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Workshop on “Law, Literature, Language, and Culture: A Digital Ethnography Approach”

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Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), is set to organize a one-day Workshop on “*Law, Literature, Language, and Culture: A Digital Ethnography Approach*” on 26 February 2026 at its Conference Hall. The workshop is jointly organized by the Symbiosis Centre for Advanced Legal Studies and Research (SCALSAR) and the Symbiosis Culture, Language, Law & Justice Centre (SCLLJC).

The workshop seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue by bringing together scholars and practitioners working at the intersections of legal studies, literary and cultural analysis, and digital methodologies. By foregrounding digital ethnography as a methodological framework, the event aims to explore how digital environments reshape legal discourse, linguistic practices, and cultural narratives in contemporary society.

The programme will commence at 11:00 AM with the formal inauguration, followed by the ceremonial watering of the Bilwa sapling by the dignitaries. The Welcome Address and Opening Remarks will be delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar; Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune; Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU; and Jean Monnet Chair Professor (UGC-Lamp Co-funded by EU), who will outline the vision and objectives of the workshop.

The Inaugural Session will be delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Rukmini Sen, Dean and Professor at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi. Her address is expected to provide critical insights into the evolving intersections of law, culture, and society, setting the tone for the deliberations that follow.

The post-lunch panel will feature distinguished speakers from diverse academic domains. Prof. (Dr.) Prasannanshu, Dean (ODL) and Director, Centre for Linguistic Justice and Endangered Languages, National Law University Delhi, will speak on “Interlinking Law, Language and Culture: Developing Reflexive Consciousness.” Prof. (Dr.) Anupam Siddhartha, Director, English Language Teaching Institute of Symbiosis (ELTIS) and Symbiosis Institute of Foreign & Indian Languages (SIFIL), Symbiosis International (Deemed University), will deliver a talk on “Films & Justice.” Dr. Debjani Rane, Visiting Faculty, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, will present on “A Comparative Study of Expressions of Politeness, Indifference, and Contempt in Japanese and English.” The panel discussions will conclude with an interactive Q&A session.

A dedicated session for paper presentations by faculty members, researchers, and students will provide a platform for emerging scholarship. The workshop will conclude with the announcement of the Best Presentation Award and a formal Vote of Thanks.

By convening scholars across disciplines, the workshop aims to strengthen research linkages and encourage critical engagement with digital tools in the study of law, literature, language, and culture. It aspires to contribute meaningfully to contemporary debates on justice, representation, and the transformative role of digital methodologies in the humanities and legal studies.