

ILS HARIYALI – ENVIRONMENT LAW CELL

Introduction: ILS Hariyali is the Environmental Law Cell of the College that aims at promoting awareness, education, and action on environmental law and policy issues, the Cell serves as a catalyst for meaningful engagement within the legal community. With a focus on research, advocacy, and community outreach, it provides students with a platform to explore and address pressing environmental challenges. Additionally, the Cell places a special emphasis on Animal laws, recognizing the inter-relation of environmental and animal welfare issues.

Faculty Coordinators: Ms Bhumika Rathod and Ms Vindhya Gupta.

Core Committee Members: Snehil Priyadarshi, Megha Phadkay (both V BA LLB) and Bushra Tupke (III BA LLB)

Student Members: Rudrani Warad, Harshita Mittal (both V BA LLB), Jui Sathe (III LLB), Mohak Khinvsara (V BA LLB), Kush Morghade (IV BA LLB), Aditya Jaybhay, Pritika Barnwal, Devyani Kapse, Soniya Kamble , Shruti Joshi (all III BA LLB), Anvita Kadam, Rugved Gambhir , Caren Cosmos Gonzalves , Priyanka Khobragade , Khushi Verma, Kasturi Valve (all II BA LLB), Netra Kunkunol, Manas Bhonde (both I BA LLB), Maitreyi Oak, Hrutvija Moon, Atharva Jintikar (all I BBA LLB).

Details of the activities conducted by the Cell/Centre during Academic year 2023-24:

- **Cleanliness Drive**

Title: Swachhata Abhiyan at ILS Campus (on account of Gandhi Jayanti)

Date: September 28 , 2023

Mode: Offline

Resource Persons: Ms. Vindhya Gupta and Ms. Bhumika Rathod

No. of Participants: 18 Teaching faculty and 15 Non Teaching staff

Report : The Swachhata Abhiyan was conducted at ILS Campus on account of Gandhi Jayanti. It witnessed active engagement from both teaching and non-teaching staff. This initiative, aligned with Mahatma Gandhi's vision of cleanliness as a cornerstone of societal well-being, showcased a collective dedication to upholding hygiene standards. Staff members enthusiastically participated in diverse activities, from litter collection to waste segregation and campus beautification

endeavours. Through their collective endeavours, they demonstrated a commitment to fostering a culture of cleanliness and sustainability within the ILS campus.

- **ILS Green Club Orientations**

Title: ILS Green Club Orientation for I BA LLB

Date: September 20, 2023

Conducted by: Devyani Kapse and Pritika Barnwal (both III BA LLB)

Mode: Offline

No. of Participants: 42

Title: ILS Green Club Orientation for I BBA LLB

Date: September 22, 2023

Conducted by: Bushra Tupke (III BA LLB)

Mode: Offline

No. of Participants: 15

Title: ILS Green Club Orientation for I LLB

Date: September 28, 2023

Conducted by: Megha Phadkay (V BA LLB)

Mode: Online

No. of Participants: 32

Title: ILS Green Club Orientation for All Students

Date: October 22, 2023

Conducted by: Ms. Vindhya Gupta and Ms. Bhumika Rathod

Mode: Online

No. of Participants: 38

Report : ILS Green Club was created with the aim of promoting environmental stewardship among students and educational institutions by efficiently using resources, empowering students to engage in environmental activities, and integrating sustainability into college curricular activities. The ILS Green Club Orientations were conducted with a welcoming introduction

followed by presentations on the club's objectives and ongoing projects. Engaging discussions on environmental issues encouraged participation, while highlights of upcoming events inspired involvement. Additionally, the sessions featured the introduction of a wastewater app, showcasing innovative technology aimed at addressing water conservation challenges. The app's functionality in monitoring water usage, identifying potential areas for conservation, and promoting sustainable practices among members was emphasized, reflecting the club's commitment to leveraging innovation for sustainable solutions. The orientations concluded with networking opportunities, fostering a sense of community among attendees and setting the stage for future collaboration in environmental initiatives.

STUDENT SEMINARS

- **Student Seminar I**

Title: Broad Spectrum of Environmental Law

Date: April 7, 2024

Resource Persons: Devyani Kapse (III BA LLB) & Rugved Gambhir (II BA LLB)

Mode: Online

No. of Participants: 17

Report: This session delved into the intricate landscape of environmental law, exploring its significance in today's world and the role it plays in shaping environmental policies and practices. Beginning with a general introduction and overview of legislations such as The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010, The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 & The Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, significant cases such as Salman Khan's Chinkaracase, Bhopal Gas Tragedy & M.C. Mehta v. Union of India (Ganga pollution case), Samir Mehta v. Union of India were also discussed. The session also constituted a comparative analysis of various initiatives taken by countries like Singapore, Indonesia & India at National & International level along with the role of international bodies relating to environment conservation, their goals. The session ended with an engaging Q&A interaction regarding general issues in environmental laws.

- **Student Seminar II**

Title: Green Dispute Resolution in India

Date: April 17, 2024

Name of Resource Persons: Caren Gonsalves (II BA LLB) and Manas Bhonde (I BA LLB)

Mode: Online

No. of Participants: 21

Report: This session threw light on the emergence of environmental disputes and the need for their resolution to protect sustainable development. To fulfil this need, India has established the National Green Tribunal (NGT) by passing the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010. The session went on to discuss the impact, shortcomings and relevance of the NGT in today's world. It also spoke about some of its significant judgments such as Ms. Betty C. Alvares v. The State of Goa and Ors., Almitra H. Patel and Ors. v. Union of India and Ors., and Samit Metha v. Union of India and Ors. The session concluded by discussing the need for speedy redressals in matters of environment.

- **Student Seminar III**

Title: Prevention of Cruelty on Animals Act 1960 and Impact of Other Legal Fields on Animal welfare

Date: May 1, 2024

Name of the Resource Person: Anvita Kadam (II BA LLB) and Hrutvija Moon (I BBA LLB)

Mode: Online

No. of Participants: 22

Report : The session aimed to raise awareness about the laws which prevent cruelty to animals. Accordingly, the session critically analysed the Prevention of Cruelty on Animals Act 1960. Several landmark judgements in the field of animal laws were discussed.

The impact of other legal areas like international law, family law, criminal law, environmental law and property law on animal welfare and their intersection was explained to improve understanding of how these areas can significantly impact how animals are treated, protected, and considered within legal frameworks.

COMPETITIONS CONDUCTED

1. Title of the Activity: Reel Making Competition

Date: March 16 to April 7, 2024

Judges: Ms Bhumika Rathod and Ms. Vindhya Gupta

Prize details: Winners were provided certificates, and their reel was published on the Cell's Instagram Handle

No. of Participants:6

Resource person: Bushra Tupke (III BA LLB)

Report : The Cell organized a Reel Making Competition with the aim of engaging students in addressing pertinent environmental issues through creative filmmaking. The competition focused on themes including environment conservation, wildlife protection, animal rights, and campus aesthetics, aiming to inspire awareness and action among participants. Participants were tasked with producing short reels exploring one or more of the designated themes, utilizing cinematic storytelling techniques to convey impactful messages. Entries were assessed based on criteria such as creativity, thematic relevance, cinematography, and overall effectiveness in communicating environmental messages.

Winners: Sakshi Sabnis and Siddhant Gophane (both II BALLB)

2. Title: Environmental Law Cell Extempore Moot Court Competition

Date: April 22-23 ,2024

Venue: Laxmi Building, ILS Law College, Pune

No. of Participants: 48

Organizing Committee: Bushra Tupke, Aditya Jaybhay, Soniya Kamble (all III BALLB) and Kush Morghade (IV BALLB)

Judges for Preliminary Round: Snehil Priyadarshi, Megha Phadkay, Keyur Jaju, Hardi Satta, Chirayu Rushiya, Gautam Garg, Harshita Mittal, Samiksha Patni, Krishna Nair, Harsh Arora, and Aditya Shete (all V BA LLB) and Jui Sathe (III LLB)

Judges for Final Round: Ms. Divya Mittal (Assistant Professor, ILS Law College) and Ms. Prajakta Bhagwat (Assistant Professor, Modern Law College)

Report: The Environment Law Cell conducted an intra-college Extempore Moot Court Competition on April 22-23, 2024. The competition received an overwhelming response from the students. This competition provided students an opportunity to showcase their knowledge and argumentation skills in environmental law. The competition was a two-round competition. 48 students registered for prelim on first come first serve basis. The participants were provided with the case 24 hours before the competition via mail. The case was based on international environmental laws, Contributions agreed upon in the Paris Agreement, and Conventions related to the Refugee and Humanitarian crisis. The first round was judged by final year students. Out of 48, 6 students went to the finals, where they were judged by Ms. Divya Mittal (Assistant Professor, ILS Law College) and Ms. Prajakta Bhagwat (Assistant Professor, Modern College of Law), the winners of the moot were awarded a trophy, certificate, and a plant.

Winners:

First Place: Sangram Dolas Patil (II BA LLB)

Runner- up: Tanvi Srivastava (III BA LLB)

Prize Details: Winners were awarded a trophy, certificate, and a plant.