

## **Objective (aims, vision, and scope)**

The Human Rights Cell is a platform where human values and legal knowledge intersect. Just as human rights are irreplaceable, so is their informed advocacy. In today's day and age, it is necessary for more and more people to take up this cause, making discourse essential. As a body committed to promoting human rights, we hope to positively impact the student body by working on online and offline events to ensure student engagement and academic productivity.

### **Aim and Vision**

1. To provide an opportunity for students to foster academic discussion engrained with intrinsic human values.
2. Spread awareness and sensitize people on contemporaneous human rights issues
3. Conduct and promote academic research in the field of human rights and law
4. Assist and partner with NGOs to further human rights causes

In brief, our vision is also to use creative and resourceful methods to create awareness, knowledge, and ideas in the field of rights and hopefully impact people in a significant way, and make a difference.

### **Scope:**

The Cell deals with all the possible angles raised in the sphere of Human Rights, and all activities that can be done in this area of law, including discussions, research, street plays, movie screenings, fieldwork, to name a few.

## **Introduction (internal departments, member strength, leadership)**

### **Internal Department(s):**

The cell currently has 4 active internal departments, which are as follows:

#### ***1. Gender Project***

This department aims at creating awareness, specifically around the issues related to gender in the area of human rights, including inequality, exploitation, rights, and their

deprivation in certain sections of society, through activities such as workshops, webinars, lectures, fieldwork, panel discussions, movie screenings, etc.

## **2. *Legal Research and Awareness Clinic (LRAC)***

The Department is undertaking research work behind human rights areas. LRAC aims to create legal awareness, draft research papers and articles, and carry out in-depth research on the legal side of human rights. LRAC aims to carry out activities like interviews, research papers, workshops, prompt writing, etc to fulfill their objectives.

## **3. *Weekly Discussions***

This department, through panel discussions, quizzes, and conversations, aims to make people aware of the current legal issues persisting in the field of human rights, along with getting to know varied perspectives on these issues, to come up with holistic solutions.

## **4. *Youth Theatre***

The department aims at reaching out to the masses and presenting various human rights issues, through the medium of performing arts, like creating short films, street play performances, programs, etc.

Each department is headed by 2-3 Core-Committee members and has 8 other cell members each, which will be dealt with below.

### **Members:**

Human Right Cell, 2021-22 has 45 members, which include the Advisor, Head, Co-Head, Core-Committee Members, and Members.

#### ***Advisor :***

Navya Pathak, 5th Year

#### ***Head:***

Shweta Yadav, 4th Year

#### ***Co-Head:***

Harshini Iyengar, 4th Year

#### ***Core-Committee Members:***

1. Charunetra Senthil (IInd Year)
2. Dhruv Ram Kumar (IInd Year)
3. Shubhada Sonwalker (IIIrd Year)

4. Aradom Belai (IIIrd Year)
5. Sarakshie Sonawane (IInd Year)
6. Dharani Maddula (IIIrd Year)
7. S. Dhivya (IVth Year)
8. Anveeksha Anand (IInd Year)
9. Radhika Sudheer (IIIrd Year)
10. Geetanjali Dhillon (IInd Year)

**Members**

<b>GENDER PROJECT</b>				
<b>DEPARTMENT HEADS: S. DHIVYA, GEETANJALI DHILLON</b>				
Name	PRN	Course	Year	Division
Arjan Singh Pental	21010126131	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	I	B
Dhanshitha Ravi	20010126099	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	II	A
Ishani Chakrabarty	18010125486	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	IV	E
Kunal Vinayak	20010125447	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	II	E
Deekshita Sriram	21010126160	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	I	B
Soumya Singh	21010125433	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	I	E
Sanya Kanchan Gupta	20010126013	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	II	A
Gnana Varsheni G	21010122041	3 Year - LL.B.	I	N.A.
<b>LRAC</b>				
<b>DEPARTMENT HEADS : DHARANI MADDULA, SHUBHADA SONAWANE</b>				
Name	PRN	Course	Year	Division
Shobhna Vijay	20010125439	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	II	E

Meghna Sherman	20010126230	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	III	C
Anoushka Das	20010126004	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	II	A
Nikunj Agarwal	20010126035	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	II	A
Prishni Chakraborty	20010125473	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	II	E
Shalini Kothari	21010143073	LLM.	N.A.	N.A.
Manasvi Madhumohan	21010125444	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	I	E
Anvi Garg	21010125359	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	I	D

**WEEKLY DISCUSSION**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS: ARADOME BELAI, ANVEEKSHA ANAND, RADHIKA  
SUDHEER**

Name	PRN	Course	Year	Division
Srishti Varma	20010125429	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	II	E
Kashish Grover	20010126159	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	II	B
Sriya Vemula	19010125465	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	III	E
Pramita	21010122005	3 Year - LL.B.	I	N.A.
Taranjeet Singh	21010122040	3 Year - LL.B.	I	N.A.
Somya Dwivedi	20010126272	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	II	C
Avani Hegde	21010125362	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	I	D
Shaily Roy	21010125325	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	I	D

**YOUTH THEATRE**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS : CHARUNETRA SENTHIL, DHRUV RAM KUMAR,  
SARAKSHIE SONWALKER**

Name	PRN	Course	Year	Division
Viraj Singh Katoch	21010126020	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	I	A
Anish Krishnan	20010126185	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	II	B
Tanisha Tyagi	21010126022	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	I	A
Anushka Kaushik	21010125367	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	I	D
Shreyansh Prakash Singh	21010125314	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	I	D
Mokshha	20010126253	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	II	C
Upama Nandy	20010122033	3 Year - LL.B.	II	N.A
Falguni Somani	20010125610	5 year - B.A./B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.)	II	E

**Key result areas/performance indicators (quantifiable data for eg - the percentage of student participation, number of activities conducted, number of students benefited)**

Human Rights Cell, 2021-22 was formed on 18th November 2021. Since then, the following has taken place.

1. No. of activities : 2 activities, which have been elaborated below in the next heading
2. Percentage of students participating: We have had an average of 35-40 students participating in each activity of the Cell.
3. Students benefited: The Panel Discussion for the Human Rights Day was attended by around 95 students from the entire college, and the playlist for the Human Rights Day was circulated to the entire college, with the hope that most students have benefitted from the same.

Along with this, the cell is currently actively involved in making the newer proposed activities, along with making the proposals, samples, and doing the research behind each activity to ensure great results.

**Attendance for the General Body Meeting:** 37 members

**Attendance for the Panel Discussion:** 40 members

**Participation in HRC Playlist:** All members made suggestions for the playlist, which was designed by 8-10 members of the cell.

**Activities conducted (breakdown of each activity/event along with pictures and other relevant annexures)**

### **General Board Meeting**

On 20th November 2021, the cell conducted its first General Board Meeting wherein the members were explained the cell objectives and working of the cell. The department heads explained their department objectives and then the members selected their preferred departments.

### **Human Rights Playlist**

On the occasion of Human Rights Day on 10th December 2021, Human Rights Cell came up with its first playlist. This year's theme of "Equality" aims to look at all the milestones that lead to the adoption of the seminal document "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights" in the UN General Assembly on 10th December 1950 and understand the reasons why inequities still exist and to suggest possible solutions to reduce them. Through the playlist, we tried to compile various books and movies, which cover various dimensions of human rights, especially equality, and give students a chance to learn something new via one's favorite mode of entertainment.

### **Panel Discussion**

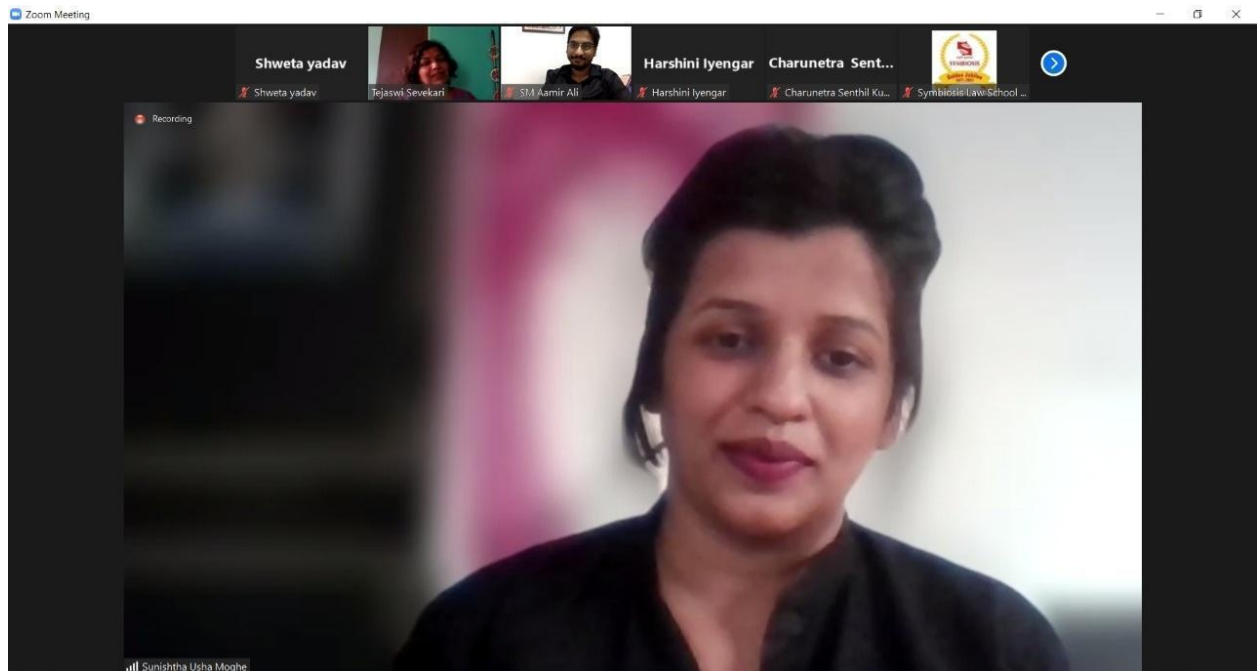
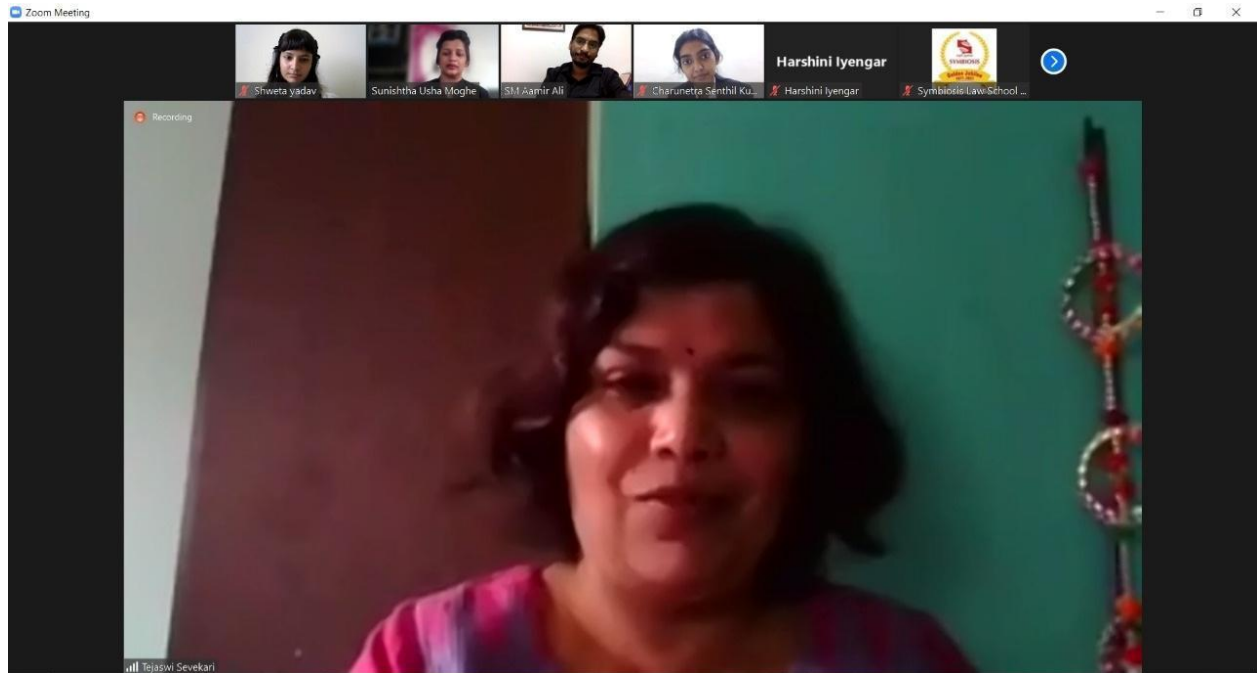
On the occasion of Human Rights Day on 10th December 2021, Human Rights Cell conducted its first-panel discussion on the topic, "Gender-based violence against female sex workers in an environment of criminalized prostitution". The panel discussion revolved around the topic and help students understand the following challenges that plague these women:

1. Addressing violence against sex workers
2. Understanding sex work in an open society
3. Gender-based and gender biased violence
4. Causes of criminalized prostitution

Panelists:

1. Guest Panelist - Ms. Tejaswi Sevekari, Executive Director, Saheli HIV AIDS Karyakarta Sang, (Pune).

2. Prof. S.M. Aamir Ali and Prof. Sunishtha Moghe, professors of SLS Pune and faculties-in-charge of the Human Right Cell, 2021-2022.





**Ongoing activities/ Activities proposed (a brief description of the activities proposed and status of the administrative work)**

The **Gender project** department would soon conduct its first movie screening in the month of February followed by a brief discussion highlighting thoughts and opinions which would enable thought-provoking conversations. The movie is yet to be finalized.

The **youth theatre** department has finished its script on “Issues Faced by Transgendered Individuals” and the same is pending approval. As soon as the script is approved, the cell would start working on the shooting which would be done online due to the current situation.

The **Weekly discussion** department would conduct its first discussion in the month of February. The tentative topic for the same is “The Discontinuation of Beauty Pageants at the national and global scale”. The same is yet to be approved by the faculty.



The **LRAC** department has proposed a newsletter and monthly prompts for the current academic year both of which would focus on all major and minor topics related to Human Rights and raise awareness amongst students. The same is yet to be approved by the faculty.

### **Conclusion**

All the cell activities deal with some of the other human rights issues. Whether it is the movie, play, or discussion, they all focus on first raising awareness and sensitizing students and along with that promote research through the initiative taken up by LRAC. Along with the above-mentioned activities, the cell intends on conducting guest lectures in the future which would help students understand things better.