

## HUMAN RIGHTS CELL

(Year of Inception: 2009)

- **Introduction:** Human Rights has an implicit importance as they are considered responsible for the survival of human beings. ILS Law college has recognized human values and has established the Human Rights Centre in 2008-09 at the hands of Justice S Rajendra Babu, former Chief Justice of India and Chairman, National Human Rights Commission.
- **Faculty Coordinator:** Dr. Tejaswini S. Malegaonkar
- **Student Coordinators :** Prerna Murarka, Swati Singh, Avanti Deshpande (all V BA LL.B), Tushar Rajput, Sharvari Lohakare (both IV BA LLB), Kanupriya Singh, Anoushka Joseph (both III BA LL.B), Nihareeka Ghadage and Annanya Upadhye (both II BA LL.B)
- **Details of the activities:**
- **Weekly session:**
  - Title of the session -** Movie screening- ‘The White Helmets’
  - Date –** 21 September 2021
  - No. of Participants:** 30
  - Resource Persons:** Student Coordinators, Human Rights Cell
  - Mode –** Online
  - Report :** The ILS Human Rights Cell successfully organized a movie screening on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2021, Tuesday. The movie screening commenced with introductory comments about the documentary from Tushar Rajput, student coordinator from IV Year B.A.LL.B. The screening was arranged by Prerna Murarka, student coordinator from V Year B.A.LL.B. ‘The White Helmets’ is a 2016 British short documentary film. The film follows the daily operations of a group of volunteer rescue workers of the Syrian Civil Defence, also known as the White Helmets. The film was directed by Orlando von Einsiedel and produced by Joanna Natasegara and it has also won the Best Documentary (Short Subject) at the 89th Academy Awards. The screening of the 40-minute documentary screening was followed by a discussion session amongst the participants, who deliberated upon the ground level realities of the decade long Syrian conflict. Finally, the session ended with a vote of thanks delivered by Tushar Rajput, who thanked all the participants for joining the movie screening and engaging with the discussion.
- **Title of the session:** “Human Rights of Children in the context of Covid-19”
  - Date:** 9 October 2021
  - No. of Participants:** 30
  - Resource person:** Ms. Chandni Chawla
  - Mode :** Online
  - Report -** The ILS Human Rights Cell conducted a session on “Human Rights of Children in the context of Covid-19” which took place on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 5 pm. The session was conducted by the Guest Speaker, Ms. Chandni Chawla, an alumna of ILS Law College, Pune. Avanti Deshpande (V Year B.A.LL.B.) introduced the session and informed the

participants about the activities of the Cell. Ms. Chawla then spoke about the legislations in India that safeguard children's rights including the Juvenile Justice Act and the Guardians and Wards Act. The guest speaker also presented and discussed how the rights of children have been largely affected because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The session saw an active participation wherein the participants keenly engaged, contributed, and asked questions about the topic. Finally, Sharvari Lohakare (IV Year B.A.LL.B.) delivered a vote of thanks to the Guest speaker and all the participants and the session came to an end.

- **Title of the session:** "History of Human Rights"

**Date:** 26 November 2021

**No. of Participants:** 50

**Resource person:** Ms. Rani Dhulipala

**Mode-** Online

**Report :** The ILS Human Rights Cell conducted a session on "History of Human Rights" which took place on 26 November 2021 at 4 pm. The session was conducted by the Guest Speaker, Ms. Rani Dhulipala. Anoushka Joseph (III Year B.A.LL.B.) introduced the session and informed the participants about the activities of the Cell. Nihareeka Ghadage (II Year B.A.LL.B.) introduced the Speaker. Ms. Dhulipala then spoke about the concept and evolution of Human Rights in India by way of various ancient texts and documents including the Pranas, Vedas, the Bible etc. She explained about how Human rights have been prevalent in various cultures, since time immemorial. The guest speaker also presented and showcased how Human rights have evolved in different stages to ultimately reach the modern stage wherein we have various International Covenants, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, State Laws etc. The session saw an active participation wherein the participants keenly engaged, contributed, and asked questions about the topic. Finally, Shruti Thakur (II Year LL.B.) delivered a vote of thanks to the Guest speaker and all participants and the session came to an end.

- **Title of the session:** "Human Rights and Criminal Law"

**Date:** 27 November 2021

**No. of Participants:** 45

**Resource person:** Ms. Nikita Garg

**Mode-** Online

**Report :** The ILS Human Rights Cell conducted a session on "Human Rights and Criminal Law" which took place on 27 November 2021 at 4 pm. The session was conducted by the Guest Speaker, Ms. Nikita Garg, an advocate by profession. Anoushka Joseph (III Year B.A.LL.B.) introduced the session and informed the participants about the activities of the Cell. Nancy Singh (III Year LLB) introduced the Speaker. Ms. Nikita then spoke about the

concept and evolution of Human Rights in India by way of landmark cases such as Kharak Singh v. State of UP, Sheela Barse v. UOI etc.. The guest speaker also presented and discussed how human rights and criminal law are intricately connected to each other as well as threw light on concepts such as anticipatory bail, remand etc.. The session saw an active participation wherein the participants keenly engaged, contributed, and asked questions about the topic. Finally, Swati Singh (V Year B.A.LL.B.) delivered a vote of thanks to the Guest speaker and all participants and the session came to an end.

- **Title of the session:** “Human Rights of children in the context of Covid 19 crisis”

**Date:** 10 December 2021

**No. of Participants:** 40

**Resource person:** Dr. Renu Shah

**Mode** – Online

**Report :** The ILS Human Rights Cell conducted a session on “Human Rights of children in the context of Covid 19” which took place on 10th December at 3pm. The session was conducted by the Guest Speaker, Dr. Renu Shah, a doctor by profession. Tushar Rajput (IV Year B.A.LL.B.) introduced the session and informed the participants about the activities of the Cell. Anoushka Joseph (III Year B.A.LL.B.) introduced the Speaker. Dr. Renu then spoke about the covid 19 crisis and how it affects the students in today’s time. The guest speaker also spoke about the fact that the pandemic had an important effect on their lifestyle. Children stated that they experienced changes in terms of nutrition, sleep, television-internet use, social activity, coursework time, and school success. The session saw an active participation wherein the participants keenly engaged, contributed, and asked questions about the topic. Finally, Sharvari Lohakare (V Year B.A.LL.B.) delivered a vote of thanks to the Guest speaker and all participants and the session came to an end.

- **Title of the session -** Discussion - ‘Criminalization of Marital Rape: A long overdue Step’

**Date:** 18 January 2022

**No. of Participants:** 28

**Resource persons:** Student Coordinators, Human Rights Cell

**Mode :** Online

**Report :** The ILS Human Rights Cell successfully conducted a discussion session on 18 January, 2022. The discussion was led by Anoushka Joseph, student coordinator from III Year BA. LL.B., who also moderated the session. The session was attended by around 24 participants. Various interesting points were raised during the session, regarding the autonomy of a women’s body, and how it continues even after marriage. The student attendees also actively participated in the discussion. Finally, a vote of thanks was delivered by Anoushka Joseph, who thanked all the participants for participating and actively engaging with the topic for the discussion session.

- **Title of the session** – Attack on Journalists and Spread of Misinformation

**Date:** 7 February 2022

**No. of Participants:** 40

**Resource person:** Shri. S. N. Thyagarajan (Advocate Supreme Court)

**Mode :** Online

**Report :** The ILS Human Rights Cell conducted a session on “Attack on Journalists and Spread of Misinformation” which took place on 7 February 2022 at 3 pm. The session was conducted by the Guest Speaker, Shri. S. N. Thyagrajan, Advocate at Supreme Court and ILS alumnus. Ananya Upadhye (II BA LL.B.) introduced the session and informed the participants about the activities of the Cell. Shruti Thakur (II LLB) introduced the Speaker. Shri. Thyagrajan then spoke about the recent spate of the attack on Journalists and how misinformation has been employed in recent times to incite the public. This places a dark cast over the freedom of speech as well as expression. The speaker then went on to speak about investigative journalism and the importance of civil society in delivering the “truth” to the masses. Lastly, he also talked about the spread of false information on Journalism. The session saw an active participation wherein the participants keenly engaged, contributed, and asked questions about the topic. Finally, Shruti Thakur (II LL.B.) delivered a vote of thanks to the Guest speaker and all participants and the session came to an end.