

## EDITORIAL

### A Democratic Critique of Electoral Bonds

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Electoral bonds which are similar to promissory notes allow individuals and corporate groups to donate money to political parties anonymously. The road to introduce the Electoral Bond Scheme was laid down in 2016 by amending the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010 in order to allow foreign companies with majority shares in Indian companies to donate to the political parties. Further, through the Finance Act, of 2017, the Representation of People Act, 1951, the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, the Income Tax Act, 1961, and the Companies Act, 2013 were amended to facilitate the scheme. The political parties herein were exempted from the requirement of maintaining a detailed record of donations through electoral bonds and thereby from publishing these records in the Contribution Report; all scheduled banks were allowed to issue the electoral bonds in specific denominations; and the companies could make any amount of contribution / donation, as opposed to earlier limit of 7.5% of 3 years' net profits.

It is pertinent to note that the Electoral Bond Scheme was introduced with the purpose of bringing transparency and curbing the flow of black money through political donations. However, although the untraceable cash flow might have been kept in check through the scheme, it in no manner brings transparency to the table. It protects the privacy of people, but it does not account for its very objective.

With the balancing lens, the striking down of the Electoral Bond Scheme by the Supreme Court in *Association for Democratic Reforms v. Union of India, 2024* cannot be weighed adequately owing to its diversified consequences. The order of disclosure of information that will bring the donation into the public domain will account for transparency. It will disclose the contribution by companies and individuals. This information is critical as it has the potential to infer whether any company or individual has been favoured through the term of the current government. This, in turn, puts the voters in a better position to make an informed decision and cast their votes. On the other side of the scale, it has been argued that striking down the Scheme will have an adverse effect on democracy in terms of political funding. The contributions through electoral bonds could be purchased only through banks, putting the banks in a position to have the required data under their requisite of Know Your Customer. In the current scenario, the untraceable cash flow or black money can be used to fund political parties.

In such lines of arguments, it should be noted that in the implementation of the scheme and the accompanying legislative changes, there was no explicit prohibition



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European EU Erasmus +KA2 Capacity Building Higher Education (CBHE) Project called the 'Curricula Development on Climate Change Policy and Law(CCP\_Law)' with the delegates at the 4th Transnational Project Meeting held at Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Viman Nagar from 11th to 16th September, 2023.

on political parties receiving cash donations; rather, a limit of Rs 2,000 was imposed on such contributions. Consequently, the challenges linked to anonymous cash donations persisted, with tactics such as splitting significant cash contributions into smaller amounts to circumvent regulatory oversight remaining prevalent. Electoral Bond Scheme in India seems to have missed the mark in terms of tackling the issues of transparency and accountability in political funding. While it was likely introduced with virtuous intentions, whether those intentions are fulfilled is debatable. Allowing anonymous donations under the scheme goes against the core value of transparency in a democratic society, making it difficult for voters to know the exact source of political funding. Moreover, the lack of strong oversight and regulation opens up the possibility of misuse and manipulation of the political system. If India wants to strengthen its democracy and ensure its elections are fair and trustworthy, policymakers need to take a step back and draft another scheme that addresses all these concerns. It is crucial that they explore other options that put transparency, accountability, and fairness at the forefront of political funding.

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## GRAND EVENTS



*The students and faculty of Symbiosis Law School, Pune celebrating Teachers' Day on September 5, 2023*

### TEACHERS' DAY

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International University, held the Teachers' Day celebration on 5th September 2023 at the PDCLE Hall from 12 P.M. IST onwards. Student Advisory Board 2022-23 of SLS-P orchestrated the event on the theme of 'Superheroes of Education: Celebrating Everyday Heroes'.

Anavi Jaitley, President, Student Advisory Board, 2023-24 extended a warm welcome to the attendees, emphasizing the pivotal role of faculty members and the profound connection they share with students.

Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur, PhD, Fulbright Scholar, Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC-LAMP Co-funded by EU), Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), commenced her discourse by illuminating the Student-Teacher Exchange Program, an Academic & Research Committee initiative. This program saw senior students imparting insights into the role of teachers and conducting sessions for the juniors. She eloquently highlighted the pedagogical prowess and oratory finesse of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, underscoring his influence in shaping the intellectual landscape of young Indians, thus, celebrating his birthday as Teachers' day.

The Student Welfare Committee presented exuberant titles to Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur, Dr. Aparajita Mohanty, Prof. Kshitij Naikade, and other faculty members reflective of their extraordinary personalities. Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala presented the Director's Awards to the Teaching and the Non-teaching staff.

The Extra Co-Curricular Committee captivated the audience with enthralling dance and music performances. Akshara Reddy, Vice-President, Student Advisory Board conducted a quiz, titled 'Spotlight on Teachers', for all the faculty members, comprising humorous and non-academic questions.

The PR, Media and Website Committee showcased the valuable role of teachers through an enriching video. This was succeeded by Vote of Thanks delivered by Raghavendra Pai, Vice President, Student Advisory Board 2023-24, encapsulating gratitude and appreciation felt by all present.

### ALUMNI-CUM-DESTINATION MEET 2023-24

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International University, organized the annual Alumni-cum-Destination Meet 2023-24 on Friday, November 17, 2023 at Silver Oak Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. Ambassador K. P. Fabian (Retd), former Indian Ambassador to Canada, Finland, Austria, Qatar, Sri Lanka, and Madagascar, and a distinguished Professor at The Indian Society of International Law, graced the occasion as Chief Guest alongside the esteemed Guests of Honour Justice Pradeep Nandrajog (Retd.) and Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal.

Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur, PhD, Fulbright Scholar, Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC-LAMP Co-funded by EU), Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International University, set the tone with her opening address. The meet also witnessed the release of the annual Alumni Nexus and Alumni Directory. The Alumni Nexus, spotlighted alumni achievements under the theme "Breaking Barriers: Gender in Law and their Impact in the Legal Profession." The Alumni Directory, a comprehensive compilation of alumni details, stands as a crucial tool for fostering connections within the alumni community. The Guests of Honour then addressed the audience, followed by the addressal by Dr. Nilesh Kumbhojkar, Director, Symbiosis Centre for Alumni Engagement.

Additionally, the Heads and Co heads of the Student Advisory Board and Alumni Committee briefed the audience with stirring testimonials from alumni, emphasizing their diverse achievements.

Dr. Bindu Ronald, Professor, Symbiosis Law School, Pune and Co-Head, SCALSAR concluded the event with a vote of thanks. Members of the Alumni Committee played a key role in facilitating the event, and providing the alumni with an opportunity to reconnect.





*The Lighting of the Lamp by Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, along with Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur and Justice Pradeep Nandrajog*

## Curricula Development on Climate Change Policy & Law (CCP LAW)

Symbiosis Law School, Pune (SLS Pune) hosted the 4th Transnational Project Meeting of the Erasmus+ Capacity Building Higher Education (CBHE) Project, "Climate Change Policy and Law (CCP\_Law)," from September 11th to September 16th, 2023.

As part of the project, physical meetings, networking sessions, and dissemination activities were conducted at partner institutions to develop Master of Law and Postgraduate Diploma Programs on Climate Change Policy and Law, which will be delivered in a transnational mode. Previous project meetings took place in Girona, Spain, in June 2022 and in Rajkot, India, in February 2023. The 4th Transnational Project meeting is scheduled to take place in Pune at SIU and SLSP from September 11th to 16th, 2023.

significance of delivering educational courses on Climate Change Policy and Law. The platform provided an opportunity to engage with high-level stakeholders and discuss accreditation processes.



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One of the highlights of the Transnational Project Meeting was the inauguration of the Symbiosis Climate Change Law & Policy Centre (SCCLPC), which serves as a hub for clinical legal research and as a pedagogic laboratory for academic and industry collaborations. The centre supports research, experiential learning, and small-group seminars for undergraduate and postgraduate students enrolled in Dual Degree and Joint Degree Programs related to Climate Change Policy and Law. It collaborates with other SIU centres, such as Symbiosis Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability (SCCCS) and Symbiosis Centre for Waste Resource Management (SCWRM).

## INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS' CONFERENCE



Symbiosis Law School in Pune attended the International Lawyers Conference held by the Bar Council of India and international institutions virtually on September 23rd and 24th, 2023. The Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, and the Honourable Chief Justice of India, Dr. Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, inaugurated the conference.

The event highlighted the judiciary's digitalization and discussed the role of Artificial Intelligence and Alternative Dispute Resolution in



*CCP\_Law Delegates at Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Viman Nagar with Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis International (Deemed University) and Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director, Symbiosis Law School Pune and Dean Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International*

There were 30-35 delegates from partner institutions in the consortium, including Coventry University (United Kingdom), University of Girona (Spain), European Knowledge Spot, Pedmede (Greece), University Utara Malaysia, International Islamic University (Malaysia), Hue University, Hanoi Law University (Vietnam), and Marwadi University (India). The meeting consisted of networking events, project discussions, workshops, capacity-building programs, training sessions, a regional seminar, and cultural activities. An important outcome of this meeting was the inauguration of the Symbiosis Climate Change Law & Policy Centre, which is housed at SLS Pune.

Additionally, Symbiosis Law School, Pune organized a Regional Round Table on September 11th, 2023, to raise awareness among national media, decision-makers, and stakeholders about the

transformation. Justice D.Y Chandrachud addressed the challenges in justice delivery, emphasizing democratic cooperation, and the Honourable Prime Minister underscored the role of lawyers in the freedom struggle.

The valedictory ceremony featured gratitude from Shri Manan Kumar Mishra to dignitaries like Honourable Shri Amit Shah, who discussed new criminal law bills. Following the same, Shri S. Prabhakaran, Vice Chairman of the Bar Council, and Justices highlighted the need for simple laws and gender-responsive policies.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Shri Apurba Kumar Sharma, Senior Advocate, Chairman, Executive Committee, Bar Council of India.

## SWACHHTA ABHIYAN



*The ECOCON cell organized the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2023;*

The 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign, a part of the Swachh Bharat Mission by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, encourages the nation to dedicate one hour on October 1, 2023, from 10 am to 11 am ("Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta"), to clean their surroundings. In alignment with this, the Jean Monnet Chair of EU Climate Justice Law, Governance, Management & Police (EUC-LAMP), led by Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gulpur, Director and Dean SIU, the Climate Change Policy and Law (CCP-Law) Centre, in collaboration with the various cells of SLS-P organized a cleanliness drive at Symbiosis Law School, Pune on 1st October 2023 from 10 am to 11 am.

The event witnessed the active participation of around 100 volunteers, including students and faculty, who covered an extensive area of approximately 3 km around the SLS-P campus. Guided by Dr. Manikprabhu Dhanorkar, Head of Symbiosis Centre for Waste Resource Management (SCWRM), the volunteers, equipped with protective gear such as gloves, masks, brooms, and garbage bags, were divided into teams to clean designated areas.

The campaign kicked off with a photography session involving Adar Poonawala Clean City Initiative (APCCI) employees and SLS & SCWRM staff. Colourful posters with slogans like 'Swachh Bharat' and 'Swachhata hi Seva' were prominently displayed. The teams, each covering different areas around the SLS campus, diligently collected and separated waste into biodegradable and non-biodegradable categories.

Enthusiastic involvement from SLS-P students inspired street vendors to join the effort. Volunteers engaged with vendors, addressing concerns, and promoting awareness about maintaining cleanliness in their surroundings. The collected waste was efficiently disposed of using the Glutton Electric Waste disposal machine provided by APCCI.

This campaign made the community more sensitive towards their surroundings and aware of the various hardships faced by safai karamcharis. The Government's initiative was the right step forward towards building a cleaner and greener nation

## CELL ACTIVITIES

### ROTARACT CLUB

The Rotaract Club organized a Book Exchange event from September 25th to September 27th 2023, encouraging students to share resources for the collective benefit. Approximately 50 students exchanged over 120 books. Additionally, the students engaged in making bookmarks and participated in a vibrant social media contest. Thus, providing them with a platform to showcase their creative and artistic talents while also contributing to the community. The club had also planned to collaborate with the CLCL Cell post-event to donate the collected books to underprivileged students.



*The Rotaract Club organised the Book Exchange event and bookmark-making competition*

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the Rotaract Club orchestrated a cleanliness drive "Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta" in collaboration with Jean Monnet Chair, CCP, Student Advisory Board, CLCL Cell, Animal Liberation Cell, ECOCON Cell, SLS Pune, and Centre for Waste Resource Management, SIU on October 1st, 2023. The drive was conducted under the aegis of the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) campaign "Swachhata Hi Seva 2023".

The campaign effectively heightened awareness surrounding cleanliness, sustainable waste disposal practices, and the responsibilities we hold as conscientious members of society. The participants came together in large numbers for the noble cause and set an outstanding example of collaboration and leadership in service of the community.

During Symphoria 2023, the Rotaract Club conducted the competition "Mad Ads". The event aimed to test participants' ability to think on their feet, communicate effectively, and showcase their salesmanship in a lively and entertaining manner. The competition highlighted the commitment to environmental sustainability as participants showcased advertisements and demonstrated their sales prowess while promoting eco-conscious products.



*The participants advertising their eco-friendly products at Mad Ads event during Symphoria'2023*



## ECOCON CELL



*Tote-bag Painting Competition (Symphoria '23)  
organised by ECOCON Cell*

During Symphoria'23, held on October 20th, 2023, the ECOCON cell orchestrated a tote bag painting competition. With sustainability at its core, this initiative aimed to enlighten students about the significance of embracing sustainable fashion and lifestyle practices.

The initiative encouraged creativity, wherein cloth tote bags were used as canvases to paint environment-friendly slogans by the participants. It fostered awareness about the importance of adopting eco-conscious choices in everyday life and alternatives that minimise environmental harm. By exploring sustainable fashion through artistry, the event planted seeds of awareness and empowered students to become agents of positive change in their communities



*The screening of Netflix documentary "David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet" was conducted by the ECOCON cell during Wildlife Week 2023*



*Students of LLB from SLS, Pune during the screening of the Netflix documentary "David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet"*

Wildlife Week is observed to reflect upon the well-being of our fauna. This year, the ECOCON Cell continued its tradition by screening the documentary for all batches of three-year and five-year LLB students on 25th October 2023. The goal was to educate and encourage thoughtful reflection on wildlife conservation through visual entertainment. We chose the critically acclaimed Netflix documentary "David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet" to honour Attenborough's contributions and explore issues surrounding wildlife along with practical solutions.

## CORPORATE LAW CELL



*The Corporate law cell organised the Corporate Awareness Quiz during Symphoria'23.*

The Corporate Law Cell conducted Corporate Awareness Quiz for facilitating a general understanding of Corporate Law. The event was managed with the assistance of an ECC Volunteer during Symphoria'23. In collaboration with the Career and Professional Development Cell and Law Econ Cell, an online Guest Lecture Series on Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process under IBC was held for all batches on 17th November 2023. Dr. SK Gupta, recognized MD and CEO, IPA of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India and the Managing Director of the eminent ICMAI Registered Valuers Organization delivered the guest lecture.

In 2023, the Alumni Committee launched a groundbreaking program called "Know Your Alumni" to help students meet the alumni of the institute and draw insights from their accomplishments. The corporate law cell contributed to the program by probing the vistas ranging from the future of corporate law to the evolution of the landscape of M&A over the years.

## CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CELL

The Career & Professional Development Cell functions as the primary facilitatory body for the process of professional development and constructive employment for our students. The broad objectives of the cell are campus recruitment, training and development and internship opportunities.

The Cell works throughout the year to implement and execute the processes of Campus Recruitments, Internships, Training and Development, Industry & Alumni Relations and Entrepreneurial development. With years of experience, the cell has developed a wide array of networks ranging from litigation firms, corporate firms, solicitors, private practitioners, to governmental commissions and agencies. Furthermore, along with this, MOCK GDPI, Legal and

Service Internship Presentations, CV verification are the other important activities of the Cell.

With regard to training and development, various initiatives are undertaken on behalf of the cell to hone the skills of the students, which include various workshops, mock group discussions, interviews, training sessions, and guest lectures. These activities prepare them for pre-placement offers, on-campus, and off-campus recruitments.

With regard to internship programmes, the cell provides opportunities for students to intern during their winter and summer breaks based on their field of interest. To help them understand and develop their preferences the cell engages in need analysis and competency mapping, synchronizing their career, goals and interests. The cell is in constant contact with the respective companies to ensure greater feasibility and accessibility to the students during their internships.



*ICICI Bank Recruitment Drive- Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director of Symbiosis Law School, Pune and Dean of Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International University with Vishnupriya Krishnan, Senior Chief Legal Manager at ICICI Bank and Subhashree Sahoo, HR Manager at ICICI Bank*



*Ernst & Young Recruitment Drive- Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director of Symbiosis Law School, Pune and Dean of Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International University with Prathamesh Joshi, Manager- Business Consulting Risk at Ernst & Young and Soumya Tripathi, Director- Consulting at Ernst & Young*

With regard to campus recruitment, each candidate that chooses to be placed via Symbiosis Law School, Pune, undergoes a stringent process of verifying their Curriculum Vitae (CV) to ensure validity in the documents that are provided to the recruiters

The Career & Professional Development Cell has been tirelessly facilitating the professional development of our students by providing our students with the best opportunities.

## LAW HAWKS CELL



*The Law Hawks Cell organised a Pop Culture Quiz during Symphoria'23*

During Symphoria'23, Law Hawks Cell organised The Pop Culture Quiz 3, which featured four rounds. The event began with team-based rounds answering straightforward questions, followed by a musical round for teams to identify songs and sing the same, based on the words displayed. The third round focused on individual meme dialogue decoding, narrowing down to three participants. The final round included a rapid-fire. Just A Minute (JAM) was organised by the Law Hawks Cell for Symphoria '23 to test the contestants' ability to speak on a given topic for a minute in order to examine their wit, humour, and quick thinking.

## LAW ECON CELL



*The Law Econ Cell organised the event "Who Will Be The Next Eco Geek" Quiz at Symphoria'23*

The Law Econ Cell at Symbiosis Law School, Pune organised the quiz "Who Will Be The Next Eco Geek" during Symphoria'23, to test the participants' knowledge of global socio-economic and legal matters, and foster a sense of camaraderie amongst attendees. Participants were asked to guess a country based on a socio-economic clue. Furthermore, to sustain an element of excitement, they were given Nerf guns to target the right answer with the right shot on the world map. As the participants tried to decode the clues and pinpoint the countries on the map, cheers and shouts of encouragement filled the room.

## GENDER CHAMPIONS CELL

The Gender Champions (GC) cell organized the "Artistry in Diversity: Fashion for Every Gender" event on October 19, 2023, as a part of Symphoria 2023. Its primary theme was "Gender Neutral Fashion," which challenged traditional gender norms and explored a diverse realm of fashion. Participants were earned wings for their creativity, message and impact, collaboration, and capturing the attention of the audience through their performance.





*The Gender Champions cell organised the event of "Artistry in Diversity: Fashion for Every Gender" during SYMPHORIA '24.*

The Gender Champions cell organised the 'Gender Bend' on October 19, 2023, as a part of Symphoria 2023: a unique and creative event that elevated the concept of face painting by encouraging self-expression. In defiance of prevailing gender norms, the intent behind the event was to commemorate individuals and empower them to freely express their individual identities. It aimed to encourage everyone to embrace their individuality and celebrate diversity amongst the students.



*The Gender Champions cell organised the 'Gender Bend' event during SYMPHORIA '24*

The Gender Champions Cell hosted a transformative "Self-Defense Workshop" on October 30, 2023 in the Dome Area of SLS Pune. The event was skilfully facilitated by Mr. Vishal Ithape, Sports Coordinator, DSRW, SIU. The workshop unfolded as a hands-on exploration of self-defense techniques, including assertiveness of the voice and hold-release techniques, equipping participants with invaluable skills and knowledge. This collaborative effort underscored the unwavering commitment of Gender Champions to empower individuals with the tools and confidence needed to safeguard themselves in potentially perilous situations.

## TECH LEGAL CELL



*The Tech Legal Cell organised the "Know Your Tech" quiz competition using Mentimeter and Microsoft PowerPoint Presentation*

The Tech Legal Cell strives to cultivate a learning environment that encourages and inspires students to engage with the evolving landscape of Intellectual Property and Technology Law. In

collaboration with the Extra-Curricular Cell, it organised the first edition of the "Know Your Tech" quiz competition based on IPR and Technology law on 19th October 2023 during Symphoria'23. The event garnered a great turnout, fostering an environment of healthy competition and inculcating curiosity amongst the students pertaining to Technology Law. The Tech Legal Cell has been actively engaged in fostering an environment of critical thinking and research within the cell. In fulfilment of the same, it has endorsed several research projects delving into diverse aspects of technology law. These research projects are based on topics varying from 'Protecting Traditional Knowledge by Tracing Equity in Intellectual Property Rights' to 'The Rise of Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) and Copyright Law in India'.

## IP Cell



*Symbiosis Law School, Pune conducted an IP cell lecture under its Initiative of IPR Sensitization on the topic 'Identifying Subject Matter of IP Protection and Prior-art Search' at SIT Pune on 8th September 2023*

Dr. Amol Sapatnekar, from Symbiosis Law School in Pune, and Mr. Neeraj Panchal, an associate at John Deere and Symbiosis Law School in Pune, shared their knowledge about intellectual property rights (IPR) awareness, IPR paradigms, and legal frameworks. They also discussed how to identify a subject matter worth protecting with an Intellectual Property Right and how to get it protected. After the discussion, the faculty and students interacted and shared their experiences from their respective domains, resulting in an overwhelming response.



*Symbiosis Law School, Pune conducted an IP cell lecture under its Initiative of IPR Sensitization on the topic "Intellectual Property Rights - Sensitization & Awareness" at Symbiosis Institute of Designs Pune on 19th August, 2023*

Dr. Amol Sapatnekar, a faculty member at Symbiosis Law School in Pune, and Mr. Neeraj Panchal, who works at John Deere and is also an associate at Symbiosis Law School, recently provided insights on Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) to a group of attendees. They discussed IPR awareness, IPR paradigms and legal frameworks, and shared their knowledge on how to identify a subject matter that is worth protecting under Design Registration as an IPR. The session was informative and engaging comprising of case studies, illustrative discussions on design registrations as an IPR, and a response and interaction from faculty and student audiences on various aspects and experiences from their domains.

## COMMUNITY LEGAL CARE AND LITERACY CELL



*The CLCL cell team guided the students of Rihe village during the program of empowering the students of the village on the diverse career paths available to the youth.*

Keeping in mind Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur's vision for access to justice, Symbiosis Law School's Community Legal Care and Literacy Cell embarked on a mission to empower rural youth in Rihe village. The program kickstarted by introducing the Cell and its impact and highlighted the crucial role of career guidance in today's competitive world while illuminating diverse career paths, encouraging the youth to leverage their skills and resources to reach their full potential. Professor Vaibhav Sonule further amplified the engagement by sharing real-life experiences of different career choices. He emphasised the invaluable support available from NGOs and government initiatives, empowering the youth to navigate financial and educational hurdles. Interactive discussions fostered open dialogue, clarifying doubts and concerns about various fields. This impactful outreach exemplifies Symbiosis Law School's dedication to clinical legal education and its commitment to bridge the gap of knowledge in rural communities. The Rihe Village campaign not only educated and empowered the young people but also instilled a sense of self-assurance and laid out a blueprint for future achievements.

The Cell showcased its commitment to community service through the Herbert Smith Freehills (HSF-India) Award for Community Engagement by successfully mediating a pro bono case at the district court in Shivaji Nagar. Led by Prof. Chaitraly Deshmukh, and accompanied by Mahendra sir, the team played a pivotal role in facilitating counselling for the couple, Surekha Dhananjay Disle and her husband. After 13 years of a strained relationship, the couple decided to reconcile and live together with their daughter.



*The CLCL Cell and Pro Bono Club organised an Anti-Ragging Awareness Session for Symbiosis International School students*



*Smt. Sonal Patil, Member Secretary of the DLSA, Pune addressing the attendees*



*Mr. Madan Mohan, Principal of Symbiosis International School felicitating Smt. Sonal Patil*

On August 16, 2023, the Anti-Ragging Awareness Session was organised by the Community Legal Care and Literacy Cell and ProBono Club to educate Symbiosis International School students about the legal dimensions of anti-ragging measures, fostering a culture of awareness and respect. There was an insightful introductory session followed by covering the event on discussing fundamental legal rights and key laws, which laid a solid foundation for understanding the legal framework. The keynote address by the professors delved into the specifics of anti-ragging laws, emphasising a zero-tolerance approach and showcasing the severe consequences associated with such behaviour. Guest speaker Smt. Sonal Patil from the District Legal Services Authority, Pune and Dr. Atmaram Shelke, Dr. Shirish Kulkarni and Advocate Sangramjeet Chavan of Symbiosis Law School, Pune were also present on the scene to add their practical insights. The interactive Q&A session facilitated student engagement, ensuring the practical applicability of legal knowledge. The event successfully achieved its goals of promoting legal literacy and creating awareness about the consequences of ragging.



*Dr. Shashikala Gurpur addressing the students of Venkateshwara School during the World Environment Day 2023 celebration, organised by Jean Monnet Chair EUC-LAMP SIU*

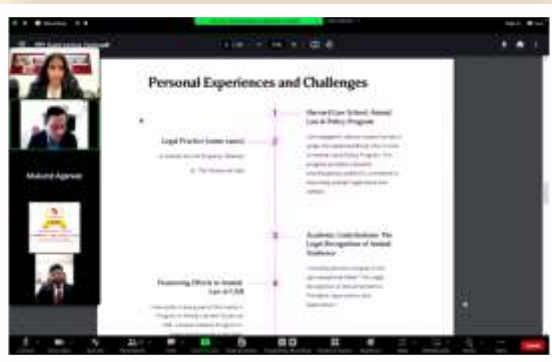
On 31st August, 2023, the Jean Monnet Chair EUC-LAMP SIU organised World Environment Day 2023 in collaboration with the ECOCON cell and Community Legal Care and Literacy Cell of Symbiosis Law School, Pune. The event was celebrated at the Venkateshwara School, Haveli, Pune. On 26th October 2023, the Community Legal Care and Literacy Cell and Pro Bono Club of Symbiosis Law School, Pune, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority, conducted an anti-ragging session at Pirangut English Medium School.



## ANIMAL LIBERATION COMMITTEE

In its ongoing commitment to fostering dialogue and action on animal liberation, the Animal Liberation Committee (ALC) welcomed Joshua Jowitt, recipient of European Legal Theory award, for engaging an online discourse on "Legal Status of Animals and Judicial Discretion" on October 30 2023, from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm, which garnered remarkable interest from students.

Expanding beyond academia, the ALC recognized opportunities within animal advocacy, hosting an online lecture entitled "Exploring Animal Law and Advocacy: Personal Experiences and Career Opportunities." Carlos Contreras, the President of the Barcelona Bar Association's Commission for Protection of Animal Rights, delivered a captivating presentation on October 26 2023 from 5:30 pm from 7:00 pm.



*The Animal Liberation Committee, in association with Mr. Carlos Contreras, the President of the Barcelona Bar Association's Commission for Protection of Animal Rights organised an online lecture titled "Exploring Animal Law and Advocacy: Personal Experiences and Career Opportunities."*

Complementing academic endeavours, the ALC initiated philanthropic initiatives, mainly feeding drives throughout the 2023-24 academic year. Notably, the ALC collaborated with the Rotaract Club and ECOCON Cell to orchestrate a large-scale feeding drive on October 28 2023. Volunteers generously provided nourishment for the animals residing in the vicinity of the institute.



*The Animal Liberation Committee in collaboration with Rotaract and ECOCON cell organised a Feeding Drive in October 2023.*

The ALC consistently upholds the cause of animal liberation through various engaging events. During Symphoria events such as "Meme Mastermind: Crafting Humour for Global Impact" conducted in Room 102 and the "Animalia Humana Canvas Painting Competition," held on October 20, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm in the Dome Area of the campus, they garnered enthusiastic participation from first-year students. These events provided a platform for students to utilize humour as a tool for animal rights advocacy and explore their artistic talents.

## HUMAN RIGHTS CELL



*The Human Rights Cell invited Mr. Prince Tiwade (ISL teacher) to demonstrate the basic signs of Sign language during a guest lecture.*

The Human Rights Cell in collaboration with the Student Welfare Committee of the college organised a workshop on 'Sign Language' on 21st October 2023, a significant step towards fostering inclusivity within the academic community. Prince Tiwade, an ISL teacher, and Shruti Alwade, an interpreter – were the resource personnel for the event. By providing a comprehensive introduction to sign language for beginners, the event empowered students with essential skills to communicate effectively with differently-abled individuals, ultimately aiming to create a more inclusive environment. It's wonderful to see such ground-breaking initiatives taking place!

The seminar, conducted by experts in sign language, aided attendees to be sensitized towards the challenges faced by people with hearing impairments. The interactive session allowed participants to learn the basics of sign language, including the ISL alphabet, basic ISL vocabulary and usage of facial and bodily expression. The event served as a testament to our commitment to inclusivity. Instrumentalizing the Cell's sincere pursuit of creating and maintaining a shared platform that can engage in meaningful discussions, we undertook a discussion involving legal, socio-legal and socio-political developments aspects of a pertinent contemporary Human Rights issue. One of the Cell's wings (Department of Monthly Discussions) organized a widely attended discussion with regard to the Middle Eastern conflicts with a special focus on the ongoing Israel-Palestine war on the 3rd of November, 2023.

The agendas encompassed multifaceted topics such as the validity of Israel's contentions against Palestine regarding anti-Semitism, the refugee crisis ensuing from warfare, and a fictional examination of whether establishing a Jewish state in Israel would have been preferable in Germany. The refugee crisis was addressed, emphasizing the challenges faced by civilians in the aftermath of warfare, with both sides' perspectives being examined impartially.

In alignment with the Cell's primary objective, the discussion concluded with a joint call to humanize the crisis and a key takeaway that requires global intervention. The attendees benefitted from an intellectually charged conversation and developed a sense of solidarity with those that they connected with in terms of thought and a renewed sense of determination to advocate for such issues at the grassroots level.

## SPORTS CELL



*The Sports Cell organized the Inter-SIU Powerlifting Competition*

The Inter-Institute Powerlifting Championship, hosted by the Department of Sports Recreation and Wellness (DSRW) in collaboration with Symbiosis Law School- Pune (SLS P), was held on September 5th and 6th, 2023. Athletes competed in three categories: Squats, Bench-press, and Deadlifts. A total of 91 men and 20 women representing 26 institutes across Symbiosis participated in the championship. The Sports Cell played a pivotal role in organizing and facilitating the event. The championship served as a platform for individuals from various backgrounds to come together, showcasing sportsmanship and a shared dedication to the sport. The event wrapped up with a closing ceremony at Symbiosis Law School- Pune on September 6th at 9:00 P.M.



*The Sports Cell facilitated in sending the contingent of Symbiosis Law school, Pune at the sports event: VIRUDHAKA 2023*

The Sports Cell facilitated the participation of our institute, SLS Pune, in National Law Institute University's annual sports event - Virudhaka 2023. The event was conducted from 21st October 2023 to 24th October 2023, with participation from over 16 institutes from across the country. The contingent for SLS Pune comprised 77 students who participated in various sports categories such as Badminton, Basketball, Futsal, Table Tennis, Snooker, and Volleyball.

SLS Pune had a highly successful outcome with most teams emerging victorious. Amidst an abundance of accolades, Symbiosis Law School, Pune emerged as the Best Contingent of VIRUDHAKA 2023. The Basketball Women's team, Volleyball Women's team, Badminton Women's team and the Table Tennis Women's team emerged as Winners. The Basketball Men's team, Badminton Men's team and Futsal Women's team came as Runner-up. The Futsal Men's team, Table Tennis Men's team and the Volleyball men's team were semi-finalists.

## Winners Table

Basketball Women	Volleyball Women	Table Tennis Women	Badminton Women
Shivanjali Pandit	Hitakshi Bhagyodaya Mishra	Diya Chandwani	Angenora S Momin
Tisha Motwani	Ishu Sharma	Sakshi Saugat	Valli
Ilina Devadhar	Kanmani M R		Gengadaran
Kavya Venkatesh	Charumati JL		
Akshara Reddy	Anitta Francis		
Nupur Jaiswal	Sanskriti Arya		
Kanaka Bhagwat	Maongnaro Ozukum		
Harshita Pisal	Rachana P Jain		
Latisha Padmanabhan	Pratyancha Sinha		
Maria Abraham			
Annie Roy			

## INTERNATIONAL CELL

The International Cell hosted a lecture series with Professor Rebecca E. Todd, Scholar-In-Residence in New Hampshire, U.S.A., from July 31 to August 21, 2023. With over 12 years of legal expertise, including roles as Executive Director of the Connecticut River Conservancy and Associate General Counsel at Antioch University, Ohio, Professor Todd imparted invaluable insights. Her lectures commenced with an engaging session on "Introduction to Legal Skills (Advocacy)," laying a robust foundation. Subsequent lectures on "Drafting Moot Memorials and Mooting Tips" and discussions on "Freedom of Speech in Educational Context" and "Comparative Constitution" provided in-depth understanding of socio-legal and socio-political realms.



*The International Cell organized a lecture on 'Principles and Practices of EU Law: Building and Non-Building' by Dr. Vihar Georgiev, PhD, University of Oxford on September 22, 2023*

Additionally, the International Cell organized a lecture on 'Principles and Practices of EU Law: Building and Non-Building' on September 22, 2023. Dr. Vihar Georgiev, who holds a PhD from the University of Oxford, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Georgiev explained the nuances of EU Law, emphasizing key principles like supremacy, direct effect, and the principle of loyal cooperation. The interactive lecture provided students with comprehensive insights into the EU legal framework, which covers treaties, regulations, and case laws. Attendees gained both theoretical and practical knowledge in areas including trade, competition, environmental law, and human rights, enhancing their understanding of these ever-evolving fields.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



### **Bandana Mishra**

2nd year, BA LLB (Hons), E

Got selected for the UN Millennium Fellowship Programme, 2023-24. The application process for the Class of 2023 consisted of 44,000+ applicants from 3,000+ campuses across 119 nations. 290+ campuses worldwide have been selected to host 4,000+ Millennium Fellows in 2023.

### **SALONI MEHTA**

3rd Year, BA LLB (H)

1. Published a blog titled "The Legal and Ethical Considerations of Disability and Healthcare Decision-Making" in the Centre for Disability Studies and Health Laws, National Law University & Judicial Academy Assam in the month of August 2023.
2. Published a blog titled "Disability Rights in the Digital Age" in the Legal Services Committee, NLUO in the month of September 2023.



### **Aditya Ashtekar**

3rd Year, BBA.LLB (Hons.)

- 1) Co-Authoring Paper titled- "Navigating the Complex Landscape of Student Data & Privacy: Ethical Dilemmas in Edtech." published at International Conference on Digital Transformation, 4.0 by National Law University, Delhi in Book Titled- "Artificial Intelligence in Academia: Data Protection and IPR Issues in AI Regimes" Ramni Hangirgekar (PRN- 22010125467) in the month of November 2023, ISBN- 978-93-84272-48-7.
- 2) Authored Paper titled- "Implications of Health Ethics in Light of Collection and Storage of Medical Data," published in an Institute of Legal Education Book Titled "Empowerment and Equality: Navigating Human Rights Law in a Complex World" to be Indexed in SCOPUS, ISBN- 978-81-964391-7-0 in December 2023.

### **Sukhjeet Singh, Akriti Sanjay Gupta**

4th Year, BBA.LLB (H), DIVISION B

4th Year, BA.LLB (H), Division E

Published an Article titled "The Scope and Limitations of the Principle of Natural Justice in Administrative Law," in the prestigious Indian Journal of law and Legal research bearing in Volume 5, Issue 3 [ISSN- 2582-8878] in the month of July 2023.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



**Alisha Garg**

1st year, LLB

Published three articles in the Hindustan Times titled “Chandigarh residents complain of inflated water bills”, “Sales at Chandigarh nurseries finally pick up”, and “Chandigarh Rock garden finally opens up after three months”.

**Sejal Tiwari**

4th Year, BA.LLB (H), Division E

1. Best Memorial (Petitioner) at 13th Padma Vibhushan N.A. Palkhivala Memorial Moot Court Competition 2023 hosted by MNLU, Mumbai (October 2023) as a Researcher
2. Published an Article titled "Weakening of The Right to Information Act – A Story of Intimidation in Gujarat" on Mondaq in the month of July, 2023.
3. Published an Article titled "Central Vigilance Commission – Evolution from A Non-Statutory to A Statutory Body" on Mondaq in the month of July, 2023.



**Arpan Chadha**

3rd Year, BBA.LLB(H), Division B

Published an Article titled "Unravelling the Corporate Veil: Examining Tort Liabilities" in the International Journal of Law Management and Humanities (IJLMH) (peer reviewed) bearing ISSN: 2581-5369 in the month of September 2023.

**Bandana Mishra, Anoskaa Barui**

2nd year, BA LLB (Hons), E

Published an article titled “Exploring Juveniles’ Right to Sexual Autonomy - A comprehensive examination with express emphasis on Child Marriage in India” in the Book, Global Thoughts and Opinions as part of Justice Dipak Misra Call for Papers 2023, bearing ISBN No. 978-81-947778-0-9. The editorial board consists of Hon’ble Justice A.K. Sikri and Vice Chancellor of Top National Law Schools including NLU Delhi, NLU Kolkata, NLU Bhopal, NLU Ranchi, etc. The Book shall bear a Foreword by Hon’ble Justice Dipak Misra, Former Chief Justice of India.





## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



### **Kratika Singh Dhaked**

1st year, BA.LLB (H), Division E

Won the title of Best Photographer at the BVMUN (2019-20), Jaipur. She has attended 7-8 MUNs as a photographer and emerged as a winner in 3 MUNs.

### **Niharika Singh**

1st year, BBA.LLB(H), Division A

Published an article titled Case Comment on “Municipal Corporation of Delhi v Subhagwanti & Ors” in Jus Corpus [ISSN (O): 2582-7820] in the month of November 2023 for 4 weeks.



### **Ramni Sachin Hangirgekar**

2nd Year, BA.LLB(H), Division E



- 1) Co-Authored Paper titled- “Navigating the Complex Landscape of Student Data & Privacy: Ethical Dilemmas in Edtech.” published at International Conference on Digital Transformation, 4.0 by National Law University, Delhi in Book Titled- “Artificial Intelligence in Academia: Data Protection and IPR Issues in AI Regimes” along with Aditya Ashtekar (PRN- 21010126122) in the month of November 2023, ISBN- 978-93-84272-48-7.
- 2) Authored Paper titled- “Custodial Deaths- Its Haunting Effects in Light of Article 21 and 22 of the Indian Constitution” published in an Institute of Legal Education Book Titled “Empowerment and Equality: Navigating Human Rights Law in a Complex World” to be Indexed in SCOPUS, ISBN- 978-81-964391-7-0 in December 2023.
- 3) Secured Consolation Prize at the National Elocution Competition being organised by the Global Academy of Law-Tech Education and Research in association with Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



**Sidhartha Yadav**

4th Year, BBA.LLB

1. 1st Rank in National Policy Drafting Competition organised by Amity University and Department of Justice (Govt. of India).
2. Semi-finalists in Mediate Wise 5th International Mediation Competition (previously known as Young International Mediation Competition) held at Lisbon, Portugal.
3. 1st Rank in National Blog Writing Competition organised by Amity University.
4. Completed diploma in international business laws and corporate laws in India.

**Divya Saini**

3rd Year, BA.LLB(H), Division E

1. Published an Article titled "The Right to Choose: Analyzing Passive Euthanasia from a Deontological Perspective" in the Indian Journal of Law and Legal Research bearing ISSN:2582-8878 in the month of August, 2023.
2. Published an Article titled "Critical Analysis of Contract of Indemnity" in the International Journal of Law Management & Humanities bearing ISSN: 2581-5369 in the month of October, 2023.



**Pranav Goswami & K. Lakshmi Pragna**

5th Year, BA LLB (H), Division E

1. Published a Research Paper titled "Analyzing the Forensic Significance of Tattoos and their Relevance in India" in the 'Indian Journal of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, Volume 17, Issue-3' bearing Online ISSN: 0973-9130 and Print ISSN: 0973-9122 in the month of July, 2023.

2. Published an Article titled "Analysing the Role of Artificial Intelligence & Information

Technology in India's Energy Sector –Emanation of Angels?" in the 'Indian Journal of Projects, Infrastructure and Energy Law Issue 3 Volume I' in the month of December, 2023.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



### Suraj Pareek

2nd Year, BBA.LLB (H), Division C

Secured Special Mention in G20 Summit held at 8th Gujarat National Law University Model United Nations in GNLU, Gandhinagar



### Rupakshi Sharma

5th Year, BBA. LLB (H), Division B

1. Published a Case Commentary titled "The Case of Shilpa Sailesh v. Varun Sreenivasan" in the Indian Journal of Law and Legal Research (IJLLR), Volume 5, Issue 3 [ISSN - 2582-8878] in the month of July 2023.
2. Published an Article titled "In Pursuit of Equality: Nepal's Interim Verdict on Same-Sex Marriage - a Clarion Call for India" for The Jurist in the month of August 2023.
3. Published an Article titled "Aviation Industry's Exclusion from moratorium: A catalyst for change?" for Centre of Business and Commercial Laws, NLIU, Bhopal in the month of November 2023.



### Ashwin Singh

5th Year, BBA LLB (H), Division B



1. Case Analysis On "Gemini Bay Transcription Pvt Ltd Vs Integrated Sales Service Limited" Case Analysis On "Gemini Bay Transcription Pvt Ltd Vs Integrated Sales Service Limited" EDUNATIONAL'S REVIEW ON LAW & LEGAL RESEARCH [ERLR] ISSUE: DECEMBER 2023 - Dec 1, 2023.

2. OVERVIEW OF THE TAKEOVER CONVERGENCE IN INDIA: UNDERSTANDING THE EPITOME OF NEW & CONTEMPORARY TAKEOVERS OVERVIEW OF THE TAKEOVER CONVERGENCE IN INDIA: UNDERSTANDING THE EPITOME OF NEW & CONTEMPORARY TAKEOVERS VISHWAKARMA UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL VOL. III ISSUE 1, JUNE 2023.

3. "Case Analysis" Ashwani Kumar Vs. Union of India (UOI) and Ors. (2019) 2 SCC 636 "Case Analysis" Ashwani Kumar Vs. Union of India (UOI) and Ors. (2019) 2 SCC 636 Salgaocar Lawreview ISSN No. 2395-7263.

4. Critically Analyze the Evidentiary Value of Dying Declaration in India Critically Analyze the Evidentiary Value of Dying Declaration in India GLS KALP: Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies, Peer Reviewed Journal. Vol. 3 Issue 4 (2023).

5. Can Tax on All Banking Transactions Replace Income Tax Can Tax on All Banking Transactions Replace Income Tax "Labour Taxation and India's Developing Economy" ISBN number 978-93-92347-54-2.

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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



**Manassvi, PS Swarnalatha, Saksham Kumar, Utkarsh Srivastava, Pragma Kulshrestha, Bandana Mishra, Aditya Mehrotra, Mansi Jha**  
2nd Year, BA. LLB (H) Division D, 3rd Year, LLB, 3rd Year, BBA. LLB (H), Division B, 3rd Year, BA. LLB (H) Division E, 3rd Year, BBA LLB (H), Division C, 2nd Year, BA LLB (H) Division E, 4th Year, BA LLB (H), Division E, 3rd Year, BA LLB (H), Division D

The Millennium Fellowship is a semester-long leadership development program for undergraduate students who want to take their social impact work to the next level. The program is created by the United Nations Academic Impact and Millennium Campus Network and is designed to improve partnership building and community impact skills. The fellowship provides access to world class training, connections, and recognition. The program is offered on campuses around the world and is open to under-graduate student leaders interested in making a social impact.

Symbiosis Law School, Pune applied for this semester long fellowship programme and got selected as one of the universities cohorts. The students have successfully completed their semester long fellowship and have been instrumental in bringing a positive impact in the society through 'Sustainable Development Goals'

### **Enaakshi Majumdar and Rupakshi Sharma**

5th Year, B.A. LL.B. (H), Division E, 5th Year, BBA LL.B. (H), Division B

Published an Article titled "Nepal's Interim Verdict on Same-Sex Marriage—a Clarion Call for India?" in JURIST in the month of July, 2023.



### **Yash Kothari**

3rd Year, BBA.LLB (H), Division B

Published an Article titled "The Impact of CrPC Provisions on the Protection of the Rights of the Accused: A Case Study of Custodial Violence and Police Brutality in India" in the edited book published by Lexscribe Solutions titled "In Pursuit of Justice: Legal Research Papers and Articles" bearing ISBN no.: 978-81-967522-6-2

### **Shreya Madan**

2nd Year, BA.LLB. (H.), Division E

Got the Best Researcher Award at the 1st Rashtriya Raksha University Moot Court Competition hosted by RRU University, Gujarat from 22nd August 2023 to 25th August 2023.





## MOOTING ACHIEVEMENTS

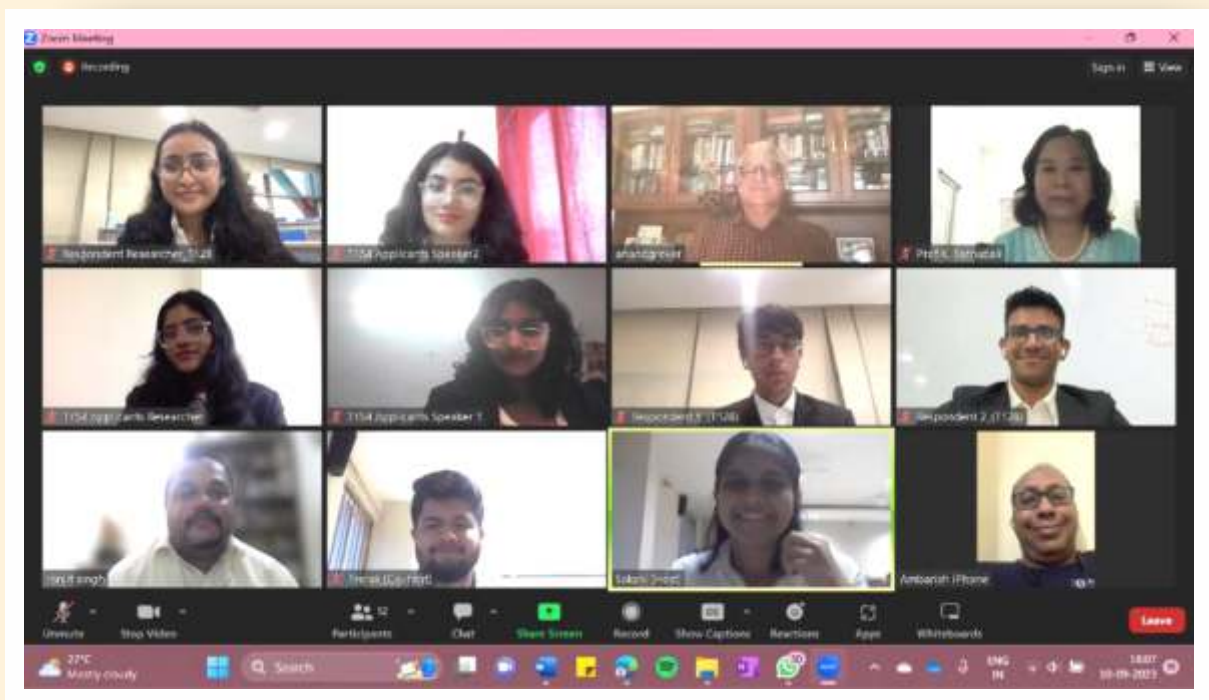


Nuremberg Moot Court, 2023 was held on 20th July, 2023 where the team representing Symbiosis Law School, Pune, comprising of R.S. Sanjana, Sohom Sarkar and Ronit Bose, secured a position in the Quarter-Finals and were in the Top 8 teams in the World Rounds of the competition.

## MOOTING ACHIEVEMENTS



4th B.S. Goel Memorial National Virtual Moot Court Competition was held from 25th - 26th August, 2023 and the team representing Symbiosis Law School, Pune, comprising of Teesha Arora, B Namita Varshini and Abhishek Kumar Yadav, won Best Team, Best Speaker and Best Researcher.



3rd NLUO PHFI Public Health Law National Moot Court Competition was held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

Achievement: Winners, Ms. Gaurangi Pande from the team received the title of Best Speaker



## MOOTING ACHIEVEMENTS



13th Padma Vibhushan N.A Palkhivala Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2023, was held from 26th to 29th October, 2023. Saksham Sharma, Rohan Gupta and Sejal Tiwari bagged the Best Memorial from the Petitioner's Side.

## MOOTING ACHIEVEMENTS



1st NHRC - CNLU National Moot Court Competition, 2023 was held from 14th to 16th October, 2023 and the team representing Symbiosis Law School, Pune, comprising of Anshita Srivastava, Sanjhali Bajaj and Abdul Qadir, won the Best Memorial from the Petitioner's side.



9th International Moot Court Competition (VIPS) was held on 2nd November 2023 and the team representing Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

Achievement: Vriti Miglani, Bhavya Jain and Arya Ajit Mare were the Runners-Up. Ms. Vriti Miglani received the title of Best Speaker.



## MOOTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Late Shri S. Narasarajugaru Memorial 2nd National Moot Court Competition 2023 was held on 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2023  
Achievement: The team comprising of Sanjana Rebecca Samuel, Pavanraj R Hariharan and Aarya Nargunde won the Best Memorial from the Petitioner's Side.



7th S.K Puri International Moot Court Competition was held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> December.  
Achievement: Ananya Singh, Anbika Roy Chowdhury, Mudrika Baghla, Latisha Padmanabhan and Prishaa Sinha were the proud achievers for the Best Memorial from the Prosecution's side.

## OTHER NATIONAL MOOT ACHIEVEMENTS

S. NO.	NAME OF THE MOOT	DATE	TEAM MEMBERS	ACHIEVEMENT
1)	1st NLUJ Inter-University Human Rights Public Interest Litigation Competition, 2023	11th to 13th August, 2023	Saksham Sharma, Ananya Gupta, Yana Nazareth	Semi Finalists and the Spirit of the Competition award
2)	1st NLUO National Negotiation Competition, 2023	12th & 13th August, 2023	Mishika Bedi, Rishabh Guha	Runner up and Best Negotiator Award
3)	INTERCESSIONIS Mediation Competition. 2023	19th & 20th August 2023	Sanya Gupta, Harsh Pratap Singh, Anushka Kaushik	Best Mediator Award (Ms. Sanya Gupta)
4)	World's First International Investor-State Mediation Competition, 2023 (Mediation Team)	23rd to 27th August, 2023	Aryan Birewar, Sourabh Arora	Best Contribution to Mediation (Opening Statement)
5)	World's First International Investor-State Mediation Competition, 2023 (Mediation Team)	23rd to 27th August, 2023	Ishita, Kabir Gaba, Yash Kothari, Daivik Shetty	Distinction in Creative General Solution
6)	RRU National Moot Court Competition, 2023	23rd August 2023	Shreya Madaan, Khushi Nigam, Diya Chandwani	Best Researcher Award (Ms. Shreya Madaan)
7)	6th Surana & Surana and UILS National Environment Law Moot Court Competition, 2023.	1st to 3rd September, 2023	Varsha Jayaram, Soumya Singh, Ruhi Amin Saith	The Spirit of Surana Award
8)	17th Edition of Probono Enviro National Moot Court Competition, 2023	24th September, 2023 (Online); 13th-14th October, 2023 (Offline)	Aditi Paul, Malhaar Dhavale, Aditi Nimse	2nd Best Speaker (Malhaar), Best Researcher (Aditi)
9)	2nd C.P. Sudhakara Prasad Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2023	14th - 15th October 2023	Divya Soni, Kashish Bhushan	Best Speaker (Divya)
10)	6th Surana & Surana and School of Law, Raffles University National Labour Law Moot Court Competition, 2023-2024	3rd - 5th November 2023	Aulinee Sen, Ishita Mishra, Surabhi Majumdar	Best Student Advocate (Ishita), 3rd Best Student Advocate (Aulinee)
11)	6th GD Goenka – CI Arb (India) International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition 2023	6th - 7th November 2023	Shivank Duseja, Nikita Shankar, Harshika Hazarika	Best Male Speaker (Shivank), Best Memorial
12)	5th Wildlife Protection Government Law College National Moot Court Competition, 2023	25th November 2023 (prelims), 8th - 9th December 2023 (Final Rounds)	Hriday Sukhani, Yousha Surjiani, Farin Hajra Shaffi	2nd Best Speaker (Hriday)



## DEBATING ACHIEVEMENTS

NAME OF THE STUDENT	COURSE AND BATCH	DATES OF THE TOURNAMENT	NAME OF THE TOURNAMENT	POSITION / ACHIEVEMENT
GAURANGI PANDE	B.A. LL.B. (H), 2020-2025	12-13 AUGUST 2023  22-28 SEPTEMBER 2023	QAYNAAT WGSN DEBATE (HINDU COLLEGE, DELHI UNIVERSITY)  ASIAN BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE MALAYSIA (TAYLORS UNIVERSITY WITH MIDP)	WINNER & FINALS BEST SPEAKER  OPEN QUARTER FINALIST
MALHAAR DHAVAL	B.A.LL.B. (H), 2022-2027	2-4th JUNE	DTU SUMMERS (PREUADC)  RAMAIAH COLLEGE OF LAWPD	NOVICE FINALS PANELLIST  PRE-SEMI FINALS PANELISTS & 3RD BEST OVERALL ADJUDICATOR
TAERA SINGH	B.A.LL.B. (H), 2020-2025	25-26 TH NOVEMBER  16TH-17TH DECEMBER	DILIMAN DEBATE OPEN  INDIA WUDC FUNDRAISER DEBATE	7TH BEST JUDGE & SCHOOLS QUARTERS PANEL  QUARTER FINALS PANEL
ARNAV KASHYAP	B.B.A.LL.B.(H), 2022-2027	25-27TH AUGUST	SHRI RAM PRE-ASIAN BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE	OPEN BREAKS
SOUMY ADITYA DEB	B.A.LL.B.(H), 2023-2028	25-26TH NOVEMBER	DILIMAN DEBATE OPEN	NOVICE BREAK
SANJANA RAY	B.A. L.L.B. (H),	5-7 AUGUST 2022-2027	RAHAT PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE	ADJ BREAK

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



**Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur**  
Director, Fulbright Scholar,  
Dean Faculty of Law,  
Jean Monnet Chair

- Dr Gurpur delivered a guest lecture on 29th July 2023 through online mode on 'Academic Writing' for Faculty Development Programme organized by the School of Legal Studies, CMR university, Bangalore.
- Dr Shashikala Gurpur was a speaker at NDRG workshop (online) titled 'Disaster Law and Community Preparedness'.



- Dr Gurpur delivered the Keynote address on Gender Justice and Women Leadership dated 21st August 2023 at the emerge event FLLN V8.0 in Bangalore with Dr. Sumitra Nayak and Minister Priyank Kharge.



- Dr Shashikala Gurpur was the guest at 'The Second Convocation of Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad Foundation's 17th Annual Awards function' on the 17th September 2023
- Dr Shashikala Gurpur was a resource person for an online FDP on 'Enhancing Teaching-Learning and Research Skills' in HNLU on 13th September 2023. The topic was 'Outcome based Education-Blending Course Structures and Deliverables'.
- Inauguration of Legal Aid Clinic at Regional Mental Hospital Yerawada, on 21st Sept 2023 by Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Smt Sonal Patil, Shree Sunil Patil and in presence of Dr Girija Mahale (SCEW) and SLSP-CLCLC faculty in charges Dr. Shirish Kulkarni and Dr. Ashish Deshpande supported by CCLC volunteers.



- Dr Shashikala Gurpur was invited as a Distinguished Keynote Speaker organised by Manupatra Information Solutions Pvt. Ltd. in association with GNLU Gandhinagar at the Law Teacher's Conclave West Region on 4th Nov 2023. The theme of the Conclave was 'Exploring Technology, Interdisciplinary Perspectives, and Lifelong Learning in Legal Pedagogy.'



- Dr Shashikala Gurpur presented a paper at UCD Law School, Ireland for a session on 'Legal Protection of Carbon sinks and case studies of the role of mangroves from India' based on a paper co-authored with Dr Sujata Arya, SLSP and Prof Dr M.P. Chengappa, WBNUJS Kolkata. The research paper is titled 'Examining Legal Regimes and Policy Changes to Enhance the Role of Mangroves as Carbon Sinks: A Case Study of India's Compliance with Global Commitments and Human Rights Implications'



## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



- Dr Shashikala Gurpur and Dr Shelke conducted a training on Prevention of Sexual harassment of Women and Prevention of Atrocities against SC/ST for IDAS Officers to be conducted from 20th to 21st Nov 2023 organized by the Office of the CDAT, NADFM Regional Training Centre Golibar Maidan Pune
- Dr Shashikala Gurpur was a distinguished resource person for our Faculty Development Programme (Online Mode) on 'Teaching Pedagogy in Law School' at National Law University Tripura on the 3rd Nov 2023.
- Dr Shashikala Gupur was a panellist at the G 20 Symposium, IIT Kharagpur, West Bengal, Kolkata to deliver a session on 'Women Empowerment & Leadership' on 5th Nov 2023

- Dr. Gurpur was a panelist for the LLD Semester Progress Report presentations at Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad, on 9th November 2023.



- SLS Pune faculty participated in the Fourth Study Visit (inclusive of Project Meetings) organized by Southwest University, Chongqing, China under the 21 st Teach Skills (TS) Erasmus+ Project. From 1 st to 5 th Oct, 2023, at Boacch Hotel, Chongqing, China. This visit was conducted under the 21st Teach Skills Project of Erasmus+ CBHE Project titled "Teacher training with specialization on life and information technology skills" (21st Teach Skills / 21 st TS). The 4 th Study visit was organized by 21st Teach Skills Project Manager of Southwest University, Chongqing, China Dr. Qinyi Tan, Associate Professor, Education Department, SWU, Chongqing, China.



## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



### **Prof. Robert Haram**

Assistant Professor

Published a paper in the 7th International Conference on I-SMAC (IoT in Social, Mobile, Analytics and Cloud), I-SMAC 2023 - Proceedings Pages 1016 - 1021., 2023 SCOPUS

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Published a paper titled, "Cloud-based Electronic Toll Collection: Enabling Contactless and Automated Payments System" in the 7th International Conference on I-SMAC (IoT in Social, Mobile, Analytics and Cloud), I-SMAC 2023 - Proceedings (SCOPUS)



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Published a paper titled, "Bicycle-Friendly Urban Planning using IoT Connected Traffic Signals in the Cloud"

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2nd International Conference on Automation, Computing and Renewable Systems (ICACRS), Pudukkottai, India, 2023, pp. 262-267, doi: 10.1109/ICACRS58579.2023.10404928.

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### **Dr. Ujwal Prabhakar Nandekar**

Assistant Professor

Dr. Ujwal Nandekar, Rupal Rautdesai Asst Professor & Professor September 2023 Nanotechnology Patent Applications and Section 3(d) of Indian Patents Act, 1970: An Empirical Research Journal of Intellectual Property Rights Vol 28, September 2023, pp 392-401 DOI: 10.56042/jipr. v28i5.3188 - ISSN:0971-7544E-ISSN:0975-1076 Scopus

Published a paper titled "Use of Artificial Intelligence for Image Processing to Aid Digital Forensics: Legislative Challenges."

Published a paper titled "Handbook of Research on Thrust Technologies' Effect on Image Processing Binay Kumar Pandey, Digvijay Pandey, Rohit Anand, Deepak S. Mane, Vinay Kumar Nassa Release Date: August, 2023 Copyright: © 2023 IPages: 542 DOI: 10.4018/978-1-6684-8618-4 ISBN13: 9781668486184 ISBN10: 1668486180 EISBN13: 9781668486207" Scopus

Published a paper titled, "UNDERSTANDING CRYPTO ASSETS AND REGULATORY APPROACH IN INDIA" "Alliance Journal of Intellectual Property Law (AJIPL) Volume: 1, Issue:1, 2023 | e-ISSN: 2584-0363"





## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



### **Prof. Richa Dwivedi**

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Published a paper titled, "Public Expenditure and Sustainable Health Care in India: Achieving 2030 Agenda, E3S Web of Conferences, 453, 01012, 2023 (SCOPUS)"

### **Dr. Ananya Sharma**

Assistant Professor of Law

Published a paper titled, "Assessment of The Scope of Law of Indemnity Under Indian Contract Act, 1872" has been published in International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews, International Peer Reviewed and Referred Journal, E-ISSN 2348-1269, P- ISSN 2349-5138, Volume.10, Issue 3, Page No pp.255-271, July 2023.

Completed Ph.D. from The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, Punjab-October 2023 on the topic 'Right to Information and Good Governance; A Study'.



### **Prof. Lasya Vyakaraanam**

Assistant Professor

Published a paper titled "Impact of Policy Wordings on Imposition of Liability in Marine Insurance in India", Asian Journal of Law and Economics Volume 14, Issue 3, Pages 245 - 273, December 2023;

Published a paper titled "Investigation of Solar Energy for Urban Areas and Metropolitan Communities Using Machine Learning, Electric Power Components and Systems", Taylor and Francis Publications, Dec 2023



### **Prof. Navin Sinha**

Assistant Professor

Published a paper titled "The Hijab Ban Verdict: A Case Note on Aishat Shifat v. The State of Karnataka" (Scopus), Journal of Law, Religion and State, Vol II Issue III, 2023.

Published a paper titled Review Jurisprudence in India: Exploring India's Proportionality Experience, Australian Journal of Asian Law, Vol 24 No 2, 2023 (Scopus).

### **Dr. Sujata Arya**

Assistant Professor of Law

Published a paper titled CPTPP and WTO DSMs: Scope for Institutional and Procedural Reforms, The International Trade Journal, DOI: 10. 1080 / 08853908. 2023.2240896 Published 28 Jul 2023.



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Published a paper titled "The Hijab Ban Verdict: A Case Note on Aishat Shifat v. The State of Karnataka" (Scopus), Journal of Law, Religion and State, Vol II Issue III, 2023.

Won the Best Paper Presentation at the International Conference on Contemporary Developments

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### **Dr. Shirish Dattaraya Kulkarni**

Assistant Professor, Faculty In-charge Pro-Bono Club, Faculty In-charge Community Legal Care & Literacy Cell, Nodal Officer

Received Certificate of Appreciation given for outstanding performance, Professionalism and support provided to DLSA given by

Pune The District Legal Services Authority on the occasion of The National Legal Services Day on 9th November, 2023



### **Prof. Komal Khandelwal,**

Assistant Professor

Published a paper titled "Ethical Considerations in the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Mental Health", Egyptian Journal of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery., 59/139, 2023 (Scopus)

Published a paper titled "Role of gender sensitisation training in combating gender-based bullying, inequality, and violence", Cogent Business & Management., 10/3 and 2023 (Scopus)

Published a paper titled "Artificial Intelligence Integration in Personalised Learning for Employee Growth: A Game-Changing Strategy", Strategic HR Review., 22/6 and 2023 (Emerald)

"Contemporary Developments in International Law"; "Identifying Predatory/Clone Journals"; "Psychological First Aid"; "Case development workshop"; and "Documenting teaching"; Offline/Online

Most significant Research Contribution-In Management (Teacher's Day Award) Guest editor with Journal: Frontiers in Communication (Impact Factor: 2.4)



### **Prof. Virendra Thakur**

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Published a paper on "Emerging Technologies and Intellectual Property Rights: A Cross-Jurisdictional Examination of AI and Patent Laws in India and the USA" in Journal of Intellectual Property Rights (JIPR) published by CSIR-NIScPR (Scopus Indexed), ISSN: 0975-1076.

Paper titled 'The Role of Technological Advancements in Mitigating Marine Pollution: A Look into the Next 50 Years of MARPOL' published as a book chapter in the Edited book 'Marine Conservation and Sustainability: Celebrating 50 Years of MARPOL' published by Directorate of Public Relations and Publications, CUSAT, ISBN: 978-81-966337-5-2

Awarded with 'THEBEST RESEARCH PAPER AWARD' in the International Conference on 'Marine Conservation and Sustainability: Celebrating 50 Years of MARPOL' organised by School of Legal

Studies Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi and Cochin University Maritime Club School of Legal Studies, CUSAT in Collaboration with ICAR -Central Institute Of Fisheries Technology, Kochi Society of Fisheries Technologists (India), Kochi



# Lecture

Hon'ble Dr. M. Veerappa Moily  
Former Chief Minister of Karnataka and former Law Minister  
Govt. of India



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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*Nani Palkhiwala Elocution Competition*

*Symbhav 2024*

*Law Day 2024*

*SICTA 2024*

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*Farewell for Final Year Students*







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