

ILS HARIYALI-ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CELL (estb. 2011)

(A) Brief Introduction of the Cell:

ILS Hariyali or The ILS Environmental Law Cell was established by the ILS Law College to sensitize law students towards environmental issues and to motivate them towards taking up study of environmental law.

(B) Faculty In-Charge: Ms. Varsha Khandagale, Ms. Shweta Chandrashekhar, Mr Mayur Garud, Ms Mugdha Hedau and Ms Ninawari Ware.

(C) Student members: Shraddha (III LL.B.), Vikrant Raje (II LL.B.), Perna Murarka, Geethika Satti, Khusboo Tilokani, Anukriti Anand, Prathamesh Mandalik (III B.A. LL.B.).

(D) Details of the activities conducted by the Cell during Academic year 2019-20:

Title of the Activity: Inauguration Session on LAW: Land, Air and Water: Challenges to Protect the Planet.

Resource Person: Mr. Satya Natrajan

Date: 19th August, 2019

Brief overview of the activity: Through this session students were encouraged not only to fight the legal battle as lawyers, but also to act in personal capacity to protect the planet.

Nos. of Participants: 33

Title of the Activity: Movie screening 'Lakir Ke Iss Taraf – On this side of the Line' and Discussion

Resource Person: Ms. Shilpa Ballal

Date: 16th September, 2019

Brief overview of the Activity: The movie was about the Sardar Sarovar Project and the displacement of the indigenous communities due to the project. A discussion was also carried out about honouring the basic rights of the displaced people.

Nos. of Participants: 25

Title of the Activity: Environmental Impact and Lawyer's role in mitigating it

Resource Person: Adv. Asim Sarode

Date: 28th September, 2019

Brief overview of the Activity: The resource person informed the students about the various environmental concerns and what we, as lawyers, can do in protecting the environment.

Nos. of the Participants: 24

Title of the Activity: Visit to Dr. Salim Ali Biodiversity Park, Yerwada, Pune

Resource Person: ILS Students and Faculty along with Ornithologists

Date: 2nd October, 2019

Brief overview of the Activity: The biodiversity park houses over 100 different species of birds, 35 species of migratory birds and 30 different species of butterflies. The students were guided by Ornithologists. They observed the various birds and were sensitized about the same as well as preserving the ecology

Nos. of Participants: 19

Title of the Activity: Cleanliness Drive

Resource Person: ILS Students and Faculty

Date: 2nd October, 2019

Brief overview of the Activity: Cleanliness Drive was conducted at the Dr. Salim Ali Biodiversity Park, Yerwada, Pune in coordination with Team NJIYO and PMC. While carrying out the cleanliness drive, the students also took action against some people who had come to the park to illegally burn their e-waste.

Nos. of Participants: 19

Title of the Activity: Tree Plantation

Resource Person: ILS Students and Faculty

Date: 22nd October, 2019

Brief Overview of the Activity: A decision was taken to plant a tree on behalf of the cell and to adopt the tree. The responsibility for taking care of that tree would be upon each of the cell members.

Nos. of Participants: 19

Title of the Activity: Participation in protest against High Capacity Mass Transit Route which is planned to be constructed over ILS Hill

Resource Person: ILS Students and faculty members

Date: 23rd November, 2019

Brief overview of the Activity: The Hariyali members participated in the protest against the High Capacity Mass Transit Route which is planned to be constructed over ILS Hill.

Title of the Activity: Documentary Screening: ‘Wetlands: The Sponges of Earth’

Resource Person: ILS Students and Faculty

Date: 7th February, 2020

Brief overview of the Activity: The documentary informed the attendees of the importance of the depleting wetlands and the urgency needed to protect them. This documentary was screened in celebration of the World Wetlands Day celebrated every year on 2nd February, 2020

Nos. of Participants: 33

Title of the Activity: Cleanliness and Beautification Drive

Resource Person: ILS Students in collaboration with Navuday Foundation and PMC

Date: 9th February, 2020

Brief overview of the Activity: The cleanliness and beautification drive was carried out along the river side near Omkareshwar Temple, Pune.

Nos. of Participants: 14

Title of the Activity: National Seminar on ‘Interface of Environment Protection and Development of Transport Infrastructure: Issues and Challenges’

Resource Person: Adv. Ritwick Dutta, (Lawyer, Founder of Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment), Neeraj Waghlikar, (Member, Kalpavriksh & Adviser, Lawyers Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE)), Milind Pariwakam, (Member, IUCN WCPA Connectivity), Prajakta Divekar, (Anthropologist, engaged in critical heritage studies and cultural resource

management and Research Fellow, Humanities and Social Sciences Department, IISER, Pune), Shripad Dharmadhikary, (Activist, Researcher and Coordinator of Manthan Adhyayan Kendra), Jayashree Deshpande, (Architect, Sociologist and Educator, Chairperson, Indian Institute of Architects, Pune Center, Director, Academic Unit of Council of Architecture, New Delhi)

Date: 27th February, 2020

Brief Overview of the Activity: The Seminar was brought together by the students and the experts in the field of environment to deliberate and discuss pressing issues and challenges posed before the environment. Noted activists and environmental experts gave their expert views.

Nos. of Participants: 52