

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Symbiosis Law School, Pune**, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), proudly announces its elation that in recognition of her profound scholarly expertise and extensive experience in the field of Law, the prestigious **West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), Kolkata** has extended a distinguished invitation to **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)** to hold an esteemed position of Distinguished Visiting Professor at WBNUJS.

WBNUJS, recognized as one of India's premier National Law Universities, remains committed to fostering an academic community driven by the pursuit of knowledge, wisdom, discovery, and creativity. The university prides itself on providing student-centric education, nurturing personal and intellectual growth, and preparing students for meaningful careers, responsible citizenship, and global engagement. The visionary activities of WBNUJS, reflected in their mission, aim to incubate multidisciplinary and innovative approaches to legal education and leadership, transcending not only the legal profession but also extending to various spheres of governance, institutions, business, and international decision-making.

In light of these endeavours, in the resolution of their 90th Executive Council Meeting, the institution has extended an invitation to Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur, acknowledging her profound acumen and substantial experience in the field of Law. As the Director of Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Prof. Gurpur has exemplified academic excellence and leadership, instilling a spirit of global engagement and ethical values among students and faculty. Her dedication to teaching, research, and community engagement has earned her accolades and recognition.

Prof. Gurpur is currently also a member of Curriculum Development Committee, Bar Council of India and Academic Council of National Judicial Academy, Bhopal. She was part of the Governing Council of National Academy of Legal Studies and Research University in 2012, member of Academic Council of Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai in 2014 and also the Academic Council of Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad at present. In accepting the position of Distinguished Visiting Professor at WBNUJS, Prof. Gurpur will further strengthen the pursuit of excellence and innovation in teaching and research at the

university. Her presence on campus will undoubtedly inspire the academic community, fostering collaboration and a deeper understanding of the legal landscape.