsyan secured the third position in the 17th Surana & Surana JSS Law College Corporate Law Moot & Judgement Writing Competition 2019, which was held from 8th-10th of February, 2019.

Taneesha Paranjape, Anushka Paliwal and Harshita Kapoor were the winners of Intercessions 2019 – ILSCA Pact Community Mediation Competition, held on 6th-7th January 2019.

Unnati Krishna won the award for the Second Best Researcher at the 1st National Moot Court at the Centre For Legal Studies, GIBS, Delhi, which was held on 22nd and 23rd February, 2019.

Liyana Shaji, Rishika Nagpal and Nikitha Ann Mathew won the award for the Best Memo at the Lokmanya Tilak National Appellate Moot 2019 held on 22nd and 23rd February, 2019.

Ambika Chaudhary, Kritika Subbal and Apoorva Gupta were adjudged as the winners of the 1st All India Moot Court Competition, 2019, conducted from 22nd-24th February, 2019. Shreyali Yadav, Kartikeya Agarwal and Ritika Sarda were declared as the winners of the Fifth State Level Moot Court Competition, TMV’S Lokmanya Tilak Law College.

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Mohini Sonkar, was given the Second Consolation Prize as Speaker at the 6th Late Kusumtai Chavan Memorial National Moot, 2019 conducted on 23rd February, 2019.

Parisha Mittal, Girishma Sai and Anushka Iyer were the Winners in the Shri NJY 4th Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2019 conducted on 29th-31st March, 2019.

Angela Thomas, Chinmayanand Chivukula and Melby Anna Stephen were the Winners of the Justice T. Ramachandran Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy Moot 2019 conducted on 1st-3rd March, 2019. Angela Thomas and Melby Anna Stephen were adjudged as the Best Advocate and Best Researcher respectively and the team also won the award of the Best Memorial.

Aman Agarwal, Yashwardhan Singh and Sohum Dua were awarded the Best Memorial in the Remembering S.P. Sathe - The 13th National Moot Court Competition 2018-19 conducted on 7th-9th March, 2019. Aman Agarwal was adjudged as the Best Advocate.

Manasvi Ahuja, Sabreen Hussain and Anumeha Agarwal were the Runners Up in the 2nd Surana And Surana & Dr. M.S Ramaiah Tort Law Moot & Judgment Writing Competitions, 2019 conducted on 8th-10th March, 2019.

Rishika Kharbanda, Bhavya Upadhyay and Pranjal Gupta were the Winners of the 9th MK Nambiar Memorial National Moot Competition, 2019 conducted on 8th-10th March, 2019. Rishika Kharbanda was adjudged as the Best Advocate.
Roopali, Sanjana Karnawat and Anukriti Tomar were the Runners Up in the 18th Amity National Moot Competition, 2019 conducted on 8th-10th March, 2019. The team was also awarded the Best Memorial.

Virat Agarwal, Ananya Rai and Sridattha Charan were adjudged as the Best Speaker, Second Best Speaker and Best Researcher respectively at the Lex Et Justitia, 2nd Edition of National Moot Court Competition, 2019 conducted on 1st-3rd March, 2019.

Sharmishtha Bhard, Disha Verma, Akhilesh Talluri, Anusha Rao and Shivani Sathe qualified for the world rounds in the 2019 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition conducted on 31st March – 6th April 2019. Disha Verma and Sharmishtha Bhard were adjudged the Best Oralist and Second Best Oralist respectively and the team was also awarded the Second-Best Memorial.

Takesh Bakshi, Navya Pathak and Niharika Tanwar were the Winners in the 4th Vitsol National Moot Court Competition on International Law, 2019 conducted on 29th-31st March, 2019.


Zunhaid Tapia, Aakash Banyal and Shobhit Dave were the Winners of the 3rd Edition DME National Moot Court Competition, 2019 conducted on 5th-7th April, 2019.

Pulwit, Treenok Guha and Smriti Sneha Sahu were awarded the Best Memorial in the 3rd Ansal University International Moot Court Competition, 2019 conducted on 6th- 7th April, 2019.

Asha Singh was adjudged as the Most Promising Advocate in the 6th Mangilal Pagariya National Moot Court Competition 2019 conducted on 11th-12th April, 2019.

Audityaa Velpula, Kshitij Rathore and Ishani Chopra qualified within the Round of 16 at the AIAC Pre-Moot, Kuala Lumpur in the Annual Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition, 2019 (Hong Kong) conducted on 13th – 18th April, 2019.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT

SLS Pune’s sports contingent once again emerged triumphant by winning the ‘Overall Best Contingent’ trophy at Zelus’ 19, Annual Inter-Collegiate Sports fest of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, which was held from 8th – 11th March, 2019.

On the first day, students of SLS – P won medals in Athletics: Nirnay Shanbough, won gold medal in Men’s 1500 m, Rhea Lobo, a bronze medal in Women’s 1500 m, Pragati Banka a bronze medal in Women’s 100 m and Tabitha securing a silver medal in Women’s 400 m. Smriti Ekka from SLS – P, won gold in Javelin.

Later, on the second day, Nirnay Shanbough again secured a gold in Men’s 800 m and a bronze in Men’s 400 m while Rhea Lobo secured a silver in Women's 800 m. In the relay matches, SLS – P’s Men’s relay team secured bronze while the Women’s team outperformed them and secured the gold as well as bronze in their relay run. To put the track and field events to an end, Aishwarya Bhimalli clinched a bronze in Shot put. An identical fate was achieved by the Men’s and Women’s Volleyball team and the Table Tennis team who lost to their opponents in Semi-finals after a tough competition. The Women’s Throwball and football team gave a tough competition to host RGNUL and secured the second spot on podium. Nevertheless, SLS – P showed its mettle well by bagging the gold in Men’s Football as well as Carrom.
University Sports Board (USB) Achievements 2018-19:

- It's indeed a great year for SLS – P as well as for the members of Sports Committee as SLS – P has emerged as the Inter-Institute Overall Championship Winner.

- This was borne out of the fine management and administration of SI (DU) Inter Institute Tennis Tournament, organized by Symbiosis Law School Pune, wherein students from SLS – P took no time to outshine and bagged the first position in Men's as well as Women's category.

- SLS – P's Men's Basketball team also secured the first position in Inter Institute Basketball Tournament held at Symbiosis School of Sports Sciences (SSSS) from 4th Sept. to 7th Sept. at Lavale Hill base campus. The Women's team secured the runners-up position. To add up to annual points tally, SLS – P's Women's Football team also secured the first position in Inter Institute Football Tournament.
Guest Lecture on 'Comparative Study of various Human Rights Legislations and Challenges faced within Asia': 25th March, 2019

Prof. (Dr.) Y.S.R. Murthy, Professor and Registrar, O.P Jindal Global University delivered a lecture on 'Comparative Study of various Human Rights Legislations and Challenges faced within Asia' on 25th March, 2019.

Guest Lecture on Death Penalty Litigation and The Relation Between Mental Health and Death Penalty - Project 39A: 25th January, 2019

Symbiosis Law School, Pune (SLS-P) organized a Guest lecture cum Interactive session on 'Death Penalty Litigation and the Relation Between Mental Health and Death Penalty' on 25th January 2019. The lecture was conducted for the first-year students of 3 Years LLB as well as the third and fourth year students of BA/BBA LLB course and was delivered by Adv. Maitreyi Misra and Adv. Himanshu Agarwal, research associates of Project 39A.

Guest Lecture on UPSC examinations - Miss. Poonam Thakare: 25th January, 2019

Symbiosis Law School, Pune (a constituent of Symbiosis International Deemed University) hosted a lecture on "Guest Lecture on UPSC Examinations" by Ms. Poonam Thakre on the 25th January at the Professional Development and Continuing Legal Education Hall.


Symbiosis Law School, Pune (a constituent of Symbiosis International Deemed University) hosted a lecture on "Legal Notices and its Types and Drafting of Power of Attorney and its Types" by Adv. Murtaza Cherawala on the 9th February at the Moot Court Hall.
Guest Lecture on Life Management- A Symbiotic Approach- Dr. Dixit, Dr. Phadke and Dr. Tripathi: 13th February, 2019

Symbiosis Law School, Pune (a constituent of Symbiosis International Deemed University) hosted an online guest lecture on "Life Management – A Symbiotic Approach" by Dr. Dixit, Dr. Phadke and Dr. Tripathi, on the 13th February.

Guest Lecture on Overview of Environment - Dr. T.R. Subramanya: 15th February, 2019

Dr. T.R Subramanya, Dean, CMR University School of Legal Studies Bangalore and Former Legal Advisor to the Kingdom of Bahrain, delivered a Guest Lecture on 'Overview of Environment' at Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

Guest Lecture on Negotiation – Adv. Hussain Nalwala: 16th February, 2019

Symbiosis Law School, Pune (a constituent of Symbiosis International Deemed University) organized a guest lecture on Negotiation by resource person Adv. Hussain Nalwala on the 16th of February, 2019 at the Moot Court Hall for the students of the 1st year BA/BBA LLB (Hons.) Programme.

Guest Lecture on Use of Force in International Law – Dr. Umesh Kadam: 28th February, 2019

Dr. Umesh Kadam, Former Regional Legal Advisor, International Committee of Red Cross, delivered a guest lecture on 'Use of Force in International Law' on the 28th February, 2019 for the students of the 3rd year of the BA/BBA LLB Programme.

Guest Lecture on Observation of Trial and Pre-trial preparations – Adv. Sudhir Mandke: 13th March, 2019

Symbiosis Law School, Pune (a constituent of Symbiosis International Deemed University) conducted a guest lecture on 'Observation of trial and Pre-trial preparations' by Adv. Sudhir Mandke on the 13th of March, 2019 for the students of the 3rd year BA/BBA LLB (Hons.) Programme.
Guest Lecture on Consumer Protection – Dr. Santosh Kakade: 9th March, 2019

A guest lecture on Consumer Protection was delivered by Dr. Santosh Kakade, Former Non-Judicial Member, Maharashtra State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission on 9th March, 2019 for the students of the 2nd year BA/BBA LLB (Hons.) Programme.

Guest Lecture on Drafting of Arbitration Agreement – Adv. Deepak Patwardhan: 12th March, 2019

Symbiosis Law School, Pune (a constituent of Symbiosis International Deemed University) hosted a lecture on "Drafting of Arbitration Agreement" by Adv. Deepak Patwardhan on 12th March, 2019, for the students of the 1st year of the BA/BBALLB Programme.

Guest Lecture on the play 'Final Solutions'– Dr. Mohini Khot: 5th March, 2019

A lecture on the play "Final Solutions" was delivered by Dr. Mohini Khot, HOD, Department of English, St. Mira's College, Pune on 5th March, 2019 for the students of the 1st year and 2nd year of the BA/BBA LLB Programme.
Guest Lecture on Disarmament –
Prof. (Dr.) Sanoj Rajan: 14th March, 2019

A lecture on "Disarmament" was conducted by Prof. (Dr.) Sanoj Rajan, Dean, School of Law, Ansal University, Gurugram on 14th March, 2019, for the students of the 3rd year of the BA/BBA LLB Programme.

Guest Lecture on Drafting of Consumer Complaint and Written Statements – Mr. Anand Ram Bhusari: 16th March, 2019

Mr. Anand Ram Bhusari delivered a Guest Lecture on Drafting of Consumer Complaint and Written Statements on 16th of March, 2019 for the students of the BA/BBA LLB (Hons.) Programme.

Guest Lecture on Memory and Study Techniques – Retired Judge Shri. R.V. Deshmukh: 18th March, 2019

A guest lecture was conducted at Symbiosis Law School, Pune by Retired Judge, Aurangabad Shri. R. V. Deshmukh on the topic 'Memory and Study Techniques' on 18th March, 2019 for all batches at the Moot Court Hall.
Congratulations!

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was conferred the prestigious Annual Kittur Rani Chennamma Award, 2018-2019 on 5th March 2019, by the Government of Karnataka for her outstanding achievement in the field of education and contribution to women empowerment. As a part of Annual International Women's Day Celebrations, the Government of Karnataka confers this award on women achievers who have made significant contributions to women empowerment.

INTERNATIONAL

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur visited Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland as a Project Manager, from 20th January to 2nd to attend the third training program and meetings under European Studies Revitalized Across Asian Universities – EURASIAproject.

Symbiosis Law School, Pune and Jagiellonian University, Krakow are partners in the Eurasia Project and the primary reason for the visit was sharing knowledge and expertise in the field of European Union Policies, International Relations and Intercultural Communications.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur attended the Annual International Criminal Court Summer School at National University of Ireland, Galway from 21st to 29th June 2019 at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur gave an online presentation for the Panel Workshop on "Sense and Sensibility Interrogating and Teaching Challenging, Controversial, and Sensitive - Revisiting the Principles of Legal Discourse" at 16th Asia-Pacific Regional Law Deans’ Forum held at Kenneth Wang School of Law, Soochow University in Suzhou, China held between 17th to 19th April, 2019.
Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was the Chief Guest of the International Conference titled "Intellectual Property Rights and Entrepreneurship" organised by the Departments of Commerce and Business Administration organised by St. Agnes College, Mangalore.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was invited as a resource person for the Orientation Programme for Junior Division Judges held at the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal on 8th and 9th January 2019. She spoke about 'The Role of Courts in Securing Gender Justice' and 'Fair Trial: Fair Process'.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was invited to present a project proposal at ICSSR, IMPRESS on 25th April, 2019 in New Delhi. For her project titled, 'Law, Disaster and Trafficking: Tracing the Linkages', she received an impressive project grant of Rs. 10,50,000/- from the Indian Council of Social Science Research(ICSSR).
Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was a member of the ’Peer team for conducting the Academic and Administrative Audit of Departments/ Centers/ Institutes’ at the University of Mumbai on 26th April 2019.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur shared her expertise in the fields of ‘Legal Research Design’ and ‘Research Methodology’ on 22nd April, 2019 at Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), Nagpur. This was a part of a week long Course Work organised by MNLU.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur presented a multi-authored Paper titled ‘Sense and Sensibility - Interrogating and Teaching Challenging, Controversial, and Sensitive Subject Matters - Revisiting the Principles of Legal Discourse’ at the 16th Asian Law Institute Conference (ASLI) hosted by National University of Singapore (NUS) on 11th and 12th of June, 2019.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was a Resource Person for a ‘One Week Refresher Course for Teachers’ titled ‘March of Law: Critical Reflections in Law Teaching and Research Methodology’ on 8th June, 2019. The event was organised by the National Law School of India University, Bangalore in association with Bar Council of Kerala M.K Nambiar Academy of Continuing Legal Education (Kochi) and State Government of Karnataka.
Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was a guest speaker at a week-long FDP on Research Methodology lecture organised by the Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women’s University, Vijjapur on 12th June, 2019. On the first day of the workshop, she conducted training session for the faculty of the University.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was invited as the Chief Guest to Lions Regional Conference, 'Indradhanush', Mangalore on 12th January, 2019.

Dr. Bindu Ronald’s article on "Who is covered by the Insider Trading Prohibition? The Problematic Concept of “Insider” in the United States and India" was published in Symbiosis Contemporary Law Journal, in January 2019.

Dr. Bindu Ronald’s was also the Chief Guest for Interdisciplinary International Conference on "Sustainable Development Goals and Changing World Order" organised by Poona College of Arts, Science and Commerce, held on 20th Feb 2019.
Dr. Kalpana Jadhav received her Ph.D in Library Sciences from Pune University. Her topic of research was 'Information, Information Needs and Information Seeking Behaviour of Law Professionals'.

Dr. Sapna Bansal was the resource person for:

Dr. Manika Kamthan presented a project proposal titled 'Law, Gender and Disasters: A Case Study of Drought in Bundelkhand' at ICSSR under IMPRESS and received an impressive grant of Rs. 5,17,850 from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

Dr. Manika Kamthan presented a paper titled 'Rule of Law and Natural Disasters: Rising Horizons in India' at the 16th Asian Law Institute Conference (ASLI) hosted by National University of Singapore (NUS) on 11th and 12th of June, 2019.
Prof. Yogesh Dharangutti was invited by the National Commission for Women to attend the 'Regional Consultations on Women's Property Rights' on 2nd February, 2019 at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.

A paper titled "Law Reform Research on Female Child Marriages in India" was also published by him in The Indian Police Journal, Vol. 65 No. 4 October-December 2018, ISSN 0537-2429.


Prof. Raj Verma delivered:

- A lecture on "Indian Penal Code" at SRPF, Pune on 19th June, 2019 and 25th January 2019.
- He presented a paper titled: "Artificial Intelligence, Robots and the Healthcare Ecosystem: Giving Robots a Legal Status and Its Impact on Access to Health" at the 16th ASLI Conference held at National University of Singapore held on 11th and 12th June 2019.
- He was also invited as a resource person by the University Women's Association to deliver a lecture on: "Policy, Background - Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention Protection Redressal) Act 2013" at the Tehmi Grant Nursing Institute, Pune on 26th April 2019 and by the National Commission for Women to be on the panel for the: "Regional Consultation on Law Review of Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act" at the Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar on 2nd February 2019.
Rupal Rautdesai, Ujwal Nandekar, Aditya Kedari, and Yogesh Patil, published a paper titled "Big data and privacy – A legal perspective and comparative study of United States and India" It was published in the International Journal of Process Management and Benchmarking, ISSN online: 1741-816X ISSN print:1460-6739, International Journal: 'Scopus'.

Prof. Shiba Parhi, Dr. Vandana Sonwaney, Prof. Ujwal Nandekar and Ms. Manasi Mishra presented a paper titled "To explore the inhumanitarian supply chain network of trafficking" at the Research Conference on Operations and Supply Chain Management 2019 organised by SIOM, Nashik.

Aditi Mane, JRF& Research Scholar, presented a paper titled "Socio- Legal Analysis of Child Soldiering Laws in Asia" at the 16th Asian Law Institute Conference held on 11-12th June, 2019 conducted at the National University of Singapore. (ASLI-NUS).
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Upcoming Events......
1. Common Commencement Programme – 2019
3. 7th Late Shri B.G. Deshmukh Memorial Public Lecture – 2019
4. Symptoms Intra College Fest 2019
5. Eighth Symbiosis International Annual Research Conference on Rule of Law in Context (SYMROLIC)