

FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK

The stoic fight put up by Muslim women against the sexist practices that plague their lives has once more highlighted the glaring lacuna in the Indian legal system; a Uniform Civil Code. But they are not the first fighting for this cause and neither will they be the last.

India is home to different religions, castes, communities and tribes, each of which follows their own set of personal laws, varying in their sources, philosophy and application. This constraint was observed by the Constituent Assembly who in their wisdom inserted Article 44 in the Constitution; a Directive Principle of State Policy to establish a Uniform Civil Code for India.

A Uniform Civil Code would essentially be a counterpart to the criminal code, administering the same set of secular civil laws equally to all Indians, giving the same respect deserved, something personal laws have failed to achieve. The underlying principle is that constitutional law will override religious law in a secular republic.

The first seminal case sparking the need for a uniform civil code was *Mohd. Ahmed Khan v. Shah Bano Begum* in which the Supreme Court attempted to award maintenance to a Muslim wife under Section 125 in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 taking the view that such an obligation is secular in nature. But this was met with a change in law by the Rajiv Gandhi government, effectively nullifying the decision of the apex court. Subsequently, the introduction for a uniform civil code was advocated in the cases of *Sarla Mudgal*, *Lily Thomas*, *Danial Latifi* and *John Vallamattom* where the Supreme Court took the view that a common civil code, will not just remove ideological contradictions but shall also aid the cause of national integration.

Very recently, a religiously diverse 5-judge bench of the Supreme Court pronounced a path breaking decision, holding the practice of *talaq-e-biddat* or *triple talaq* (the Arabic word for divorce) as unconstitutional by a 3:2 majority. Triple *talaq* is just one of the many



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Congratulations! SLS, Pune won the runners up trophy in the National Rounds for Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, 2017 and qualified for the World Rounds.



L-R - Aditi Warriar, Sneha Priya Yanappa, Saurav Agarwala, Vibha Mohan, Vignesh Raj
*Sneha Priya received the **Best Speaker** award in the National Rounds.*

discriminatory practices existing today in the absence of a uniform civil code. This decision is perceived to be judicial acceptance of the need for changes in the law in tune with the changing socio-political times.

Owing to the pluralist fabric of India, the biggest question that looms over the successful implementation of such a code is whether it is possible or practicable to reconcile divergent laws, eliminate inconsistency and formulate a common code that is acceptable to all the communities.

Religion continues to be an extremely sensitive topic in India. So where does the solution lie? A possible option would be to read personal laws into Article 13, rendering them subject to the scrutiny of fundamental rights. This would effectively weed out the numerous unjust practices still holding authoritative value in India and quell the fears of religious minorities being excluded from the code. Therefore, is it not high time that a decisive step towards a uniform civil code should be taken? If not now, then when?

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GRAND EVENTS

NANI A. PALKHIVALA MEMORIAL ELOCUTION COMPETITION: 24th January, 2017



L-R: Dr. Shashikala Gurbur, Prof. Amitabh Dasgupta, Adv. Abhijit Hartalkar, Shri S. V. Naik, (Retd.) Hon'ble District Judge

Symbiosis Law School, Pune (SLS-P) in association with Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Trust, Mumbai hosted the Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Elocution Competition witnessing participants from nine colleges across Maharashtra. Shri S. V. Naik, (Retd.) Hon'ble District Judge, Adv. Abhijit Hartalkar, Prof. Amitabh Dasgupta, Associate Professor, Symbiosis Institute of Media Studies adjudged the competition. Ganesh Gupte from Balaji Law College, Pune was adjudged the winner of the Competition. Dr. Shashikala Gurbur, Director, SLS-P, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU also graced the occasion.

THE LOUIS M. BROWN AND FORREST S. MOSTEN INTERNATIONAL CLIENT CONSULTATION COMPETITION-2017 (INDIA NATIONAL ROUND): 3rd to 5th February, 2017



L-R: Dr. Shashikala Gurbur, Mr. Justice H. L. Gokhale, Prof. Upendra Baxi, Dr. Babuguoda S. Patil, Dr. Bindu Ronald

SLS-P hosted the event in association with the Forum of South Asian Clinical Law Teachers. 34 teams across India participated in the competition. Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. L. Gokhale, Retd. Judge, Supreme Court of India and Prof. Upendra Baxi, Professor Emeritus, Warwick University, UK were the chief guest and keynote speaker respectively for the inaugural. Hon'ble Justice Thiru Nooty Ramamohana Rao, Judge, Madras High Court and Hon'ble Justice Deepak Sibal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court were the Guests of Honour for the valedictory ceremony. The guests of honour and Advocate Sampath Bulusu, General Manager, Legal & Corporate Affairs, Shell Hazira LNG & Port Companies adjudged the final round.



L-R: Dr. Babuguoda S. Patil, Samiksha Gupta (Best Client), Mr. Sampath Bulusu and Prof. Upendra Baxi

Ms. Samiksha Gupta, SLS, Pune won the Best Client award. The Runners Up award went to Ms. Pragya Srivastava and Ms. Anvita Oswal, Gujarat National Law University, Gujarat. Pallavi Dehari and Srija Kumar from NALSAR, Hyderabad lifted

the glittering trophy and represented India in the International Rounds organized by University of Kent, Canterbury, England from 19th–22nd April, 2017. The Competition is affiliated with the International Bar Association and collaborates closely with law societies and bar associations throughout the world. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director and Dr. Bindu Ronald, Deputy Director, SLS-P also graced the occasion.



L-R: Dr. Babuguoda S. Patil, Hon'ble Justice Deepak Sibal, Hon'ble Justice Thiru Nooty Ramamohana Rao, Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Pallavi and Sreeja, NALSAR Hyderabad (winners), Advocate Sampath Bulusu

LAW DAY & JUSTICE Y. V. CHANDRACHUD MEMORIAL PUBLIC LECTURE - 2017: 11th February, 2017

The Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of India (Current Chief Justice of India since 28th August, 2017) delivered the Justice Y.V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture 2017 on "Expansive Horizon of Individual Dignity". He also released the booklet of Justice Y.V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture 2017 and the bi-annual college newsletter LEXET. Adv. Ram Jethmalani, Sr. Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Professor Emeritus, SIU, Dr. S.B. Mujumdar, Hon'ble Chancellor, SIU, Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Principal Director, Symbiosis and Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director, SLS-P, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU also graced the occasion. Adv. Jethmalani presented the "Ram Jethmalani Award" to Tanvi Khare (5th year BBA LLB) for scoring the highest marks in Law of Evidence which carried a medal, certificate and a cash prize of Rs.50, 000/-.



Hon'ble Justice Dipak Misra, Judge, Supreme Court of India, (Current Chief Justice)



L-R: Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Sr. Adv. Ram Jethmalani, Hon'ble Justice Dipak Misra, Dr. S.B. Mujumdar, Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar

SYMBHAV 2017– Annual Cultural Fest of SLS-P: 23rd to 26th February, 2017



L-R: Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Mr. Tarun Vijay, Mr. Rajan Navani, Ms. Vandana Chavan, Dr. Bindu Ronald



Mr. Karan Johar interacting with students



Group dance at the inauguration of Symbhav



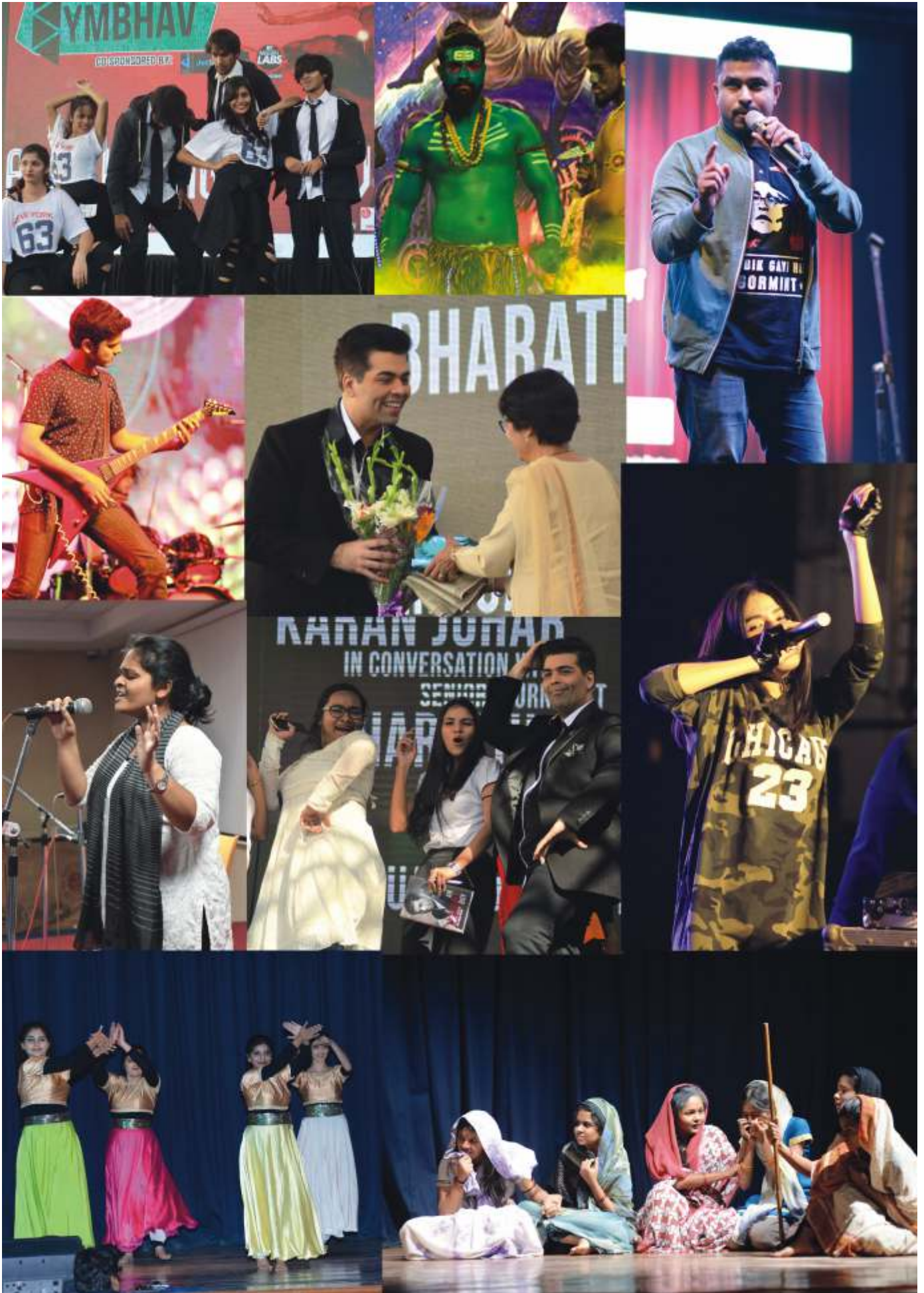
L-R: Mr. Siddhesh Pradhan, Mr. Dvishan Sorake, Hon'ble Justice Shafi Sayeed Parkar (Retired), Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dr. Bindu Ronald

Chief Guest for 9th edition of Symbhav, Hon'ble Justice Shafi Sayeed Parkar, (Retired) along with Dr. Gurpur, Dr. Ronald, Mr. Dvishan Sorake, Convener and Mr. Siddhesh Pradhan, Co-Convener, Symbhav 2017 inaugurated the fest.

The ceremony witnessed grand performances followed by the thought-provoking play of Law Theatre, '*Jag Ja Ri*'- Indian witch hunting. The play was based on the plight of Indians accused of witchcraft and black-magic in the belts of Jharkhand and Odisha and the taboo that surrounds it.

The Annual SLS-P Conclave, 2017 was hosted alongside Symbhav 2017 which featured eminent personalities from the fields of business, entertainment & politics. Panel discussion on 'Building a Strong Entrepreneurship Culture' was conducted in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Entertainment track had Karan Johar, eminent filmmaker & talk show host with Senior Journalist Bharati S. Pradhan. Final segment of Annual Conclave 2017 was a panel discussion on 'Role of Youth in Ethical Governance' with Mr. Tarun Vijay, Former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and Ms. Vandana Chavan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha as the resource person.

The fest also witnessed various cultural, business, legal and sports events. Valedictory ceremony was marked by prize distribution to the winners and scholarships to the merit holders.



SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION: 31st March to 2nd April, 2017



L-R: Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Adv. Ram Jethmalani, Justice V.S. Sirpurkar, Dr. Bindu Ronald, Prof. Shirish Kulkarni, Dr. Santosh Aghav, Ms. Varuna Agarwal, Mr. Ridhish Rajvanshi



Winning Team of SICTA, NLU Jodhpur, with the dignitaries



Prof. B.S Chimni, Guest of Honour, addressing the audience

The three-day competition hosted teams from 18 law schools including 4 foreign law schools namely University of Sussex, United Kingdom; Nepal Law Campus, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; Kuwait International Law School, Kuwait and University of Chittagong, Bangladesh.

The event was inaugurated at the hands of Hon'ble (Retd.) Justice V.S. Sirpurkar, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India and Adv. Ram Jethmalani, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Professor Emeritus, SIU as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. Justice V. S. Sirpurkar and Adv. Ram Jethmalani shared their wisdom with the audience.

Hon'ble Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, Judge, High Court, Delhi was the Chief Guest for Valedictory. Prof. B. S. Chimni, Chairperson, International Legal Studies, JNU and Mr. Narinder Singh, Former Chairperson, International Law Commission also graced the occasion as Guests of Honour. The three finalist teams battling for the trophy had the honour of being adjudged by the Hon'ble Chief Guest and Guests of Honour. Anmol Jain, Divyakshi Jain and Achal Mittal of NLU, Jodhpur were declared the winners of SICTA, 2017.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON HUMAN RIGHTS: 21st March, 2017

Organized in association with the National Human Rights Commission. The event was attended by 100 students from across Symbiosis International University.

Workshop had three sessions on the topics "The Global and National Snapshots: Concepts of Human Rights and Constitutional Provisions", "Rights of the Disadvantaged" and "Remedies and Protection" respectively. Resource persons for these sessions were Dr. Shashikala Gurbur, Dr. Bindu Ronald, Dr. Shashikant Hajare, Prof. Asawari Abhyankar, Prof. Nagesh Sawant, Prof. Ritambara Das and Prof. Amol Sapatnekar. Dr. Rupal Rautdesai coordinated the event.



Dr. Gurbur addressing the gathering



Dr. Ronald addressing the gathering

THE ANNUAL ALUMNI MEET :

16th April, 2017

SLS-P Alumni from across the country attended the event. Dr. Gurbur delivered the welcome address. It was followed by a panel discussion on 'Professional Legal Education and the Purview of Bar Council of India'. The discussion was presided over by Diya Uday, Legal Policy Research Consultant, Manavendra Mishra, Senior Associate, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, Sampath Bulusu, General Manager, Legal at Shell Hazira LNG, Vishal Kumar, Director, Quick Heal Academy, Kolkata, Suyash Mohan Guru, Advocate & Partner, Triumph Legal, Amit Singh Sethi, Additional Advocate General, Punjab and Jinamoni Baruah, Law Officer, Oriental Rubber Industries Pvt. Ltd. Sampath Bulusu acted as the moderator. The 7th edition of the newsletter "Alumni Nexus" was also released at the event.



Dr. Shashikala Gurbur with Alumni



Annual Alumni Meet - 2017



Release of 7th edition of newsletter "Alumni Nexus"



L-R: Prof. Kris Gledhill and Dr. Bindu Ronald



Prof. John Tingle delivering a lecture on Medical Law

The Alumni Outreach Awards for 2017 were presented to Mr. Sampath Bulusu, Ms. Diya Uday, Mr. Harshad Bhadbade, Advocate, Bombay High Court, Mr. Rahul Kothari, Founder, Squarely Legal and Ms. Jyotsna Banerjee, Senior Associate at SNG & Partners for being the most supportive alumni. The Alumni Achievers were Mr. Amol Ghatpande, VP-Legal, IndusInd Bank and Mr. Ashish Philip, Associate, Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan.

CAPSULE COURSE ON MEDICAL LAW, PATIENT SAFETY AND ETHICS: A C O M P A R I S O N O F CONTEMPORARY ISSUES : 8th May to 12th May, 2017

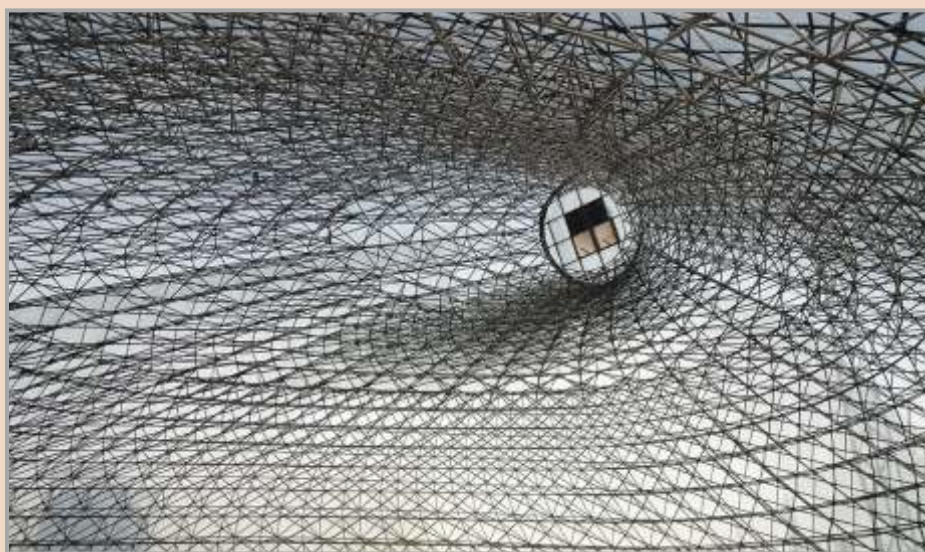
SLS-P, in collaboration with Symbiosis Institute of Health Sciences (SIHS) and Core India Institute of Legal Medicine (CIILM) Pune organized the event. The Capsule Course witnessed lectures on diverse topics ranging from 'Global Public Health' to 'Patient Safety in India'. The course saw participation of students from legal and medical backgrounds from within and outside Pune.

Prof. John Tingle, Reader, Health Law, Director, Centre for Health Law, Nottingham Law School, Trent University, UK; Prof. Dr. Brenda Linda Gibson, Nottingham Trent University, UK; Prof. Kris Gledhill, Associate Professor, AUT Law School, Auckland, New Zealand; Nikhil Datar, Adv. Milind Salunkhe, Dr. Arun Gadre, Dr. Ravindra Ghooi, Dr. (Maj.) Parameshwar Kumar, Dr. Santosh Kakade and Dr. Kavita Narayan attended the event.

ANNUAL EXHIBITIONS:

IRIDESCENCE-Annual Photography & Book Exhibition: 4th and 5th February, 2017

'Iridescence 2017' showcased 170 photographs from the 500 entries selected by Mr. Shardul Bajikar, Director, Magazine – *Adventure Sports and Beyond* under the categories, 'Monochrome', 'Portraits & Street Photography', 'Nature & Wildlife' and 'Miscellaneous'. The exhibition was judged by Mr. Ashish Deshmukh, Professor, Symbiosis School of Photography, Mr. Kedar Bhat, Photographer and Mr. Shardul Bajikar.



Winning entry of Iridescence submitted by Rishwin Jethi

ET IRIS: 7th April, 2017

The Art Workshop and Exhibition, Et Iris '17 was organized by the Extra-Curricular Cell of SLS-P. The event comprised of an Art Workshop conducted by Mitesh Pradhan, Lead Artist, Illustrator and Founder of MYCOLORS Institute of Visual Arts. Et Iris '17 also hosted a Pottery workshop where traditional potters from Kumbharwada, Pune instructed the assembled students about the age-old art of clay moulding and pottery. The event also featured an exclusive Art Exhibition which showcased the art of students from SLS, Pune, SSLA, SSIS and SID. To add to the atmosphere of creativity, the students of SLS, Pune presented live musical performances comprised of mesmerising vocals and soulful string accompaniments.



The Et Iris exhibition showcasing artwork of students of SLS Pune, SSLA, SSIS and SID



Students attending the Art Workshop at Et Iris

CELL ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY LEGAL CARE AND LITERACY CELL, SLS, PUNE (CLCLC)



CLCLC initiative



1st Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam International Socio-Legal Film Making Competition Certificate



Student volunteers of CLCLC at the National Lok Adalat

Awards & Recognition

The CLCLC, SLS, Pune has set up permanent Legal Aid Clinic in the Yerwada Central Prison to help the undertrial prisoners there. Since its establishment, the cell has been regularly organizing medical & legal aid camps for the welfare of inmates and their small dependent children. This endeavour this year was duly recognized by the 14th Finance Commission through National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA) by declaring a fund for this project.

On 25th April, 2017, CLCLC won the 1st prize amounting to Rs. 5000/- in the 1st Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam International Socio-Legal Film Making Competition. The competition was organized by Kamdhenu Joshi & Associates, Ahmedabad, Gujarat and ProBono India, Surat, Gujarat. Research including field work and interviews of sex workers, NGOs and activists for the video titled 'Victims of Circumstance' were conducted under the guidance of Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dr. Rupal Rautdesai and Prof. Chaitraly Deshmukh along with 7 students of SLS, Pune namely Pragya Ganjoo, Anushka Singh, Anusha Rao, Ojaswi Arya, Ritvik Rai, Mahek Dalmia and Parantap Singh.

Achievements of Symbiosis Prison Legal Aid Programme, Jan - Jun 2017

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur and Adv. Sangram Chavan provided consultancy & legal assistance to many under trial prisoners including Prabhakar Kalbhor, Gorak Singh Tak and Alankar Kamble. Such consultancies led to release of two prisoners on bail by the Court.

7th January, 2017, a team of doctors from SCHC and SCOPE along with Director, faculty members & student volunteers of CLCLC, SLS, Pune visited Yerwada Central Prison for a follow up Medical Camp on Skin Diseases and Legal Aid Camp. The medical camp provided treatment to approximately 25 under trials for skin diseases while legal aid camp offered legal consultancy to 2 under trial prisoners.

Community Legal Service

20th March, 2017, CLCLC provided legal assistance to Ms. Sukanya Gaikwad in her divorce petition under the guidance of Dr. Rupal Rautdesai and Prof. Yogesh Dharangutti.

11th February, 2017, the CLCLC participated in the National Lok Adalat organized by Pune District Legal Services Authority (PDLA). During the visit, the student volunteers interacted with the Principal District Judge Shri. Prithviraj K. Chavan. SLS students assisted the Panel of Judges in settling approximately 74,019 cases.



Students interacting with the Principal District Judge Shri. Prithviraj K. Chavan



Felicitating the team of doctors

HUMAN RIGHTS CELL

Movie Screening-*Nil Battey Sannata*: 8th March, 2017

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Cell showcased the movie *Nil Battey Sannata* to the children of SLS, Pune's support staff. The objective behind showcasing the movie was to motivate them towards building a bright career for themselves.



Screening of film, '*Nil Battey Sannata*' on International Women's Day

TECH LEGAL CELL



Lighting of the lamp by dignitaries



Prize distribution ceremony



Participants solving a literary quiz 'Word War Z' at Carpe Librum

Evolving Trends in IP Law – Workshop: 18th April, 2017

Organized a workshop in collaboration with the IP Cell of Symbiosis International University for the Faculty Members and PhD Scholars.

The resource persons for the workshop were Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dr. Yogesh Patil, Head Research & Publication, SCRI, Shri Dilip Thosar, CEO, SCEI, Dr. Urvashi Rathod, Professor, Head, SCRI, Dr. Aparna Hebbani, Dean, Faculty of Media, Communication and Design, Shri Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, DIPP, Government of India (through audio recording), Shri Priyank Gupta, IP Attorney, Partner, Stratjuris & Partners, Smt. Swapna Sundar, IP Attorney & CEO, IP Dome, Chennai and Shri Anand Mahurkar, IP Attorney & Partner, Krishna & Saurastri Associates, Pune.

LAW HAWKS FORUM

Carpe Librum: 16th to 20th January, 2017

Organized Carpe Librum, the annual literary event wherein each participant was assigned a house based on different literary genres. The fest saw a total of 131 students ranging from the 1st to 5th year take part in various events such as slam poetry, creative writing and painting. The winners were given Crossword vouchers.

Annual Book Review Competition: January, 2017

The participants were asked to review one of the three selected books. The submitted reviews were evaluated by Prof. Smita Bangal, SLS,P and Prof. Gayathri, SSLA. Vivek Vishwanathan, I Year BALLB (Hons.) won the competition, Debarati Das, LLM and Kushangi Sewani, III Year BALLB (Hons.) bagged the second position and Annutam Mahapatra I Year BALLB (Hons.) won the third position.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

12th - 13th January, 2017, **Mr. Chris Parsons**, Chairman, India Practice, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP visited SLS, Pune. He delivered a guest lecture on Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions – the India Story to the students of IV, V Year BA. LL.B./ B.B.A. LL.B., III Year LL.B., and members of the Community Legal Care Centre. He also spoke about his 30 marathons over 30 days in India for uplifting the condition of disadvantaged women.



Mr. Chris Parsons

5th January, 2017, **Prof. J.R. Swanegan**, Assistant Dean, International Programs at Stetson University College of Law, Tampa Bay, Florida and Prof. Royal Gardner, Faculty of Environmental Law, Stetson University College of Law in Tampa Bay, Florida visited SLS-P. During their stay, they discussed possibilities of future collaborations with SLS, Pune.



Prof. J.R. Swanegan

12th January, 2017, **Prof. William (Bill) Cushley**, International Dean for Eurasia and South Asia and Mr. Sanju Dominic, International Officer (India) visited SLS, Pune and discussed prospects of future collaboration in the areas of Research, Joint Publication and Joint Summer School in the field of IPR, participation in the two International Moot Courts and the Annual Research Conference.



Prof. William Cushley



Prof. Dario Moura Vicente

13th January, 2017, **Prof. Dario Moura Vicente**, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, President of the Institute for Legal Cooperation, Lisbon paid a visit to SLS, Pune during which he discussed the possibility of an MOU with SLS, Pune with the International Cell.



Dr. Ilias Trispiotis

9th February, 2017, **Dr. Ilias Trispiotis** of the School of Law from University of Leeds delivered a lecture on the 'Significance of the European Court of Human Rights in a Globalizing World' for the LL.M students of SLS, Pune.



Prof. Margaret Sova McCabe

15th - 16th February, 2017, **Prof. Margaret Sova McCabe**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor of Law, University of New Hampshire School of Law visited SLS, Pune. During her visit, she conducted a Faculty Seminar on 'Framework for Approval of Genetically Engineered Crops Inadequately Prepare for Deregulation.' She also introduced students to the Franklin Pierce IPR Centre and UNH.

Mr. Matti Gurreck, Scientific Assistant, Chair of Public Law-European Law, Leibniz University, Hannover, Germany visited SLS-P from 12th - 27th February, 2017. During his stay, he delivered lectures to the EULS Certificate Course students and conducted FDP on 'Soft Law in EU'.



Mr. Matti Gurreck

10th February, 2017, **Prof. Elaine Claar Campbell**, Director of Graduate and International Programs, Peking University School of Transnational Law ("STL"), Shenzhen, China and **Professor Ray Campbell**, Peking University School of Transnational Law visited SLS-P. They introduced STL and their LL.M. degree program. Prof. Ray Campbell delivered a lecture on 'How the Digital Age is Impacting the Practice of Law' to the students of BA/BBALLB IV Year and II & III Year LLB.



Prof. Ray Campbell

24th February, 2017, **Helen Hudson**, Head of Legal Development, Nottingham Trent University visited SLS-P and discussed future possibilities of collaboration, online courses and summer schools.



Ms. Helen Hudson

28th February, 2017, **Dr. Anja Meutsch**, Cologne University visited SLS-P. She conducted a lecture for the European Union Legal Studies Certificate Course offered by SLS, Pune.

2nd March, 2017, Hon'ble **Justice Mohan Peiris**, Former Chief Justice and Attorney General, Sri Lanka delivered a guest lecture on 'Judicial Review: A comparison of India, Sri Lanka and USA' for BA/BBALLB (Hons.) II Year.



Hon'ble Justice Mohan Peiris



Ms. Sandra Duffy

30th March, 2017, **Ms. Sandra Duffy**, IRC Postgraduate Scholar, NUI EJ Phelan Fellow in International Law, PhD candidate, Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, University College Cork, Ireland visited SLS, P from 27th March 2017 to 1st April 2017. During her stay, she delivered lectures to EULS Certificate program students, 1st Year LL.B. students (human rights) and conducted FDP on 'Emerging Trends in Human Rights in Ireland'. She also attended the inaugural function of Symbiosis International Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition on 31st March 2017.



Mr Michael Horowitz

14th April, 2017, **Mr. Michael Horowitz**, Assistant District Attorney, Israel conducted a faculty seminar on 'The Trial of Ivan the Terrible'.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES



Harshita at Leibniz University

Madangi Ramakrishna, B.B.A LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19) went to Leiden University, Netherlands from January to May, 2017.

Harshita Thakral, B.A LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19) went to the Leibniz University, Hannover, Germany from April to August, 2017.



L-R Abhishek Mishra, Shivika Vaidh, Nimrat Kaur, Kavya Pedibhotla, Akhil Ennamsetty at Ostfalia University

Akhil Ennamsetty, B.A LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19), Kaavya Peddibhotla, B.A LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19), Shivika Vaidh, B.B.A LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19), Abhishek Mishra, B.B.A LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19), Nimrat Kaur B.A LL.B. (Hons.), III Year (Batch 2015-20) went to **Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences (Brunswick European Law School), Germany**

from 1st May to 23rd June 2017. The curriculum of the exchange program was on business laws at large, with an inclusion of consumer understanding and practical international scenarios of multi-national business. The exchange along with fostering the importance of such an exposure also provided with a brief overview of teaching methodologies particularly in Germany.

Rohit Hebbale, B.A LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19) went to University College Cork, Ireland from Jan-May, 2017.

Namita Gupta, B.A LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19) went to the **Berlin School of Economics and Law** from March-August, 2017 while **Janhavi Hardas**, B.A LL.B. (Hons.), III Year (Batch 2015-20) went to the same university from April-August, 2017. Janhavi Hardas opted for seven subjects, namely, National and EU Business Law, Contracts in International Business Transaction, Modernization of Public Administration in Germany, Fundamentals of a Welfare State, Anglo- American Legal Terminology, Intercultural Competence and Conflict Management, German Language. The exchange program gave students an opportunity to learn about the German legal system, EU judiciary system, public policies and the various cases and problems faced by the Germans.

Raghav Mittal, B.B.A LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19) and **Nehan Sethi**, B.A LL.B. (Hons.), III Year (Batch 2015-20) attended **University College Dublin, Ireland** from Jan-May, 2017.

Shambhavi Padhye, B.A LL.B. (Hons.), III Year (Batch 2015-20) and **Surbhi Agarwal**, B.A LL.B (Hons.), V Year (Batch 2013-18) went to the **Dauphine University, France** from Jan-May, 2017.



Students at Ostfalia University



Namita Gupta & Janhavi Hardas with students of BSEL



Namita Gupta & Janhavi Hardas with students of BSEL

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES



Mrudula Sarampally

Mrudula Sarampally, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), III Year (Batch 2015-20) presented an article titled 'Crowd Funding: A Modern Day Framework to Expand Start-Up Capital' in Wisdom Crux [ISSN: 2456-6233], Volume 2, Issue 6 (June 2017).



Vaishnavi Ragam

Sheetal Aery, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19) presented a paper titled 'The Indian Star Tortoise: Prey to Illicit Trans-Border Trade' at the 17th International Wildlife Law Conference (2017) hosted by Institute of Environment Education and Research, Bharati Vidyapeeth University, Pune (6th-9th January, 2017) and attended the 3rd World Environmental Conference, 2017 organised by National Green Tribunal at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, (25th-26th March, 2017).



Sheetal Aery

Vaishnavi Ragam, B.B.A LL.B., V Year (Batch 2013-18) published an article titled 'Eco Journalists- Rising Sentinels of the Environment' in the 1st Issue of Volume 2 of Indian Journal of Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law (ISSN: 2518 - 8992), June 2017. The paper was co-authored by Sheetal Aery B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch- 2014-19).



Mahak Paliwal, B.B.A-LL.B. (Hons.), III Year (Batch 2015-29) presented a Research Paper titled 'Surrogacy Motherhood: Rights and Implications' in the National Seminar on Surrogacy: Ethical, Legal, Socio Economic Issues and published the same in Prayag Journal [ISSN: 2278-8093], Volume 7, Issue 1 (June 2017). She also published a research paper titled "Competition Act, 2002: Its Development and Legal Analysis" in International Journal of Research & Analysis [ISSN 2347 -3185], Volume 4 Issue 4.



Mahak Paliwal

Akshay Douglas Gudinho, LL.B. II Year (Batch 2016-19) presented a paper titled 'Reservations in India: Utilitarian Objectives Lost in Rawlsian Applications' at Sri Aurobindo College, Delhi, for the National Conference 'Affirmative Actions in Theory and Practices: Achievements and Challenges', (6th -7th January, 2017) and published three papers titled:

- 'Uniform Civil Code of India: A Legal Quagmire between the Constitution and Personal Laws' in the Journal of Constitutional Review.
- 'Consensus ad idem: A Plea for Objectivity' in the Christ University Law Journal.
- 'Anti-defection Law: Analysis of the provisions from a Constitutional Perspective' in the International Journal for Law and Management Studies.

Ankit Pal, B.B.ALL.B., II Year (Batch 2016-21) presented four papers titled:

- 'Juvenile Justice System' in the National Conference on Restorative Justice (18-19th February 2017) at the Jamia Milia Islamia University Delhi, co-authored with Sabyasachi De.
- 'Prashant Kishor - The Chanakya of Indian Politics' at the National Research Paper Writing Competition, SCMS Pune (27th February, 2017) and won the Best Presentation and Best Research award. The paper was co-authored by Smriti Angela Das and Snehi Shah, B.B.ALL.B., II Year (Batch 2016-21).
- 'UCC and Human Rights, at the National Seminar on Uniform Civil Code, NLSIU, Bangalore (18-20th March) co-authored with Sabyasachi De.
- 'Realisation of Human Rights for Women and Girl Child' in the National Seminar on Role of Women in Sustainable Development (1st April, 2017), GNLU, Gandhinagar. The paper was co-authored by Sabyasachi De.



L-R Snehi Shah, Ankit Pal, Smriti Angela Das

Bharath Krishna S Menon, B.ALL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19) published a research paper titled 'India's Defence Procurement and it's Nuances' in NALSAR's Indian Journal of Air and Space Law (IJASL), Issue IV.

Priyanka Majumdar, LL.M (Criminal and Security Laws) published two articles titled:

- 'Child Soldiering- a Massacre of Innocence and Rights', co-authored with Miss Aditi Mane, LL.M., Criminal and Security Laws, in The World Journal on Juristic Polity, Vol. 3, No.1, May 8, 2017.
- 'A Critique of the Judicial Standards and Accountability Bill, 2012' in the International Journal of Advanced Research in Law and Social Science [ISSN 2455-491X] July, 2017.



Priyanka Majumdar



Yashwardhan Rajawat

Yashwardhan Rajawat and Shivani L Shenoy B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), III Year (Batch 2015-20), won 2nd best paper award for their paper titled 'Nature, Scope and Determination of the Crime of Aggression in International Criminal Law' at the 2nd National Conference on International Criminal Law at The School of Law, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar in association with International Law Students Association, (ILSA), KIIT Chapter held from 13th to 15th January, 2017.

Vidit Mehra, LL.B., III Year (Batch 2015-18) presented a paper on 'Affirmative Action and Modern India: A Realistic Approach' at University of Delhi (January 7, 2017) and published a Case Commentary on *ADM Jabalpur v. Shivkant Shukla* in the Journal of Legal Studies and Research, Vol. 3, Issue 2 (Constitutional Law Edition) ISSN- 2455-2437. (April 20, 2017).



Vidit Mehra

Shama Mahajan, B.B.A.-LL.B. (Hons.), II Year (Batch 2016-21) published a research paper titled 'Movies: A Means of Expression under Judicial Censorship' in the Karnataka State Law University's Law Review Vol. IV Journal.



Shama Mahajan



Devina Srivastava

Devina Srivastava, B.B.A LL.B. (Hons.), III Year (Batch 2015-20) presented an article titled 'Economic Nature of Wildlife Law' at the 17th International Wildlife Law Conference, hosted by Institute of Environment Education and Research, Bharati Vidyapeeth University, Pune from 6th-9th January, 2017. She also published two papers titled:

- 'Judicial Activism towards Environmental Protection' in NLU Assam's Lex Terra Enviro-Legal News and Views [ISSN: 2455-0965], (Issue 27, May 2017).
- 'Juvenile Justice' in the International Journal of Legal Research and Governance [ISSN: 2394-7829], (Vol. 2 Issue 3, March 2017).

Lakshay Juneja, LL.B., II Year (Batch 2016-19) published a paper titled 'Role of Independent Directors' in Journal of Legal Studies & Research [ISSN: 2455-2437], Vol. 3 Issue 2, published on April 21, 2017.



Lakshay Juneja



Harshita and Apoorva with Dr. Rawat

Harshita Kapoor, Aarushi Sahu & Apoorva Jain, B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), II Year (Batch 2016-21) published a research paper titled "Startup India, Standup India': An Outstanding Drive for Employment Generation and Wealth Creation" in the International Journal of Research in Computer Application and Management. 7(1). 28-35, January, 2017. Refereed & Indexed Journal. The paper was co-authored by Dr. Rawat.

Nayan Mittal, Ayush Chowdhury, Divyansh Gautam, Sanjay Narayandas & Ram Kumar, B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), III Year (Batch 2015-20) published a paper titled, "Understanding Brand India Campaign and Its Impact over Small Scale Industries," in the International Journal of Research in Commerce, Economics & Management 7(1) pp 26-31, January, 2017. Refereed Journal & Indexed Journal. Paper was co-authored by Dr. Rawat.

CO-CURRICULAR & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

MOOT COURT ACHIEVEMENTS

S.N.	Name of the Moot Court	Date	Team Members	Achievement
1.	Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, 2017 (India National Rounds)	January (India National Rounds) April (World Rounds)	Aditi Warriar, Vignesh Raj, Sneha Priya Yanappa, Vibha Mohan, Saurav Agarwala Sneha Priya	Runners-up (Qualified for World Rounds) Best Speaker (Final Round)
2.	Fourteenth Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot, 2017	7th–13th April	Someny Singhal, Sruthi Dixit, Sreeja	Top 32 teams
3.	Yashwantrao Chavan Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition, 2017	13th– 14th January	Sakshi Chaturvedi, Anirudh Mukherjee, Hitakshi Mahendru	Runners-up
4.	1st International Journal of Law & Management Studies Judgment Writing Competition, 2017	15th January	Mayank Takawane, Shreya Samal	Runners-up
5.	10th Late Advocate DT Jaibhave Memorial Moot & Judgment Writing Competition, 2017	21st– 22nd January	Kairavi Raju, Shreya Chaturvedi, Mreganka Kukreja	Best Judges' Award
6.	Madras Bar Association Moot Court Competition, 2017	27th– 29th January	Tarini Dhar Prabhu, Alekhya Shastry, Kriti Saraswat	2nd Best Researcher 2nd Best Memorial
7.	19th Sri SC Javali Memorial National Moot, 2017	28th– 29th January	Paridhi Sinha, Akhilesh Talluri, Rishi Rudra	Winners
8.	11th Shankarrao Kanitkar National Level Moot Court Competition, 2017	14th January	Doel Bose	Judge's Special Appreciation Award
9.	MKES 2nd National Moot Court Competition, 2017	5th– 7th January	Rishwin Jethi, Sunanda Reddy, Nirmal Prasad	3rd Runners-up
10.	Lokmanya Tilak Third State Level Moot Court Competition	January	Rashi Mehta, Kritika, Shubham Prakash	Winners
11.	18th D.M Harish Memorial GLC International Moot Court Competition, 2017	9th– 12th February	Shivika Vaidh, Krystle D'Souza, Gayatri K.S	Best Memorial
12.	9th GNLU International Moot Court Competition, 2017	1st– 5th February	Nimisha Pandey, Shivani Trichnopoly, Rhea Purohit	Semi-Finalists Best Memorial

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13.	Amity Law School Moot Court Competition -Aminova, 2017	2nd– 3rd February	Janhvi Hardas, Aastha Saumya, Ayush Chowdhury	Winners
14.	3rd ULS National Trial Advocacy, 2017	2nd– 4th February	Ishani Chopra, Shivani Shenoy, Nimrat Kaur, Shalmali Purohit, Ishani Chopra	Semi-Finalists 2nd Best Advocate
15.	KES Law College National Fest Astarea Moot Court Competition, 2017	4th - 5th February	Sumedh Sahakari, Kavya Pahwa, Shashank Painuly	Runners-up
16.	8th GLC, International Law Summit- Treaty Appreciation Competition, 2017	3rd– 5th February	Kanupriya Sharma, Aheli Bhadra	Runners-up Best Speaker
17.	8th GLC International Law Summit – Judgment Deliberation Competition, 2017	3rd– 5th February	Rushl Desai, Mridula Dalvi	Semi-Finalists 2nd Best Judgment
18.	XVII National Moot Court Competition, 2017	11th– 12th February	Shivani Agarwal, Priyam Bhadari, Aaheli Bhowmik	Winners Best Memorial Best Mooter Best Respondent (Final Rounds)
19.	2nd NLIU-Justice RK Tankha International Moot Court Competition, 2017	17th– 19th February	Neha Pilay, Harsh Gupta, Preeta Panthak	Winners
20.	15th Surana & Surana National Corporate Law Moot Court Competition 2017 & National Judgement Writing Competition On Corporate Law, 2017	17th– 19th February	Mrudula Sarampally, Devina Srivastava, Priyanka Sharma	Winners 2nd Best Memorial 2nd Best Advocate
21.	CUSAT National Law Fest's Dr. A T Markose Memorial 5th National Moot Court Competition, 2017	17th– 19th February	Aayush Shetty, Amrusha Monga, Luke J. Chiravil	Winners 2nd Best Advocate
22.	KG Shah Law College's 2nd National Level Moot Court Competition, 2017	18th– 19th February	Tejaswi Kand, Rohit Angrish, Divya Jhakar	Winners
23.	3rd Damodaram Sanjivayaa National Moot Court Competition, 2017	24th– 26th February	Jaskeerat Singh Johar, Kunal Bhatia, Kanika Jaggi	Runners-up
24.	GLC 12th All India Moot Court Competition, 2017	23rd– 25th February	Doel Bose, Nihaad Alexander Deewan, S.M. Ahmad Raza	1st Runners-up Best Memorial

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25.	4th Justice PB Sawant National Moot Court Competition, 2017	25th– 26th February	Nabil Malik, Prabhanjan Nilakantan, Kajal Maheshwari	Best Team
26.	2nd Sir Syed National Moot Court Competition, 2017	25th– 26th February	Vani Vandana Chettri, Anahita Arya, Namit Asthana	Best Memorial
27.	ILS Pune 4th National Alternate Judgement Writing Competition 2016-17	First week of March	Aayushi Khurana, Muskan Kaushik	2nd Best Judgment 5th Best Judgment
28.	16th Amity National Moot Court Competition, 2017	3rd– 5th March	Anusha Rao, Manali Joshi, Sanjana Krishnasarma	Winners
29.	AMU Malappuram's 1st Midhun Luckose Memorial National Moot 2016 – 2017	3rd– 5th March	Vanshika Agarwal, Gaurav Rana, Shruti Sharma	Best Researcher
30.	5th RMLNLU – SCC Online International Media Law Moot Court Competition, 2017	3rd– 5th March	Kushangi Sewani, R.V. Srikar Prasad, Rupal Jaiswal	Best Oralist (Srikar)
31.	3rd Auro University National Moot Court Competition, 2017	3rd– 5th March	Uttam Gupta, Paavni Gupta, Vidisha	Runners-up
32.	7th Jamia National Moot Court Competition, 2017	17th– 19th March	Madhurika Durge, Sruthi Dinesh, Vasu Jain Sruthi Dinesh	Runners-up Best Speaker (Sruthi Dinesh)
33.	Al-Ameen College of Law Moot Court Competition, 2017	17th– 19th March	Malay Srivastava, Ankur Das, Sanjay Narayandas	Winners
34.	7th K.R.Ramamani Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2017	17th– 19th March	Nirmal Prasad, Ritwik Rai, Nayonika Sinha	Semi-Finalists Best Researcher
35.	10th Amity National Moot Court Competition, 2017	23rd– 25th March	Joseph Thodukayil, Vaijayanti Sharma, Prithviraj Choudhury	Best Memorial
36.	HNLU 9th Justice Hidayatullah Memorial Moot, 2017	24th– 26th March	Sunanda Reddy, Sanyukta Saraf, Aashima Bhatia	Best Memorial Best Researcher
37.	2nd Amity National Moot Court Competition, 2017	24th– 26th March	Raina Mahapatra, Rohan Priyardarshin, Khyati Lohan	Winners Best Memorial

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38.	1st TNNLS National Moot Court Competition, 2017	24th– 26th March	Rishee Rhudra, Shubham Aparajita, Reenee Pyde	Best Memorial
39.	Lucknow University's 3rd Inter University Moot Court Competition, 2017	24th– 26th March	Abhishek Awasthi, Mrinal Bhatnagar, Sarleen Kaur	Best Memorial
40.	Late Justice PB Gajendragadkar Memorial Fifth Stare Level Moot Court Competition, 2017	March	Ayushi Jain, Shreeyah Srinivasan, Abhishek Mishra	Winners Best Speaker
41.	IIMT's Rakesh Aggarwal Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2017	1st– 2nd April	Laksh Manocha, Shreya Dutt, Divyanshi Aggarwal	Runners-up 2nd Best Memorial
42.	7th Dr. Paras Diwan Memorial International 'Energy Law' Moot Court Competition, 2017	7th– 9th April	Shivani Sathe, Saloni Gupta, Johann Valladares	Runners-up Best Researcher
43.	2nd VITSOL National Moot Court Competition, 2017	7th– 9th April	Bharath Krishna, Shirely Modi, Aditi Singh	Winners
44.	3rd Indian Institute of Legal Studies Moot Court Competition, 2017	14th– 16th April	Luke J. Chirayil, Aayush Kakodkar, Abhijna Somashekara	Winners
45.	NCU Law School National Moot Court Competition, 2017	22nd– 23rd April	Akshay, Chetna Singh, Samridhi Duggal	Best Memorial

ADR Achievements

S.N.	Name of Event	Date	Team Members	Achievement
1.	2nd edition of SLCU National ADR Competition, 2017- Mediation	17th – 19th February	Aneesh Sadhwani, Sumedha Sen, Hitakshi Mahendru	Winners
2.	2nd edition of SLCU National ADR Competition, 2017- Negotiation	17th – 19th February	Sanchi Jain, Anushree Raizada	Runners-up
3.	Loi Fiesta National Client Counselling Competition, 2017	29th – 30th March	Shashank Gupta, Nipun Sahai Bhatnagar	Runners-up
4.	NLS Negotiation, Mediation and Client Counselling 2017	4th – 7th May	Nitin Raghu, Srilatha Jayaraman	Runners-up



**Kanupriya Sharma (Batch 2015-20)
8th GLC International Law Summit –
Treaty Appreciation Competition, 2017**



**Rushil Desai & Mridula Dalvi (Batch 2015-20)
8th GLC International Law Summit –
Judgment Deliberation Competition, 2017**



**Kritika Jaiman (Batch 2016-21), Shubham
Prakash (Batch 2015-20) and Rashi Mehta
(Batch 2016-19) Lokmanya Tilak Third State
Level Moot Court Competition, 2017**



**Priyam Bhandari (Batch 2015-20), Shivani
Agarwal and Aheli Bhowmick
(Batch 2014-19) XVII National Moot
Court Competition, 2017**



**Krystal Mary John (Batch 2014-19), Gayatri
KS (Batch 2015-20) and Shivika Vaidh (Batch
2014-19) 18th D.M Harish Memorial GLC
International Moot Court Competition, 2017**



**Nimisha Pandey (Batch 2013-18),
Shivani Trichnopoly and Rhea Purohit
(Batch 2015-20) 9th GNLU International
Moot Court Competition, 2017**

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Astha Satapathy, B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19) and **Subrata Satapathy**, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19) won

- 1st position in the SALE-RGNUL essay competition titled 'Make in India v. Make for India: Validating Prospects on the Touchstone of Reality'
- 2nd Position in the GNLU-GUVNL essay competition for the essay titled 'Smart Cities : A Sustainable Way of Living'
- 1st Position in the Lex Ultima 2017 Legal Fiction Writing Competition
- 2nd Position in the Lex Ultima 2017 Quiz Competition with her teammate Sakshi Jain



Astha Satapathy

Karan Tripathy, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19) won the Best Delegate award in the Symbiosis School of Economics Model United Nations. Arsh Rampal, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), II Year (Batch 2016-21) and Uttkarsh Singh, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), III Year (Batch 2015-20) received High Commendations.

Karan Tripathy, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19) won the Best Delegate at FLAME University Model United Nations. Nilay Raj, B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), II Year (Batch 2016-21) won the High Commendation. Avadhoot Potnis, B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19), Luke J. Chirayil, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19), Harshita Mahajan, B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), II Year (Batch 2016-21) were awarded Special Mentions. Nitin G., B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), II Year (Batch 2016-21) got a Verbal Mention.

Rahul Gupta and Hussain Patel B.B.A. LL.B. (Batch 2012-17) came second in the Symbiosis School of Economics, Pune, LFPD 2017 – January 2017.

Sreeram VG BALLB (Hons.) (Batch 2014-19), Hussain Patel and Rohan Thomas B.B.A.LL.B (Batch 2012-17) won second position in the NMIMS PD Insight- February 2017. Maya Ramesh B.B.A.LL.B(Batch 2012-17) won 2nd Best Adjudicator award.

Akhil Ennamsetty, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), IV Year (Batch 2014-19) delivered a TEDx Talk on the topic 'Need of Youth in Politics' on 25th February, 2017 at Warangal, India.



Akhil Ennamsetty

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Invicta' 17: 5th to 7th February, 2017

- Won Women's Volleyball
- Priyamvada Subhash won silver medals in 1500M and Shot Put.
- Prarthana Nachappa won silver in High Jump. Prarthana Nachappa, Gazelle Pinto, Hannah George and Smriti Ekka won silver for 4*100 Relay.



Women's Football Team at Invicta, 2017

- Anushka Chaudhary, Gazelle Pinto, Hannah George and Smriti Ekka won bronze medals in 1500M, 200M, 100M and 800M respectively.
- Won Runners Up for Men's Volleyball, Women's Football, Women's Badminton, Women's Lawn Tennis, Women's Basketball and Men's Badminton.

Symbiosis Inter-Institute Athletics Championship, 2017: 22nd-23rd February, 2017

- **Urvi Tembey** won silver medals in 100 M Heat and 200 M Heat in the Symbiosis inter-institute swimming championship.

Symbiosis Law School Sports Tournament 2016-2017: 24th to 26th February, 2017

The winners of 12 different events were:

- National Defence Academy - Men's Volleyball and Men's Basketball
- Bhartiya Vidyapeeth College - Cricket and Chess
- SSLA – Girl's Football and Girl's Volleyball
- Ness Wadia College - Men's Badminton
- Fergusson College - Women's Badminton
- SLS-P – Girl's Basketball and Carom
- MIT, Tolani Maritime, AIT, COEP - 25 M Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle Swimming Competitions
- Tolani Maritime, Alliance, COEP, MIT - 50 M Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle Swimming Competitions



Mens Basketball Team



GUEST LECTURES

Prof. Upendra Baxi, Professor of Law in Development, University of Warwick, United Kingdom delivered guest lectures on:

- 'Socio-legal research' for the LLM students - 4th February, 2017
- 'Uniform Civil Code' for 1st and 2nd Year LL.B., 1st and 2nd Year BALLB & BBALLB and for LL.M students - 8th February, 2017



Prof. Upendra Baxi

Ms. Nikita Seghal, a former fellow of 'Teach for India' spoke on 'Plight of Primary Education in the Country' for LLM students on 11th January, 2017.



Ms. Nikita Seghal

Ms. Nimrat Kaur, Alumni, SLS-P, spoke on 'Learn to Meditate' focusing on the divinity that radiates from the heart by emphasizing 'Sahaj Marg' Meditation. It was organized by Global Guide Shri Kamlesh D. Patel in affiliation with the Heartfulness Institute, Pune on 25th January, 2017.



Ms. Nimrat Kaur

Dr. Adish C Aggarwala, Senior Advocate, President, International Council of Jurists, Chairman, All India Bar Association, conducted a guest lecture on the 'Future of the Legal Profession' on 16th January, 2017.



Dr. Adish C. Aggarwala

Mr. Shrinivasrao S. Sohini, I.A.S. (Retd.), Strategic Analyst and Governance Specialist, delivered a guest lecture on 'Management of National Security and Foreign Policy' for BALLB (Hons.) III Year on February 7, 2017.



Mr. Shrinivasrao S. Sohini

Prof. B.S. Chimni, Chairperson, International Legal Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, spoke on 'Law and Justice in a Globalizing World' on 1st April, 2017 for LLB III Year and LLM students.



Prof. B.S. Chimni



Dr. Arvind Chinchure

Dr. Arvind Chinchure, Chair Professor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Symbiosis International University, Pune delivered a guest lecture on 'Entrepreneurship – Stages and Struggles in Starting a Business' for BA/BBALLB II & III Year on 15th February, 2017. The event was organised by the Entrepreneurship Cell of SLS-P

Ms. Gouri Puri, Principle Associate, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, spoke on 'General Introduction to Direct Taxation and International Taxation Laws' on 24th March, 2017. The talk through Skype session was organized by the Career and Professional Development Cell for BA/BBALLB IV Year.



Dr. Durgambini Patel

Dr. Durgambini Patel, Professor of Law, University of Pune conducted a guest lecture on 'Article Analysis' for LL.M students on 9th April, 2017.

Prof. Vaishali Jadhav, Assistant Professor of Law, Yashwant Rao Chavan Law College, Pune delivered a lecture on 'Logical Reasoning and Argumentation' for LL.M students on 11th April, 2017.

Adv. Rahul Kothari conducted a guest lecture on 'Contract Drafting' for BA/BBALLB IV Year students on 10th April, 2017.

Adv. Sundar Ram Koravi conducted a guest lecture on 'Bankruptcy Litigation' for BA/BBALLB IV Year students on 15th April, 2017.



Adv. Sundar Ram Koravi



Adv. Sumeet Singh

Adv. Sumeet Singh, Principal Associate, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas conducted a guest lecture on 'Due Diligence in Mergers and Acquisitions and Outline of Company Law' for BA/BBALLB (Hons.) III Year and LLB II Year Students of SLS, Pune on 15th April, 2017. The guest lecture was organized by the Career and Professional Development Cell, SLS-P.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was invited as a Speaker to deliver a public lecture and staff seminar under the auspices of the AUT Centre on 'Non-Adversarial Justice in Rural India: Empowering the Meek', at Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand from 22nd to 27th April, 2017.



Dr. Shashikala Gurpur at AUT, New Zealand

NATIONAL

Congratulations!

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur was awarded the Excellence in Legal Service Award by Sinhgad Law College, Pune on 18th March, 2017. This award came to her as recognition of her excellent meritorious service and contribution towards enrichment of college.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur has been nominated as a Member of the Academic Council NLU, Mumbai, the Academic Council, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal Academic Council and the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla.

Dr. Gurpur was invited as the Chief Guest to inaugurate the National Seminar, New Law College, Ahmednagar on 11th January, 2017.



Dr. Shashikala Gurpur

Dr. Gurpur was invited to be a Resource Person in a "National Workshop on Research Methodology in Public Policy and Law on 17th and 18th February, 2017 at WBNUJS Kolkata. She also delivered lectures to Ph.D. scholars of WBNUJS on 19th February, 2017.

Dr. Gurpur was invited for Prime-time show 'The Urban Debate' on the occasion of Women's Day. She discussed various laws related to women such as inheritance law, divorce law, etc along with the basic aspects of law that women should know. Show was aired on Times Now, Magic Bricks on 8th March 2017 from 9 pm to 10 pm.



Dr. Gurpur on Times Now

Dr. Gurpur was the speaker and also presented a paper on the 'Constitutional Quest for Uniform Civil Code: Mirage or Compulsion' at NLSIU Bangalore on 17th March, 2017.

She was invited for a workshop to address the teachers of St. Mary's School on the changing scenario in Centre-staging Human Rights in Educational Governance on 2nd June, 2017.

She was also invited to be a resource person in the One Week Refresher Course for Law Teachers from 10th-16th June, 2017 at NLSIU, Bangalore.

Dr. Gurpur was invited to be a Panellist and Resource Person in the International Workshop on Legal Research Methods at National Law University, Delhi on 22nd May, 2017

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dr. Vanisree Ramanathan and Prof. Neethu Alex provided research guidance, data logistics and

analysis support to the Karnataka Government research project, the Jayamala Committee report: From Domination to Emancipation in 2016 on the survey and analysis of the Female Sex workers in Karnataka (Nov 2016 – Feb 2017). Dr. Gurpur was invited as an Expert to the Jayamala Committee on study of Damanitaru (Female Sex Workers).

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dr. Shashikant Hajare, Dr. Atmaram Shelke, Prof. Shirish Kulkarni, Prof. Asawari Abhyankar, Dr. Mahesh Deshpande, Prof. Pallavi Mishra, Mr. Raj Verma and Ms. Vandini Sharma, delivered lectures at National Academy of Defence Financial Management, Pune on 15th February, 2017. The lectures were aimed at imparting training to IDAS Officers on "Basics of Elements of Law and VISHAKHA Guidelines".

Dr. Gurpur published a paper titled 'Empowerment of the Disabled from Objects of Charity to Subjects of Rights' in Economic Political Weekly (EPW, SCOPUS Index Journal) Vol. 52, Issue No. 8, page no. 17- 21, on 25 Feb 2017. The paper was co-authored by Viswesh Sekhar.



Dr. Gurpur at NLSIU



Dr. Gurpur at NLU-D

Dr. Gurpur's article on "Ethico Legal shades of Sting Operations: Good journalism's tight rope walk" has been accepted for publication in the forthcoming book edited by Prof. Eshwar Anand and Late Dilip Padgaonkar, Sage Publications.

Dr Gurpur co-authored three research papers presented in the International Conference on SYMHEALTH 2017 from 4th to 6th May, 2017. All the papers have been selected for publication. The titles of papers were:

- 'Globalization and Intellectual Property Rights: A case based critique on access to medicines in a TRIPS Plus World' co-authored with Mr. Raj Varma.
- 'Nano technology & Healthcare: Legal & Ethical Issues' co-authored with Dr. Rupal Rautdesai and Mr. Ujwal Nandekar.
- 'Rights of Children in Surrogacy and Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART): Debating Challenges to Healthcare Justice' co-authored with Adv. Padmini Pathak.

Dr. Gurpur, Dr. Bindu Ronald, Dr. Shashikant Hajare, Dr. Santosh Aghav, Dr. Swapnil Bangali, Prof. Shirish Kulkarni, Prof. Yogesh Dharangutti, Prof. Aditya Kedari and Prof. Sanjit Ruhel attended the International Conference on 'The Changing Landscape of Internationalization in Higher Education' from 8th to 10th April, 2017 hosted at the Symbiosis International University campus.



Dr. Bindu Ronald

Dr. Bindu Ronald presented a research paper titled "Medical Tourism : A New challenge to Right to Health in a Globalized World" in the International Conference on SYMHEALTH 2017 from 4th to 6th May, 2017. The paper has been selected for publication.

Dr. Bindu Ronald and Dr. Rupal Rautdesai attended the WTO@20 Conference at NLU Delhi, held on 17th and 18th February, 2017.

Dr. Atmaram Shelke, Dr. Aparajita Mohanty, Prof. Shirish Kulkarni, Prof. Sujata Arya, Prof. Semanti Chaudhary and Prof. Garima Pal attended the International Conference on Health Care in a Globalizing World, SYMHEALTH from 4th to 6th May, 2017.

Dr. Atmaram Shelke has been awarded with the Minor Research Project by Symbiosis Centre for Research and Innovation. The title of his research is "Cyber Investigation of Financial Frauds in Pune City: A Critical and Pragmatic Analysis."



Dr. Atmaram Shelke

Dr. Atmaram Shelke, Dr. Santosh Aghav, Prof. Shirish Kulkarni, Prof. Yogesh Dharangutti, Prof. Nagesh Sawant and Dr. Gireesh Abhyankar were Resource Persons at the Basic Training Course for ARTO, Traffic Inspectors at Maharashtra Intelligence Academy, Pune. Subjects such as IPC, Jurisprudence and Indian Judicial System were discussed. The course took place in January and February, 2017.

Dr. Surya Rashmi Rawat has been awarded with the Minor Research Project by Symbiosis Centre for Research and Innovation. The title of her research is "Understanding Factors Motivating Employees and Enhancing Job Satisfaction at Work Place - Pune a Case Study".

Dr. Rawat participated & presented a paper titled Understanding Challenges and Opportunities before Wellness Tourism in India at the International Conference on SYMHEALTH 2017 from 4th to 6th May, 2017. The paper has been selected for publication.

Dr. Rawat published four research papers titled:

- 'Traits of Transformational Leader: Durga Saptshati- A Case Study' in Purushartha: A Journal of Management Ethics and Spirituality 9 (2) September 2016 - February 2017, Refereed & Scopus Indexed Journal.
- 'Demographic Dividend – a Myth or a Reality!' in the International Journal of Applied Business and Economic Research. 15(2) pp 117-138. ISSN: 0972-7302, Scopus Indexed & Refereed journal.



Dr. Surya Rashmi Rawat

- 'Startup India, Standup India': An Outstanding Drive for Employment Generation and Wealth Creation!' in the International Journal of Research in Computer Application and Management. 7(1). 28-35, January, 2017, Refereed & Indexed Journal co-authored with Harshita Kapoor, Aarushi Sahu & Apoorva Jain.
- 'Understanding Brand India Campaign and Its Impact over Small Scale Industries,' in the International Journal of Research in Commerce, Economics & Management 7(1) pp 26-31, January, 2017, Refereed & Indexed Journal co-authored with Nayan Mittal, Ayush Chowdhury, Divyansh Gautam, Sanjay Narayandas & Ram Kumar.



Dr. Rupal Rautdesai

Dr. Rupal Rautdesai was the Resource Person at the Training session on International Taxation and Transfer Pricing for Afghan Revenue Officers held at the National Academy of Direct Taxes on 20th February, 2017.

Dr. Rautdesai and Prof. Ujwal Nandekar published a paper 'Online Photographs in News: Copyright Perspective' in Media Watch, 8(1):133-140(Scopus; ISSN: 2249-8818) in March, 2017.

Dr. Vanishree Ramanathan presented three papers titled:

- 'Internationalization of Higher Education in India: Existing Realities and Future Outlook', in the International Conference on 'The Changing Landscape of Internationalisation of Higher Education' organised by SIU and Association of Indian Universities from April 8th to 10th, 2017.
- 'Barriers to Recuperating Patient Safety and Quality Care in Health Care System in India', at the International Conference on SYMHEALTH 2017 from 4th to 6th May, 2017 co-authored with Dr. Girish Abhyankar and Prof. Asawari Abhyankar.
- 'HIV/AIDS Initiative in India: Community Mobilization and Sustainability of Health Care' at SYMHEALTH 2017 co-authored with Prof. Shirish Kulkarni.



Dr. Vanishree Ramanathan

Dr. Ramanathan published 2 papers titled:

- 'Manuel Scavengers: Untouchables in the Modern Era' in the Journal of Legal Studies and Research 3(1), February, 2017 co-authored with Prof. Neethu Alphonsa Alex.
- 'Rape and Indian Penal Code: A Way Forward for Gender-Just Society' in the Journal 19(1)(a), 1(2), an indexed peer reviewed journal, ISSN: 2348-4950 Jan 2017



Prof. Neethu Alphonsa Alex

Prof. Semanti Choudhury published a paper 'Will the Celebrities Pay for their Stardom? Looking into the New Consumer Protection Bill, 2015' in Media Watch, 8(1):49-56 (Scopus; ISSN: 2249-8818), in March, 2017.



Prof. Semanti Chowdhury

Prof. Ujwal Nandekar and Jonnavithula Gayatri Anugha authored a paper 'Economic Aspiration, Polluted Respiration: Story of Developing India' in the Environmental Law and Practice Review (ISSN 2319-1856) Volume 5 2016 in April, 2017.



The winning poster

Mr. Raj Varma Co-authored and presented a paper title 'Globalization and Intellectual property Rights : A case based critique on access to medicines in a TRIPS Plus World.' The paper was adjudged as the third best paper and has been selected for publication.



Mr. Raj Varma



Prof. Santosh Aghav

Congratulations!

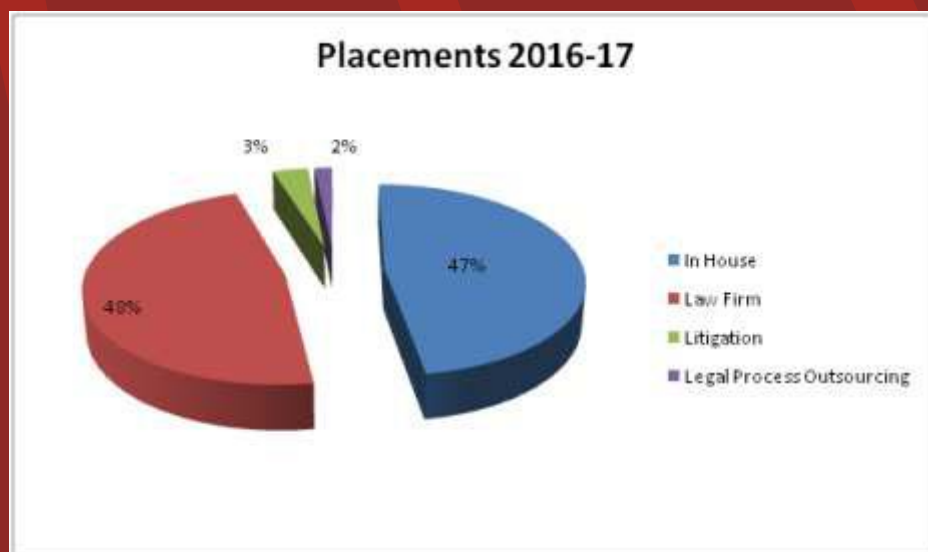
SLS, Pune proudly announces the conferring of Ph.D. Degree to Prof. Santosh H. Aghav on 15th February, 2017 by SIU. The topic of his research was 'Critical Analysis on Compensatory Jurisprudence and Victims of Violent Bodily Crimes.' He worked under the guidance of Dr. B. B. Pande

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CELL

Career and Professional Development Cell, SLS-P is a faculty cum student body working round the academic year discovering opportunities for our students in various fields of law.

In addition to facilitating campus recruitment to its students, the cell also trains the students to make their presence a commendable one at the time of recruitments. This process is a continuous one and is done through the medium of numerous lectures, workshops, training sessions and finally coming down to the CV verification and the final screening process.

Following chart shows the mix of our campus recruitments 2016 – 17



Upcoming Events.....

- Common Commencement Programme – 2017
- ConQuest – 2017
- 6th Late Shri B.G. Deshmukh Memorial Public Lecture – 2017
- Sixth Annual Research Conference on Contemporary Legal Scholarship cum Legal Research Skills Training Workshop – 2017

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