

“SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY WILL BE AN INVISIBLE AND SACRED THREAD BLENDING ALL VARIED FLOWERS INTO BEAUTIFUL GARLANDS.”-

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FOUNDER, PRESIDENT, CHANCELLOR'S NOTE

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 human needs of the society.

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 fulfilling the essence of the Vedic Principle of "Vasudaiva Kudumbakam". The students of the college come from around the world live together as one family.

The Annual Alumni Meet is an opportunity for all the alumni who have witnessed the evolution of Symbiosis Law School, Pune to come together and reconnect, reminisce and bridge the present with the past. This college has witnessed all of you as young enthusiastic students, whether it is 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.~ The Hon'ble Chancellor

Padma Bhushan Dr. S.B. Mujumdar
Founder and President, Symbiosis Society
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VICE - CHANCELLOR'S NOTE

"Symbiosis Law School, Pune continues its journey of excellence. This year has seen several milestones - the key one being moving to a lovely new campus at Viman Nagar. You as alumni, may however miss the cosy, compact campus that you graduated from!

The focus on research and the quest for knowledge dissemination continues to be the cornerstone of the legacy of SLS Pune and have earned several laurels.

Every institution is nurtured by the hard work of the Director, Faculty and staff but the reputation for excellence is consolidated when the alumni win accolades for themselves and their alma mater.

We are proud of your achievements and I wish you success for your future endeavours .

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 the alumni community. Now, with the campus moving to the new Viman Nagar location, we hope to not only continue but also enhance our linkages with the alumni network. The new campus offers leading-edge infrastructural amenities and services—all the way from classrooms and library to extra-curricular and recreational facilities.

It is very important to us that the ties between the alumni community and us continue to flourish. For this to happen, members of the alumni community must be offered opportunities to stay abreast with all that is "new and happening" on the campus. In offering the Newsletter to you, it is our hope that you will become more aware of the ways in which your alma mater is growing and proud of your ties with it. I congratulate Dr. Gurpur and her team for taking on the excellent initiative of putting out the Alumni Newsletter. I have no doubt that as you cherish your memories of the S. B. Road campus, you will also become delighted with the many ways in which the new Viman Nagar campus adds to the prestige of the institute. I hope that as more members join the alumni network, the memories will only grow in fondness.



Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar
Principal Director, Symbiosis Society

DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Dear Alumnus,

We have arrived at a very important turning point since 1977. At last, our dream has turned into a reality. A dream that every good law school would not wait to realize; to expand and to create a pedestal for best practices and a bigger canvass for aspirations. The magnificent new building in the new campus with easy accessibility and visibility, epitomizes all of these ideas and houses the indicators of a world class law school. The wonder we recall is our Founder's wisdom and joy at the new campus during his first visit.

His contentment knew no boundaries, as we looked on, while viewing the moot court hall. Also, our mentor, Guide and Professor Emeritus Advocate Ram Jethmalani compared the new campus to some of the ivy league law schools that he had visited and lectured at.

I am sure, you must recall your decades old memories, if not in the walls and premises of this building, in the very ideas and soul of this institute; the soul that was confined to the old barrack, then in blue building, through long corridors, resonating the shared noises and friendships melting into time like white clouds cluttering the skies of S.B. Road. Yet, this soul beams a heritage of many decades, capturing important treasures of independent India's history of legal education!

Every year, we facilitate this networking and learning event where you re-live those moments. You share the nostalgia and your hopes. Here, we express our gratitude to the ways in which you have enriched our quality legal education mission with the spirit of oneness of humankind. Some of the alumni have infused life into this mission with their dedication as teachers. Those of you who are far away, often connect virtually and share your laurels to our heart's delight.

I welcome all of you, those here and those far away, to come and partner with us in furthering the growth of SLS, Pune from glory to glory, strength to strength.

Peace, Joy, Solidarity.

*Dr. Shahsikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar
Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune
Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International University*

STUDENT EDITOR'S NOTE

The years spent in college are inevitably the formative years of one's adult life. With this in mind, the Alumni Committee of Symbiosis Law School, Pune seized the opportunity to help graduates from different eras in our college history to reconnect with their alma mater and decided to keep them abreast of the activities undertaken by the current students of SLS, Pune as well as some of their fellow alumni.

The Annual Alumni Newsletter is thus the product of our humble efforts to bring the SSLC, Pune of yesterday and the SLS, Pune of today together in one platform.

*Pratik Patnaik
Head, Alumni Committee
Cabinet Member, Student Council, 2014-15*

MESSAGES FROM FORMER STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENTS



“SLS Pune has given me a perfect platform to think creatively and, has provided me the support and encouragement to implement my thoughts and ideas. Those five years have been the most defining and memorable years of my life! Best wishes!”

*Adab Kapoor
Founding President,
Student Council
Batch of 2004-09*

“While we are excelling in professional world, our soul still resonates with the core values, ethics and attitude imparted throughout our journey with this esteemed institute. Those five years at Symbiosis gave me memories to cherish lifetime. I am proud to be a Symbian.”

*Suyash Mohan Guru
Former President,
Student Council
Batch of 2005-2010*



“It has been nearly 4 years since I've passed out of the law school, but it feels like that was ages ago. I believe the life lessons and exposure that I got at SLS could not have been matched anywhere else, for which I will always remain grateful. Considering the incredible success that our distinguished alumni have achieved, this meet is a great initiative for all of us across batches and cities to finally get together at one location. Additionally, any excuse to come back to Pune is always appreciated :). My best wishes and support, as always.”

*Kartik Maheshwari
Former President, Student Council, 2006-11*



*RAGHAV CHAKRAVARTHY,
FORMER PRESIDENT, STUDENT COUNCIL, 2007-12*

It is heartening to see so many of our alumni doing well in so many areas, from regularly writing op-eds in leading financial dailies in the country, to our alumni making it to the Forbes 30 under 30 this year. As another year of the alumni newsletter gets published, I look forward to reading more of such inspiring stories as our alumni scale new frontiers, dawn new accolades and do inspiring work impacting people in a positive way. Kudos to the alumni committee of the college for their efforts/initiatives in ensuring each one of us are aware of the distinguished achievements of our alumni and reminding us of our shared legacy!



In the past few years, I have visited my Alma mater on many occasions, but to return to an unknown building and still find the same culture and values in every student of the college, makes me feel proud that I belonged to an institution that went beyond its building, campus and its infrastructure. I wish that every SLS student makes memories that last longer than their courses and connections that go beyond a few business meetings.

*SPARSH PRASAD
FORMER PRESIDENT, STUDENT COUNCIL 2008-2013*

It's barely been a year since the batch of 2014 graduated and it already feels like I have missed being a part of this institution for ages. The span of five years spent in association with SLS, Pune indeed taught us many a wonderful things about life and our chosen profession. It gave us the gifts of earning invaluable friends and finding our sense of purpose and direction in life and making memories which would last us all a lifetime. It's a feeling of pride and honour to be associated with an institution like ours which has produced so many distinguished alumni over the years who have managed to not only carve a niche for themselves but also inspire so many young minds to follow suit. I convey my gratitude and affection to all the students and stakeholders of SLS, Pune and I congratulate the Alumni Committee for putting in earnest effort to try and bring our alumni together every year and doing a commendable job of it. I wish you all, all the very best with all future endeavours. Keep up the good work.

*URVI MOHAN
FORMER PRESIDENT, STUDENT COUNCIL, 2008-13*



INTERVIEW WITH HON'BLE JUSTICE MRS. REVATI MOHITE DERE

Hon'ble Justice Mrs. Revati Mohite Dere, Judge, High Court of Judicature at Bombay

What motivated you to enter the legal profession?

I belong to a family of lawyers. My father was a well-known criminal lawyer. He inspired me and my sisters to study law. My father motivated my mother too to pursue law, after 15 years of marriage, following which, she taught at Symbiosis Law School and ILS, Pune. He was our inspiration. As a student, I witnessed criminal trials. I witnessed General Vaidya's case and the Joshi-Abhyankar serial murder case of the 70s. It was very dramatic at that point of time to witness such criminal cases. All of this inspired me to pursue law.

Would you share your experience at Symbiosis Law School, Pune?

Symbiosis was the first college to start the 5 year law course in Maharashtra. Many colleges were not willing to take this risk at that point of time but Dr. Mujumdar, with his dynamic leadership, ensured Symbiosis was a pioneer in this as well. Everything was new in the syllabus and there was nothing to fall back on. I remember representing Symbiosis at the All India Moot Court Competition organized by the Bar Council of India, in its 25th year. I was at that point of time, pursuing my 4th year. There were only 2 colleges, with the 5 year law course students, participating in the competition; one from Coimbatore and the other team was Symbiosis, whom I and my colleague represented. This Moot Court Competition saw Symbiosis in the finals and I won an individual prize. Symbiosis always encourages students to participate in the Moot Court Competitions, Mock United Nations debates and all such events. This encouragement continues even today. Now when I see the new campus, one is tempted to re-join Symbiosis as a student. Although in my time, the campus was smaller, we never missed anything, as the faculty was excellent and encouragement galore. My student days at Symbiosis have been a fantastic experience.

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

Pendency is tremendous. It has to be brought down and that can happen only with an increase in the appointment of Judges. The number of Judges to the number of cases that are filed, is disproportionate. We need to encourage alternate dispute resolution methods in our Country, to reduce pendency of cases. At this moment, we are tremendously over-worked. We work 24/7 and we are always carrying work back home. There are about 60-70 matters which have to be read a day, identify the questions and so on. Lawyers also play an important role in reducing the backlog of cases, by being well prepared, brief and to the point.

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

There is no substitute for hard work, sincerity and integrity. Be passionate about what you do and you will succeed. I would like to see students entering not only the Corporate field, but also Judiciary and take up litigation. My father always believed that money is not everything and one must also give free legal services in genuine cases, where parties cannot afford to pay for litigation, and where there is injustice done to them. Infact, in such cases, I would spend from my own pocket, do everything from drafting to fighting the case on their behalf, and at the end, when you get justice for them, the satisfaction you get is incomparable. Today, as a Judge, the satisfaction of work is different and immense. Remember, sometimes in litigation, you may take time to establish yourself, but if you have the passion, the drive and commitment to work, nothing is impossible. Humility is a virtue, to be remembered in your ladder to success.

In that respect, what message would you give to your fellow alumni?

Today, I am here because of my hard work, sincer-
ity and passion.

ty and integrity. I have always wanted to do it that way. I was always very passionate about my work, so work never seemed like 'work'. I have worked as a defence Counsel, then as an Assistant Government Pleader, then I was the Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor for the State of Maharashtra and also a Prosecutor for the CBI. I have had the best of both, as a defence Counsel and as a Public Prosecutor. I believe, that wherever I am today is because of my hard work, integrity and sincerity and I believe there is no other way. I must certainly add, that my parents have played an immense role in instilling these values in me and the College in re-enforcing the same.

A wave of feminism is occurring around the globe. Do you have any thoughts to share on the same especially in the legal field?

I feel extremely proud and happy to see many girls coming into the legal profession. There seem to be more girls than boys. Whether or not they pursue law as a career after marriage, the legal knowledge that you gain will never go waste. It is something that is useful in your day-to-day lives. The only thing is that when you are in this profession, there is nothing like a man or a woman, you are a 'professional'. As women, we are required to do

multi-task and I think we have an inherent ability and are gifted to do the same. One has to balance both, work and the home-front with equal élan. At work, there is only 'work' and 'no home excuses'. There are always trying times but you have to deal with them. Those trying experiences, also make you stronger. If you love your 'work', nothing seems difficult and impossible.

Apart from academics, what are the other experiences at Law School which have contributed to your profession?

The exposure Symbiosis gives you is never limited to academics but otherwise. I used to take part in a lot of Mock United Nation debates and Moots at that point of time. I did my LLM from Cambridge. Academic success will come if you are good. Apart from the academic success, the experience of travelling, interacting with different people, taking part in competitions gives you the exposure that makes you the person that you are. The atmosphere and teacher-student relationship at Symbiosis was always friendly. As I have said, Symbiosis always encouraged students to participate in all extra-curricular activities. In a way, Symbiosis where I spent my formidable 5 years, has been instrumental in shaping my career.

GLIMPSES OF ALUMNI MEET, 2014



The Alumni Meet 2014 was organized on 23rd February 2014. The event was held at SIMS Khadki. Justice Sadhana Jadhav, Judge, Bombay High Court was the Chief Guest for the event. Many alumni from various batches attended the meet. Padma Bhushan Dr. S.B. Mujumdar, Founder and Chancellor, Symbiosis International University and Dr. Shashikala Gurpur also graced the occasion.



GLIMPSES OF NEW CAMPUS



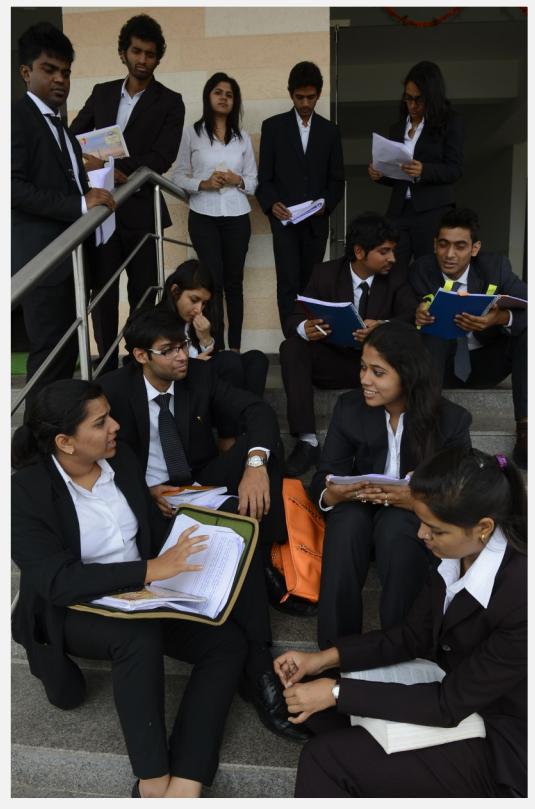
SYMBIOSIS



The Academic year of 2014 - 15 is one to be recorded in the history of Symbiosis Law School, Pune. The Law School is now proud to present the much awaited new campus that brings with it improved facilities and opportunities to learn and develop.

The Kalash Pujan was organized on the 12th July, 2014 and the campus was finally shifted on the 21st of July 2014. The moving into the new campus marks continued regeneration of Symbiosis Law School, Pune, innovating itself according to the changing needs.

We hope to see you soon!



SLS CONNECT



SLS-NOIDA

A celebrated name amongst the aspirants of professional legal education, Symbiosis Law School, Noida has carved a niche for itself in the academic circuits. It holistically promotes academic excellence, intellectual discipline and professional leadership.

SLS - Noida, in its effort to holistically develop the personality of its learners, has prominently innovated with teaching methodology and introduced weekly lectures under the banner of 'Extension Lecture Series' under which lectures by multi-disciplinary academicians, legal luminaries and corporate honchos are organised. They also organize various Moot Court Competitions, International Conferences and Workshops which are extremely instrumental in providing the students with the challenges awaiting them in their career.



SLS-HYDERABAD



The Legacy of Symbiosis Law Schools in excellence and quality began with Symbiosis Law School Pune, which is consistently ranked among top 10 law schools in India in last 13 years. The value of Symbiosis Law School lies in its legacy of quality and excellence with well-defined personal care and progress strategy.

Now, SLS - Hyderabad will be incubating on these strengths as a preferred destination for national student milieu in a contemplative, convenient, scenic and residential setting. It can also draw on the rich educational, legal heritage and resources available in Hyderabad. With a bouquet of best practices and focus on all-round student development, SLS - Hyderabad is poised for new strides in quality legal education.

We sincerely hope that SLS - Hyderabad rises to great heights with name and fame of Symbiosis. SLS, Pune wholeheartedly commits to help them achieve their vision of striving to create a global law center of learning.

GRAND EVENTS

LATE SHRI B.G. DESHMUKH MEMORIAL LECTURE, 2014

On the 20th of August, Public Concern For Governance Trust (PCGT), Pune, jointly organized at SVC Auditorium, Viman Nagar, Pune the Late Shri B.G. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture, 2014 on “Public Participation to Nab the Corrupt.”

Hon’ble Chief Guest and Keynote speaker Mr. Ujjwal Choudhary, IRS, Director General of Income Tax (Investigations), Patna opined that corruption distorts public policy, flouts the system and destroys the poor as they are the collateral damage.

Padma Bhushan Dr. S.B. Mujumdar and Dr. Shashikala Gurpur graced the event with their presence.



SWATCH BHARAT ABHIYAN

In furtherance of the “Swatch Bharat” campaign, instituted by our Hon’ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, SLS, Pune, and Symbiosis College of Nursing, constituents of SIU, jointly took the initiative of cleaning up the banks of the Mula-Mutha River in collaboration with Pune Municipal Corporation on the 17th of November 2014. Over 120 students from different programmes under SLS, Pune and some students from SCON gathered on this occasion.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Mr. Dattatreya Dhanawade, Mayor, Pune Municipal Corporation, Mr. Saiyad, Additional Inspector Sanitation, Dr. Bindu Ronald, Deputy Director, SLS, Pune. Mr. Uday Jagtap, Founder and President, Adarsh Mitra Mandal and social worker and Dr. Kalpana from SCON actively participated in the cleanliness drive.

The Mayor, along with the other dignitaries flagged off the drive. Within no time the students turned the dumping yard back to its scenic beauty. An appeal was handed over to the Mayor suggesting further steps including common platform for all the students from multidisciplinary background from the Pune- based universities to take further steps for reclaiming the Mula – Mutha river, the lifeline of Pune, to its original and sacred glory.



ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

In the spirit of the “International Students Day”, SLS Pune organized a Round table discussion on “Shikshit Bharat, Saksham Bharat”- Quality Education for all on 17th November, 2014. Over 30 students participated in the discussion chaired and moderated by Dr. Shashikala Gurpur.

Prof. Anu Solanki, Dhruv Joshi, IV year, Vadeendra Joshi, III year, Prathamesh Joshi, LLM, spoke on the secondary education, higher education system & the challenges faced therein respectively.

An hour long round table discussion after these presentations led to the generation of many new ideas and suggestions on quality education were sent to MHRD so as to make it a part of the New Education Policy.

In her concluding remarks, Dr. Shashikala Gurpur stressed on the fact that inclusive and exclusive development should go hand in hand. She said that we should encourage Foreign Languages, Skill based learning and introduction of electives at the secondary levels. She highlighted that the education system should move from being institution, teacher and job centric to student-centric.



THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

SLS, Pune, organised its Third Annual National Conference on "Contemporary Legal Scholarship" on 8th of November 2014. The objective behind the conference was to offer a platform to the budding scholars and researchers to discuss and share ideas.

Dr. Rajani Gupta, Vice-Chancellor, SIU, Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala-Gurpur, Guest of honour, Prof. (Dr.) Gurjeet Singh, Founder Vice Chancellor, NLU & Judicial Academy, Guwahati and Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Bharat H Desai, Professor of International law, JNU Delhi addressed the different aspects of research and exhorted the teaching community to encourage and guide the students to carry out legal research. Prof. (Dr.) Gurjeet Singh, Prof (Dr.)

Subash C. Raina, Campus Law Centre, Delhi University and Prof (Dr.) Durgambini Patel, SavitribaiPhule Pune University, touched upon different aspects of quality legal research and ways to publish them. Prof. (Dr.) Siobhan Mullally, University College Cork, Ireland addressed the audience through Skype. In her concluding remarks, Dr. (Prof.) Shashikala Gurpur stressed upon the need to have research in consonance with the requirements of the society.

LAW DAY & JUSTICE Y.V. CHANDRACHUD MEMORIAL PUBLIC LECTURE, 2015

Symbiosis Law School, Pune celebrated its Law Day & Justice Y.V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture 2015 on 8th of March, 2015 at SVC Auditorium, Viman Nagar, Pune.

The function was graced with several prominent dignitaries including the chief guest Hon'ble Justice S. Radhakrishnan, Former Judge, Bombay High Court, former Chairman, Maharashtra Administrative Tribunal; Padmabhushan Dr. S.B. Mujumdar Hon'ble Chancellor, SIU; Adv. Ram Jethmalani, Sr. Advocate, Supreme Court of India, MP, Rajya Sabha, Professor Emeritus, SIU, Pune; Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Principal Director, Symbiosis Society and Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director, SLS, Pune.

After enlightening speeches by the distinguished guests, the booklet of Justice Y.V. Chandrachud Memorial Public lecture 2014, 2nd volume of Journals SSLR and SCLR and a book, 'The Integral dimensions of Law' by Dr. Prof. K. Paramaswaran were released by the chief guest. The 'Ram Jethmalani Award' on Evidence Law was presented by Adv. Ram Jethmalani, who also administered the Law Day Oath.

Hon'ble Justice S. Radhakrishnan, delivered the Justice Y.V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture 2015 on "Incorporation of Human Rights in India: Judge's Dilemmas and Challenges".



TEACHERS' DAY

On 5th of September, 2014 the students organised Teachers' Day.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, addressed the gathering and distributed awards to the faculty in recognition of their contributions to the Institute. The Students put up a cultural program which included musical and literary performances to entertain their beloved teachers.



PLACEMENT CELL REPORT

The Placement Cell announced its successful year of operation in 2014-2015 with students being placed from the Campus Recruitment Programme into prestigious firms and organizations like Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A .Shroff & Co., ICICI, L&T, Ernst and Young, JSW Steel, Deloitte and Tech Mahindra to name a few. Students from all the 5 batches of UG as well as the LLM 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 Placement Cell organised workshops and training sessions to ensure that all students were well prepared for the Campus Recruitment Process. The Placement 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. Jina Baruah and Prof. Munnaazar Ahmed at 020 - 65201117 E mail: placement@symlaw.ac.in

INTERNATIONALISATION



The efforts of the International Cell and the SLS, Pune chapter of International Law Students Association made multiple international collaborations between SLS, Pune and several international universities in the past years.

This year SLS, Pune hosted a Japanese delegation from Chuo University in September 2014. The program witnessed exchange of various legal ideas and opinions between the two colleges. In December 2014, a cultural program was jointly organized by SLS and a delegation of 28 students from Deakin University, Australia. A friendly cricket match was played between the two universities at the SIU Lavale campus, in which both the students and faculties actively participated.

With regards to outbound exchange programmes, five students from the college visited University College Cork and University College Dublin as a part of exchange programme. As a part of the DAAD Passage to India programme, five students from the college will undergo an exchange programme at Ostfalia University, Germany. The college has also nominated two students for the Ontario Maharashtra Goa semester exchange programme. In addition the college had organized a study trip to Leibniz University, Hanover in 2014 and will organise one more to the Berlin School of Law and Economics.



The International Cell also conducted various faculty development programmes with several distinguished academicians from Brunswick European Law School, Antioch University (USA), University of Auckland (New Zealand) to name a few.

13TH SURANA & SURANA INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY LAW MOOT COURT & JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION, 2014

SLS, Pune, in association with Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai, hosted the 13th Surana & Surana International Technology Law Moot Court & Judgment Writing Competition, 2014 from 10th of October to 12th of October which was inaugurated by Adv. Pavan Duggal, Advocate, Supreme Court of India . The focus of this year's edition of the competition was on Copyright and Technology Law.

Hon'ble Justice Mrs. Revati Mohite Dere, Bombay High Court was the Chief Guest for the Valedictory and Prize Distribution. Also present were various other distinguished dignitaries. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur gave the welcome address and Dr. S. Ravichandran, Advocate and Head, Educational Initiatives, Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai delivered the concluding remarks.

NLU, Odisha was the runners-up and School of Law, Sastra University, Tamil Nadu was awarded the glittering winning trophy with a cash prize of Rs. 30,000.



7TH SYMBIOSIS - B. KRISHNA MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL IPR MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2015



SLS-Pune hosted the 7th Symbiosis - B. Krishna Memorial International Intellectual Property Rights Moot Court Competition, 2015 from 6th to 8th February, 2015 wherein 48 teams including an international team from Bangladesh participated. The Event was inaugurated by Dr. Raj Hirwani, Director, CSIR-URDIP, Pune and the Valedictory was attended by Hon'ble Justice Dr. Smt. Shalini S Phansalkar Joshi, Judge, High Court of Bombay, Shri A. Mariarputham, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, and Advocate General of Sikkim, Smt. Prathiba Singh, Senior Advocate, High Court of Delhi.

The RMNLU, Lucknow team won the competition with Amity Law School, Delhi as runners.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The Students' Council of Symbiosis Law School, Pune was established in 2008 and was established with a vision to encourage students' participation in the affairs of administration and management. The council works together to identify and address each and every concern that enhances the student community as a whole. The Council has seven functional committees namely: Extra-Curricular, Co-Curricular, Alumni and Networking, Grievance, PR, Media and Website, Event Management, Research Committee and Support Committees.

The office bearers for the year 2014-15 are Mr. Aseem Dhawan as President and Mr. Nithin Patil, Mr. Akshay Verma and Mr. Satvik Kapoor as Vice-Presidents.

The academic year brought many exciting events for the Students' Council namely:

Students' Council Induction Ceremony: The investiture for the Students' Council 2014-15 took place on 1st October 2014. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Brig. Lakhe, Chief Administration, Symbiosis Society.

Symptoms: An annual intra-college fest took place on the 15th, 16th and 17th of September. The students had an opportunity to showcase their talents through events ranging from dance, poetry, drama, song, debate, quiz, sports and others. Symptoms as a fest serves as a platform for selecting potential representatives for SLS, Pune in inter-collegiate competitions.

Cell-Activity Week: The Co-Curricular Committee of SLS, Pune organised Cell-Activity week from 3rd to 10th November, 2014. Cell-Activity week included a variety of activities planned by each cell of the SLS-Pune.

Convocation High Tea: The Convocation for the batch of 2009-14 was held on the 26th of November, 2014. A high tea for the graduating batch was organised by SLS-Pune at the new Viman Nagar Campus. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur addressed the gathering and congratulated them on their achievements. The Yearbook for the batch of 2014 was also released as well.

The Event Management Committee played a major role in the smooth functioning of all the events.



SYMBHAV, 2015: RETROFUTURISM

The theme for Symbhav, 2015 was Retrofuturism which allowed us to interpret our perceptions of the past and the future whereby we got an opportunity to reinvent our time & context for the present.

The Opening ceremony held on 19th February, was graced Ms. Zoya Afroz, as the Chief Guest, who was crowned as Pond's Femina Miss India International, 2013. Director Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Deputy Director Dr. Bindu Ronald, Aseem Dhawan, Convenor and Akshay Verma, Co-Convenor of Symbhav'15 along with the Chief Guest, declared the fest open.



Symbhav, 2015 was a mega success and witnessed a pan India participation. The Headlining artists were DJ Sa, The F16s, Volktronica, Soulmate and DJ Nucleya, who is one of the most popular DJ in India. With the Title Sponsor being Hotstar, Symbhav partnered with various sponsors to offer the best fest experience to all. We hope to make it bigger and better in the coming years.



ALUMNI CONTRIBUTION

- ◆ Mr. Karan Kalra, Senior Associate from Nishith Desai & Associates, Mumbai and Mr. Karthik Madeshwari, an Associate with the Mumbai offices of Nishith Desai Associates conducted a lecture for the IV year B.B.A.LL.B & B.A.LL.B. on Private Equity Investments, on 6th September 2014.
- ◆ Mr. Hasroon Asrar, Legal Head at STUP Consultants Pvt. Ltd, conducted a guest lecture on Role of In-House Counsel in Company for the students of II Year B.B.A.LL.B. & BA.LL.B. on 13th September, 2014
- ◆ Mr. Supratim Chakroborty, from Khaitan & Co. conducted a guest lecture on 15th November, 2014 for 4th year on Mergers Specialization Group.
- ◆ Mr. Sherbir Panag who works as an Associate with MZM Legal Associates conducted a special session on Nature of National – International Laws Applicable to Financial Fraud (Private - Public Sector).
- ◆ Mr. Akash Karmakar conducted an orientation Model United Nations for the students of the 4th Year.



SLS, PUNE COUPLES

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SPEAK ON COMING BACK TO SLS, PUNE



I really enjoyed being at Symbiosis as a student; coming back to Pune naturally meant coming back to Symbiosis and my alma mater. The way curriculum is taught, the library and the resources available today, have changed for the better. The cosmopolitan atmosphere is the best thing about Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

Dr. Bindu Ronald

It is been a wonderful journey with you all. I wish you good luck and pray for your bright future. Keep rocking.

Prof. Chaitra R. Beerannavar



Symbiosis for me is like the roots. No matter wherever I go, the roots will remain here and I will be attached to it.

Prof. Satiksha Singh



After Symbiosis Law School became affiliated to SIU, which is now an international acclaimed brand, I perceived it as an excellent opportunity to be a part of it as a faculty. Moreover my affection for this college runs deep as this institution has groomed me like a mother. Hence, it is my Alma Mater in letter and spirit.

-Dr. Aradhana Nair



I came back to this college because I love academics. If you are a true researcher you have to go back to your roots from where you learnt what is academics.

Prof. Jinamoni Baruah



I learnt many things in SLS, Pune in the capacity of student and now as a teacher. This institution has given me a lot in my life!

Prof. Ashish Deshpande



Symbiosis Law School as an institution has been a great place for me to grow as a person as well as an academician which started from the time I was a student over here and the journey still continues.

Prof. Smita Pandey



Right from my college days, I observed a sincere concern of Symbiosis Law School towards quality, ethics and innovation in teaching and other learning processes. All these practices attracted me to join this premier institution which has made its name in the field of legal education.

Dr. Atmaram Shelke



I came back to my family which is Symbiosis Law School; but now the designation & roles are different, so I have lots of responsibilities towards this family. Thank you so much.

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There are many changes since my student days in comparison to what is at the moment. The technology employed, the teaching methods made use of, under students learning attitude has gone from strength to strength.

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Enriching, academically challenging, invigorating, intellectually satisfying are some of the words that come to my mind when I think of my second innings at Symbiosis Law School. I sincerely thank Dr. Shashikala Gurpur for the faith, motivation and guidance that she has always provided to me.

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A TRIP

DOWN MEMORY LANE...



Adv. Sampath Bulusu: For me SLS is my Gurukul and my extended family. True to the motto of Symbiosis 'Vasundhaiva Kutumbakam', this Gurukul treats its students as family members from the day of joining till graduation and, thereafter.



Amruta Ruikar, Symbiosis: The memories that I have from this law school are one of the best and most cherished memories of my life. I made friends from different cities and different states in India which was one of the many benefits of studying at SLS! Symbhav is a once in a lifetime experience, being the last batch to graduate from the old campus added onto the glory. I also miss attending tests at other colleges.



Rohit Kumar, General Counsel, United Phosphorous: I describe the years in Pune as the best days of my life. We didn't have continuous lectures and thus spent most of the time either at the NCC canteen or at the college stairs. I vividly remember the Senapati Bapat Road and all those places nearby which make me nostalgic.



Anandh Venkataramani, New York Bar: I can speak for all my colleagues and friends when I say that the 'Symbi law' experience was responsible for grooming us during our most important & formative years. For lot of us, experiences and activities, both, inside and (more likely) outside the classrooms and law school, have helped to find our true calling. Or at the very least, given us the tools do so. And the bonds created during this time with peers, friends and with faculty members alike are things that'll surely stay with us for life. A toast to the best years of our lives! Cheers and best regards.



Rajesh Kumar, Legal Associate, Sanjay Leela Bhansali Films: Symbiosis Law School has played an important role in shaping me and my career; I would say Law School has changed me. I could see a dramatic transformation in my personality after having pursued law education from Symbiosis.

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