

SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, PUNE

PRE-FEST REPORT

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) is proud to announce its 13th edition of Pune's largest college fest, Symbhav 2021 – a student-driven cultural extravaganza that aims to bring together students from different disciplines across the country and abroad to provide a platform for mutual learning and growth. Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, the annual inter-collegiate cultural, legal and sports festival Symbhav 2021 will take place virtually on **28th, 29th and 30th of April, 2021**. This year's virtual edition has created new opportunities for us to connect with students from across the globe, with record-breaking participation from over 40 institutions from across the country which is an increase in the participation by 10 folds as we had only 4 colleges last year, and 4 international teams which is a huge leap in as we had no international participation last year.

Symbhav 2021 intends to transcend physical boundaries and unite a wide range of talents across the globe. Keeping its dedication to address contemporary issues as well as being the torch bearer of a better future, the theme of Symbhav 2021- "**Paradigms of Progress**", will celebrate the rise of new beginnings and unwavering resilience of humankind. The theme unfolds richer innovations in science and technology, growing awareness and discourse about environmental issues, and the success of social movements around the globe, which have given voice to the once oppressed and minority communities. Stressing on the power of precedence and learning from the instances of victory over the ordeals of the past year, we take the moment to pay tribute to the progress that our world is making today and encourage ourselves to be a stronger part of the "Paradigms of Progress".

The inaugural ceremony of SYMBHAV, 2021 will commence on 25th April 2020 10:00 am – 11:00 am with the presence of Mr. Suresh Prabhu, as the Chief Guest.

Symbhav 2021 brings forth over forty events including the **4th edition of SLS-P Conclave' 21** to provide a platform for expounding new ideas, deliberating upon new themes, and delving into the creative minds of India's youth through **Online International Legal Panel Discussion** with eminent legal personalities. The event shall be held on **25th April 2021** (Sunday) from **11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**. Conclave 2021 aims at building all-around knowledge and hone various analytical and intellectual skills of the students and carry forward the legacy of being a trailblazer of contemporary topics, through its theme, "*Global Trade Practices in the Era of Digitalization.*"

Conclave 2021 will be graced by Justice Perody Vishwanatha Shetty, Lokayukta of State of Karnataka Distinguished as Guest of Honour and Justice Annabelle Bennett, Former Justice of the Federal Court of Australia as the Distinguished Guest. The event will also be marked by presence of Mr. Mukul Rohtagi, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Mr. Parag Tripathi, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Dr. Prezmyslaw Tacik, Assistant Professor, Jagiellonian University, Poland, Mr. Pavan Duggal, Chairman, International Commission on Cyber Security Law, Mr. Arun Prabhu, Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Ms. Gowree Gokhale, Head, TMT

Practice and Partner, Nishith Desai Associates, Mr. Supratim Chakraborty, Partner, Khaitan & Co, as resource persons.

Symbhav 2021 is all set to host over 25 events across the three days. Day 1 of Symbhav 2021 **will witness one of the major event scheduled for 28th April 2021 the Symbiosis Law School Pune Model United Nations (SLSPMUN)**. It is one of the largest college-level MUNs in Pune. Every year, SLSPMUN provides a platform for discussion and debate on topics of international importance. In fact, with the 10th edition of SLSPMUN being virtual, the conference this year will consist of delegates from all over the world too! With 7 committees set to discuss the most pressing issues of global relevance, SLSPMUN 2021, albeit online, is set to facilitate debate, diplomacy and discussion for the leaders of tomorrow. The other major event for the day includes Global Students' Conclave, Ibdita Film Fest – Screening, Nitin Patil Mono Advocacy, General Quiz, Charades, Sports Quiz, Solo/Duet Dance, Sports Feud, Stand-Up Comedy, Western Singing, Eastern Singing and Creative Writing.

The major attraction for Day 2, 29th April 2021 include Symbhav's **flagship events-** Mr. and Ms. Symbhav, Ablaze and Group Dance. **Performing arts events** include street play, western and Eastern solo singing and mono acting. Under the umbrella of **creative events**, the college is set to host a short film making competition as well as a face painting competition among others. There is also a wide array of **quiz events** that will take place, ranging from a **sports and entertainment quiz to TechBiz Quiz**. The **literary events** include slam poetry and word games. In addition to these, the immensely popular fashion show, 'Ablaze', will see students take the stage, with their clothing, make-up and creative sets. The **legal events** include mono advocacy and a judgement writing competition. The online treasure hunt will give participants a virtual treasure hunt experience unlike anything they've experienced before. The virtual mode has not put a damper on the sporting events. Keeping up with these challenging times, the fest is set to offer a host of **virtual sporting events** including chess, sports themed essay writing competition, virtual fitness challenges, sports debate, virtual IPL auction and even a virtual marathon. There will also be events like the sports quiz to test the participants theoretical knowledge on sports.

The **Pronite event** on **29th April 2021, which** in the past years, attracted some of the best musicians and stand-up comedians in the country, will continue to be a highlight this year with comedian, **Rahul Dua as the guest for the event**. It has already attracted students from the top colleges all over the country as well as internationally as the virtual mode will make the events more accessible and safer in light of the pandemic.

Day 3 of Symbhav 2021 would witness this year's edition of **law theatre 'Dar-ba-dar'** that focusses on **the travails of migrant workers under the devastating influence of the Covid-19 pandemic** directed by Mr. Sachin Malvi and will be performed virtually by students from all over the country. The other major everts for the day includes Ibdita Film Fest –Screening, SLSPMUN Closing Ceremony, Mono Acting, Street Play, Speaking Tree, Lip Sync Battle, Basketball Skills Challenge, Slam Poetry, Treasure Hunt, Yoga, Sports Debate, Virtual Fitness Challenge and Symbhav 2021 Closing Ceremony. With the previous years' footfalls soaring beyond expectations

and touching the 20,000 mark, the Organizing Committee estimates a massive leap in participation numbers from over 100 colleges and international universities.

Symbhav 2021 has already succeeded in achieving a wide reach and has attracted attendees from all over the country. Owing to the virtual mode, and ease of accessibility by people all over the country from the comfort of home, Symbhav 2021 is set to make a record with the number of participants from colleges and universities from all over the world. It has already amassed over 2800 followers and thousands of likes and comments spread across the various posts, videos and creative reels.

Please find the Table Programme for SYMBHAV 2021, attached.

Date of Event: April 25, 2021; April 28 to 30, 2021