

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Colloquium 5.0 – Insights into IBC & Judicial Trends

(A) Date: 1st March 2020

(B) Report of the Conference:

The ILS Corporate Law Cell organized Colloquium on the Contemporary Issues in Corporate Law. It was held on the 1st of March, 2020 at the ILS Centre for Arbitration & Mediation (ILSCA). The theme of the sessions was primarily based on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, and the speakers hosted for the event were Mr. Nilanjan Sinha, Ms. Veena Sivaramakrishnan, Ms. Hufriz Wadia, Mr. Kannan Rahul, Ms. Saumya Nair, and Ms. Charu Misra, who are stalwarts from the legal fraternity. The Colloquium saw an overwhelming participation of more than 100 attendees who included students of ILS Law College, students from other law colleges, and professionals from the legal fraternity.

(C) Faculty In-Charge : Ms. Smita Sabne and Ms. Swatee Yogesh.

(D) Student members :

Nikhil Dubey, Shreya Choudhary, Anshu Deshpande, Jay Kakani, Trishalaa Shetty, Akshita Bhandari, and Yamini Jain

(E) National/International/State/Any other : National

(F) Total No. of Participants : 115 Participants

One Day International Conference on Exploring Titanic Shifts in the Human Rights Paradigm after the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

(A) Date of the conference: 20 Jan 2020

(B) Report of the Conference:

The One Day International conference in collaboration with the University of Leeds UK was organized at the ILS Law College, Pune. The conference provided a forum for exploring, in the Indian context, the implications of the conceptual shifts associated with the The United Nations convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities (UNCRPD). It generated discussion on issues such as reasonable accommodation, accessibility, access to justice and transformative equality

Speakers

1. Implications of India's Ratification of the UNCRPD, with particular focus on the Right to Access Justice
 - Dr. Umesh Kadam, Independent Consultant and former Regional legal advisor, International Committee of Red Cross

- Mr. Jai Dehadrai, Advocate Supreme Court of India
- Dr. Sanjay Jain, Associate professor, ILS Law College
- Rajalaxmi Joshi, Assistant Professor ILS Law College
- 2. The Right to Legal Capacity-Prof. Anna Lawson, Director Centre for Disability Studies University of Leeds, UK
- 3. Interface Between the Right to Reasonable Accommodation and the Right to Accessibility-Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Post-Doctoral Scholar University of Leeds, UK

Themes for Parallel paper presentations

1. Rights based approach vis-à-vis persons with disabilities- Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar, Assistant Professor ILS Law College
2. Equality vis-à-vis Persons with disability- Dr. Deepa Paturkar, Associate Professor ILS Law College
3. Implications of ratification of UNCRPD- Dr. Nitish Nawsagray, Assistant Professor ILS Law College
4. Right to inclusion- Dr. Sita Bhatia, Faculty, ILS Law College

(C) Faculty In-Charge : Dr. Sanjay Jain, Mr. Dnyaneshwar Kendre, Ms. Rajalaxmi Joshi

(D) Student members: Mr. Varad Kolhe, Mr. C.V. Rajmohan, Mr. Nihar Chitre, Ms. Pranay Jaiswal, Ms. Kirti Kapoor, Ms. Anshika Sharma, Mr. Shrirang Ashtaputre, Mr. Ashok Pandey, Ms. Rashimi Raghavan.

(E) National/International/State/Any other: International

(F) Total No. of Participants: 51

One Day Seminar on Interface Between Environment Protection and Development of Transport Infrastructure: Issues and Challenges

(A) Date of the Seminar: 27th February, 2020

(B) Report of the Seminar:

Theme and Objective: The economic development of any country warrants for investment in increased connectivity through large scale public investments in transport infrastructure, such as roadways, railways, metro, waterways and airways. Since India is on its way to becoming a superpower, the transport infrastructure sector has got a blue-eyed boy treatment from the government. This leads to favouring of infrastructure development, by compromising on other important factors such as environmental and social concerns. These projects need to be developed in accordance with sustainable development principles, keeping in mind the widespread destruction it might cause to the environment, if mismanaged. Environmental impact assessment is a crucial step while development of transport infrastructure is at its

planning stage, but is being largely overlooked, causing irreparable damage to flora and fauna in the process. Hence, it becomes imperative for the environmental activists and citizens to ask the question, “Development, but, at what cost?” ILS Law College’s Hariyali – The Environmental Law Cell in association with ILS Legal Aid Center decided to organize a seminar to bring to the forefront the issue of the circumvention of Environment- legal regulations while developing transport infrastructure and to discuss possible solutions and changes which could be facilitated by various players, such as government, citizens and legal fraternity.

The Keynote address was delivered by **Adv. Ritwick Dutta**, who is a Lawyer and is the founder of Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment. Has fought over 350 cases related to Environmental issues and is a true legal-environmental crusader. Though he could not remain physically present on the day of the seminar, he still succeeded in making up for his absence by sending a pre-recorded video of his address to be screened at the seminar. His address was instrumental in laying the foundation of the discussion and outlined the themes of the conference by giving a comprehensive introduction to the legal aspects of transport infrastructure development in India, by talking about various laws and regulatory permissions which were to be secured during the commencement of Transport Infrastructure development. He also briefed the congregation in detail about the position of the National Green Tribunals and other courts in landmark environmental cases. He talked about how legislations are inadequate and weak for environmental conservation and hence, need a relook from the Government.

Session one was chaired by Dr. Sanjay Jain, Acting Principal, ILS Law College, Pune. The expert speaker on the panel was Mr. Neeraj Vaghlikar. Mr. Neeraj Vaghlikar is an active member of Kalpavriksh & Adviser of Lawyers Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE). He carried forward the discussion of Adv. Ritwick Dutta by mentioning about shoddy and “fait accompli” nature of environmental clearances for transport infrastructure projects and enlightened everyone about how courts could be more involved in the mitigation of such problems. He screened a documentary ‘Road to No Where’ highlighting the terrible state of affairs with respect to roads and initiated discussion amongst participants. Dr. Sanjay Jain while connecting the environmental law highlighted the need of honouring the constitutional dictate of protecting and preserving the environment.

The resource person for the second session was Ms. Prajakta Divekar. She is an Anthropologist, engaged in critical heritage studies and cultural resource management and Research Fellow, Humanities and Social Science department, IISER, Pune. Her topic of address was “Rethinking the Environment-infrastructure debate and redefining the underlying class dynamics”. The main focus of her presentation was the contradictory findings related to the environmental efficacy of the HCMTR (High Capacity Mass transit road) Project in Pune. She thoroughly

explained the adverse impact of the proposed HCMTR project on the environmental balance. She urged the law students to take keen interest in environmental issues helping the environmentalists in interpretation of various laws, rules, regulations and reports prepared by the Government as well as in fighting the legal battle to defend environment. This session was chaired by Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi, Director, Academics and Administration, ILS Law College, Pune and Secretary, Indian Law Society. Ms. Joshi called upon the students and legal community to join hands against improper developments and preserving biodiversity of the region.

Mr. Shripad Dharmadhikary, resource person for the third session, is an Activist, Researcher and Coordinator of Manthan Adhyayan Kendra. He addressed the participants on “Policy and Legislative Integration of Inland River/ Water Transport and Environment”. The presentation was an in-depth study assessing impact of exploiting rivers as inland waterways. He mentioned about advantages and disadvantages of using rivers as inland waterways. He also raised concerns about the social, environmental and financial implications which these inland waterways will bring about. He urged for adopting a well researched, planned and transparent process for going ahead with the project of inland waterways. Dr. Nitish Nawsagaray, Assistant Professor, ILS Law College, Pune chaired the session and made concluding remarks.

The fourth session was taken up by Mr. Milind Pariwakam. He is an esteemed Member, IUCN WCPA Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group & Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Conservation Trust. He discussed about “Implementation of Principle of Sustainability while developing Transport Infrastructure”. At the beginning of his session, he screened a documentary titled “From Killer Roads to Humane Highways”, which showed the plight of animals due to roadways and railways passing through their habitats. After sensitizing the audience about the issue he highlighted the need of protecting special walkways and paths for animals while designing any transport infrastructure. He also suggested few solutions of achieving this aim with specific examples. This session was chaired by Dr. Suvarna Nilakh, Assistant Professor, ILS Law College, Pune.

The last session of the seminar was headed by Ms. Jayashree Deshpande. She is an Architect, Sociologist and Educator, Chairperson, Indian Institute of Architects, Pune Center, Director, Academic Unit of Council of Architecture, New Delhi. Her address focussed on the topic “Energy efficient building practices in India with reference to transport infrastructure and laws and policies relating to it”. The session was a lively panel discussion, and everyone present had put in their inputs related to how carbon footprints can be reduced while envisioning new types of transport infrastructure. She sensitized everyone about sociological factors and aesthetics to be kept in mind while planning sustainable infrastructure, and also pointed out the importance of engagement of civil society in the planning and implementation process. The session was chaired by Ms. Swatee Yogesh, Assistant Professor, ILS Law College, Pune.

Vishwajeet Deshmukh, Student, Government Law College, Mumbai; Divya Mittal, Assistant Professor, ILS Law College; Aayush Mishra, Assistant Professor, ILS Law College; Shraddha, Student, ILS Law College; Vikrant Raje, Student, ILS Law College; Purna Murarka, Student,

ILS Law College; Khushboo Tilokani, Student, ILS Law College; Prathamesh Mandalik, Student, ILS Law College; Geetika Satti, Student, ILS Law College; presented their papers on the topics related to the seminar.

- (C) **Faculty In-Charge** : Varsha Khandagale, Suvarna Nilakh and Shweta Chandrashekhar
 - (D) **Student members** : Shraddha, Geetika Satti, Vikrant Raje, Purna Murarka, Khushboo Tilokani, Anukriti Anand, Prathamesh Mandalik
 - (E) **National/International/State/Any other** : National
 - (F) **Total No. of Participants** : 54
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One-Day Training Program on Women Empowerment: Hearing the Unheard Voices

(A) **Date** : 6th February 2020

(B) **Report of the Activity:**

On 6th February, 2020, The Legal Aid Centre in collaboration with the Gender Studies Cell of the College, organized a One-day Conference on Women Empowerment: Hearing the Unheard Voices. This conference personified a solid step taken in the direction of burgeoning interest in the empowerment of women. The conference was kick-started by our Principal's address, wherein he could not resist speaking on the topic. He left us with the grave question of whether we are gender sensitive or whether our responses are episodic in nature. The first session was an informative session, taken by Mr. Milind Chavan. He spoke on 'Gender Sensitization', which laid the foundation for the rest of the conference. He elaborated on the concept of power hierarchy and gender roles. The audience was compelled to think about popular perceptions and roles that people are expected to perform from childhood. Mr. Chavan then went on to address the images, expectations, roles and power that is granted to the genders. Another interesting perspective he mentioned was the dehumanizing that men undergo. His view on theft of agency of a person and its validation from popular media flamed great discussion amongst the audience members. He also drew attention to the concept of honour killings that stem from patriarchy and the ownership of women by the dominant man. He ended his session by giving his recommendation on literature and movies like 'Paromita' which give a more perceptive view into gender sensitization.

The next session was taken by Dr. Devika Singh, an alumna of the college, who spoke on the topic of 'Sexual Harassment in the Workplace'. Her session was characterized by the continuous dialogue that she encouraged. She not only established basics but also insisted upon inciting divergent thought-processes in the nimble minds of the audience. She started the session by talking about the concept of derivative power. According to her, the two concepts behind patriarchy are power and numbers. She was of the view that everyone is guilty of normalizing violent behaviour. She then went on to talk of the scenarios of sexual harassment. Dr. Devika Singh then elaborated upon CEDAW and the Vishakha guidelines that have an impact on the way we view sexual harassment. She emphasised on the importance of establishing impact rather than the commonly acknowledged intent. The audience was guided

towards understanding that it is imperative that the harasser has created a hostile work environment, in the case of normative sexual harassment. The session also was a great aid in understanding the types of sexual harassment. One very thought-provoking point put forward was that the Indian Penal Code is about redressal, not prevention, which is the reason behind the popularity of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. This is a bold move to boost the percentage of women in the workforce. Dr. Devika ended her session on the hopeful note that more and more women would be encouraged to take up careers due to such protective legislations.

The third and last session was a truly fascinating one and a treat for the audience. It entailed an active discussion which was chaired by Dr. Devika Singh. The discussion was upon honest experiences of four women, who stemmed from completely different backgrounds, with vividly different experiences and even from different generations. These women were Dr. Lata Bhise, Dr. Swati Shirwadkar, Ms Geetali Vinayak and Ms. Prachi Kulkarnee. They elaborated upon victories and tribulations of women in the sectors of education, politics, literature and media. Dr. Swati Shirwadkar spoke from the perspective of women in the education sector. Her piece de resistance was the true episodes that she had witnessed in Ashram schools and the crude objectification of women. Dr. Lata Bhise shared her views on women in politics. She spoke on the importance of the reservation for women and the long history of women in rural politics. She mentioned the irony of women in powerful positions who were only given departments which have no funds. The viewpoint she presented was influenced by the 73rd and

74th Amendment and its aftermath which led her to believe that women are still dolls in the hands of power mongers. The next speaker was Ms. Geetali Vinayak who emphasized on the role of women in literature. Her ideas were based on the fact that literature reflects the current society. Her points revolved on women who influenced literature and portrayal of women in literature. She held sacred the view that, literature incites strength in even the weakest reader. She also observed the changes in women and their portrayal, in the field of literature. The last speaker of the afternoon was Ms. Prachi Kulkarnee. She was an ideal expression of women in media. The most thought-provoking point she mentioned was that she had never thought as a woman journalist, but as a professional journalist. Her talk was rife with very personally held views and particular incidents where she had been made conscious of her role. Women, according to her, had a keenness to understand from a place of empathy. After her expression of views, the floor was opened for questions. The rapt audience became eager debaters as questions flooded the panel. It was an eye-opening session for it encompassed authentic perspectives of those experiencing the particular situations.

With this, the conference came to a befitting end.

(C) Faculty Coordinators: Dr Suvarna Nilakh, Ms Divya Mittal, Ms Madhura Sawant

(D) Student members: Ashwini Sanap, Tanushree Joshi, Varad Kolhe, Vaibhav, Nauman Beig, Jeffrina

(E) Number of Participants/Beneficiaries: 60

Regional Conference on Human Rights of Domestic Workers: Issues and Challenges

(A) Date of the Seminar: 30th August 2020

(B) Report of the Seminar:

This was a one day conference organised by National Human Rights Commission in collaboration with ILS Law College Pune, on the rights of domestic workers, which saw an across the board participation of academicians, bureaucrats, activists, NGOs, and students.

Inaugural Session:

Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar, the convener began the session by quoting Nelson Mandela and welcoming all the dignitaries on the dais which included Shri. Jaideep Govind, Secretary-General, NHRC, Dr. D. M. Mulay, Hon'ble Member, NHRC, Dr. M. D. S. Tyagi, Joint Director (Research), NHRC. It was followed by lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. Felicitation of the dignitaries was done by Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi, Principal, ILS Law College. This was followed by all the dignitaries addressing the conference.

Shri Jaideep Govind, Secretary-General, NHRC, began by giving an introduction to the subject matter of the conference. He highlighted the importance of discussing the subject by pointing to several problems faced by domestic workers, like, low wages, inhumane working conditions, etc. He was followed by Dr. D. M. Mulay, Hon'ble Member, NHRC, who appreciated the effort to raise awareness about the issue at a national level and urged the members to draft policies and make it a continuous dialogue. Thereafter, Dr. M. D. S. Tyagi, Joint Director (Research), NHRC took the opportunity to thank Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi, Principal, ILS Law College, and Dr. Malegaonkar, convener for conducting the conference in college. This concluded the Inaugural Session.

Session I:

The conference resumed with a short film made by the ILO (International Labour Organisation) on "Rights & Protection of domestic workers in India" It was followed by the commencement of the first session on the topic - Domestic Workers in India - Issues and Challenges. The first panel was to discuss on the topic 'Denial of right to Decent Work'

The panel was chaired by Ms. Soso Shaiza (Member of National Commission for Women) and co-chaired by Smt. B. Udaylakshmi (Principal Secretary, Dept. of Labour, Employment Training & Factories, Govt. Of Andhra Pradesh). Ms. Soso began the panel discussion by explaining her personal experiences with the domestic workers and society's attitude towards them. She expressed her appreciation of the efforts to raise the concerns of domestic workers and opened the platform for a technical discussion.

The speakers on the panel comprised of Shri Surendra Patel (Deputy Secretary, Ministry of L&E, New Delhi), Shri Sandeep Chandra (Executive Director, Action Aid Association, New Delhi), Sister Lissy Joseph (National Workers' Movement, Hyderabad), Dr. Sita Bhatia (Senior Professor, ILS Law College, Pune), and Maj. Gen. Manik Sabharwal (CFO Domestic workers sector skill council).

Shri Surendra Patel gave a brief description of the efforts undertaken by the government in support of the rights of the domestic workers, such as the constitution of a task force, consultations with ILO, consultations with various state governments, and formulation of a draft policy on the subject. Shri Sandeep Chandra highlighted the financial condition of domestic workers and raised concerns about the continuing lack of a legislative solution to their economic plight since 1958, when the first attempt was made.

Sister Lissy Joseph added to the discussion by discussing her experiences with domestic workers who have suffered from physical and economic exploitation along with discrimination. She expressed the urgent need for collectivization of domestic workers and a legislation that protects their rights. Dr. Sita Bhatia emphasized the lack of dignity that is faced by domestic workers, and also introduced the plight of sex workers, highlighting the need for a legislative solution. Maj. Gen. Manik Sabharwal concluded the discussion by giving an overview of his organization, their work, and presenting statistical data on the gravity of the issues of domestic workers and comparing the Indian scenario with the system in Singapore.

The second panel was to discuss the topic 'Trafficking, abuse and harassment of domestic workers'. The discussion began with a domestic worker who is the leader of her union who spoke about her own plight and the rampant discrimination faced by her and her fellow workers, which was translated in English by Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar.

She was followed by Geeta Menon (Activist, Stree Jagruti Samiti, Bengaluru, Karnataka) who expressed serious concerns about labour trafficking, unsafe migration, commodification of domestic workers by the traffickers as well as their employers, and the lack of political will in dealing with the problem. Her concerns were reiterated by Adrian Philips (Founder partner, AskD- We Resolve, Mumbai) who explained the coordination of trafficking by placement agencies who sometimes even have a nexus with police. Medha Thatte (Secretary, Pune City domestic workers organisation, Pune) concluded the discussion by highlighting the economic exploitation faced by domestic workers which is aided by the police, and demanded legislation to protect their interests.

Session II:

Post lunch, the second session commenced on the topic of 'Mapping Domestic Workers in the Indian Legislative and Welfare Framework', chaired by Dr. D. M. Mulay. The discussion was begun by Shri Ajay Kumar Singh, (Under Secretary, Ministry of L&E, New Delhi) who explained the government's upcoming policy on welfare for domestic workers which provided a roadmap for the inclusion of domestic workers within the present legislative framework.

After this session, representatives of the labour departments of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu gave presentations on the steps taken by their states to bring domestic workers into the legislative framework

Ms. Sunita from the Labour Department of Maharashtra highlighted how the Maharashtra Government had extended the Pradhan Mantri Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana (PMAABY) to the domestic workers in the state. She also discussed the establishment of domestic workers welfare boards through the Maharashtra Domestic Workers Welfare Board Act, 2008 for the purpose of ensuring the welfare of domestic workers in the state.

Shri R. K. Ravishankar, Additional Labour Commissioner, L&E Department, Tamil Nadu, highlighted the state's efforts by referring to the Tamil Nadu Manual Workers Act, 1982, which, like Maharashtra also established welfare boards for domestic worker's welfare. He explained the design of functioning of these boards which is optimized to serve the good of the domestic workers. A total of 15 boards have been established in the state through this act.

Pursuant to the session, representatives of unions were invited to speak to the conference.

Kiran Moghe (President, Pune Zilha Gharkamgar Sanghatana (CITU), Maharashtra), spoke on the inadequacy of the present legislative framework and drew attention to the rampant sexual harassment of domestic workers highlighting the urgent requirement of a mechanism wherein both employers, as well as domestic workers, were registered so that employers can be held to be more accountable through a well-established procedure.

Mewa Bharti (Mehnatkash Kalyan Evam Sandarbha Kendra (Jaipur)) spoke about the complacency of the police authorities in the exploitation of domestic workers who refuse to take any action on complaints received by domestic workers. Brother Varghese Theckanath (Director, Montfort Social Institute (Hyderabad)) reiterated the concerns raised along with discussing the economic plight of the workers and urged the need of a comprehensive central legislation to protect the rights of domestic workers.

This was followed by a question and answer session where concerns were raised regarding dispute redressal mechanisms, effect of technological advancements on domestic workers, wage and pension determination policy of the government, social security measures, ratification of Conventions 189 and 190, and impact of the policies of labour departments of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

Session III:

This session was chaired by Dr. D.M. Mulay, and moderated by Shri Sandeep Chachra.

Mr. Chachra began by saying that the interaction in the earlier session had been really productive and that this session was only meant to be an extension of the same.

Following suggestions were presented in the conference:

- 1) Shrenik Mutha: The Manodhairya Victim Compensation Scheme has been completely ineffective since its enactment. Can the NHRC take steps to highlight its ineffectiveness so that the same can be shown to the government?
- 2) Ms. Kiran Moghe: The NHRC must do more to look after the welfare of migrant domestic workers as well.

Dr. Mulay concluded by urging the conference members to email their recommendations to the NHRC.

After the conclusion of the session, Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar, summarised the events of the day, and thanked all the members present and felicitated the members of the NHRC, thereby concluding the conference.

(C) Faculty In-Charge : Dr. Tejaswini Malegaonkar

(D) Student members : 08

(E) National/International/State/Any other: National

(F) Total No. of Participants: 80

Remembering Prof. S P Sathe: 14th Public Memorial Lecture and International Conference on Contemporary Trends in Comparative Public Law

(A) Dates: 06th March to 08th March 2020

(B) Report of the Conference:

“Remembering S. P. Sathe”, is a flagship event celebrated at ILS Law College comprising a Public Memorial lecture, a Conference and a Moot Court Competition, all based on a common theme, in fond and loving memory of its illustrious former Principal, Late Professor S.P. Sathe. The College has upheld this tradition for last 13 years with a unique theme being taken up every year. The theme for this year was Contemporary trends in Comparative Public Law. Due to the outbreak of COVID -19 pandemic the national moot court competition which was scheduled on 27th to 29th March 2020, could not be conducted.

A three-day International conference aimed at engaging legal scholars, law teachers, practitioners and students in a threadbare discussion of niche areas in public law was conducted between 6th to 8th March 2020. The theme of the conference challenged the traditional notions of law and the antiquated mono-dimensional structure of public law. The important objectives of the conference were:

1. To examine the viability of societal and global constitutionalism to redesign and realign public law;
2. To conceive epistemic strategies for reconstruction of jurisprudence in a globalized world;
3. To critically analyse overwhelming influence of purposive interpretation on the text of the constitutions;
4. To examine the viability of expanding the contours of basic structure doctrine evolved by the supreme court of India beyond amendment review;
5. To examine the existing doctrines that carve out a space for marginalized minorities like disabled and LGBT communities so as to enhance their quality of life and representation as equal members of the society.

The discussions over the three days were conducted in the form of Workshop, Plenary sessions, Open discussion forum and parallel paper presentations.

Workshop on Intersectionality:

In this session, the panelist engaged with all nuances of principle of Intersectionality and examine criticisms against the same. The Speakers for the session were:

1. Ms. Sneha Gole (Faculty at SPPU),
2. Dr. Shreya Atrey, Associate Professor in International Human Rights Law, University of Oxford,
3. Dr. Aparna Chandra, Assistant Professor of Law and Research Director, Centre for Constitutional Law, Policy and Governance at the National Law University, Delhi,
4. Prof. Shirish Deshpande, Head of Department, National Law University, Nagpur
5. Dr. Sanjay Jain, Associate Professor, Additional Charge Principal ILS Law College.

The Themes for the Plenary Sessions:

1. **Reconceptualizing the concept of law:** The session was chaired by Justice J. Chelameswar, former judge Supreme Court of India. Dr. Alexander Christoph, Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Jindal Global Law School, was a panelist.

Speakers for the session were: Mr. Arvind Narrain, founding member and Director of Research and Practice, Alternative Law Forum in Bangalore, Dr. Shivprasad Swaminathan, Professor & Associate Dean & Executive Director- Centre on Public Law and Jurisprudence, Jindal Global Law School, Dr. Sanjay Jain, Ms. Rajalaxmi Joshi, Assistant Professor, ILS Law College, Pune.

2. **Basic Structure Constitutionalism:** In this session the doctrine of basic structure, as evolved by the Supreme Court, was re-examined. The session was chaired by Ms. Sathya Narayan, Director, IALS and ILSCA, Dr. Shirish Deshpande was a panelist. Speakers for the session were: Mr. Arvind Datar, Advocate Madras High Court and Supreme Court, Mr. Shreehari Aney, designated Senior Advocate, Bombay High Court, Mr. Amit Pai, AOR.

Prof. Rosalind Dixon, Professor University of New South Wales joined over Skype.

3. **Models of Constitutional Power:** This session focused on the recent decision of Government of India to withdraw special constitutional status of Jammu and Kashmir and its merger in the Indian Union. The session was chaired by Dr. Aparna Chandra, Mr. Sharath Chandran, Advocate was a Panelist. Speakers for the session were: Mr. J Sai Deepak, Advocate, Dr. Nitish Nawasagaray, Assistant Professor, ILS Law College, Pune.
4. **New Directions in Comparative Public Law:** Emerging doctrines, standards and principles were the main focus of this session. The session was chaired by Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi, Director Academics and Administration, ILS Law College, Dr. Aparna Chandra was a panelist. The speakers for the session were Mr. Sharath Chandran, Prof. Paul Craig, Oxford University joined Over Skype.
5. **Re-Aligning Discrimination Law:** The session was chaired by Dr. Shreya Atrey, Dr. Aparna Chandra was panelist. The speakers for the session were Dr. Alexander Christoph, Dr. Sanjay Jain, Prof. Shirish Deshpande, Dr. Santosh Jaybhay Asst. Prof. ILS Law College, Ms. Madhura Sawant, Asst. Prof. ILS Law College.

6. **Transformative Constitutionalism:** In this session, we explored how various jurisdictions have invoked the ideas for re-alignment of societal designs and redressal of discriminatory regimes. The session was chaired by Dr. Shirish Deshpande. The speakers for the session were Dr. Alexander Christoph and Mr. Arvind Datar.

An Open Discussion Forum: Dialogue on Comparative Public Law

The discussion centered on following themes: Populist Constitutionalism, Varying Shades of Democracy, Proportionality, Scope of Executive/Prerogative Power, Judicial Overreach. The discussants for the session were Justice P N Prakash, Judge Madras High Court, Dr. Aparna Chandra, Dr. Sanjay Jain, Ms. Swatee Yogesh, Ms. Divya Mittal, Dr. Nitish Nawasagray, Assistant Professors ILS Law College. The session was chaired by Dr. Shirish Deshpande.

Themes for the parallel paper presentations were:

1. Comparative Constitutionalism and Theory chaired by Dr. Shaila Daware.
2. Disability Rights, Judicial Activism and Feminist Constitutionalism chaired by Prof. Shirish Deshpande.
3. Equality rights, Child Rights and Sexual Minority Rights chaired by Dr. Santosh Jaybhay.
4. Rights Constitutionalism chaired by Dr. Suvarna Nilakh.
5. Constitutional Morality and Rights Constitutionalism chaired by Dr. Deepa Paturkar.
6. Fundamental Rights and Rule of law chaired by Ms. Swatee Yogesh .

(C) Faculty In-Charge: Dr Sanjay Jain (Associate Professor and Additional Charge, Principal, ILS Law College) & Mr. D P Kendre (Assistant Professor), Ms. Rajalaxmi Joshi (Assistant Professor)

(D) Student members: Anshika Sharma, Ashok Pandey, Kirti Kapoor, Nihar Chitre, Pranay Jaiswal, Rajmohan C.V., Rashmi Raghavan, Shrirang Ashtaputre, Varad Kolhe

(E) National/International/State/Any other: International

(F) Outcome of the Conference: Publication of ILS Law Review (Forthcoming)

(G) Total No. of Participants: 139

Remembering S. P. Sathe: 14th Public Memorial Lecture

Remembering Prof. S.P. Sathe Memorial Public Law Lecture is delivered on a specific area of law by a legal luminary. This year Hon'ble Justice Jasti Chelameswar (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India) delivered the lecture, on 6th March 2020, on the topic of 'Fundamental Principles of the Constitution in light of R (Miller) v. The Prime Minister and Cherry v. Advocate General for Scotland, also known as Miller II.'

Two-Day Workshop on Legal Research and Writing in Pursuance of Abhivyakti Law Journal

(A) Dates: 9th October 2019 and 14th October 2019

(B) Report of the Activity:

ILS Law College advocates student journalism as an amazing opportunity for the students to showcase their knowledge and opinions and to constructively express them in the form of writing through the in-house Abhivyakti Law Journal. Hence, as a part of the endeavor to enable the students to express their views on issues and current topics on the myriad of laws, a workshop was arranged by the Editorial team. The workshop aimed at encouraging and enabling the students to acquaint themselves with the basics on how to write articles, essays, and case comments and legislative notes.

It was a two-day workshop by eminent scholars:

Day 1

Dr. Nilima Bhadbhade: “How to select a topic and go about Legal Research Work”.

Mr. Ashish Pawar: “English grammar and language in Legal Research”.

The student editors acquainted the audience with the “SILC style of footnoting”.

Day 2

Dr. Sanjay Jain: “Legal Research and Writing in Public Laws”.

Mr. Gaurav Pingale: “Legal Research and Writing in Commercial Laws”.

The workshop concluded with the student editors’ presentation on “The nuances of writing a case comment and a legislative analysis.”

(C) Faculty In-Charge: Dr. Banu Vasudevan, Ms. Divya Mittal and Mr. Rohit Bokil.

(D) Student Members: Anuja Chudhary, Ritesh Puri, Varad Kolhe, Avani Vyas, Swachita Ravi, Atharv Joshi, Raghav Harini, Shrirang Ashtputre, Anjali Nair, Jeffy Alice Jacob

(E) National/International/State/Any other : College Level

(F) Total No. of Participants : 50 students

EVENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

ALUMNI MEET

Faculty Coordinators: Ms. Rajalaxmi Joshi

The ILS Law College organized its Alumni Meet on 25th December 2019. This year the event was specially organized for the graduating batch of 1993-94 (3 years and 5 years LL.B. Courses) to celebrate Silver Jubilee of their graduation.

Responding to the invitation by ILS a huge number of Alumni gathered at the college to relive their college days. The Principal and the faculty members gave them a warm welcome. The students enjoyed sumptuous breakfast, fun games and photo booth set up for them.

Principal, Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi, and Mrs. Sathya Narayan addressed the batch of 1993-94 and spoke of recent infrastructural development at the Campus including Indian Law Society's Centre for Arbitration (ILSCA) and the new Ladies hostel. They were pleased to inform the Alumni that the ILS Law College has been granted permission to run Ph.D. Centre affiliated to Savitribai Phule University of Pune in March 2016.

Special games for the Alumni from the graduating batch of 1993-94 were conducted. Mr. Shrinivas Patwardhan, Advocate Bombay High Court, Dr. Uday Warunjikar, Advocate expressed gratitude towards college and faculty. Their meeting ended with a resolution to meet again on 25th Dec 2020.

Another theme for the meet was ILS Ne Bana Di Jodi, where Alumni couples were invited to join in celebrating their togetherness. This year we contacted and invited almost 100 alumni couples for the alumni meet. The alumni couples warmly accepted our invitation and joined the ILS Ne Bana Di Jodi event. Some jodis graced the event with their children. As a part of this special event the senior most jodi of ILS to the youngest jodi was invited. The six jodis were invited on stage, they exchanged the garlands as a part of celebration, while their wedding photographs were screened. The Jodis invited on stage were Mr. P Narayan & Sathya Narayan, Dr. Deepa and Jitendra Paturkar, Mr. Rohan Ratnaparkhi & Nishi Agarwal, 4. Sidhharth sethi & Priya Joglekar, 5. Mr. and Mrs. Mane, 6. Tejas & Manisha Karia.

The function was followed by sumptuous lunch.

ILS CONVOCATION CEREMONY BATCH OF 2019

Faculty Coordinator: Mr. D. P. Kendre, Mr. Ashish Pawar, Mr. Madhukar Togam

The Convocation ceremony of Savitribai Phule Pune University of the batch of 2019 that graduated from ILS law College was held on 2nd February 2020. Shri Nilanjan Sinha, Legal Head India and South East Asia, ICICI Bank, graced the occasion as the chief Guest.

The Convocation Ceremony procession began from outside the Laxmi building to Principal Pandit auditorium. The ceremony began with the dignitaries 'lighting the lamp' and welcome song and University Song performed by students of ILS. Dignitaries gracing the dais included Shri Nilanjan Sinha, the Chief Guest, Dr. Sanjay Jain, Principal (Addl. Charge) ILS Law College, Dr. Santosh Jaybhay, Vice Principal and Dr. Deepa Paturkar, Vice Principal and Mr. D.P. Kendre, College Examination Officer. The chief guest was felicitated and the Principal's address followed.

Dr. Sanjay Jain in his address introduced the legacy of ILS Law College and appealed all graduate students to engage in the task of social engineering. The Chief Guest, Mr. Nilanjan Sinha congratulated the legal professionals and introduced them to the practical challenges of the field chosen. While imparting the practical wisdom, he also underlined the importance of being ethical in one's professional conduct. He shared his personal experience and professional challenges which he faced. This was followed by distribution of degree certificates to meritorious students from the 2019 graduating batch. Around 300 students from the batch attended the ceremony, received their degree in person. Compering for the program was done by Mr. Ashish Pawar. The ceremony concluded with National Anthem.

Farewell to Principal and Welcome to Director, Academics and Administration

Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi is a name that is synonymous to ILS Law College. Continuing the legacy of her predecessors, she has led the college as the first female Principal for a glorifying 26 years, which showed various ups and downs in the system, educational policy, paradigm shifts in the academic structures and litigations. It was her unwavering values, clarity, confidence and poise which helped in steering the institution through various odds and evens. In spite of the challenges and hurdles, the College grew in leaps and bounds under her able leadership.

Her vision and untiring dedication to the institution resulted in various achievements of ILS Law College such as being consistently ranked amongst the top ten law schools of India, Two NAAC accreditations with A+ and A ranking, being awarded with Institutional Excellence Award 2013 by Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy and Training and Society of Indian Law Firms, and the generation of a unique eco-system of legal education by instituting various focal sister institutions of ILS Law College etc.

Her momentous journey as a Principal concluded with her retirement on 31st January 2020. However, this day also marked the beginning of her higher responsibilities as Director Academics and Administration.

She not only contributed in the progress and growth of the College, but also nurtured her colleagues with a stern but caring approach. She earned love and respect from all her colleagues right from management to the non-teaching staff of the College. This reflected in two farewell functions organised to honour her selfless contribution to ILS Law College. One was organised on 30th January 2020 by the teaching and non-teaching staff of ILS Law College, and another was organised on 3rd February 2020 by the Members of Indian Law Society.

On the day of her retirement, 30th January 2020, which also is the birthday of Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi, the faculty members of ILS decided to celebrate her achievements as a Principal instead of giving a farewell. The function was graced by all faculty members, including the full-time faculty, part-time faculty, ad hoc faculty, visiting faculty, non-teaching staff of ILS Law College, as well as the family members of Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi. The event commenced with a Sarawati Vandana presented by Ms. Swati Kulkarni, Ms. Aparna Tatke and Ms. Shubhangi Puranik.

Dr. Sanjay Jain, delivered the introductory speech where he highlighted the achievements of the College during the tenure of Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi, such as creation of four sister institutions; establishment of Ph.D. Centre; increments in the library collection including the digital databases, Information Technology and accessibility tools; renowned Research Projects. He further expressed his gratitude for having received mentoring from her in his career as well as personal life. He also appreciated the high standards of Administration, academics and teaching displayed by Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi. Further, the Faculty members, non-teaching staff and Mr. Venkat Ghatkar felicitated Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi as a token of respect and appreciation towards her.

This was followed by a trail of speeches by faculty members. Mr. Nitin Apte, shared his experiences about Principal in the capacity of her student, and then as a colleague. He emphasized her unique qualities as a Task Master, her extraordinary decision making skills, and her role as an ideal teacher and a parental figure to all.

Next was a comprehensive speech by Mr. Shrikant Malegaonkar, who shared his unique views on her as he had an opportunity of knowing her through all transitions of the system and college. He expressed his appreciation of Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi as an upright, fearless, methodical, ideological, and an impartial leader.

Mr. Ashish Pawar, conveyed his thanks to her for providing a unique work-culture and academics which promoted the autonomy and dignity leading to freedom for faculty member's work. Ms. Shweta Chandrashekhar, equated Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi with a Guru who has a transformational and charismatic leadership skills; a motherly figure who inspires colleagues to perform the best by providing time and space to evolve. Dr. Kamalakar Waghmare, labelled her an impartial and decent person who has contributed in nation building through her work as a Principal.

Ms. Isha Saxena, presented a symbolic song in dedication to the Principal. Ms. Pronema Bagchi presented a poem composed by her titled 'ode to Principal' to commend the work of Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi. Mr. Madhukar Togam, conveyed the ideals that he sees in her such as quality of inspiring the colleagues to work with confidence, dedication and positive outlook towards work, logical decision making while adhering to rules strictly, and being loving and caring towards others.

Dr. Shaila Daware conveyed her gratitude, indebtedness and love towards Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi, for being her guide and mentor and posing faith in her. Ms. Madhura Sawant, thanked Principal for giving her confidence of teaching in one of the topmost law schools, in spite of being a fresher. Mr. Vijendra Sonawane, commended the Principal for being able to treat everyone equally without any discrimination and being able to work with all sort of mind-sets.

Dr. Suvarna Nilakh, shared her experiences with the Principal and thanked her for demonstrating to work with responsibility, skepticism, and capacity of unwavering decision making. Dr. Nitish Nawasagaray, acknowledged and thanked Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi for posing trust and faith in the faculty members, for prioritising academics and legal education; also for letting people have the work life balance and creating a happy work culture.

Dr. Santosh Jaybhay, shared his long affiliation with the Principal and thanked her for her guidance and requested for continuing support and guidance in future also. Dr. Shrirang Pandit, elder brother of Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi, appreciated his sister for carrying the legacy of their father, who would be happy to see the nurturing the institution has got at her hands, while her younger brother, shared her quality of sacrifices for good of other continuing in her career as well, and both of them wished her good life ahead.

The attraction of the event was the most inspiring, nostalgic, and introspective conversation by the retiring Principal. In her ever elegant and humble manner she began by acknowledging the fact that there are few institutions which grow because of people, and few people grow because of the institution; and that she falls in the second category. She went ahead by paying tribute to her predecessor Principals, and shared their contributions and vision.

Mr. Gharpure who in her opinion, is the primary progenitor of the exclusive legal education institution that is ILS, and Mr. Pandit's whose role in steering the College through difficult financial crisis, with the assistance of the then Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Alumni of ILS, are the ones to be credited with the legacy of ILS Law College. She very aptly pointed that, 'Mr. Nanasaheb Gharpure was a Creator of ILS whereas Mr. Pandit was the re-creator of ILS'. She reminisced the humble sacrifice of Mr. Pandit and the other staff in working for almost six months without any pay during the time of crisis. She fondly shared memories of Mr. Ranade's able support in taking care of College till Dr. Sathe took over. Dr. Sathe gave a different direction to the Legal Education such as introducing Moot Court Competitions, Legal Aid Clinic, Case Comment Competition, Seminars, Research etc. The Teacher Disciple tradition continued amongst the Principals of ILS Law College. She shared the instances of Dr. Sathe's teachings and guidance she received during her Masters; and how she learnt analysis with clarity during these sessions.

Further, she shared her journey in ILS as a visiting faculty, fulltime teacher, Principal In-charge and as Principal. Later she talked about the milestones achieved during her tenure as a Principal such as Research grants of Ford Foundation for academic development, creation of innovative programs under 'Towards Conscious Legal Education' etc. She also explained the transitions that were seen during her career as Principal at ILS; like increasing regulatory regime in Banking, Insurance etc. in wake of Globalisation and Liberalisation. This led to changes in the expectation from Legal Fraternity and consequently legal education. Also challenges such as the rise of Government and Corporate funded National Law Schools in all states etc. were enumerated by her. In spite of these challenges, ILS Law College stood out in this cut-throat competitions.

She talked about her attempt in mandating the attendance to bring more sincerity and quality in Law students, an attempt which saw various petitions and pressures for diluting the rule. However, the cautious and honest implementation of the rule was applauded by the Bombay High Court. She credited the team work of her colleagues and strong support of the Management in expansion of the infrastructure of the college, such as new classrooms, additional library floors, IT infrastructure, two ladies hostel, LL.M, Ph.D. Centre etc.

She conveyed that Vision and Mission Statement of ILS reflecting the importance of Rule of Law has become the part of her life and profession. She concluded by expressing her gratitude to all her colleagues, friends and family without whose assistance and support performing her role as Principal was impossible. She welcomed the new team of Dr. Sanjay Jain, Dr. Santosh Jaybhay and Dr. Deepa Paturkar, and assured that she will be working with this team in the new capacity of Director, Academics and Administration.

The second farewell on 3rd February saw various ways of expression of gratitude, respect and love towards Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi. The teaching staff, non-teaching staff, the alumni and the students of ILS Law College presented Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi with a citation honouring her contribution in growth of ILS. This was followed by a Coffee Table Book titled 'Vaijayanti- A Tribute to a Living Legend' compiled and edited by Ms. Sathya Narayan, Hon. Director, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Pune. Members of Indian Law Society, Faculty members and Family members of Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi who were associated with her during her tenure at ILS as Principal penned their feelings, gratitude and respect in this Book.

Next, a compilation of old photographs and video clips articulated by faculty members as a tribute to her memorable moments with ILS, was displayed to the gathering, inspiring nostalgia.

Lastly, she was felicitated by Mr. P. Narayan (Adv.), Chairman, Governing Council. He reminisced and expressed his feelings about his long association with Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi and her major contribution in building of the institution. He emphasised on the objective of the ceremony which was not only to say goodbye to her, but to welcome her, in her new role as a Director, Academics and Administration.

Ms. Rajalaxmi Joshi, conveyed her thanks on behalf of Joshi family for organising the event and making them all feel overwhelmed. Dr. Deepa Paturkar shared her gratitude towards the Principal. The event saw speeches by members of Governing Council and General Body of ILS Mr. S.V. Kanetkar (Adv.), appreciated the efficient way in which Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi had carried the great legacy of ILS, her teaching skills, courageous and determinate way of putting her points; and her strong unwavering leadership. He cited various instances depicting these qualities one of them was the stern and bold decision of renouncing Management Quota, and few instances of her efforts to make ILS a self-sufficient institution.

Dr. Rao, shared his view of Ms. Joshi being a sincere and studious person. Dr. Sita Bhatia, commended her for keeping up the unique culture of being an extended family and conveyed her wish that Ms. Joshi continues working till ILS becomes a University. She also appreciated one of the few first decisions as a Principal that Ms. Joshi took was putting in place the Finance and budgeting of the College.

Dr. Soumitra Pathare, conveyed his happiness about her retirement as Principal, which would allow her more time for sister institutions, which he confessed he was yearning for long. Dr. Nilima Bhadbhade, highlighted three important qualities of Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi which she benefitted from as a colleague i.e. her capacity to keep secrets, her ability to encourage teachers and seeking happiness in development and progress of teacher colleagues, and ability to pose

faith in teachers.

Dr. Jaya Sagade, shared her views in the capacity of her close friend as well as a colleague. She thanked and appreciated Ms. Joshi as a friend in personal and professional capacity who stood by her for any work. She credited the existence of any positivity in her life to her friend. She reminisced their team work with transparency in career and life. She explained how very easy solutions to any problem would be given by Ms. Joshi always. Dr. Sagade also shared few work ethics of the Principal such as her belief that whenever any work had to be done for government, it is a work for society which should be done gratuitously without expectation of monetary benefits. She applauded Ms. Joshi's efficient and skillful way of carrying everyone together and treating everyone with dignity.

Ms. Swatee Yogessh, expressed her gratitude for being one of the Best Principals she has experienced in her career. She highlighted the uniqueness of Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi of being a 'Female Maryada Purushottam' a person who is a balanced and equanimous one, the one who would be disciplined and strict but would not cross the limits to be arrogant; the one who would be loving and caring but would not be over frank. She called out the definitional qualities of a good leader and sought confirmation from the audience if they agreed with the existence of each of the qualities in Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi. There was a loud and clear confirmation received on every quality of a good leader.

Ms. Sathya Narayan, appreciated the best qualities in Ms. Joshi such as the freedom given by her to the faculty; tendency of never giving up; capacity to translate the vision into reality and never discouraging anyone from doing anything new.

The ceremony culminated with an inspiring and memorable speech of Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi. In her eloquent style she shared the milestones of the journey of her career in ILS. She expressed her fortune and gratitude for being able to be part of this historic institution. She explained, being a Principal of such a legendary institution, for her was a big responsibility and being a daughter of one of the former legendary Principals was a double responsibility. And the fact that she always received support from the Management of ILS in all her endeavours as a Principal, is a testimony of she having been successful in executing the responsibilities casted on her. She shared few such instances, such as, how the Indian Law Society had sponsored the petition filed claiming the extension of the tenure of Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi as a Principal. For her, this trust of Society in her was one of her biggest achievements.

She shared how the photographs of five former Principals of ILS adorning the Principal's office, for her were symbolic of Five cannons of highest parameters guiding her in any decisions making as a Principal. The Sixth cannon she followed was self-conscience. She further highlighted that the rationale of creating the sister institutions of ILS Law College was an endeavor on her part to create unique eco-system of Legal Education at ILS and that activities of each of these sister institutions are correlated and congenial for the growth of ILS Law College.

She concluded with a promise to be with the institution and wished for even greater success of the institution in future.

98th FOUNDATION DAY, INDIAN LAW SOCIETY**Faculty Coordinator: Ms. Swati Kulkarni**

The Indian Law Society celebrated its 98th Foundation Day on 4th March 2020. Ms. Rajvi Mariwala, director of Mariwala Health Initiative graced the occasion. The members of Indian Law Society, Faculty and Administrative staff of the College, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy joined the celebration.

Ms. Mridula Bhatkar (Former Justice, Bombay High Court), President, Indian Law Society, Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi, Hon.Secretary, Indian Law Society, and Dr. Sanjay Jain, Principal (Addl. Charge) hoisted the flag and formally celebrated the 98th Foundation day of the Indian Law Society.

President of the Indian Law Society, Mridula Bhatkar addressed the students on this occasion. Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi, Hon. Secretary, Indian Law Society in her address introduced the gathering briefly with the glorious history of Indian Law Society. The Chief Guest Ms.Rajvi Mariwala in her address expressed her concern about gender justice and gender equality, and emphasized on the role of law in bringing about social transformation. Dr. Sanjay Jain, Acting Principal, ILS Law College, briefed the gathering about various activities conducted at ILS Law College. Dr. Soumitra Pathare, Director, Centre for Mental Health and Policy and Mr. Vivek Divan, Director, C-HELP introduced the gathering with the activities of their respective centres.

The Foundation Day Celebration of the Indian Law Society is marked with awards and recognitions for performances by students at various examinations and other co-curricular activities.

OTHER PROGRAMS AND COURSES

Advanced Certificate Program on Civil Court Practice and Procedure with special focus on Arbitration & Conciliation Act

- (A) Objective of the Certificate Program:** To bridge the gap between the Academic education and practical skills, and to impart Knowledge on contemporary developments in application of Civil Procedure Code.
- (B) Duration in hours:** 30 hours (17-27 Sep 2019)
- (C) Faculty In charge:** Ms. Smita Sabne
- (D) Faculty Coordinators:** Ms. Swatee Yogessh, Ms. Rajalaxmi Joshi
- (E) Student Coordinator:** Ramit Jain– III LLB
- (F) Total no. of students admitted:** 37
- (G) Total no. of students who appeared for examination:** 32
- (H) Total no. of students who passed the examination:** 32
- (I) Format of evaluation:**
- i. Attendance – 10 marks
 - ii. One MCQ on entire Syllabus – 20 marks
 - iii. Total – 30 marks
- (J) Resource persons with respective Session:**

Topic	Resource Person
Overview of Civil Procedure law vis-à-vis Civil Manual	Mr. S. V. Kanetkar
Courts and their Jurisdictions (Civil Court)	Mr. Sandeep Gujrathi
Pre-trial stage – Parties to suit & Filing of plaint	Mr. Aditya Kanetkar
Service of Summons filing of Written Statements	
Filing and defending of injunction applications	Mr. B R Phatak
Leading Evidence in Civil suits	Mr. Srinivas Patwardhan
Appeal revision review	
First Appeal, Second Appeal	
Arbitration and Conciliation Act Section 8 & Section 39	Mr. Kedar Kanetkar
Arbitration and Conciliation Act Section 9 & Section 17	
Chief examination and Cross examination of witnesses	Mr. S. V. Kanetkar
Execution of Decrees and Orders and Arbitral awards	Mr. B R Phatak

(L) Mode of payment for admission: Online

(M) Evaluation Agency : Indian Law Society

Diploma In Human Rights & Law

(A) Objective of the Diploma Program:

1. To conscientize and sensitize law students in human rights and other various laws
2. To protect, promote, and respect human rights of oneself and others
3. To give additional intellectual inputs to students on human rights issues and capacitate them to undertake studies and researches etc.
4. To apprise them of the scope of human rights and laws as a career.

(B) Duration: 2 hours per day, two days in a week. (From 13 Aug 2019. Total 8 to 9 months)

(C) Faculty In charge/Assistant Coordinator: Dr Sita Bhatia, Associate Professor (retd) and former vice-principal of ILS Law College

(D) Student Coordinators: 1. Ritik S Khobragade 2. Esha Todkar 3. Aastha Sharma

(E) Total no. of students admitted: 34

(F) Total no. of students who appeared for examination: 33

(G) Total no. of students who passed the examination:31

(H) Format of evaluation: – All students were evaluated out of 100 marks. The breakup of the marks is as follows:-

Dissertation on various human rights issues/cases etc - 30 Marks; Students seminar on the dissertation topics -20 Marks;

Compulsory Written examination at the end of the course -50 marks

(I) Resource person with respective modules/Session:

Name of the person	Topic	Date	Time
Tejaswini Sevekari, Director saheli	Human Rights & Problems of Sex workers	20-8-19	9.30am
Dr Neeraj Jain, Director, NGO Lokayat	Human Rights to Health	3-9-19	9.30 am

Name of the person	Topic	Date	Time
A Film by Lokayat	Genetically modified Food and Human Rights to health.	3-9-19	9.30 am
Lt Gen D B Shekatkar	Terrorism and Human Rights	18-9-19	9.30 am
Mr Vivek Velankar, Social Activist	Right to Information from Human Rights Perspective	10-10-19	9.30 am
Dr Deepa Paturkar	Protection of Women from sexual harassment at workplace	15-2-20	9.30 am
Ms. Isha Saxena	Humanitarian Law and POSCO	18-2-20	9.30 am
Viva/Students presentation	Oral Examination	5,6,7 feb-20	
Written Examination	Theory examination	27-2-20	2.00 am

(J) Mode of payment for admission: Net banking only

(K) Evaluation Agency : Indian Law Society autonomous course

Diploma in Competition Laws

(A) Objective of the Diploma: The aim of the course is to teach the basic provisions of Indian competition law; to orient the students to the law and economics of the subject; and to consider particular business behaviour – cartels, intellectual property licensing, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, etc., in light of the provisions of the Competition Act, 2002 (as amended) (Competition Act), related regulations, as well as experiences in other jurisdictions (in particular, the European Union).

(B) Faculty In charge: Ms. Smita Sabne

(C) Student Coordinators: Sudhir Sonwane – III BALLB

(D) Total no. of students admitted: 15

(E) Total no. of students who appeared for examination: 15

(F) Total no. of students who passed the examination: 15

(G) Format of evaluation: Written exam MCQ on full syllabus of - 100 marks.

(H) Resource person with respective Session:

Topic	Name of the Faculty
Introduction [History of competition law, Evolution of competition law in India]	Dhruv Rajain
Competition law and policy [Need for competition law and policy, Concept of efficiencies, Goals of competition law, Policy consideration, Overview of anti-competitive agreements, unilateral conduct and merger control]	Anshuman Sakle & Smita Andrews
Market definition and market power	Kaustav Kundu & Ruchi Verma
Section 3: Anti-competitive agreements – concepts [What is an “enterprise”?, Concept of appreciable adverse effect on competition, Per se restrictions and rule of reason test, Restrictions by object v. restrictions by effect, Ancillary restrictions, Joint ventures (JV)]	Dhruv Rajain
Section 3: Cartels (Oligopolies, Parallel pricing and plus factors)	Dhruv Rajain & Ruchi Verma
Section 3: Cartels (continuing) – Leniency (Importance of leniency, Leniency Regime in India)	Avaantika Kakkar & Kirthi Srinivas
Section 3: Vertical agreements (Difference between horizontal and vertical agreements, Rationale for different treatment, Overlaps between Vertical Agreements and Abuse of Dominant Position)	Avaantika Kakkar & Sree Ramya Hari
Section 3: Vertical agreements (Tie-in arrangements, Exclusive dealing, Refusal to deal, Resale price maintenance, Active v. passive sales, Non-compete clauses, Exemptions)	Avaantika Kakkar & Kaustav Kundu
Introduction to Section 4 – Abuse of a Dominant Position (Overview) (Concept of dominance, Overview of Section 4 of the Act, Unfair or discriminatory conditions, Unfair or discriminatory pricing, Predatory Pricing)	Anshuman Sakle & Nandini Pahari
Section 4 (continuing) (Limiting or Restricting Production or Technical Development, Denial of Market Access, Essential facilities doctrine, Tying and Bundling, Leveraging,	Anshuman Sakle & Neelambara Sandeepan

Topic	Name of the Faculty
Section 4 (continuing) (Objective Justifications, Interplay of competition and intellectual property laws, Competition in hi-tech markets,	Aishwarya Gopalakrishnan
Sections 5 & 6: Merger Control (Framework under the Competition Act, 2002, Key Exemptions and Exclusions,	Avaantika Kakkar and Kirthi Srinivas
Concept of control, Concept of Group, Sections 5 & 6: Merger Control (continuing) (Assessment of mergers and acquisitions, Non-Compete Restriction)	Avaantika Kakkar and Kirthi Srinivas
Sections 5 & 6: Merger Control (continuing) (Applicability of merger control regime to joint ventures, Modifications)	Kaustav Kundu and Smita Andrews
Powers of the Commission, Orders, Fines, etc. (Powers of the Commission and Director General, Orders of the Commission after Inquiry into agreements or abuse of dominant position, Follow-on damage/compensation claims,	Kaustav Kundu and Smita Andrews

(J) Mode of payment for admission: Online

(K) Evaluation Agency: Indian Law Society

(L) Duration: 24 Aug 2019 to 25 Jan 2020

Diploma in Corporate Laws

(A) Name of the Diploma: Diploma in Corporate Laws

(B) Objective of the Diploma: Imparting focal and specialized understanding of Corporate Laws

(C) Duration in hours: 72 hours (19th Aug 2019 to 20th Oct 2019)

(D) Faculty In charge: Ms. SmitaSabne

(E) Student Coordinators: Sudhir Sonwane – III BALLB, Mehool Seth – III LLB

(F) Total no. of students admitted: 91

(G) Total no. of students who appeared for examination: 88

(H) Total no. of students who passed the examination: 88

(I) Format of evaluation: Total 400 Marks

1. Attendance - 10 marks

2. 3 MCQ's - 50 marks each i.e., 150 marks

3. One MCQ on entire Syllabus - 200 marks

4. Viva - 40 marks

(J) Resource person with respective Session:

Name of the Faculty	Topics
Mr. Chirag Oswal	Company against other form of organization
	Company as a separate personality
	Promotion of a company
	Constitutional documents and Popular Doctrines
	Funding for a company and Issue of shares
Mr. Shubham Suklecha	Board meeting
	Appointment of directors, types of directors, rotation of directors
	Meeting of directors and its rules, concept of casting vote
	General Meeting, Meeting of shareholders and its rules, Annual general meeting,
	Extraordinary general meeting, types of business transacted, types of resolutions passed
	Virtual Meeting Online board meeting, e-voting for shareholders, concept of postal ballot
Mr. Chirag Oswal	Reconstruction (Amalgamation, merger, de-merger, acquisitions and internal reconstruction)
	Dissolution and winding up (creditors voluntary winding up, members voluntary winding up, compulsory winding, Liquidator, statement of affairs, striking off name of the company)
	Insolvency and bankruptcy code, 2016
	Corporate taxation
	Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008
Ms. Jeevita Pillai	IPR
	Competition Law
Mr. Shubham Suklecha	Takeover code & Securities Law
Mr. Chirag Oswal	Corporate Ethics, Seed funding
	Special Purpose vehicle, Round tripping of funds
	Real Estate Investment Trust, Stock exchange mechanism
	Class action suit, 2008 Financial Crisis
	Startup norms, FDI

(K) Mode of payment for admission: Online

(L) Evaluation Agency : Indian Law Society

Diploma in Securities and Capital Markets

- (A) Objective of the Diploma:** The Certificate Program on Securities Laws is a comparative study of legal and regulatory frameworks. It is designed to enable the participant to understand the critical securities market processes, such as legal due diligence and compliance.

The programme is intended for those who want to begin their careers in legal and compliance domain in securities markets.

- (B) The key-take away of the program are:**

1. Identify and execute the law and procedures necessary for public issues, rights issues, and preferential issues
2. SEBI's operation and role as the primary capital market regulator
3. Law and procedure relating to prospectus and offer documents in cases of public offering of securities by a company
4. Understanding the role of lawyers, accountants, analysts, investment bankers, rating agencies and financial intermediaries in various capital raising modes

- (C) Duration in hours:** 60 hours (13 Jan 2020 to 28 Feb 2020)

- (D) Faculty In charge:** Ms. Smita Sabne

- (E) Student Coordinator:** Sudhir Sonawane

- (F) Total no. of students admitted:** 25

- (G) Total no. of students who appeared for examination:** 25

- (H) Total no. of students who passed the examination:** 25

- (I) Format of evaluation: TOTAL : 300 Marks**

1. Attendance – 10 marks
2. 2 MCQ exam – 50 marks each i.e. Total 100 marks
3. One MCQ on entire Syllabus – 150 marks
4. Viva – 40 marks

- (J) Sessions Held:**

Topics
<p><u>Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956:</u></p> <p>- Objectives of the SCR Act, Rules and Regulations made there under; Important Definitions; Recognized Stock Exchange, Clearing Corporation; Public issue and listing of securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992</p> <p>- Objective; Powers and functions of SEBI; Securities Appellate Tribunal</p>
<p><u>Depositories Act, 1996</u></p> <p>- Depository System in India; Role & Functions of Depositories; Depository Participants; Admission of Securities; Dematerialization & Re-materialization; Depository Process</p>
<p><u>An Overview of SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2009</u></p> <p>- SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2009 rechristened as SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018.</p>

Topics
<u>An Overview of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.</u>
<u>SEBI (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to Securities Market) Regulations, 2003.</u>
<u>SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares an Takeovers) Regulations, 2011</u> (Take-Over code)
<u>SEBI (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2009</u> - Delisting of Equity Shares; Voluntary Delisting; Exit Opportunity; Compulsory Delisting.
<u>SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015</u> - Unpublished price sensitive information (UPSI); Disclosures; Codes of fair disclosure and conduct; Synchronise Trading and Manipulation of the Share Prices.
<u>SEBI Guidelines for Anti Money Laundering Measures Mutual Funds</u> - Types of Mutual Funds and Schemes; Key players in Mutual Funds: Sponsor, Asset Management Company, Trustee, Unit holder, Evaluating performance of Mutual funds- Net Asset Value, Expense Ratio, Holding Period Return.
<u>Collective Investment Schemes</u> - Regulatory Framework; Restrictions on Business Activities; Submission of Information and Documents; Trustees and their Obligations.
<u>Structure of Capital Market</u> <u>I. Primary Market</u> (a) Capital Market Investment Institutions- Domestic Financial Institutions (DFI), Qualified Institutional Buyers (QIB), Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI), Private Equity, Angel Funds, HNIs, Venture Capital, Pension Funds, Alternative Investment Funds. (b) Capital Market Instruments- Equities, Preference Shares, Shares with Differential Voting Rights, Corporate Debt, Non-Convertible Debentures (NCD), Partly, Fully and Optionally Convertible Debentures, Bonds, Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds (FCCB), Foreign Currency Exchangeable Bonds (FCEB) Indian Depository Receipts (IDR), Derivatives, Warrants; (c) Aspects of Primary Market- Book building, ASBA, Green Shoe Option II. Secondary Market Development of Stock market in India; Stock market & its operations, Trading Mechanism, Block and Bulk deals, Grouping, Basis of Sensex, Nifty; Suspension and Penalties; Surveillance Mechanism; Risk management in Secondary market, Impact of various Policies on Stock Markets such as Credit Policy of RBI, Fed Policy, Inflation index, CPI, WPI, etc. <u>Securities Market Intermediaries:</u> Primary Market and Secondary Market Intermediaries: Role and Functions, Merchant

Topics
Bankers, Stock Brokers, Syndicate Members, Registrars and Transfer Agents, Underwriters, Bankers to an Issue, Portfolio Managers, Debenture Trustees, Investment Advisers, Research Analysts, Market Makers, Credit Rating Agencies

(K) Mode of payment for admission: Online

(L) Evaluation Agency : Indian Law Society

Deeksharambh – A Student Induction Program

(A) Objective of the Diploma/Certificate Programme: The program was conducted with an aim of familiarising the new students to the college environment and emphasized on inculcating the ethos and culture of the college.

The induction activity was conducted in accordance with the UGC guidelines and was compulsory for all first year students at ILS Law College. Successful completion of the program entitled the students to a certificate issued by the college.

(B) Faculty Coordinators: Ms. Madhura Sawant, Mr. Ashish Pawar, Ms. Swatee Yogessh, Ms. Bhavna Wanre.

(C) Duration in hours/ days: 1 day

(D) Resource person with respective modules/Session:

Session 1: Orientation by the Principal Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi

Date: I BA.LLB- 30th September 2019 and I LL.B- 18th October 2019

Principal of ILS Law College Ms. Vaijayanti Joshi welcomed the first year students. Her address gave a glimpse of the history and heritage of ILS Law College. Students were familiarized with the rules and regulations of the college. The Principal oriented the students about the important events and activities of the college and urged students to participate in all these activities in their full capacity.

Session 2: Guest Lecture on Career Options in Law

Date: 2nd March 2020

A guest lecture was delivered by Mr. Kaustubh Mone, an alumnus of ILS Law and a notable consultant and author on personality development. The session was arranged with an aim of sensitizing the students about career prospects in law. He particularly highlighted the changing career prospects for law students with the advent of artificial intelligence.

Session 3 : Interactive session on Mental Health and Wellbeing

Date: 2nd March 2020

An interactive session on Mental Health and wellbeing was conducted by Dr. Kaustubh Jog, Psychiatrist & Research Scholar, Centre For Mental health Law and Policy at ILS Law College. The session's main objective was to alleviate the fear of studying in India's best legal institution, which can be quite exciting and thrilling for the student, but academic stress and competitive standards set by the society can take a toll on a student's mental and emotional well being.

Session 4 : Library and Legal Databases Orientation

Date: 2nd March 2020

A separate session was conducted to familiarize students with the college's library and legal databases, the students were introduced to the Library and its Legal databases by the Librarian Mr Madhukar Togam. An activity aimed at orienting the students with the collection of the physical as well as digital library, rules and regulations of the library etc. Particularly Mr Swapnil Bhambre, from Manupatra gave a live demonstration of access to the database Manupatra. The session's emphasis was to inculcate the significance of a library in a student's life.

Session 5 : Law and Social Sciences

Date: 2nd March 2020

Dr. Sanjay Jain, Additional Charge, Principal ILS Law College, Ms. Swatee Yogesh, Mr. Ashish Pawar and Shweta Chandrashekhar (Assistant Professors at ILS) presented an interactive panel discussion to bring to the new students the importance and relevance of interdisciplinary studies of law and other social sciences. The panel also familiarized the students with the academic culture and the academic expectation from the students at ILS Law College. It was concluded with the questions and answers sessions.

Certificate Program on Vidhishilpakar

- (A) **Objective of the Certificate Program:** The program aimed at training, & imparting the technique of learning and understanding law and legislations in connection with Political Science, Sociology and Language.
- (B) **Faculty In-charge:** Ms. Smita Sabne
Faculty Coordinators: Ms. Swatee Yogesh, Ms. Rajalaxmi Joshi
- (C) **Duration in days :** 6 days (4th Nov 2019 to 9th Nov 2019)
- (D) **Total no. of students admitted:** 34
- (E) **Resource persons with respective Session:**

Topic	Resource Person
Introduction to Legal System – How statutes are made	Dr. Nilima Bhadbhade Faculty- ILS Law College
Anatomy of Statute – How to read and analyse Statute	Mr. B. R. Phatak
Critical analysis of a Judgment	Dr. Sanjay Jain Associate Professor- ILS Law College

Topic	Resource Person
How to do Legal Research?	Ms. Swatee Yogessh Assistant Professor - ILS Law College
AUSCHWITZ – Shame on Humanity – Concentration camps of Hitler in World War II	Mr. Shrikant Malegaonkar Advocate
Treasure Hunt- Search for Legal material	Ms. Swatee Yogessh Faculty, Ms. Rajalaxmi Joshi, Ms. Varsha Khandagale Assistant Professors - ILS Law College

Note: Treasure Hunt for the students was conducted in ILS Law College Library to impart the understanding of the method and technique of learning the law. It aimed at training the skill of browsing the library for collection of research material/ literature. The activity also helped in familiarizing the students with the rich collection of the ILS Law College library.

Course on Women, Gender and Law

- (A) Objective of the Diploma/Certificate Programme:** To learn Feminist theories and their application to Indian and Australian legal systems in comparative manner.
- (B) Faculty In charge/Assistant Coordinator:** Dr. Jaya Sagade
- (C) Duration in hours/ days:** 13th January to 23rd January 2020 – 11 days
- (D) Total no. of students admitted:** 39 (19 Indian and 20 Australian)
- (E) Resource person with respective modules/Session:**
 Dr. Jaya Sagade
 Dr. Christine Forster, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
 Dr. Manisha Gupte
 Dr. Padma Deosthali
 Ms. Bindu Khire