

## **HUMAN RIGHTS CELL**

(Year of Inception: 2009)

**Introduction:** Human rights have implicit importance as they are considered indispensable for the survival of human beings. The Human Rights Cell aims to provide a “forum where students are able to further their knowledge of modern correctional issues and to bring their classroom learning to life”.

**Faculty Coordinator:** Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar and Ms. Parul Raghuwanshi

**Student Coordinators:** Kanupriya Singh, Reet Namjoshi, Aditi Dhabe, Anupa Kharabe, Shitanshu Mathur (all IV BA LLB); Ananya Upadhye, Anushka Singh, Ojas Date, Nihareeka Ghadage and Chetan Charitra (all III BA LLB)

### **Details of the activities conducted:**

#### **Student Seminar I**

**Title of Session:** Screening of Documentary on Kailash Satyarthi

**Date:** February 15, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Number of Participants:** 22

**Report of the Session:** The ILS HRC organized a session showcasing a documentary on Kailash Satyarthi, a Nobel Peace prize winner, who the mafia wants dead. The documentary shed light on how he single-handedly worked to change the life of thousands of children. The session was then followed by a fruitful discussion and a short question answer session with the faculty coordinator Ms Parul Raghuvanshi.

#### **Student Seminar II**

**Title of Session:** Human Rights Inaugural Ceremony for the year 2023.

**Date:** February 24, 2023

**Mode:** Hybrid

**Name of Resource Person:** Kanupriya Singh (IV BA LLB)

**Number of Participants:** 20

**Report of the Session:** The ILS Human Rights Cell successfully organized its inaugural session on February 24, 2023. This meeting commenced with an opening speech which was given by Kanupriya Singh followed by an introduction of the cell and activities done by the cell in the past by Ananya. Faculty coordinator mentioned to the students the importance of Human rights and their activities.

### **Student Seminar III**

**Title of Session:** Origin of Human Rights

**Date:** March 6, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Name of Resource Person:** Aditi Dhabe and Anupa Kharabe (IV BA LLB)

**Number of Participants:** 15

**Report of the Session:** The Session was organized and presented by Aditi Dhabe and Anupa Kharabe of IV BA LLB on March 6, 2023. Both the speakers discussed the *Origin of Human Rights*. The Session began with a discussion of the meaning, scope and nature of Human Rights before delving into the historical origins of Human Rights. Its development through the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, the Geneva Conventions and finally, UDHR was elaborated, along with a gist of the contemporary notion prevalent of Human Rights.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**Title of the Activity:** Guest Lecture

**Topic:** Arrest and Detention- A Constitutional and Global Perspective

**Date:** March 23, 2023

**Name of the Resource Person:** Mr. Pratik

**Number of Participants:** 25

**Report of the Activity:** Mr. Pratik, Assistant Professor of ILS Law College delivered a lecture on the topic of Arrests and Detentions in connection to Human Rights. The Session began with a discussion of the meaning, scope of Arrest and Detention and the relationship of it with Human Rights. He specified that from a constitutional standpoint, many countries have enshrined the rights of individuals in their legal frameworks. These rights often include the right to be free from arbitrary arrest or detention, the right to due process, the right to a fair trial, and the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty. Sir mentioned the constitutional provisions which serve as safeguards against abuse of power and ensure that individuals are treated fairly and in accordance with the law.

**Title of the Activity:** Guest Lecture

**Topic:** Sexual Harassment at Workplace- A Reflection of Social Transformation

**Date:** April 13, 2023

**Name of the Resource Person:** Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar

**Number of Participants:** 22

**Report of the Activity:** Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar presented and discussed policies in place for sexual harassment at a workplace. She shared anecdotes as well as gave insight on the prevalent problems of such nature. She further explained the purpose and various definitions within. She discussed that to combat sexual harassment effectively, it is necessary to foster a culture of prevention. This involves promoting gender equality, challenging harmful stereotypes, and promoting respectful communication and behavior. By creating an environment that values diversity, equity, and inclusivity, workplaces can actively work towards eradicating sexual harassment and fostering a safe and empowering atmosphere for all employees. She lastly discussed about the lacunas of the Protection of Women from Sexual Harassment Act, 2013 Act.