FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK

Higher education is considered as soft power and diplomacy of highest sophistication. High quality and relevant education is what equips students with the necessary knowledge, skills and values that they need to be successful in life, and hence it is important that learning environment be wholesome to the extent that it produces informed citizens rather than mere certified individuals.

India is known to be the pioneer in higher education, considering how science and advancement were a part of our life, when the rest of the world was learning how to civilize themselves.

The legal profession is held on a pedestal all over the world, and hence the knowledge imparted to the propagators of justice, equity and good conscience, and the manner in which it is imparted is of equal pertinence. Legal knowledge is empowering and those who gain the same must be educated beyond the books to understand the responsibility that comes with the power.

One such endeavor is the Carnegie Report drafted by US based Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching established in 1905 with the mission "Committed to developing networks of ideas, individuals, and institutions to advance teaching and learning". It has examined education in various professions including law. The Carnegie Foundation's study on legal education encompasses certain guidelines to help educators achieve the required goals across the globe while respecting diversity, strengthen networking and explore operationalisation of themes including global standards, curriculum standards, innovation in pedagogy and outcome and a strong interdisciplinary component in building link among all law systems around the world with the ongoing engagement of top class interdisciplinary educational research body-the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The report also focuses on theory, ethics, and practical skills as the pivots of legal education.

Harvard Law School has since long moved away from the strict Socratic traditional approach, and has employed a variety of teaching methods in its curriculum. The movement is now towards a participatory teaching pedagogy.

Even Indian law schools, both government and private have adopted this culture based on practical experience in the form of internships and innovative teaching pedagogies including mock trials, moot courts, small group learning, field visits, group presentations, role plays, research paper writing etc.

Leading Law Schools of the country (SLS-P) follow the Law graduate attributes of Knowledge, Skills and Values in the ratio of 50:30:20 through their rationally designed Program Structures as the understand the importance of cognitive and soft skills in the domain.

They are aware of the fact that in future, technology and artificial intelligence will be taking over jobs of some professions. They focus more on qualities that make one more 'human', such as empathy. Memory will no longer hold good as computer does that job better than a human being. Therefore, it will be the human factor for which a lawyer will be sought after the most.
Common Commencement Programme (CCP):
24th July, 2017

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, together with the Symbiosis School of International Studies and Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts, constituents of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), organized the CCP-2017.

Advocate Ram Jethmalani, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law, SIU was the Chief Guest.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU delivered the Welcome address.

Dr. Vidya Yervadekar, Pro-Chancellor, SIU, Principal Director, Symbiosis Society stressed on the fact that SIU is an interdisciplinary society where learning transcends the classroom.

Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, Hon'ble Chancellor, SIU invoked the divine powers by means of a prayer, praying for the well-being of the students joining the Symbiosis family. Sir concluded by stressing on the importance of time management and dedication towards academics. Adv. Ram Jethmalani stated that the Knowledge about one's responsibilities and duties is of the utmost importance.

Vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Anita Patankar, Director, SSLA. Prof. Shivali Lawale, Director SSIS, Prof. Rebecca Todd, Antiocha University, New Hampshire, USA and Prof.
Jonathan Rudy, Elizabethtown College, Pennsylvania, USA also graced the occasion.

The event also saw addresses on student concerning issues like health and well-being by SCHC & RWC and a panel discussion on Substance Abuse by Mr. Sunil Dorge, Police Inspector, Anti-Narcotics Cell; Mr. Abhijit Kakad, Counselor, Muktangan and Dr. Santosh Aghav, Faculty SLS, Pune.

Two Day Induction Programme for First Years (5 Year BA/BBA LLB Hons., 3 Year LLB and LLM): 26th to 27th July, 2017

Induction Programme 2017 began with Dr. Gurpur’s welcome address wherein she elaborated the vision and cutting-edge curriculum of the college, emphasizing the various achievements and laurels accumulated over the past year. She also introduced the Student Advisory Board, SLS, Pune to the freshers. Mr. Kartikey Chauhan, President, SAB, 2017-18, SLS, Pune addressed the audience through a video message. It was followed by a series of presentations by the Prof in Charges of different Cells including Anti-Ragging and Examination Policy of the college. Administrative Officer & Campus Administrator explained the administrative policies of the institution.
The students were oriented on different carrier avenues by the experts. There were also talks on 'Health and Wellness Issues' by Symbiosis Recreation & Wellness Centre, SCHC and 'Waste Management' by Symbiosis Centre for Waste Resource Management.

Biggest attraction of the event was interaction of freshers with the Alumni of the college including Adv. Sampath Bulusu, General Manager Legal and the Head of Legal at Shell Hazira LNG, Vadeendra Joshi, counselor at the office of Advocate General, State of Telangana and Ameya Faujdar, pursuing LLM from Turun Yliopisto, University of Turku, Finland.

CONQUEST QUIZ (West Regional Rounds) : 26th August, 2017

Law Hawks Forum, SLS-P, in association with the CLPR (Centre for Law & Policy Research, Bangalore) conducted the Conquest - The Western Regional Round of the National Quiz Competition on Indian Constitution, History and Politics. Eight finalists participated in the event.

Chief Guest, Hon’ble Mrs. Justice Revati Mohite Dere, Judge, Bombay High Court stated that life is a continuous learning experience. She opined that in order to excel in life, one must work hard and grow from strength to strength.

Team from Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar lifted the trophy with SLS-P (Team 1) and Pune Institute of Computer Technology (PICT) finishing second and third respectively.

Mr. Vineeth Krishna, Associate Editor-Constitutional and Civic, Citizenship Project, CLPR; Mr. Raghav Chakravarthy and Mr. Sachin Ravi, Co-Founders, Walnut Knowledge Solutions; Ms. Kruthika, CLPR, Dr. Ronald, Deputy Director, SLS-P and Dr. Gurpur, Director, SLS-P graced the occasion and shared their expertise with the audience.
Organized 6th Late Shri B.G. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture, 2017 on "Citizens' Concerns and Right to Services Act, 2015" with Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT), Pune Chapter. The basic objective behind the Public Lecture instituted in the name of Late Shri B. G. Deshmukh, IAS, Former Cabinet Secretary, Government of India and Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister is to explore and enlighten the youth and public on the challenges before governance in India.

Dr. Gurpur spoke on the recent developments in the Indian legal sphere namely landmark judgment on the Right to Privacy and other important judicial interventions relating to exploitation of women in the name of religion. Mr. S.C. Nagpal, IRS (Retd), Chairman, PCGT, Pune Chapter delivered the presidential address.

Key note speaker and Chief Guest, Mr. Swadheen Kshatriya, IAS, Ex. Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra & presently State Chief Commissioner for Right to Service, Government of Maharashtra provided insight into the Citizens’ Charter, a predecessor to the Maharashtra Right to Public Services Act, 2015.

Air Marshal Anil Trikha, (Retd.), Member, PCGT, Pune Chapter; Mr. Satish Khot, Member, PCGT, Pune Chapter; Mr. Satyabir S Dodd, I.A.S (Retd), Member, PCGT, Pune Chapter and Dr. Bindu Ronald also graced the occasion.
Dr. Gurpur, Director, SLS-P extended warm welcome and congratulated all the members of Student Advisory Board.

Chief Guest, Major General Sanjay Meston, MG (OL) HQ Central Command, Pune enlightened the crowd about the virtue of leadership seasoned with hard work and righteousness. He conveyed to the crowd that it is imperative to have a definite purpose in life and encouraged them to bring about a positive revolution in the society. Function witnessed swearing-in and distribution of badges to President, Vice Presidents, Heads, Co-Heads, other members of various committees and Class Representatives of different batches.

President Mr. Kartikey Chauhan, SAB, 2017-18, elaborated the objectives & role of SAB. The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks.

Dr. Ronald, Deputy Director (Academics), SLS-P & Dr. Shelke, Deputy Director (Administration) SLS-P also graced the occasion.

TEACHERS’ DAY: 6th September, 2017

SLS-P Student Advisory Board (2017-18) organized Teachers’ Day celebration which started with auspicious rendition of Ganesh Vandana followed by a cultural programme wherein students and faculty members participated together.

Dr. Gurpur in her address highlighted the importance of a Guru and his/her vast influence in one's life. The biggest attraction of the event was the Annual Award Distribution Ceremony for teaching & non-teaching staff of SLS-P.

Kartikey Chauhan, President, Student Bar Association said that it is only because of the nurturing disposition of our teachers that SLS-P will always be home away from home for all of us.
Aim of the conference was to bring students together to foster scholarly exchange of ideas and promote & cultivate scholarship.

Dr. Gurpur, Director, SLS-P, dwelt upon the importance of this conference in making research more contemporary. She drew attention to the accomplishment achieved by the conference in scaling newer heights over the course of the last six years; having expanded its horizons from a national level to international level.

Event saw the release of the Bi-Annual Newsletter "LEXET".

This was followed by plenary session on Emerging Trends in Legal Research: National & International with Chief Guest, Prof. Robert Ahdieh, Vice-Dean & K. H. Gyr, Prof. of Pvt. Int. Law, Director, Center on Federalism & Intersystemic Governance, Emory Law School, Atlanta, Georgia; Prof. Dr. T. R. Subramanya, Former Vice Chancellor, Karnataka State Law University, Research Fellow, Center for Regulatory Studies, Governance and Public Policy, NUJS, Kolkata; Prof. Dr. G. S. Bajpai, Professor and Registrar, National Law University, Delhi as the resource persons.

Speaking on Applications of Game Theory in Legal Scholarship, Prof. Robert Ahdieh, explained how the Game Theory, a branch of mathematics, introduced by John von Neumann, in its essence, seeks to move away from neo-classical approach to various disciplines. According to him, the theory is extensively used in the fields of economics, political science, psychology and also Law and is thus potentially relevant to every
activity one engages in and to every field of knowledge.

Speaking on Emerging Trends in Legal Research: National & International, Prof. (Dr.) T. R. Subramanya, remarked that research is translating knowledge into action and the same should have adequate contemporary relevance. Sir also analyzed the impact of various legal provisions and their poor permeation to the grass-root levels of Indian villages.

Prof. Dr. G. S. Bajpai, speaking on Emerging Trends in Empirical Research, elaborated on empirical legal research and its importance in the legal field. He mentioned that even Kelson- the pioneer of empirical data collection always studied legal norm together with the social context. The session came to a close with the concluding remarks made by Dr. Gurpur.

Two workshops on various dimensions of Research Methodology conducted in the post lunch session had Prof. (Dr.) G. S. Bajpai, Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat, Professor of Law & Coordinator for Centre for Environmental Law Education, Research and Advocacy and the Environmental Law Clinic, National Law School, Bangalore, Prof. (Dr.) Arvind Tiwari, Dean, School of Law, Rights and Constitutional Governance, Tata Institute of Social Sciences and Dr. Manas Pradhan, Assistant Professor, International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai, as the resource persons.
Day 2 began with next part of workshop on research methodology by two international legal experts, the Chief Guest, Prof. Robert Ahdieh, Prof. Kris Gledhill, Professor, Director of Post Graduate Programmes, Director of Clinical Legal Education, AUT Law School, Auckland, New Zealand and Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, followed by paper presentations.

Papers were presented in four parallel tracks including International Law and Human Rights, Public Law and Governance, Business Laws and IPR, Technology and Innovation Laws chaired by Prof. Kris Gledhill; Prof. (Dr.) Arvind Tiwari, Mr. Sunder Ram Korivi, Dean, School for Securities Education & School for Securities Information & Research, Mumbai and Ms. Swapna Sundar, Patent Attorney, CEO, IP Dome, Chennai respectively. The chairpersons also shared their wisdom with the audience.

Two papers in the International Law and Human Rights track were from Ulster University, UK and Vanderbilt University Law School, USA.

Prof. Kris Gledhill said, "When you think about the purpose of a university, it includes being the critique and conscience of the society." He also said that the Rule of Law includes promotion of Human Rights standards and emphasised the role of solid research in bringing about long-lasting improvements in the same.

First and second prizes were won by Lauren Rogals, Assistant Clinical Professor, Vanderbilt Law School and Neelima Sawarkar, SIU respectively and the third prize was shared by Tanmay Agarwal, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar & Rushit Thakkar, SLS-P. At the end, Dr. Bindu Ronald proposed the vote of thanks.
Fest with the theme 'Box Office' witnessed 20 exciting cultural and sports events such as solo-singing, group-dance, face painting, poetry slam, debate, mono-acting, creative writing, photography, graphic design and quiz competition.

Dr. Bindu Ronald, Dr. Atmaram Shelke and Mr. Kartikey Chauhan, President, Student Advisory Board, 2017-18 graced the occasion. Dr. Bindu Ronald commended the hard work of the organizing committee, extended her admiration to the vast pool of talent and distributed prizes to the winners.

Bhavya Upadhyay, I year BALLB (Hons.) walked away with two titles: Shaan-e-Symptoms and Ms. Symptoms 2017. Moksha Ranawat was crowned Mr. Symptoms 2017.

NGT National Quiz: 29th September, 2017

Hosted National Green Tribunal Conference Quiz'2017 in collaboration with National Green Tribunal, Western Zonal Bench, Pune. The competition, a pre-cursor to the NGT western zonal conference had a wide array of themes like, ecology, biodiversity, forests, wildlife, environmental law, green technology, climate change and natural landmarks. Prof. Sujata Arya, Assistant Professor, SLS-P gave the welcome address. Out of 40 contestants across Pune Arnabh Sengupta and Anirudh Anil Kumar from AFMC, Pune won the competition.
Organized a three-day event 'SLSNADRT, 2017' with participants from 24 law schools across India.

Hon'ble (Retd.) Justice P. Venkatarama Reddi, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble Justice Mohit S. Shah, Retired Chief Justice, High Court of Bombay were the chief guests for inaugural and valedictory respectively. Prof. (Dr.) Lakshmi Jambholkar, Executive President, Indian Society for International Law, Prof. (Dr.) K.V.S Sarma, Professor at Law, NALSAR University, Mr. Yashovardhan Swarup, Founding Partner, Yashovardhan Swarup & Associates were the guests of honour who also adjudged the final round.

Hon'ble Justice Mohit S. Shah, Retired Chief Justice, High Court of Bombay said that the general conception regarding ADR is that it is a means of reducing the burden of the courts. He dissented the same by saying, "ADR is not Alternative Dispute Resolution, it is Appropriate Dispute Resolution."

Nirma University, Gujarat was the winner whilst Amity Law School, Delhi bagged the Runners-Up position. The Best Memorial award was won by Nirma University and Mohit Dang, RGNUL, Patiala claimed the title of Best Oralist. Nigam Mehta, RGNUL, Patiala won the Best Arbitral Award.

Adv. Sampath Bulusu, General Manager Legal and the Head of Legal at Shell Hazira LNG also graced the occasion.

L-R: Prof. Shrish Kulkarni, Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Hon'ble (Retd.) Justice P. Venkatarama Reddi, Prof. Nitin Kumar, Dr. Santosh Aghav and Dr. Bindu Ronald

Hon'ble (Retd.) Justice Mohit Shah felicitated by Dr. Shashikala Gurpur

Winning team with the dignitaries
L-R : Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Mr. Yashovardhan Swarup, Hon'ble Justice Mohit Shah, Prof. Dr. Lakshmi Jambholkar
IALS Global Law Deans’ Forum and Annual Meeting (GLDF&AM), 2017: 8th to 11th November, 2017

The four-day event, first two days devoted for GLDF & next two days for AM, hosted in association with the International Association of Law Schools (IALS) had ‘Continuation of IALS Exploration of the Principles and Specific Strategies on Improving Legal Education Globally' as the theme. It was for the first time in India that a private law school brought together eight national and five private law schools- exhibiting a rare model of solidarity- to co-host and welcome international Law Deans to deliberate on the crucial issue of global standards in legal education.

In her welcome address for GLDF, Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director, SLS-P, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU, (Convener, GLDF & AM-2017 and IALS, International Study Group Chair) apprised the audience of the undeniable importance of Rule of Law and its necessary application in challenging scenarios to a democracy.

Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Mujumdar, Hon'ble Chancellor, SIU, Pune, gave the welcome address. Adv. Ram Jethmalani, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Professor Emeritus, SIU, and Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, Former Law Minister, India, were the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour respectively. On behalf of IALS, Francis S.L. Wang, Dean Emeritus, Soochow University, Kenneth Wang School of Law, China, President/Chairman of IALS & Barbara Holden-Smith General Secretary / Treasurer, International Association of Law Schools, honoured the guests with mementos. Dr. Vidya Yervadekar, Pro- Chancellor, SIU, Principle Director, Symbiosis Society and Dr. Rajani Gupte,
Vice-Chancellor, SIU also graced the occasion.

The prestigious ‘Symbiosis-IALS Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Legal and Justice Education in India’ was conferred on 9 legal luminaries from different parts of India recognizing their immense contributions to the field of law and legal education.

The 1st Plenary Session of the Forum had ‘Strategizing Towards a 21st Century Globalized Legal Education’ as its theme with Barbara Holden-Smith, Vice-Dean, Cornell Law School, United States and IALS General Secretary/Treasurer as the Chairperson. The 2nd Plenary Session had “Mapping towards a Certification Program” as its theme with Prof. Mary Kay Kane, Chancellor and Dean Emeritus, UC Hastings College of the Law, United States and IALS Board Member and Chair of the Emeritus Council as the Chairperson. The 3rd Plenary Session had "Judicial Standards of Legal Education" as its theme with Diarmuid O’ Scannlain, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth District, United States as the Chairperson. The plenary sessions were followed by Small Group Breakout Discussions.

The GLDF also showcased ‘Law Carnival’, an ensemble of curios, crafts and cultural exhibition by artisans, NGOs, prison inmates and self-help groups.

Prof. Francis SL Wang opined, "IALS is the voice of global legal educator community to give voice to the desire of inculcating Rule of Law as a cherished value among students, judiciary and legal community. The conference is about moving forward in terms of bringing new awareness with involvement of Carnegie Foundation which is known for advanced research on education from interdisciplinary perspective."
IALS-AM 2017 had 'Innovative Pedagogy, Harmonized Curriculum and Global Networking for Implementing Change' as its theme and was officially initiated on 10th November, 2017 with the welcome address by Dr. Gurpur.

In IALS-AM 2017, Plenary sessions on 'Innovative Pedagogy in Doctrinal Fields', 'Doctrinal Study Groups: Towards a Harmonized Subject Matter Curriculum Which Respects the Diversity of Contexts and Approaches' and 'Implementing Change – IALS as a Networked Improvement Community' were chaired by Patricia O’Sullivan, Director of Medical Education, University of California, San Francisco Medical School, United States; Luis Gabriel Franceschi, Dean, Strathmore University, Strathmore Law School, Kenya and IALS Board Member, Chair of the Constitutional Law Study Group and Prof. Francis SL Wang respectively.

The General Assembly for IALS-AM 2017 was presided over by Francis SL Wang, IALS President/Chairman and Barbara Holden-Smith, IALS General Secretary/Treasurer. Planning for the future of IALS with respect to the Governance, both present and future, and the work and responsibilities of the Board Committees and the Board of Governors, were also discussed.

In the Valedictory Ceremony, Prof. Francis L. Wang spoke about the action plan for future, keeping in consideration the conversations that questioned and looked at the rule of law, and also keep the dialogue going by holding regional meetings throughout the world. Dr. Gurpur mentioned that through the platform of GLDF & AM-2017, a strong ethical footing to the purpose has been built. She hoped that in the future, there would be participants from major transnational organisations and also anticipated the return of the esteemed guests. The grand event concluded with a cultural tour to Aga Khan Palace, Pune.
Awareness on Legal Rights: 13th August, 2017

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dr. Rupal Rautdesai and Prof. Yogesh Dharangutti conducted an awareness program on Legal Rights for both male and female inmates of the Yerawada Central Prison. College also donated two water purifiers and twenty carom boards to the prison.

Theatre Training Programme for Healing and Rehabilitation of the Incarcerated (28th August, 2017)

Dr. Mala Thapar, Drama Specialist at Ontario Institute of Studies in Education, University of Toronto, Canada conducted a theatre training program to sensitize members of CLCLC and jail officers on various issues while dealing with prison inmates. Dr. Thapar highlighted the importance of theatre as a therapeutic measure for inmates to overcome their negative emotions.

Visit to Society of Friends of Sassoon Hospitals (SOFOSH): 28th - 29th August, 2017

The 2nd year LLB students visited SOFOSH where they got acquainted with the mechanism and implementation of Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) guidelines for adoption. They obtained hands on experience and even submitted a report underlining the loopholes in the CARA guidelines after a thoughtful discussion with members of SOFOSH.

National Lok Adalat at Pune District Legal Services Authority (PDLSA): 9th September, 2017

Ms. Chaitraly Deshmukh along with 250 students of SLS-P participated in the National Lok Adalat organized by PDLSA, mainly meant for pre-litigation and banking issues. Interaction between the students and district judges of PDLSA led to the settlement of around 380 cases. The students also understood the contemporary relevance of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.
Street Play Competition (PDL SA): 20th to 23rd September, 2017

12 students from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years of BA/BBA LLB (Hons.) Program won 3rd Position in the Street Play Competition organized by PDL SA. Ms. Ankita Brara, a theatre experienced student from 3-year LLB program trained the students.

Dissemination Meeting: 27th September, 2017

Ms. Chaitraly Deshmukh, Prof. Yogesh Dharangutti and a student Ojaswi Arya, SLS-P participated in Dissemination Meeting on ‘Role of Legal Aid Clinics of Academic Institutions in Securing Access to Justice for the Underprivileged’ which provided a forum to share the ideas and work of different legal aid cells of various law colleges.

Land Acquisition: 4th – 10th December, 2017

CLCLC, SLS-P student volunteers from three-year and five-year law programs assisted Pune District Legal Services Authority (PDL SA) in cataloguing the Land Acquisition cases. This effort involved a thorough study and understanding of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, in order to prepare a catalogue of pending cases pertaining to land acquisition between 1991 and 2016, for Justice Gharat and Justice Thate and the same were presented before Principle Director, Member Secretary, District Judges, and District Collectors on 4th December, 2017. The students also catalogued 200 cases for Justice S. P. Pingale from 11th to 13th December, 2017 and 60 cases for Justice Gharat on 16th December, 2017.

National Lok Adalat at PDL SA: 9th December 2017

Ms. Chaitrali Deshmukh, Prof. Shrish Kulkarni, SLS-P and our student volunteers including Ayushi Saraswat, Pooja Chavan, Krutika Punekar, Taneesha Paranpse, Anant Pawar and Priyesh Duchania, assisted PDL SA during National Lok Adalat.

The students prepared 100 printouts of the panel list and 53 flexes of panel numbers helping people reach their respective court rooms where their cases were being dealt.

Prison Advocacy Project: 12th December, 2017

CLCLC under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director, SLS-P won the Prison Advocacy Project (PAP). The orientation for PAP took place at Yerawada Central Prison (Male), Pune. Ms. Swati Sathe, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (DIG) and Mr. U.T. Pawar, Superintendent of Police conducted the orientation where Ms. Sathe laid out the two main objectives of this project: (1) To help prisoners and (2) To get professional knowledge. Ms. Swati said that this project has been instituted in furtherance of the five-member prison reforms committee constituted by the Maharashtra government on directions from the High Court, under the chairmanship of Justice (Retired) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Additional Judge, Bombay High Court. Ms. Varsha Kanindya, Tata Trust Social Welfare Committee informed the participants of the rehabilitation programs undertaken by them such as counseling and vocational training. The selective students from three law colleges-DES, ILS and SLS-P participated in the event. The project commencing from 8th January, 2018 requires students to visit prison on a weekly basis and offer services to the inmates.
INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

• Prof. Rebecca E. Todd, University Counsel, Antioch University visited SLS-P, India from 17th July, 2017 to 7th August, 2017 as Visiting International Faculty. She conducted:
  o Training on Mooting Skills and Legal Writing for the students of 1st year BA / BBA.LLB (Hons) and LLB at SLS-P.
  o Lectures in the courses of Introduction to Legal Skills II (Advocacy), Environmental Law and a workshop on Critical Thinking and IRAC
  o Guest lecture on 'The US Environment Law and the Love Canal Tragedy' for 3rd Year BA/BBA.LLB (Hons.) students - 26th July, 2017
  o Faculty seminar on "Best Practices in Student Support: Studies from the United States" - 2nd August, 2017

• Prof. Kris Gledhill, Professor, Director of Post Graduate Programmes, Director of Clinical Legal Education, AUT Law School, Auckland, New Zealand visited SLS-P from 16th to 21st September, 2017. He was the Resource Person for Sixth Annual Research Conference on Contemporary Legal Scholarship cum Legal Research Skills Training Workshop on 16th & 17th September 2017. He conducted Faculty Seminar on United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and Mental Health Detention on 20th September, 2017. He delivered Guest Lectures on:
  o Globalization and International Responsibility to Cooperate for Human Rights & ICRC with HRC & HR Agencies for 4th year BA/BBA.LLB (Hons) students
  o 'Disability Law and Mental Health' (Under the course of Law and Justice in a Globalizing World) for LLM students
  o 'Treatment of Offenders' for 2nd year BA/BBA.LLB (Hons)
  o 'Comparative Criminal Law with reference to Rule of Law' for 5th Year BA/BBA LLB students
• Justice Mohan Peiris, Former Chief Justice and Attorney General of Sri Lanka conducted:
  - Workshop - ‘Constitution and Constitutionalism, Rule of Law and Judicial Review: a comparative study between U.K., India, U.S and Sri Lanka’ for 2nd Year BA/BBA LLB (Hons.), 1st Year LLB and LLM students - 28th August 2017
  - Guest Lecture - 'Negotiation Tactics' for 5th Year BA and BBA LLB students - 29th August 2017

• Prof. Ratna Kapur, Senior Core Faculty, International Global Law and Policy Institute, Harvard Law School and Visiting Professor of Law, School of Law, Queen Mary University of London delivered lectures on:
  - 'The Right to Freedom of Religion and Secularism in the Indian Constitution' for 2nd Year BA/BBA LLB (Hons.) students - 27th July, 2017
  - 'IGLP Harvard Law Method' for the faculty members of SLS, Pune - 28th July, 2017
  - Faculty seminar on "Dark side of the Human Rights: Critical Reflections" - 27th July 2017

• Dr. Mala Thapar, Drama Specialist at Ontario Institute of Studies in Education, University of Toronto conducted:
  - One-day course on 'Leonardo Da Vinci's Thinking and Communicating Strategies' for the students of SLS-P - 29th July, 2017
  - A theatre training program to sensitize 1st year BA/BBA LLB (Hons) students - 28th August, 2017

Anusha Rajesh (Batch 2015-20) B.B.A.LLB (Hons), Yuv Raj Saini (Batch 2015-20) B.A.LLB (Hons), Tejaswani Patel (Batch 2013-18) B.A.LLB (Hons), Ayushi Saraswat (Batch 2016-19) LLB went to Nottingham Law School's Summer School at Berlin from 22nd-29th July and undertook a course on International Criminal Justice.

Arnav Mittal (Batch 2016-21) B.A.LLB (Hons), Shishir Rao (Batch 2016-21) B.A.LLB (Hons), Nirupam Gowda (Batch 2016-21) B.A.LLB (Hons), Shervil Adappa (Batch 2016-21) B.A.LLB (Hons), Priyesh Duchania (Batch 2015-20) B.A.LLB (Hons) went to Nottingham Law School's Summer School at Geneva from 1st - 8th July and undertook a course on International Humanitarian Law.
Mahak Paliwal, BBA.LLB (Hons) Batch 2015-20, published a research paper titled ‘Citizens Charter and Public services: Global Overview and Analysis’ in the NUJS Journal of Regulatory Studies [ISSN 2456-4605].

Nikhil Joseph Zacharias, BALLB (Hons) Batch 2014-19, published an essay titled ‘Toothless against the truthless’ in MS Ramaiah College of Law in association with Surana and Surana.


Devina Srivastava, BBA LLB (Hons.) Batch 2015-20, attended the International Conference on Contemporary Issues in International Arbitration at ILS Law College, Pune on August 4-5, 2017 and published an article titled ‘Constitutional Aspects of Restitution of Conjugal Rights’ in the Journal of Juvenile and Family Law, Volume 2 in October 2017 with ISSN: 2446-2101.

Asthata Tarwani, LLB (Batch 2017-20), participated in the colloquium of Inter-disciplinary to Intellectual Property extending to Information Technology and Business organized by IP Cell, SIU in association with Tech Legal Cell, SLS-P on September 25, 2017 and published an article titled Revenge Porn- A Social Legal Analysis in the International Journal of Socio-legal research, Volume 4, ISSN: 2393 8250.

Aditi Tulsyan, student of LLM, presented paper on "Sexual abuse in marriage- a painful reality behind closed doors" on National Conference on Paradigmatic Shifts in Law and Justice in 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities. The conference was organized by Himachal Pradesh, National Law University, Shimla, during 8-10 December, 2017.

Transform Maharashtra Competition- 2017: A Maharashtra State Government Initiative

Ritvik Joshi, BALLB IV (Hons.) Year, Batch-2014-19, Yash Dewal, BALLB IV (Hons.) Year, Batch-2014-19, Yashowardhan Sambre, BALLB IV (Hons.) Year, Batch-2014-19, Kartik Dhir, BBALLB IV (Hons.) Year, Batch-2014-19, Omkar Chavan, BBALLB IV (Hons.) Year, Batch-2014-19, and Sumit Raut, BBALLB IV (Hons.) Year, Batch-2014-19, won 1st Prize in the ‘Public Choice category’ worth Rs. 60,000 (in form of Flipkart coupons) for their presentation on ‘Expediting Justice Through Means of Technology’.
## MOOT COURT AND ADR COMPETITIONS

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<td>The Surana &amp; Surana India National Rounds of The Stetson International Environmental Law Moot Court Competition 2017 - 18. (24th - 26th November, 2017)</td>
<td>Sharmishtha Bharde, Apoorva Mishra, Anusha Rao</td>
<td>Runners up and Best Speaker in the Finals (Ms. Anusha Rao). The team has qualified for the World Rounds of the 22nd Annual Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition</td>
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<td>GNLU Moot on Securities and Investment Law (6 Sep 2017 to 9 Sep, 2017)</td>
<td>Devansh Agarwal, Parth Dixit, Ramya Katti</td>
<td>First Runners Up Citation and Best Researcher (Devansh Agarwal)</td>
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<td>M.C. Chagla Memorial Government Law College National Moot Court Competition (23rd to 24th September, 2017)</td>
<td>Rupal Jaiswal, Meghna De, Kushangi Sewani</td>
<td>Best Memorial and Best Speaker (Meghna De)</td>
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<td>Surana and Surana Trial Advocacy Competition held in BVP Pune. (7th -8th October, 2017)</td>
<td>Kaustubh Shakkarwar, Anushka Vyas, Parisha Mittal, Aayushi Jain</td>
<td>1st Runners Up Citation and Best Researcher</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>All India ADR KELSA Ever Rolling Trophy (15th – 16th December, 2017)</td>
<td>Aarushi Sahu, Sohum Dua, Nandita Varshney</td>
<td>Winners</td>
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OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Won Second position in the Street Play on "Independence – A myth busted" and Third position in group dance at Impulse’17, Christ College’s Annual Cultural Fest from 8th–9th September, 2017.

Lifted "Best Contingent" trophy at BISWAMIL’17- Annual Cultural Fest of O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat by winning 12 events and being first runner up and second runner up in one and three events respectively from 4th-10th October, 2017.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

- Yuvardha 17: National Law University, Jodhpur (NLUJ), hosted the fifth edition of Inter-Law School sports fest-Yuvardha 17, 21st to 24th September, 2017. SLS- P won following accolades.
  - Neha Reddy grabbed the gold for the Women’s Tennis Singles
  - Navreeti Srivastava bagged the gold for the Women’s Tennis Team event
  - Mohit Bafna and Digvijay Bhardwaj placed first in the Carrom event
  - Smriti Ekka - gold for Javelin, Silver for High Jump and Relay
  - Prarthna Nachappa - gold in High Jump and silver in the Relay

- Secured 1st position in 1500m race and 2nd position in the Men & Women Basketball teams in the SPIRITUS, National Law School of India University, Bangalore from 20th to 22nd August 2017.

- Won 1st position in the 7th Inter Institute Chess Championship (women’s category) 2017-2018 organized by Symbiosis Institute of Geo- Informatics (SIG) held at Lavale Campus from 9th to 11th August 2017.

- Won the Inter Institute Basketball Championship (both Men & Women) 2017-2018 organized by Symbiosis School of Sports Sciences (SSSS) held at Lavale Campus from 19th to 20th September 2017 and from 4th to 6th October, 2017.

- Boys won the first position in the Inter Institute Volleyball Championship 2017-2018 organized by Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology (SCIT) held at Lavale Campus from 4th to 6th October, 2017.

Boys Team at Inter Institute Volleyball Championship 2017-2018, SCIT, Lavale
GUEST LECTURES

- Justice J. A. Patil, Former Judge, Bombay High Court delivered a guest lecture on 'Framing of Charge' to 3rd Year BBA LLB (Hons.) students.

- Mr. Deepak Shetty, Former Director General of Shipping, Government of India conducted a guest lecture on 'Carriage of Goods by Sea - Indian Practice' for LLB and LLM students on 18th September, 2017.

- Mr. Sunder Ram Korivi, Dean, School for Securities Education and School for Securities Information & Research, Mumbai conducted a guest lecture on 'Investment in Capital Market' for 3rd Year BA & BBA LLB (Hons.) students on 12th September, 2017.

- Shri. K. Srinivasan, Indian Revenue Service (IRS) (C & CE), Chennai spoke on 'Overview of GST: Constitutional aspects, Macro-economic background and Taxing Mechanism' for the students of BA and BBA LLB (Hons.), LLB and LLM programmes on 17th August, 2017.

- Dr. Amiya Chandra, Joint Director General, Foreign Trade conducted a guest lecture on 'International Trade and Economics' for 4th year BA & BBA LLB (Hons.) students on 8th September, 2017.

- Dr. Bharat H Desai, Professor, Centre for International Legal Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University delivered lectures on:
• 'International Environmental Law' for 3rd Year BA and BBA LLB (Hons.) students - 19th July, 2017

• Faculty Seminar on 'Various Challenges in Teaching and Learning of Law as a Discipline and Other Subjects' for the faculty members of SLS-P - 20th July, 2017

• Dr. Harish Shetty, Psychiatrist, Dr. L H Hiranandani Hospital, Indian Medical Association (IMA) conducted an interactive session on 'Building Emotional Wealth and Emotional Equity: Challenge in the 21st Century' for 1st Year BA and BBA LLB (Hons.), LLB and LLM students on 22nd July, 2017.

• Mr. Anindya Mukerji, Director, Transforma delivered a lecture on 'Advertising Startups' for all the students of SLS, Pune interested in Entrepreneurship as a possible career on 25th September, 2017.

• Adv. Shradha Bhosale conducted a Mediation Awareness Programme for BA/BBA LLB Vth year students on 6th - 7th October, 2017.

• Shri Sanjay Kumar, Additional Director General of Police, Criminal Investigation Department, Maharashtra conducted a guest lecture on 'Research Projects and internship with SID, Maharashtra' for all the students of SLS-Pune on 28th September, 2017.
Adv. Murtaza Chherawala, Associate, Chherawala and Nalwala, a practicing Corporate Lawyer, delivered a lecture on 'Legal Drafting Skills' for 2nd Year BBA LLB (Hons.) students on 29th September, 2017.

Prof. Madhuri Maitra, Faculty, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts delivered a guest lecture on 'How to do a Film Review' for 1st Year BA & BBA LLB (Hons.) students on 19th July, 2017 for the courses of Torts and English by screening the award-winning film: Erin Brockovich.

Dr. Mohini Khot, Advisory Committee Member, Gyan Adab-Celebrating Literature delivered a guest lecture on William Shakespeare’s play The Merchant of Venice for BA & BBA LLB (Hons.) Ist Year students on 31st August, 2017.

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES**

Prof. Urvashi Rathod, Director, SCRI, SIU conducted Faculty Seminar on "Strengthening Research Culture" on 29th November 2017.

Prof. Maria Pilar Canedo, from Deusto University and President of Basque Competition Authority, Spain conducted Faculty Seminar on 5th December 2017 on "Overview of Competition Law".
Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was the Chief Guest for:

- National Conference of Mangalore Branch of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, ‘Kshamatha’ at Mangalore on 5th-6th December, 2017
- And Speaker for the Lecture Series organized by School of Law, Sandip University, Nashik on 13th December, 2017
- **Dr. Gurpur** was the Guest of Honour for ‘Gulabrao Patil Memorial Lecture and Silver Jubilee Celebration’ at Sangli on 12th August, 2017
- **Dr. Gurpur** was one of the Panel Members for the International Seminar on Reconciling Domestic Violence and Cross Border Child Removal at the IIC on 24 October, 2017 held in Delhi.

Dr. Gurpur was the Resource Person for:

- ‘Narayan Varma Memorial Public Lecture and Awards 2017’ at Bombay CA Association at K C College, Mumbai on 18th August, 2017
- ‘Professional Development Workshop for Law Teachers on New Ways of Teaching and Research for Better Delivery of Legal Services’ at Lloyd Law College, Society of Indian Law Firms and Bar Association of India, NOIDA on 7th and 8th September, 2017
- National Workshop on ‘Developing LLB Curriculum in India Today’ at KIIT Bhubaneshwar on 18th November.
• Faculty Orientation Programme on 'Teaching Criminal Law through Case Method' & 'Criminal Law Administration from the Instructors Point of View' at the Centre for Regulatory Studies, Governance and Public Policy (CRSGPP) of the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata on 25th November, 2017


Dr. Shashikala Gurpur published three research papers titled:


• "Case studies of MSMEs and SMEs in Pune", in International Journal of Law, Volume 3; Issue 5; September 2017; Page No. 68-72 ISSN: 2455-2194 (SCOPUS) co-authored with Vidula Walimbe

Dr. Bindu Ronald published research papers titled:


• 'The Eclipse of Corporate Democracy in India" in International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Invention, Vol 6- Issue 7, July 2017, ISSN: 2319-7714 coauthored with Vaibhav Sonule.


• "Section 138 Proceedings: Completely Misunderstood", in Online International Interdisciplinary Research Journal, (Bi-Monthly), ISSN 2249-9598, Volume-08, Jan 2018 Special Issue (03) Coauthored with Sandeep Jalana & Manan Shanghai.

• Dr. Ronald attended "Capacity Building for Competition Assessment: Orientation Workshop" on 16th October, 2017 at CCI, New Delhi along with Prof. Kritika Singh.
• Dr. Atmaram Shelke published a research paper titled "Global Health Care: A Disregarded Domain", in Indian Journal of Public Health Research & Development, Volume: 8, Issue: 4, Print ISSN: 0976-0245. Online ISSN: 0976-5506. (SCOPUS) coauthored with Prof. Trupti Rathi & Kriti Johri.

• Dr. Surya Rashmi Rawat published a research paper titled, "Understanding Challenges and Opportunities before Wellness Tourism in India", in Indian Journal of Public Health Research & Development, Volume: 8, Issue: 4, Print ISSN: 0976-0245. Online ISSN: 0976-5506. (SCOPUS).


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• "Barriers to Recuperating Patient Safety and Quality Care in Health Care System in India: Need for Compliance and Comprehensive Health Care Act" coauthored with Dr. Girish Abhyankar, Prof. Asavari Abhyankar

• "An Adaptive Index Associated with Community Ownership and Preparedness for The HIV Prevention Program in India" coauthored with Pradeep Narayanan, Tom Thomas, T. V. Ramanathan

• "HIV/AIDS Initiative in India: Community Mobilization and Sustainability of Health Care" coauthored with Shirish Kulkarni
Dr. Garima Pal published a research paper titled, "Protection against Pursuit: Cyber Bullying as a Form of Online Harassment Against Women in India" in Lexkhoj International Journal of Criminal Law, Volume II Issue III. Online ISSN 2456-2297 coauthored with Ms. Sonal Kalia.

Prof. Semanti Choudhury published a research paper titled, "Post Mortem Sperm Retrieval: Legal and Ethical Concerns", in Indian Journal of Public Health Research & Development, Volume: 8, Issue: 4, Print ISSN: 0976-0245. Online ISSN: 0976-5506 (SCOPUS) coauthored with Prof. Sujata Arya.

Prof. Amol Sapatnekar & Vivek Nemane published a research paper titled, "Legal Dynamics of Intellectual Property Relating to Nuclear Innovations", in JIPR Vol.22 (4) [July 2017] 177-187. 0975-1076 (Online); 0971-7544 (Print).

Prof. Smita Bangal was the Chairperson for a Two-Day State Level Seminar on ‘Indian Diaspora: Theory, Text and Criticism’ organized by PDEA's Anantrao Pawar College, Pune from 19th-20th January, 2018.

SLS, Pune proudly announces the conferring of PhD Degree to adjunct faculty Adv. Milind Sudhakar Hartalkar on 17th June, 2017 by SIU. The topic of his Thesis was "Alternative Disputes Resolution Techniques: The Case of Arbitration". He worked under the guidance of Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director, SLS-P, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU.
Upcoming Events........

- Nani A Palkhivala Elocution Competition, 2018
- Symbhav 2018
- Law Day & Justice Y. V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture 2018
- Iridescence- 2018
- Symbiosis Law School, Pune - International Criminal Trial Advocacy, 2018 (SICTA) Competition
- Alumni Meet 2018

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