

DEEKSHARAMBH, 2023

PRESS REPORT

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Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) organized “Deeksharambh- *A Journey through the Portals of the Law School*”- Induction Program on **27th July, 2023** for the students of BA/ BBA. LL. B. (batch of 2023-2028). The event was conducted at the **Auditorium, SV Campus (Symbiosis Viman Nagar Campus)** from **10:30 A.M. IST** onwards.

The program began with the lighting of the lamp. **Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune Dean Faculty of Law, SIU Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC-Lamp co-funded by EU)** delivered the welcome address and elaborated the significance of ‘Deeksharambh.’ Dr. Gurpur motivated the students by sharing her experiences in legal education and profession. She emphasized on the role of the institutions in shaping the personalities and inculcating values in the students which are instrumental in contributing to their success.

Prof. Dr. Gurpur discussed the vision and mission of the institution and explained the importance of the motto “*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.*” She mentioned that SLS, Pune believes in integrated learning for a holistic development of students both in academic and extracurricular spheres.

Prof. Dr. Gurpur also highlighted the institution’s excellent placement records and explained the importance of effective planning. Prof. Dr. Gurpur explained on the institution’s mode of functioning along with its stellar features such as the SCALSAR and other committees of the institution.

The students were further motivated when they were shown the ‘SLS-P movie’ along with the recording of an address by Late Adv. Ram Jethmalani who was also Professor Emeritus at SLS-Pune. The students were also shown a video session on advocacy skills by Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi.

Prof. Dr. Gurpur then introduced the Student Advisory Board(SAB) to the incoming batch. Mr. Aakarsh Banyal, President, SAB (2022-23), Ms. Surabhi Puhazhendi, Vice President, SAB (2022-23) and Mr. Suryadit Salunkhe Patil, Co-head, Student Welfare Committee, SAB (2022-23) were invited to address the students, on the traditions of leadership, collaboration, and camaraderie, as learnt from their several years' experience in the SAB, along with the role of every committee and cell in the institution's day to day workings.

Ms. Manjusha Bilaskar, Head, Symbiosis Centre for Yoga conducted a Yoga Orientation session. After guiding the audience through some yoga asanas, positions, and a couple minutes of silence, she elucidated upon the art of practicing mindfulness and introspection. She also explained the role played by science in yoga along with demonstrating the types of breathing practiced in yoga. Dr. Atmaram Shelke, Associate Professor, SLS, Pune informed the students of the anti-ragging laws in India and emphasized on the 'no-tolerance policy' of the institution.

Ms. Prajakta and Dr. Rahul, SCEW, SIU, were then invited on stage to conduct a workshop on 'Forging lasting friendship and creating a coping mechanism.' They highlighted the importance of accepted code of conduct that students ought to adopt in the institution while interacting with their peers and faculty members.

A group of noted alumni of the institution then addressed the students. **Mr. Sampath Bulusu, General Manager, Legal Corporate Affairs, Shell Energy India Pvt Ltd**, discussed the methods of learning with the students and explained how to make the most out of the law school experience. **Mr. Taresh Bakshi** highlighted the transition from school life to college life and how one must learn to be kind to themselves. **Mr. Suyash Guru** emphasized the importance of prioritizing time. **Mr. Advait Tambe** addressed the significance of perseverance, determination and taking initiative. **Dr. Aparajita Mohanty, Deputy Director, SLS(Pune) and Vice Chair, SAB (2022-2023)** felicitated the alumni and thanked them for their words of wisdom.

