

**Press Report for the Zero-Day Programme for the Upcoming batches of LLB and LLM
Symbiosis Law School, Pune
Monday, 8th August, 2022**



Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), conducted the **Zero-Day Programme for LLB and LLM** batches on the **8th of August, 2022**, in the **PDCLE Hall** of Symbiosis Law School, Pune campus

. The purpose for the programme was to orient the new students with the entire team and the academic culture of the institute.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis (Deemed University) Jean Monnet Chair, Professor (EUC- LAMP co-funded by EU) delivered the welcome address.

Dr. Gurpur began the address with a recollection of the institution's progress since 2007. She acknowledged that her achievements were the cumulative hard work of her students and the entire team. Briefly mentioning the recent NIRF rank 3 awarded to the institution, She explained how they were now a part of a legacy and not just an institution.



Dr. Shashikala Gurpur addressing the audience.

She further addressed the difference between an NLU and SLS with a quote from John Henry Newman's 'The Idea of a University, who says that a throb of questioning and dissent is a must, which exists here in a controlled environment which is necessary for critical thinking. Appealing the students to unlearn tardiness and embrace a lifetime of learning. She enumerated the importance of soft skills that come along with the legal knowledge imparted in the respective programmes.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur highlighted the placement statistics of the institute, ensuring them that their investment was to an institute of over 20,000 alumni, of varying degrees and achievements, from partners in Tier 1 law firms to judges, additional Solicitor General and so on. Further, she congratulated everyone on their choice, and for withstanding the competition to make it to this day, having faced a 1:12 competition for LLB and a 1:15 competition for each LLM student.

After the introduction to the Faculty members of LLM and LLB, Dr. Dhanaji Jadhav, Deputy Director (Administration), SLS Pune introduced the Administrative Staff of the Symbiosis Law School, Pune. He also emphasised the importance of discipline in the institution.

After the first session, the students were taken on a campus tour which was followed by the lunch. The second session began with interaction of parents with the director and faculty members. Three panels were created to facilitate the interaction. The purpose of the interaction was to know the background of the students, their interest & career goals, and their expectations from the institution. In the interactive session, the students were guided to select their career path, internship opportunities and smooth navigation through their academic journey.