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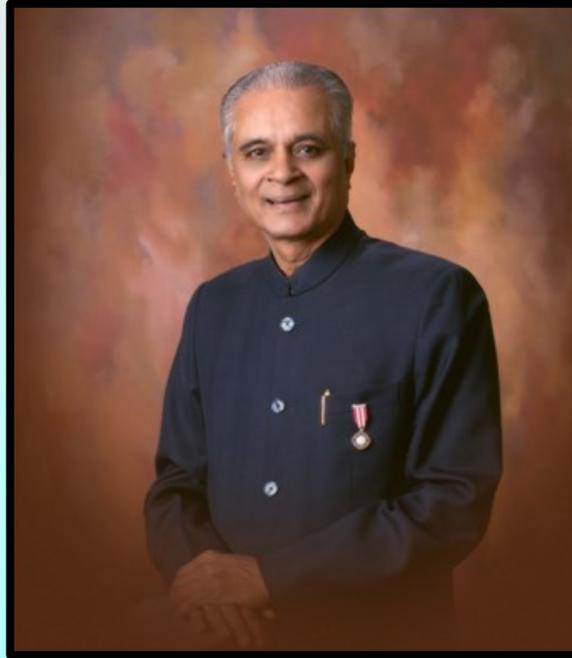
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# ALUMNI NEXUS

## FOUNDER, PRESIDENT, CHANCELLOR'S NOTE



Symbiosis Law School, Pune under the auspices of the Symbiosis family has always witnessed a large variety of intelligent and capable students from varying backgrounds and cultures coming together. Thus, fulfills the essence of the Vedic Principles of “*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.*” The students of our college come from all over the world and live as one family.

Symbiosis International University has been the beacon of excellence in all spheres of education in India and beyond. Symbiosis Law School, Pune under its aegis has created a niche for itself in the field of legal education, offering not only quality legal education but also catering to the unmet legal needs of society.

The Annual Alumni Meet is an opportunity for all the alumni who have witnessed this evolution of Symbiosis Law School, Pune. It facilitates them to come together to reconnect, reminisce and bridge the present with the past. This college has witnessed all of you as young enthusiastic students, whether it was in 1977 or now. It is for the young to learn from the more experienced and the accomplished to relive the passion and innocent zeal of starting afresh.

We are proud of our alumni for keeping our flag flying high both in the profession and public service. Keep up the great strides!

Padma Bhushan Dr. S.B. Mujumdar  
Founder and President, Symbiosis Society  
Chancellor, Symbiosis International University

## VICE CHANCELLOR'S NOTE



We are proud to say that our alumni have always been with us throughout every endeavour, which has contributed greatly to our growth and success. The Law School fraternity has contributed to judiciary, profession, academia and governance through its alumni. The focus on research and the quest for knowledge dissemination continue to be the cornerstone of the legacy of Symbiosis Law School, Pune and it has earned us several laurels.

Every institution is nurtured by the hard work of the Director, Faculty and staff. Students blend and add to such an endeavour. Such reputation for excellence is consolidated when the alumni win accolades for themselves and their alma mater. Symbiosis Law School, Pune continues its journey of excellence through you, our dedicated alumni.

We are proud of the achievements of the Symbiosis family and hope for the continued success of all its members.

All the best.

Dr. Rajani Gupte  
Vice-Chancellor  
Symbiosis International University

## PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Symbiosis Law School, Pune has consistently maintained close association with its students after they graduate and become privileged members of its alumni community.

An institution is known by the quality of its students and the students in turn are recognised by the reputation of the institution. It is a Symbiosis indeed! Symbiosis Law School, Pune was founded with the vision of imparting good quality legal education to its students along with developing them as leaders of tomorrow.

The Alumni network of the college showcases the Law School's astounding success in accomplishing the motto. Our team has taken up various alumni interaction activities in innovative ways. I wish you well for the similar initiatives in future.

I appeal to you to continue your service to our students as before as resource, joy, peace, mentors, buddy and role models.

I am proud that the alumni of this Law School who have strengthened the mission of justice and excellence over the years.

I wish you all the best.

Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar

Principal Director, Symbiosis Society

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Dear Alumni,

Warm hello and welcome after a year.

This newsletter resonates with the joy of your achievements and contribution. Your friends and colleagues have raised the bar. Over last few years, many stars have emerged holding the true spirit of excellence imbibed in Symbiosis Law School, Pune. This spans across profession and service at global level. We intend to invest in consolidating and expanding the alumni base to strengthen our university in its march towards world class. This Meet is imbued with a hope. In future, it will witness our team visit to your home city or your visit for convocation or a mega event. It made our maiden international mock trial

competition possible. Many of you have helped in placement, internship, curriculum review, enrichment programs, moot support and many laurels in recent days. Consistent Scholarship support by Advocate Hitesh Jain in last 9 years has also echoed the spirit of giving. Most of all, many star faculty drawn from the alumni have been part of journey to amplified excellence in the recent NAAC Re-accreditation process.

Long live our bond. Let us take our unity to further levels of excellence and greatness.

Much gratitude, solidarity, appreciation and joy.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, *Fulbright Scholar*

Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune

Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International University

## INTERVIEW WITH MR. ADITYA MEHTA

**What was your motivation to enter the legal profession?**

My motto, as a child, was to question everything. Whilst this got me into trouble most times, it helped me develop a structured manner of thinking, which unbeknownst to me at that time, would define me thenceforth. I took nothing for granted, read extensively and ensured I spoke my mind. I considered myself a creature of logic, and was drawn towards debates and public speaking. The legal profession just seemed like the right fit for me.



**Aditya Mehta**

**Partner, Cyril Amarchand  
Mangaldas  
Batch of 2008**

**If not law, what would have been your alternative choice of profession and why?**

Following the footsteps of my grandfather and father, I would surely have considered joining the Armed Forces. I have a deep-rooted sense of patriotism and believe that selflessly serving one's nation is the most noble of all virtues.

**What are some of the fondest memories you have of Symbiosis Law School, Pune?**

I don't have anything but fond memories of my time at Symbiosis Law School, Pune. To list them all here would make this portion of the interview run into several pages. To list only a few would be unfair to the rest.

**Apart from academics, what other experiences at Law School have assisted you professionally?**

Living in Pune, away from home, was an experience in its own right. I learned to be responsible, to fend for myself and to depend on myself. At the same, I forged strong, lasting bonds with college mates and professors. My time at law school trained me to become a lawyer long before I registered with the Bar Council of India.

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## **What are the changes you would like to see in the Indian Legal System?**

Given the myriad advancements in technology, I hope the legal system in India gains momentum in adopting the same. While we see a few instances of the Judiciary adapting to technological advancements, I eagerly look forward to a complete systemic metamorphosis. Apart from the obvious benefit of being environment friendly, this transition would make the system more efficient and transparent. It would enable easy access, storage and retrieval of documents/pleadings and tremendously reduce the manpower and logistical inefficiencies that contribute to delays in the system.

## **What are some of the challenges that you have faced in your practice that you would caution young lawyers about?**

Being a lawyer now entails not just providing legal solutions to your clients but also making the solutions practically and commercially viable. Most clients expect their lawyers to possess a keen commercial acumen and knowledge not just of the law but also of market realities and dynamics. Young lawyers would be well advised to develop a habit of analysing and evaluating facts from a legal as well as commercial standpoint. Cultivating this habit will garner you a reputation for rendering unique, novel and pioneering advice.

## **What message would you give to the current students of our college?**

There is no replacement for hard work. There are no free hand-outs in life. If you give it everything, there is nothing in the world than can stop you from achieving your true potential.

## **How important do you think an alumni network is to a law school? In that respect, what message would you give your fellow alumni?**

The alumni network of a law school can be instrumental in building careers, not only as an avenue for job opportunities, but also for guidance and mentorship. It is also a readily available pool of knowledge and experience for students and young lawyers to tap into. I would actively encourage Symbiosis Law School to aim for greater integration of the alumni with students. I am confident that my fellow alumni will join me in supporting and nurturing our alumni network.

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## GLIMPSES OF ANNUAL ALUMNI MEET 2016

The Annual Alumni Meet for the year 2016 was organized on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The Meet was organized alongside the First Symbiosis International Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition (SICTA). The Meet witnessed over 70 alumni getting together at the Viman Nagar Campus. The Chief Guest for the event was Hon. Mohan Peiris, Former Chief Justice & Attorney General, Sri Lanka. The Annual Alumni Newsletter was released by all the dignitaries and an announcement was made regarding the launch of our Alumni Networking digital platform, Vaave which will help increase the alumni database and also allow the alumni to access the entire database online. All in all, the Meet was a successful and a memorable event.



## GRAND EVENTS

### JUDGES' TRAINING PROGRAMME



Symbiosis Law School, Pune organized a Workshop on 'Judging and Judicial Training: Best Practices' on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 with Hon'ble Judge Kristi Harrington, Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court of South Carolina, USA as the resource person for 45 judges of Pune District Court. The Chief Guest for the event was Hon'ble Justice Mr. H.L. Gokhale, Formerly Judge, Supreme Court of India. The Keynote Speaker was Hon'ble Judge Shri Sumant M. Kolhe, Principal District Judge, Pune. He mentioned that with the

busy schedule of judges and the stressful situations they face while administering justice, they rarely get a chance to visit law schools to stop and reflect upon judging, an opportunity which they are privileged to get today.

Hon'ble Judge Kristi Harrington conducted two training sessions on 'How to Take Care of the Bench' and 'How to Take Care of You'.

### CONQUEST QUIZ- 2016

Symbiosis Law School, Pune and the Centre for Law and Policy Research, Bangalore (CLPR) jointly organized the Regional Round (Western) of 'ConQuest' to promote the importance of constitution and its history. This quiz was conducted by Walnut Solutions on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.

Out of 44 teams in the western regional round, only 6 teams reached the Regional Rounds. The SLS, Pune team outshone the rest as it bagged the first prize. VM Salgaonkar College, Goa and SVKM Pravin Gandhi College of Law, Mumbai came second and third respectively.



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## LATE SHRI B.G. DESHMUKH MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

Symbiosis Law School, Pune and Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT), Pune, jointly organized, the Late Shri B.G. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture, 2016 on the topic-“*Two Ideas of India*” on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016. Dr. Bhanu Mehta, President, Centre for Policy Research in his Keynote Address spoke about the fault lines emerging in contemporary India.



Talking about the ideological conflict that exists in India,

Mr. Mehta stated that while some say the conflict is between a secular and a communist ideology but the tension in reality exists within us as individuals. He also stated, “To defend liberalism in India, simple and intuitive thought is the need of the hour. If you let a seamless flow of freedom run through, all conflicts will flow out by themselves”.

This Annual Public Lecture Series has been instituted in the honour of Late Shri B. G. Deshmukh, IAS, Former Cabinet Secretary, Government of India and Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister.

## TEACHERS’ DAY CELEBRATION

Student Advisory Board organized Teachers’ Day celebration in college on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. This event was a huge success, the staff had a great time. The theme was ‘Academy Awards’. The biggest attraction of the event was the Annual Award Distribution Ceremony for teaching and non-teaching staff of SLS, Pune in the line of Film Fare Awards.

Celebration included cultural programmes where in students and faculty members participated together.



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## THE FIFTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONTEMPORARY LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP



The conference was hosted on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 on the backdrop of Symbiosis Law School Pune's flagship journal, Symbiosis Contemporary Law Journal and the student journal Symbiosis Student Law Review. The event was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur as the Chief Guest and Prof. Kris Gledhill, Associate Professor, AUT Law School, New Zealand and Prof. Dr. Anjani Kumar Verma, Dean, School Chemical Sciences and Dean, Research and Academic Affairs Central University of Haryana as the Guest of Honour.

The conference covered four tracks; International Law and Human Rights, Public Law and Governance, Business Laws and IPR, Technology and Innovation Laws.

## SYMPTOMS' 16

The annual intra-college fest of Symbiosis Law School, Pune was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2016. The theme for this year was 'Bounty Hunters' which also unveiled the event 'Most Wanted', where the participants were to assess the strategic clues, solve them, and discover the identity of Mr. X.

With over 30 events ranging from creative skills to cultural talents, Symptoms was pumped up with great zeal and enthusiasm.



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## LEADERSHIP TRAINING OUTBOUND PROGRAMME, SURYA SHIBIR

Members of the Student Advisory Board of 2016-17 and Cell Representatives were taken on an outbound trip to Surya Shibir, Panshet on Sinhagad Road. It was a two-day trip over the weekend on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September kept for the purpose of building familiarity and bonding among the Student Advisory Board and Cell members with the help of activities like trekking, team building exercises, adventure sports, leadership skill building and various Advisory Board meetings with constructive debates, discussions and suggestions. The trip, structured like a corporate work retreat, increased the fluency of communication among the various Committees of the Student Advisory Board, the various Cells of the Institution and the Class Representatives, paving the ground for mutual cooperation and support – all of this while creating memories to be cherished.



## SYMPOSIUM ON ‘NATIONAL SECURITY LAWS: LEVERAGING RULE OF LAW FOR A MORE SECURE INDIA’

A symposium was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. Prof. Dr. James Kraska, Howard S. Levie Professor and Acting and Director, Stockton Centre for Study on International Law, U.S. Naval War College was the Chief Guest for the ceremony with Brig. Rajiv Divekar (Rtd.), Director, Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies, SIU gracing as the Guest of Honour. The aim of the event was to contribute towards knowledge generation, dissemination, faculty capacity building and foster the spirit of national development.



## NANI A. PALKHIVALA MEMORIAL INTER-COLLEGIATE ELOCUTION COMPETITION FOR LAW STUDENTS

Symbiosis Law School, Pune in association with Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Trust, Mumbai hosted the Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Elocution Competition on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. Shri S. V.



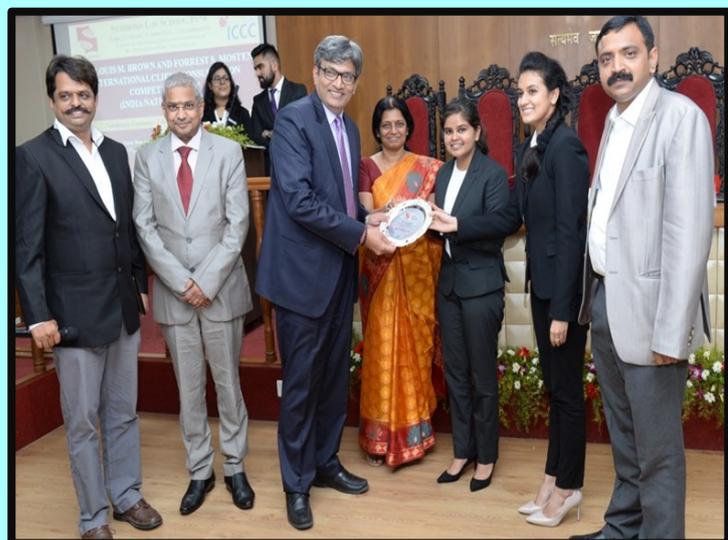
Naik, (Retd.) Hon'ble District Judge, Adv. Abhijit Hartalkar, Prof. Amitabh Dasgupta, Associate Professor, Symbiosis Institute of Media Studies adjudged the competition. The topics for elocution were 'Collegium System versus NJAC—

Transparency in Judiciary versus Independence of Judiciary', 'Need for a Uniform Civil Code' and 'Can the Internet Speed up Legal Proceedings?'

Ganesh Gupte, Balaji Law College, Pune won the competition with cash prize worth Rs. 5,000/- . Anusha Rao of SLS-P and Aashrita Sachdev from Bharati Vidyapeeth University came second and third with cash prizes worth Rs. 3,000/- & Rs. 2,000/- respectively.

## THE LOUIS M. BROWN AND FORREST S. MOSTEN INTERNATIONAL CLIENT CONSULTATION COMPETITION (INDIA NATIONAL ROUND 2017)

Symbiosis Law School, Pune hosted 'The Louis M. Brown and Forrest S. Mosten International



Client Consultation Competition-2017 (India National Round)' in association with the Forum of South Asian Clinical Law Teachers. The three day event was inaugurated on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017 with 34 teams participating across India.

Pallavi Dehari and Srija Kumar from NALSAR, Hyderabad lifted the glittering trophy and will now represent India in the International Rounds to be hosted by

University of Kent, Canterbury, England from April 19 – 22, 2017.

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## LECTURE ON SOCIO-LEGAL RESEARCH BY DR. UPENDRA BAXI

Symbiosis Law School, Pune organized a guest lecture on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Upendra Baxi, Professor of Law in Development, University of Warwick and was centered around 'Socio-Legal Research'. Dr. Baxi commenced his lecture by questioning the meaning of the term 'Socio psychological legal' and talked about the process of stumbling in our attempt to decipher such complex terms. He commented on the principle of Rule of Law and explained how it could be actualized only if hunted for in pairs. He drew an analogy using Article 14 of the Indian Constitution. Dr. Baxi, believes that research should not verge towards either extreme and should strive for an equilibrium between the two. In his opinion, it is imperative to question each and every thing for only then can a logical conclusion be arrived at. Dr. Baxi then went on to talk about the validity of norms in the Indian atmosphere and the process of translating such norms into meaningful actions. His lecture concluded with a stimulating question-answer session.



## LAW DAY & 7<sup>TH</sup> JUSTICE Y.V. CHANDRACHUD MEMORIAL PUBLIC LECTURE

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, celebrated its Law Day & Justice Y.V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture 2017 on 11<sup>th</sup> February. The Chief Guest of the event was Hon'ble Justice Dipak Misra. Sr. Adv. Ram Jethmalani, Dr. S.B. Mujumdar, Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar and Dr. Shashikala Gurpur also graced the event. Sr. Adv. Jethmalani presented the "Ram Jethmalani Award" to Tanvi Khare (5<sup>th</sup> 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 delivered the Justic EY.V Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture 2017 on "*Expansive Horizon of Individual Dignity*". The audience then witnessed the release of the booklet of Justice Y.V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture 2017 and the bi-annual college newsletter, LexET by Chief Guest, Hon'ble Justice Dipak Misra.



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## ANNUAL CONCLAVE 2017

The Annual Conclave 2017, in line with the ethos of ‘*Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam*’ or ‘The World is Our Family’, was conducted by Symbiosis Law School, Pune in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. The event was held in three sessions. The first panel discussion was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017 at 6:00 PM with BTVi as the media partner. The theme for the discussion was “*Building a Strong Entrepreneurship Culture*”. The second segment of the Annual Conclave was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, 2017. It was centered on entertainment and had Senior Journalist Mrs. Bharati S. Pradhan in conversation with eminent filmmaker and talk show host, Mr. Karan Johar. On 26<sup>th</sup> February, the third and final segment of the Annual Conclave 2017 was held on the politically centric discussion focused on the theme of “*Role of Youth in Ethical Governance*”.



## SYMBHAV'17 : LIMITLESS FRONTIERS



9<sup>th</sup> edition of Symbhav, the annual cultural fest of Symbiosis Law School, Pune, was held on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017, with ‘Limitless Frontiers’ as the theme. Symbhav 2017 was presented by Adani Group, powered by Mirchi Live, in association with JetSynthesys Pvt. Ltd and co-sponsored by Hindustan Power Projects Private Limited. Symbhav hosted 47 events some of them being, Photography, MUN, Creative Writing and Quizzes. The flagship events like Fashion Show, Group Dance and Parliamentary Debate were regarded as being especially outstanding. The crowd on Pronites was ecstatic and swayed to the music of Zephyrtone, One&One with Asco, Lost Stories and headlining performance by artist Teri Miko along with a performance by Abish Mathew, a stand-up comedian that got the audience roaring with laughter. All in all, Symbhav’ 17 concluded successfully and was a bigger, better and a more enriching and exciting experience for all present.

## SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL PUNE SHINES IN MOOTING PREMIER LEAGUE

Students have achieved historical victory in prominent moots to make it to the top in MPL, becoming the first non-national law school to clutch the glory. While facilitating such achievements, the vibrant Student Bar Association has been centre-staging mooting and ADR as curricular and co-curricular avenue. It hosted the International Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition, 2017(SICTA) from 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 to 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017. It hosted teams from 18 law schools including 4 foreign law schools. 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 graced the event as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. Valedictory on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017 had Hon'ble Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, Judge, High Court of Delhi as the Chief Guest. Prof. B. S. Chimni, Chairperson, International Legal Studies, JNU, and Mr. Narinder Singh, Former Chairperson, International Law Commission also graced the occasion as the Guests of Honour.



## CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CELL

The Cell announced its successful year of operation in 2016-2017 with students being placed from the Campus Recruitment Programmes into prestigious firms and organizations like Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., ICICI, Deloitte, Wipro and Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys. Students from all 5 batches of Under Graduate Programme, the LLM Programme and, the newly introduced 3-year LLB programme were also assisted by the Placement Cell in securing internships in established firms, organizations and with practicing advocates. In addition, the Cell organised workshops and training sessions to ensure that all students were well prepared for the Campus Recruitment Process.

The Cell would like to extend its gratitude towards the alumni of our institution for their invaluable and unwavering support and guidance.

**For any information regarding internships or Campus Recruitment contact:  
Prof. Garima Pal and Prof. Seemanti Chowdhary at 020 - 65201117 E mail:  
placement@symlaw.ac.in**

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## INTERNATIONALISATION

Symbiosis Law School, Pune recognizes the importance of inculcating a broad mindset in our students. We encourage our students to interact with people of different cultures, values and beliefs to help shape their own unique identity. The International Cell of Symbiosis Law School, Pune is instrumental in broadening horizons of the students by offering the students various opportunities of collaboration, study abroad, Juristas (International Law Essay Writing Competition), MUN, guest lectures and workshops. Symbiosis Law School, Pune has the distinction of developing area study



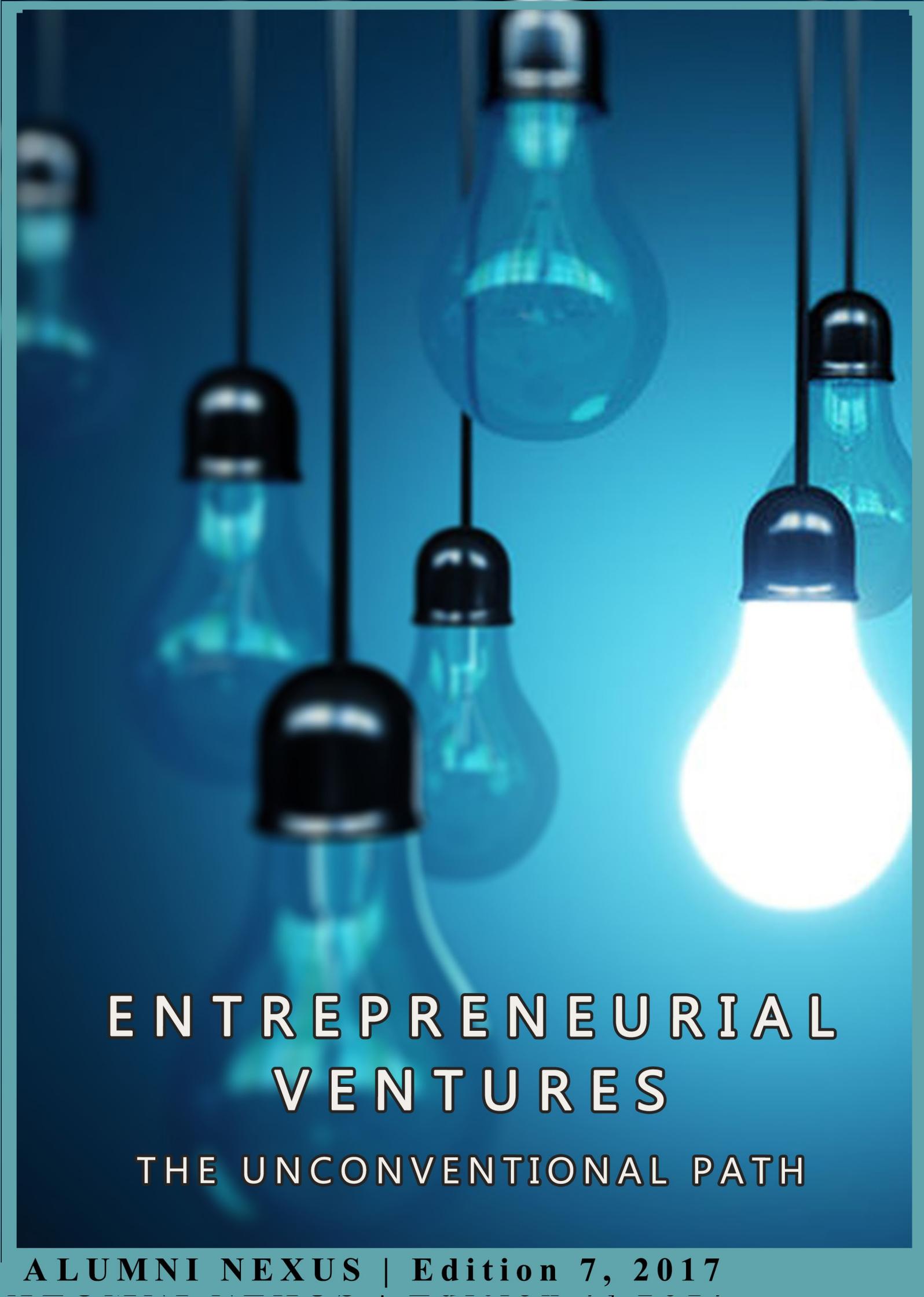
centers in European Union Legal Studies and South Asian Legal Studies. ILSA chapter is another avenue for student participation in comparative law and international law. Many of our students have also been involved in a number of student exchange programmes. They were a part of the DAAD-New Passage to India programme to Germany, the Semester Exchange Programme with University College Dublin, Berlin School of Economics and Law, and also Leibniz University in Hannover, Germany.

## COMMUNITY LEGAL CARE CENTRE

Symbiosis Law School, Pune won Herbert Smith Freehills Community Engagement award-2016. Its prize money was used towards repair of solar heaters for the benefit of the inmates of Yerwarda Central Prison women cell as part of its social responsibility agenda. The other initiatives of the Centre include Maher NGO visit, Yerwarda Prison visit along with a team of doctors from SCHC and SCOPE along with the faculty members. The CLCC members also participated in the National Mahalok Adalat on banking and industrial litigation. The students got exposure to



work as panel judges which in turn benefited in settling approximately 70,000 cases. One of the highlights of the year was the Capsule Course that was organized on International Commercial Arbitration and the Chief Guest for the same was Hon'ble Justice Mr. Mohan Pieris, Former Chief Justice, and Attorney General of Sri Lanka.



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## **KIRAN SHUKLA**



**KIRAN SHUKLA**  
**Partner, Amiki (India)**  
**Batch of 2007**

### **About Myself**

Thanks to Symbiosis Law School, Pune for changing my life & perspective forever. A snob from Delhi became the most amiable girl & took over to achieve her goals. It all started when I wanted to venture out of my professional block because sometimes it's just not your cup of tea.

### **Story of the venture, your inspiration and how the venture came into existence**

Law was my calling, my love and my passion but not my destiny. Destiny had a different plan for me. My then friend and now husband, a businessman was expanding his business and looking out for someone to partner with. For some reason, I agreed to it. Rest as we say is history.

While watching a movie, I decided the name of the firm and the brand; made all required documents and flew to China within days to see what the business was all about. I learned the pros & cons. It was all new but very interesting, my legal backup gave me the confidence and then within a year's span there was Amiki (India). May 16, 2014 is our date of commission and we are still paving the way and trying our level best.

### **About Amiki (India)**

We give our customers only high end quality of sunglasses and handbags. We have stores in Delhi and now we are slowly but steadily making our way to the top. Endurance is the key. That's what business makes you learn. Sometimes you are destined for things you don't even look at. I had never imagined that I would be running a business. But here I am running a successful small scale venture on my own terms.

Thanks to Make in India, things have started to fall in place for better.

### **Future Plans and Goals**

Hopefully you'll see our brand Amiki in Super Luxury Malls soon as that's our next target. It may take us a while but we will definitely do it. Only thing I learned from my struggle; don't give up on your dreams. They are meant to be true one day. Happy Dreaming, but as Dr. Mujumdar once said, "Dream but get up to realise them."

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## **AISHWARYA SINGH**

### **About Myself**

I hail from Delhi and I graduated from Symbiosis Law School, Pune under the guidance of Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director, SLS, Pune and other faculty members and with some of the best people anyone could have asked for as friends. I am known to be a very optimistic person. I also love researching and exploring my knowledge and skills.

During my time off, I love listening to music and catching up with old friends.

### **Story of the venture, your inspiration and how the venture came into existence**

After graduating from Symbiosis Law School, Pune, I joined a law firm in Pune and while exploring my skills, I learnt more about myself.

Sometime later, I got a call from my dad who asked me whether I would be interested in editing, publishing and marketing the NGT Reporter as was desired by The National Green Tribunal. My immediate response was a spontaneous, “Yes”! My dad, with his vast experience in publishing, was with me every step of the way as my inspiration and strength. He motivated me throughout and after ruminating over it for a while, I finally made up my mind to grab this opportunity and to open my very own publishing house— TRINITY Publications.

### **About TRINITY Publications**

TRINITY Publications, although its footprints were laid down much earlier by way of its sister concern ‘Law Zone’ (a firm dealing in Law Books), was established in 2016. The first issue of NGT Reporter was launched during the ‘World Environmental Conference’ in Chennai.

At TRINITY, we have a team of intellectual lawyers, both young and experienced who are helped by a certain number of interns. Publishing and marketing of the journal is handled aptly by the experts.

TRINITY Publications brings out a regular monthly Journal ‘NGT Reporter’, publishing monthly judgments from all benches of National Green Tribunal and Supreme Court. Besides the Reporter, we are also disseminating Bare Acts with case-laws, Digests and Manuals, mainly covering laws dealing with the environment. We wish to provide the best substance to the legal fraternity, including the students and research scholars. We also encourage them to contribute to the journal by submitting their articles, notes, case comments, book reviews, etc.

### **Future Plans and Goals**

- 1) To cater to the legal fraternity with the best researched matter
- 2) To have my own law firm
- 3) To provide better consultancy to the clients
- 4) To increase awareness about laws related to the environment, IPR etc.

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**AISHWARYA SINGH**  
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## **AAKRITI RAIZADA SHARMA**



**AAKRITI RAIZADA SHARMA**  
**Founder & Managing Director,**  
**Legal Media Group**  
**Batch of 2005**

### **About Myself**

I'm a businesswoman, lawyer, founder and managing editor and was the recipient of the 2010 "Most Iconic Woman of the Year". I am the President of Global Business Lawyers Network and Women Lawyers Network and an active member of the Society of Indian Law Firms as well as International Bar Association.

### **Story of the venture, your inspiration and how the venture came into existence**

Entrepreneurship is an all-or-nothing choice, and this is something that most people will never admit. In my case, entrepreneurship just happened. I had an idea and things fell into place. It was God's will. Having said that, entrepreneurship is much more difficult than a nine-to-five job, but it is also more rewarding and satisfying. As an entrepreneur, you love what you do, and so, you end up working 15 hours a day, seven days a week. Your hobby becomes your profession and that's a blessing. You end up loving the rollercoaster ride that is entrepreneurship.

As the Founder and Managing Director of Legal Media Group, I have channeled the company into multiple publications, including Legal Era Magazine - India's No. 1 Magazine on Business & Legal World, and IP Era Magazine- India's First Intellectual Property Magazine, and corresponding websites, apart from conceptualizing various international events and instituting India's first set of awards recognizing achievements of lawyers, i.e., Indian Legal Awards and Global Intellectual Property Awards. I have started Blue Water Advisory Services, which counsels law graduates for international studies, starting a law firm, and becoming a counsel. I also organize various workshops and training programs with international experts for CEOs, directors, lawyers, and CXO-level professionals.

Last but not the least, to be in business, you need to constantly reinvent yourself. Scaling up in our business is about super specialization and dissecting the sub-domain. It is also about further launching global products, which is exactly what me and my team always aim to do!

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Counted among the first to have established a presence in this niche segment, Legal Media Group enjoys first-mover advantage and is today a much-respected name in the business-law community. The Group has built and delivered communities which interact with each other and benefit through interaction. More than 2,50,000 people read our newsletters every week.

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## AKSHAT ANAND

### **About Myself**

I graduated from Symbiosis Law School, Pune in the year 2013. I practiced extensively on the appellate side before the Supreme Court along with working on high profile matters, where I had multiple opportunities to assist the Attorney General of India. My written submissions became instrumental in a landmark judgment delivered by the Supreme Court laying down law on what constitutes "continuous possession" for psychotropic substances.

Today, I'm the CEO and founder of Provakil Technologies which is a legal tech start-up that automates the workflow of lawyers.

### **Story of the venture, your inspiration and how the venture came into existence**

Keeping track of updates in cases is incredibly painful for lawyers in India. An average lawyer handles over 70 cases across multiple Courts. These cases get updated daily with new tentative dates of hearing, orders (record of proceedings) and final hearing dates. This data is published by Courts on their websites with no tools for lawyers to receive automatic updates. As a result, lawyers have to keep track of these updates themselves via manual methods. These methods are inherently slow, repetitive, resource intensive and error prone. This coupled with the fact that legal tech sector has always excited me and that I believe that data processing and big data analytics will be a game changer for the legal community is what inspired me to come up with Provakil Technologies.

### **About Provakil Technologies**

With Provakil Technologies, lawyers are able to consume a feed of updates for their cases via notifications and see all their cases organised automatically in order of its hearing dates. We do this using best in class technology, strong understanding of court processes and terminologies, and continuous improvement on data integrity. The idea for this product came out of a personal necessity. I detest any sort of repetition and so it was natural for me to realise early into my work that what I was doing was a machine's job.

But when I started making mistakes in keeping track of updates for cases, I realised that the problem did not end at repetition. These mistakes were costly, and lawyers would pay premium for a service that guarantees no mistakes. I sought early validation of the concept from my network of lawyers. With reactions between few negatives to more affirmatives, I decided to work on this to at least launch a working prototype and gauge traction. Within 3 months, we gained users who would have gotten angry if we decided to shut shop. Knowing we had a few users who loved us, we decided to grow this into a business.

### **Future Plan and Goals**

We are now a 2 year old company, with 10 people working with me. We plan to grow to about 35 people by the end of this year. We have customers from over 10 states in India and we are moving aggressively to gain a strong national presence within the next 6 months. The vision is to be a company like Google but for lawyers- multiple products across different niches in the legal domain.

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**AKSHAT ANAND**  
**Founder & CEO, Provakil**  
**Technologies**  
**Batch of 2013**

## **BAHAAR DHAWAN ROHATGI**



**BAHAAR DHAWAN ROHATGI**

**Artist, Self Employed**

**Batch of 2010**

### **About Myself**

Before I took the plunge as a full time artist, I was a Senior Associate in the prestigious Law firm, Amarchand Mangaldas Suresh Shroff & Co., Delhi office (Now Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas) since May 2010 until May 2015. However, there were other callings as well and I was selling art since 2012.

It takes courage to jump into the deep end, to choose your dream over your day job. With hard work and determination, I have managed to become a full-time artist from being a legal eagle.

### **Story of the venture, your inspiration and how the venture came into existence**

It was this one day at work, I was consumed by the most indescribable feeling: almost as though one hardened part of my head insisted on pushing my psyche out of gear. I was on the edge, irritable, as if trying to read station signs from a speeding train. I wanted to implore the visions in my mind to stay, long enough, without distraction of other impending responsibilities. My mind was seeking responses, but I had no time to even register anything. The mind was consumed by this feeling of lurking anticipation. This was when I knew I had to stop juggling my work and my passion.

I challenged myself to put up my first official exhibition and test the waters before I took the plunge. After a month of hard work and several hours of painting and preparing, there I was with my debut exhibition in May 2015, which luckily was a great success. After this, there was no looking back. My colleagues often tell me that my work is a true reflection of my own persona- vibrant, experimental and full of energy. Each of my paintings tell a story and range from abstracts, portraits to animals.

I am constantly reading and educating myself about the art world and understanding the legal and practical hurdles involved. Besides creating artwork under my name I am also engaged in other creative pursuits and social work. I was part of the core committee for Young FICCI Ladies Organisation (YFLO) for the year 2016-2017. Last year in October, 2016, I was invited to Japan by The American Bar Association in the "Section of International Law 2016 Fall Meeting" on "Regulations of the Art Market in China, India and Japan". I also completed the first and second edition of the Business of Art Course from the YWLP and DAG, Modern; the first art course of its kind for understanding the market & business of Art, taught by Indian and global Masters.

### **Future Plans and Goals**

I hope to paint all my life and also contributing to the art community by further art law practice in India. I don't only intend to give back to the art community by helping the artists, dealers and galleries, but really hope that my expertise in the legal field can be used to bring about legislations/ executive orders which would help in increasing transparency, accessibility and make valuation of works non-speculative, thereby increasing investor confidence in the art market and simultaneously make more people consider art as a stable career choice.

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## **PRANAV KHATAVKAR**

### **About Myself**

I completed my B.B.A. LL.B. from Symbiosis Law School, Pune in the year 2015. My primary and only focus during my law school days was to find a practice area to specialize in. In pursuance of the same, I read several books, engaged in industry oriented research, networked with people from the industry, pursued additional qualifications from some very prestigious educational institutions like ASCL Law School, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

Currently, I am an independent legal professional based out of Mumbai specializing in commercial law (litigation as well as advisory). I am also retained as a Counsel at M/s Synlitigators.

### **Story of the venture, your inspiration and how the venture came into existence**

Ensuring that exchange of thoughts happens effectively amongst the members of legal fraternity in the form of peer contribution was my primary and only motivation behind founding International Commercial Law Review (“ICLR”). Trade and commerce are absolutely essential for any form of development to occur.

Having realized that I am able to understand and appreciate the need for regulating commerce effectively, in the light of its macro-economic implications, I realized that my interest lied at the intersection of law and commerce: i.e. Commercial Law. Hence to be in sync with the global trends and thought patterns, I deemed it fit to provide a platform where commercial legal intelligence could be easily exchanged. The end result of this thought of mine was International Commercial Law Review.

### **About International Commercial Law Review**

International Commercial Law Review is a bi-annual, online, peer reviewed journal. The aim of the journal is to educate the society in general about the intricacies and latest developments in commercial law and to provide an intellectual platform to students, practitioners and academicians to publish and showcase their original legal thought on commercial law.

The Advisory Board of the journal consists of handpicked top legal luminaries and academicians who lend their thought for the development of the journal and its contents from time to time.

### **Future Plans and Goals**

- 1) To attract premium quality legal submissions
- 2) Inclusion in the list of top law journals in the world
- 3) Attracting qualitative submissions from international contributors
- 4) Recruiting editorial staff with qualitative exposure to legal literature and sound editing skills

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**PRANAV KHATAVKAR**  
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**Commercial Law Review**  
**Batch 2015**

## **RACHITA BANSAL**



**RACHITA BANSAL**  
**Baker & Businesswoman**  
**Batch of 2005**

### **About Myself**

Let's just say that there are stories more straightforward than mine. I am Rachita Bansal, batch of 2000-2005, BSL.LLB. At Symbiosis, I was appointed as the Student Coordinator of the Human Rights Cell for which I worked relentlessly and passionately. Thereafter, I completed my LLM from the University of Warwick (U.K) and went on to work for Kochhar & Co. in Mumbai. A chance reply to a two-year old job application at Lawyers Collective led me to reconsider my career choices and move to Delhi to work for Ms. Indira Jaising.

I worked on Public Interest Litigation and pursued and won the landmark judgment for implementation of COPTA, which led to the ban on smoking in public places. Afterwards, I worked for the mining giant, Rio Tinto's captive unit as the Procurement team-lead. In 2013, I moved to Nigeria to help my husband set up a construction business. I managed the legal compliance, contracts and other legal aspects of our business. In addition, I registered a Nigerian NGO "The Serving Hands Society" for the upliftment of the under privileged sections of society in Lagos through various programs, campaigns and activities.

### **Story of the venture, your inspiration and how the venture came into existence**

Second to law, my passion from a young age has been cooking. I love to cook, experiment with new flavours and try new cuisines. My friends often joked that I would do well if I start a professional kitchen. Nigeria as a developing country in Africa, offers little in terms of "shopping", hence, finding appropriate gifts is a huge task. What started out as "cakes as gifts" for friends, soon turned into requests to place orders with me.

### **About your company**

I started a personal baking business ("The Rustic Cakery") and a business for homemade scrubs and body butters ("The Rustic Living"), both of which did tremendously well. I make cakes, desserts and a variety of healthy and diabetic friendly sweets for my Cakery. I had not received any technical training and therefore, I went on to attend the prestigious Le Cordon Bleu Institute of Culinary Arts in Paris for the Diplome du Patisserie. I graduated in November 2016, after which I completed an internship at a two-star Michelin restaurant "Hexagone et Histoire" in Paris.

### **Future plans and goals**

Having recently wound up my year in Paris, I plan to carry on to Italy to receive a basic Italian cuisine training. Nigeria is in the centre of culinary explosion in Africa. People are discovering gourmet food and are becoming more experimental in their choice of restaurants and cuisines. I wish to use my training to tap into this niche market and expand my current business to open a bistro in Lagos, Nigeria serving eclectic and modern cuisine. In future, I hope to open a cocktail bar and a café in addition to the bistro.

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## DIVYA RAO

### **About Myself**

I graduated from Symbiosis in 2014. After my graduation I moved back home, to Chennai, and worked with HSB Partners, in their corporates division. I worked with HSB for over 2 years, after which I decided to take some time off to travel.

### **Story of the venture, your inspiration and how the venture came into existence**

Art has always been special to me, even in college I was involved in the creative aspects that went into SYMBHAV. After college, I continued to cultivate this interest, it served as a great outlet after a long day at work. Soon, this interest transformed into a part time occupation. I organised an art exhibition and was lucky enough to get a positive response.

My sabbatical from work seemed like the best opportunity to utilise my time to work on my passion project. A confluence of all my skills and interests along with a lot of help from people who shared the same ideas resulted in **Kairassi**.



**DIVYA RAO**

**Artist & Founder, Kairassi  
Batch of 2014**

### **About your Kairassi**

Kairassi which loosely translates to “lucky hands”, is a non-profit organisation founded in Chennai. The organisation aims at unearthing artists who are differently-abled and providing them with a platform that best suits their abilities. We conduct workshops at several special education centres and schools across Chennai, mentoring and working with these artists, displaying their work for sale on our website.

### **Future Plans and Goals**

We hope to scale up Kairassi, in terms of size and outreach by recruiting more people for our team and establishing ourselves in other cities. We are also looking at launching our merchandise project this year. Moreover, I intend to go back to work as a lawyer, where I will continue to grow my knowledge bank, while working at my Company.

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## **RAGHAV CHAKRAVARTHY & SACHIN RAVI**



**RAGHAV & SACHIN**  
**Founders, Walnut Knowledge**  
**Solutions**  
**Batch of 2012 & 2013 respectively**

### **About Ourselves**

Raghav and I are both alumni of Symbiosis Law School, Pune (batch of 2012 and 2013 respectively). We worked at ICICI Bank as legal managers prior to working on Walnut Knowledge Solutions. We have been working on Walnut Knowledge Solutions for the last two-and-a-half years, where we use questions and stories as a means of engagement and learning.

### **Story of the venture, your inspiration and how the venture came into existence**

Raghav and I were fortunate to have been successful while participating in quizzes across the country. Amongst the companies that operated in this space, we genuinely felt that there was a market to be tapped into for conducting quizzes, while crafting a niche for ourselves as well.

So when we were in college, we started conducting quizzes wherever we got the opportunity. At the same time, we worked with around 130 children from two schools in Pune.

Seeing the potential of the engagement with children, we felt that we had to devote our full attention to the opportunity. So after our stints at ICICI Bank, we started Walnut Knowledge Solutions in August 2014. Our experiences with school children in Pune, translated to the QuizShala program that we now conduct across a couple of schools in Bangalore.

We've conducted quizzes across the IITs and the IIMs, while engaging a diverse set of clients (such as MuSigma, Unilever) for their internal engagement programs. We've also created knowledge properties such as the Prajavani Quiz Championship, the Ascendas BizQuiz and ConQuest for Mysore Printers, Ascendas Singbridge, and Centre for Law and Policy Research respectively. We believe that a well-crafted question has the ability to create wonder and inspires thinking in multidisciplinary ways. We wanted to leverage our experience as quizzers.

### **About your Walnut Knowledge Solutions**

Walnut Knowledge Solutions is a Bangalore-based education company that aims to foster curiosity and inquisitiveness through fun and engaging quiz questions. Apart from conceptualizing and conducting events, we conduct QuizShala, a quizzing-oriented developmental workshop for schools in Bengaluru where we use questions, stories, and activities to make children more aware and participative.

### **Future Plans and Goals**

Our future plans revolve around building wholesome experiences for our three primary stakeholders, namely school children (parents and teachers), corporates and college students. Based on the inputs we've received from stakeholders in regard to our school program, QuizShala, we're looking for means to scale the experience to as many children as possible. In regard to corporates, we're looking to create a robust tech-enabled engagement program that helps corporates with different agendas.

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## VIJAY KHUNEKARI

### **About Myself**

I've had a rocky start with academics as I failed in the tenth standard. My moment in life came when I got selected for an apprenticeship at INS Chilika, Odissa.

I am a post graduate in Economics and a student of the last year of law from Symbiosis Law School, Pune. I have spent 25 years in the field of photography exploring various avenues. I had a humble beginning as a wedding photographer then I moved on to industrial, still life, jewellery, advertising and portraits, then to lifestyle for Pune Times and photojournalism with The Times of India. I also conducted photography workshops with the NIE.

Since 2010, I've launched 4 coffee table books with Lokmat newspaper namely Business Icons of Pune, Political Icons of Pune, PCMC Icons of Pune and Women Icons of Pune.



**VIJAY KHUNEKARI**

**Owner, Studio1**

**Batch of 1999**

### **Story of the venture, your inspiration and how the venture came into existence**

Dr. Mujumdar's rousing words along with my unwavering will to stand on my own two feet, were my inspiration behind Studio1. Mujumdar Sir, guided and moulded me. I became a humble individual from a flamboyant one because of him.

I believe that if someone has the right intentions and works sincerely and tirelessly towards an aim, that person can never fail. Real success is the sum total of your faith, integrity and proper character. I am of the firm belief that the journey matters and not just the end goal.

### **About Studio1**

Studio1 is one of the well-admired hubs in the spectrum of photography. My experience of over 2 decades in the field of photography has proved to be extremely fruitful and relevant. Since we work with quite a few famous and influential clients, we can't afford to not have the very best equipments. One 645D with a whopping 60.5 Mega Pixels, P65+ Nikon D4, 25-70 and 80-200.

We at Studio1 basically deal with Corporate Photography which is a niche area, in and of itself. I firmly believe in what the renowned photographer Ansel Adam once said, "You don't take a photograph, you make it."

### **Future Plans and Goals**

I am not someone who plans his entire life beforehand. I lead my life one day at a time but that's not to say that I don't work just as hard as the next person. All said and done, I would like to tell everyone to have conviction in their dreams and to work day in and day out to achieve them.

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## **TANUSHREE NANDAN & SHANKHA SHUBHRA** **KUNDU**



**TANUSHREE & SHANKHA**  
**Partners, The Layman's Lawyer**  
**Batch of 2007**

### **About Ourselves**

**Tanushree Nandan:** Although entrepreneurship runs in my family, I am the only lawyer in a family of engineers. From my childhood, it was expected of me to follow the footsteps of my family and become an engineer. Instead, I wanted to establish myself as a successful professional without the boost of a family background. This gave birth to my desire of becoming a lawyer- the first, and only, in my family! Sometimes, trying to do something just to impress someone doesn't work out well. However, in my case, it propelled me to get through to Symbiosis, one of the top 10 law colleges of India.

I started my career as an in-house legal counsel for real estate giant DLF, and quickly rose to the position of the Legal Counsel for the entire operations of DLF Limited in East India. Afterwards, I joined Genpact as their Site Legal Counsel in Kolkata. During my 6-year stint with Genpact, I worked with international clients of the company the world over and gathered invaluable experience in international contracting.

**Shankha Shubhra Kundu:** I, on the other hand, come from a family of lawyers, but no one in my family has ever been an entrepreneur. My maternal great grandfather was the illustrious barrister Nishith Chandra Sen, who went on to become the Mayor of Calcutta (1938-39). My maternal uncle, Advocate Shakya Sen (grandson of Mr. Nishith Chandra Sen) is well known in the legal circles in the Calcutta High Court as well as the Supreme Court. My mother, Smt. Nipa Kundu, was also a qualified lawyer who primarily dealt with matrimonial matters. Not surprisingly, I wanted to carry on the rich legacy of my family.

I have a rich litigation experience of more than 8 years, during which I practiced in the High Courts and lower courts at Kolkata & suburbs, Siliguri, Darjeeling, Mumbai, Pune, etc.

### **Story of the venture, your inspiration and how the venture came into existence**

Although the two of us acquired our passion for law through different channels, it was this very passion that brought us together to do something different, to stand out from the crowd.

Being in the profession, we noticed that to a layman, the concept of going to a lawyer was daunting, and almost always meant expending a significant amount of time and money.

Additionally, almost always, they ended up spending way more time and money than was required, because no-one explained the intricacies of their problems to them.

We felt that it didn't have to be this way, and wanted to come up with a way where the interaction between a layman and a lawyer would not be so clichéd and complicated. The Layman's Lawyer therefore attempts to make legal services available to its customers from the comforts of their homes, offices or even on the move, from a bus / car. We say, "If we can buy our groceries online, then why not legal services?"

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## About The Layman's Lawyer

The Layman's Lawyer provides instantly downloadable drafts of commonly used documents like rent / lease agreements, affidavits, wills etc. Drafting & vetting services are provided primarily through email, and legal consultations / opinions are provided primarily through email, teleconference or video-conference. If a physical meeting is required, it is pre-booked, and The Layman's Lawyer also offers the option of the meeting being conducted at a time & place of the customer's email, teleconference or video-conference. All this helps in reducing the amount of time & money spent by a customer on resolving his / her issue. Their offerings also include incorporation support, compliance management for new & existing businesses and para-legal services.

All their services are provided at rates that are much lower than the market rates for lawyers / law firms that have comparable experience and brand value.

## Future Plans and Goals

“Our Mission is to make legal services available and accessible to everyone from the comforts of their homes, offices or even on the move in cars! We are the epitome of Customer Centricity – the customer’s convenience and comfort are of paramount importance to us.” Although The Layman’s Lawyer is currently making ripples and news only in Kolkata, Shankha & Tanushree hope to be able to have a pan-India presence within the next year and maybe even take their operations global in the years to come.

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## HALL OF FAME 2016– 2017



### BAR AND BENCH:

1. Justice Shri Sangitrao Shamrao Patil is now a Judge at Bombay High Court.
2. Amit Singh Sethi, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab, has been elevated from Member, Governing Council to the sole representative of Chandigarh, Executive Committee, Bar Association of India.
3. Adv. S. Niranjana Reddy designated as Senior Advocate, Hyderabad High Court.
4. Adv. Deepayan Mandal secured second highest marks in the Advocates-on-Record Examination.
5. Adv. Chitranshu Sinha cleared the Advocates-on-Record Examination.
6. Adv. Shovan Mishra cleared the Advocates-on-Record Examination.
7. Adv. Konark Tyagi cleared the Advocates-on-Record Examination.
8. Adv. Anando Mukherjee cleared the Advocates-on-Record Examination.
9. Adv. Abhay Jena cleared the Advocates-on-Record Examination.
10. Adv. Hasan Murtaza cleared the Advocates-on-Record Examination.

### LAW FIRM:

1. Binay Kumar Mishra, hired by ANM Global Firm as the Head of Banking and Finance.
2. Roxanne Anderson, batch of 2009 became Head of AZB and Partners, Pune.
3. Percis Anklesaria became Head of AZB and Partners, Pune.
4. Harsh Maggon became a Partner at AZB and Partners, Mumbai.
5. Sugandha Asthana became a Partner at AZB and Partners, Mumbai.
6. Aditya Mehta, batch of 2008 promoted to Partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas.
7. Ashwin Sapra, batch of 1998 promoted to Partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas.
8. Nitesh Jain promoted to salaried partnership from Principle Associate, at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas.
9. Anindita Roy Chowdhury, batch of 2006 promoted to partner at AZB and Partners, Delhi.
10. Ashutosh Narang, hired as Associate Partner at Link Legal.
11. Subhayu Sen promoted to Associate Partner at Khaitan and Co.
12. Supratim Chakraborty promoted to Associate Partner at Khaitan and Co.
13. Vaibhav Mittal promoted to Counsel of Khaitan and Co.
14. Kinnar Sanghvi became the Associate Partner of the M&A team at S&R Associates.
15. Divaspati Singh promoted to Associate Partner at Khaitan and Co.

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## ENTREPRENEURSHIP:

1. Pratik Deo co-founded the Deo Biz & Services Pvt. Ltd.
2. Vasundhara Shankar has founded MyAdvo.in. , Delhi (Legal Website).
3. Amitesh Chandra Mishra started ACM Legal, Delhi.
4. Amit Karande founded Karande and Associates, Mumbai.
5. Utsav Kumar co-founded Geetanjali Law Associates, Bihar.
6. Sanket Kulkarni started Sanket Kulkarni & Associates, Aurangabad.
7. Sharath Bevinje co-funded Lawmatters.com, Bangalore (Legal Website).
8. Prashant Katara started Equity Law Chambers, Delhi.
10. Vibha Mane started Law Matters, Mumbai.
  
11. Soham Basu co-founded Basu and Dutta Legal, Kolkata
12. Rishabha Raj Thakur started Thakur and Sinha Offices, Bangalore.
13. Rahul Kothari started Squarely Legal, Pune.
14. Thriyambak Kannan has started ‘Chambers of Thriyambak and Poongkhulali’, Chennai.
15. Sherbir Panag and Shodhan Babu founded Law Offices of Panag & Babu., Delhi
16. Abhijit Mittal and Dhruv Rohatgi started Adaaz Law Chambers, Delhi.

## OTHERS:

1. Arpita Desai has been selected for the Legislative Assistant to Members of Parliament (LAMP) Fellowship 2016-17, based in New Delhi.
2. Mr. Pranav Khatavkar is now known as a legal author of a book named ‘Commentary on The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016’ and also a founding editor at International Commercial Law Review.

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Dearest Alumni,

You have always played a crucial part in the growth of this Institution. The management, staff, and students of Symbiosis Law School, Pune thank you for your support and we look forward to a continued association. We would especially like to thank the following alumni for their invaluable assistance and we would like to extend our gratitude to our Alumni Convener

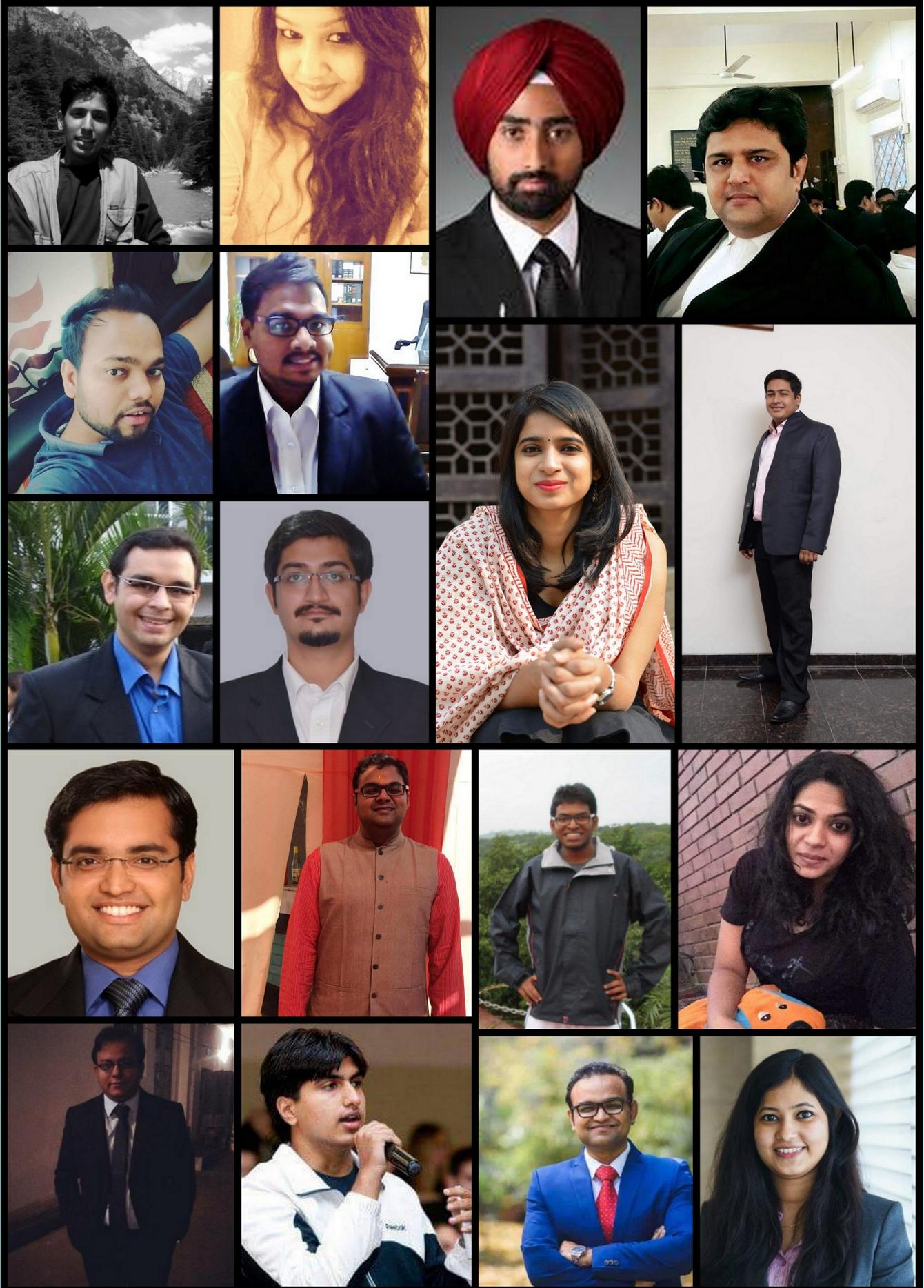


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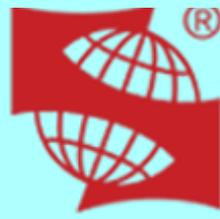
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