

Annual Report of DES LRC ‘जिज्ञासा’2019-20

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➤ Nomination process & Selection process:

Legal Research Cell for academic year 2019-20 commenced its work by nominating the members of LRC in July 2019. With 10 nominated members the selection process was planned and executed efficiently. After the selection of nominated members, the selection process of selecting members for LRC has been conducted. The criteria which decided were ‘Article analysis’. The students were supposed to choose any article on any aspect of Environmental Law and make review of that article on the basis of given points. The selection process includes the article review and the interview which was conducted by faculty coordinator Dr. Madhushree Joshi madam. Students were enthusiastic for being part of LRC and came for interview in huge numbers. In the selection process 40 students were selected from 65 students as members of LRC for academic year 2019-20. According to selection process, the Legal Research Cell 2019-20 has been formed with the nominated members and selected members and the meeting of all the members has been conducted to discuss and review the plans of LRC.

The yearly activity proposal and the budget for 2019-2020 was proposed and presented before CDC and has been duly approved. Aditya Bendre assisted the coordinators to prepare the presentation and PPT. The activities for the whole year were conducted and reviewed according to this plan.

➤ LRC meetings and Sessions:

In first few meetings the various sub-departments were formed with a view of harmonious and simplified work. Various activities were planned by the departments and accordingly held throughout the year. Maintaining the enthusiasm of students to take part in various competitions and activities, LRC initiated with the in-house Bill analysis sessions, Legal Updates, Latest judicial pronouncements etc.

The regular meetings for a specified 30 minutes on every Thursday made LRC work in a structured way. Understanding the students' other interests and following the college policy of providing maximum opportunity of participation LRC meetings were conducted by making all

required adjustments. This facilitated LRC members with holistic application of research methods in all possible allied activities. The record of the meeting is appropriately maintained.

Research Orientation & Training:

➤ Workshop on Legal Research Methods:

The work shop has been conducted on Research Methodology. In this workshop, eminent guests namely Dr. Deepa Paturkar. LRC Faculty Coordinator explained the students about data collection and analysis of it and methods of research. On the basis of the training imparted the LRC members were expected to experiment on the application of research method and various techniques of Data collection and analysis etc to learn and practise research.

In furtherance of the orientation on research methods the practical sessions were conducted for LRC members where members formed group and made a research proposal. The proposals were presented before the LRC Co-ordinator. The LRC members have submitted research proposals on the allotted research areas. Those proposals will be presented to the research committee, are analysed the ones with research potential are reframed for further submission to various institutions for research fund.

1. Research proposal and design presentation by Chaitanya Hariharan – Sports Law
2. Research proposal and design presentation by Ashish Joshi & Aniruddha Purohit- Road Safety Laws. Amendment in the Motor Vehicle Act and its rules through technological means.
3. Research proposal and design presentation by Gayatri Datar & Adrian Abbi - Arbitration Law
4. Research proposal and design presentation by Akshita Vats - Competition Law
5. Research proposal and design presentation by Nagbhushan and Parth Lohia - Maritime Law.
6. Research proposal and design presentation by Shubhankar Malegaonkar- Environmental Law
7. Research proposal and design presentation by Aditi Zambre & Nandini Gadgil – Media Law
8. Research proposal and design presentation by Chaitanya Kedia – Investment and Securities Law
9. Research proposal and design presentation by Siddhi Mehta and Aswathy Roy – Laws on Special Economic Zone

10. Research proposal and design presentation by Sakshi Mehta – Science and Technology

After completion of the scrutiny of research, the students will write research paper on the research topics allotted; the papers will be published on the online blog of LRC.

Research orientation for first year students:

An orientation session for first year students relating to the work of LRC was conducted. In this orientation these students were informed about LRC, how LRC works and importance of LRC. Due to CET schedule and delayed Admission process The first year student could participate in the LRC activities only in the 2nd term.

Bill Analysis Sessions :

The Orientation session was conducted by Dr. Madhushree Joshi Ma'am explaining the concept and importance of bill analysis and the methods of analysis to be followed while analysing the bill.

Bill analysis on protection of child from sexual offences bill, 2019:

The first bill analysis session was organised on POCSO Amendment Bill of 2019, held on 10th of August, 2019. The Power Point presentation by Surbhi Agrawal on the said bill highlighted the important provisions made of the bill. The discussion was restricted to the Legal aspects of the bill in order to know the legal nuances of this newly drafted Law. After the presentation, participants put forth their views on the bill. Immense knowledge and command of Adv. Yashpal Purohit sir over the said subject gave us new possibilities as to how to cover various other scenarios for effective implementation of the said act.

Bill Analysis on The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill, 2019:

The second bill analysis session was conducted on "The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation, 2019" which was held on 24th of August, 2019. This session took place in presence of all Legal Research Cell members and also non-members of Legal Research Cell. The session started with Asst.Prof.Sonali Jadhav Madam explaining the concept and importance of bill, the historical background of Article 370 and current scenario after passing of Jammu and

Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019. For this session the Power Point Presentation by Adrian Abbi informed the audience about various aspects of the bill.

Legal News and Bill Updates:

This is another regular activity of LRC. The information pertaining to latest legal news, amendments, Judgments etc. is uploaded on the LRC WhatsApp group. The task is undertaken by Sahil Ambre, Surbhi Agrawal, Nagbhushan Hanagandi and Eesha Karnik. The monthly news and bill update reports have been submitted by the concerned students.

New avenues of legal research – Lecture series:

With a view to inform the students about the new avenues of research, LRC is proposing to conduct the lecture series on various fields of legal research where the experts in that field will give the expert advice about the research to the students. The Lecture Series is proposed to be conducted for the first year student in the month of April - May.

CCI Advocacy Skill at DES's SNFLC:

This new proposed venture is a scheme declared by CCI, India, LRC has proposed to conduct awareness sessions and orientation programme, to seek CCI association and monetary assistance and permission to use their name and certification for the same, the proposal has been made the positive reply is awaited.

➤ Research Conducted :

CID Research Project MOU:

Our College has collaborated with Criminal Investigation Department, Pune to research on the cases provided by the department. College has successfully signed a MOU for conducting a research and submitting case analysis every month. Dr, Madhushree Joshi has coordinated the activity throughout in research as well in communicating with the CID authorities. The confidentiality of the case at hand has been absolutely maintained by the members.

LRC members study the legal aspects of the case-sheet, the judgment and order of the court. Without letting the case copy to the students the informative sessions are conducted by the coordinator to personally explain the case facts and findings with reasons given by the court. The research work is conducted in groups of 5 LRC members.

We received 6 cases out of which case analysis of Four cases has been successfully complete. This activity has explored for the researchers the practical aspects and the procedures of court cases as well as investigation by the police department.

➤ **Research on Nuclear Technology and Law :**

LRC members conducted the research in this new avenue of Technology based Law. The unexplored part of Legal aspects of nuclear technology was suggested for National Seminar of the College- titled as ‘AGNISHIKHA- Nuclear Power for Future India’. The research was further extended as per the subthemes of Seminar.

1. Introduction, evolution, development and key features of Nuclear law- Gayatri Datar and Rohit Pawar
2. Nuclear Security for Future India – Aditya Bendre and Durgesh Nandini
3. Case Study : Radiation Technology for Better Agriculture – Ashish Joshi and Sejal Runwal
4. Global Perspective of Nuclear Power – Adwait Deodhar and Aalhad Dange
5. Case Study : Relevance of Atomic Energy in enhancing National Security and Establishing Sovereignty – Amruta Kharade and Akshita Vats

All the research members along with the research coordinator participated in the seminar to get the guidance from the expert resource persons; the qualitative seminar has greatly benefited the research.

➤ **Proposed Visit to BARC**

The novice subject like nuclear technology and Law needs the interaction and actual observation of research undertaken by the authorities and experts. Field visit is proposed at BARC which includes the study of the research institution, to conduct the interview of various experts involved in the work according to their research.

Research Proposals:

1. Two research proposals have been submitted to Child Right and You (CRY) NGO on Child Pornography on theme of ‘Child Pornography a barrier to the Protection and Development of Children: The Indian Approach’ titled ‘Researching child rights-focused thematic – child health, child nutrition, child protection and child development’.
2. National Woman Rights Commission (NCW) on Cyber Pornography on theme of ‘Misuse of technology vis-à-vis violation of privacy of child with special reference to girl child’ titled

‘Cyber Pornography: An Interdisciplinary study of technology led crime against women and children’.

3. Sukanya Joshirao submitted Research Proposal on “Enforceability of Environmental Impact Assessment in India Under Gruelling Environmental Conditions”.

➤ **1st National Level Client Counselling and Judgment Writing Competition 2020**

For the very first time the Institution organised National Law fest consisting of three National Level competitions viz. Appellate Moot Court Competition, Client Counselling Competition and Judgment Writing Competition. The LRC successfully conducted Client Counselling Competition and Judgment Writing Competition with a good number of participation from all over the country.

From LRC members assisted the Moot Court Society of our college and drafted, designed and conducted the Client Counselling Competition and Judgment Writing Competition in an innovative way. Chaitanya Marne and Adwait Deodhar coordinated the event under the guidance of Dr. Madhushree Joshi.

Client Counselling Competition was conducted in two rounds, for the preliminary round as well as final round the Criminal law based situation was decided, College students represented the clients’ side. For Judgment Writing Competition the Case Presentation and arguments were conducted for which Practising Advocates handling the original case were invited. The senior Adv. Nitin Apte presided over as the Judge for the session. after observation of case presentation, the final judgment writing round was conducted. The results were declared for the same in the valedictory Function of National Law fest. Feedbacks received from the Judges and participants of both of the competitions appreciated and encouraged to further conduct National Law Fest on regular basis.

➤ **Participations & Achievements:**

As it is the basic aim of LRC to give students opportunities to participate in various competitions so that their research skill gets improve. Our members made it worth by participation and achievements the brief record is as follows :

1. National Quiz Competition “Conquest 4.0” held by MMM’s Shankarao Chavan Law College, Pune in two teams

Team 1: Chaitanya Hariharan, Surbhi Agrawal and Sahil Ambre

Team 2: Siddhi Mehta, Parth Lohia and Mini Singh

2. Surbhi Agrawal and Chaitanya Hariharan participated in 10thNariGursahani Client Counselling Competition held at Mumbai.
3. AmrutaKharade Patil participated and secured 1st Position in National Article Writing Competition organised by University of Lucknow on the topic "Justice loses its character when it becomes Revenge (with Reference to Hyderabad Encounter Case...!)"
4. AmrutaKharade secured a Certificate of Merit for the Long Article on the topic "Child Rights in the Entertainment Industry" in the Volume 14 of "Supremo Amicus Journal" ISSN: 2456-9704.
5. Surbhi Agarwal is awarded a cash prize at the Essay competition organized by Surana and Surana International Attorneys, Chennai.
6. Aditya Bendre submitted Research Proposal on - "The impact of Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2019 on the Arbitration system in India".
7. ApoorvaMaheshwariparticipated and secured 2nd position in Legal Foxes National Quiz competition on Family Law, 2019. (Won cash prize, trophy and certificate) and also participated in Legal Foxes National Quiz competition on IPC, 2019.
8. ApoorvaMaheshwari secured 4th position in Legal Foxes National Judgement Writing Competition, 2019
9. Surbhi Agarwal submitted Essay titled "Massacre by Majority in the name of the Mother" in the Essay Competition organized by the Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar.
10. AmrutaKharade participated in 9thNational Legislative Drafting Competition, 2020 organized by SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law, Mumbai on the topic "Regulation of Marine Pollution".
11. Siddhi Mehta participated and secured 2nd position in Judgement Analysis competition organized by "The Saviors".
12. ParthLohia submitted article titled 'Jurisprudence of Sports Law- A Virtual Reality' in GNLU Journal of Sports Law.
13. Nagbhushanparticipated in CCI National Level Essay Competition on "Competition issues in New Age Markets- Challenges and Way Forward". The results of the said competition are awaited.
14. NandiniGadgil participated in 9th National Legislative Drafting Competition, 2020 organised by SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law, Mumbai on the topic "Regulation of Marine Pollution".
15. Aditi Zambre submitted Essay titled "Media and communication laws" at the essay Competition organized by Surana and Surana International Attorneys, Chennai.

16. Kanika Adake participated in essay competition on Human Rights organized by Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur.
17. Kanika Adake participated in 2nd Indian Mediation Week Essay Competition on 'Mediating the Brexit Deal between the United Kingdom and the European Union'.
18. Parth Lohia participated in 2nd Indian Mediation Week Essay Competition on 'Mediating the Brexit Deal between the United Kingdom and the European Union'.
19. Parth Lohia participated in 19th Dinesh Vyas essay writing competition, GLC Mumbai.
20. Siddhi Mehta secured 4th position in judgement writing competition organized by Legal Foxes.
21. Durgesh Nandini submitted article on "Ram Janmabhumi - Babri Masjid Dispute" for Think India.

➤ **Seminars & Conferences:**

1. Surbhi Agarwal participated and presented a paper titled '103rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 2019' at Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad.
2. Adwait Deodhar Participated in Panel Discussion on the Union of India's decision to "modify" Article 370 of the Constitution Titled "Modification of Article 370: Points and Counter-Points" organised by ILS Law College, Pune.
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4. Aditya Bendre represented LRC at International Conference on "International Arbitration Practice and Procedure in International Arbitration" held at MNLU in association with International Chamber of commerce (ICC) and Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC).
5. Apoorva Maheshwari presented paper titled "Emerging Dynamics and Dimensions of Arbitration Law and ADR" in International Conference organized by Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh, Feb 2020.
6. Aditya Bendre represented LRC at National Seminar on "Maritime safety and security and Environment in Indian Ocean" held at MNLU in association with Stockton Center for International Law and Directorate General of Shipping, Government of India.
7. Nagbhushan Hanagandi participated in one-day National Seminar and inauguration of U.R.J.A Chapter 1 on 'The Water Nexus: Bringing The World Together' held by Bharathi Vidyapeeth Deemed University New Law College in association with Sahyog Trust.

8. Zenia Irani attended Professional Development Training Program on Forensic Science and Medical Jurisprudence in Criminology at Bharti Vidyapith New Law College, Pune held by Bar Council of India and AIR Law Academy and Research Centre on 28th September 2019 at BVP New Law College, Pune.
9. Dr. Madhushree Joshi with three LL.M. students participated in National Level Seminar on Air and Space Law. The seminar was organised by Savitribai Phule Pune University Department of Law and Dr. D. Y. Patil Law College Pune. The concerns and perspectives of this new field and the technology led development were discussed at length by the expert panel members.

➤ **Publications :**

1. Surbhi Agarwal titled a Paper “Marital Rape- Dominion, Sex and Savagery” published in WHITE BLACK LEGAL LAW JOURNAL (ISSN: 2581-8503).
2. ApoorvaMaheshwari&AmrutaKharade : Case Comment on ‘PUBLIC interest Foundation v/s Union of India &Other – Did the supreme Court play safe? , published in the International Journal for Research and Law, Vol-5 Issue 1 , Oct 2019 .
3. Amruta published an Article on “Child Rights in the Entertainment Industry” in the Volume 14 of “Supremo Amicus Journal”, ISSN: 2456-9704.
4. SaloniKedia authored a research paper titled “Surrogacy in India: Regressive law under the guise of ethics” published in Jurisperitus, The Law Journal, Vol 1, Issue 4, Sept 2019.
5. Nagbhushan has submitted research paper on “Medical Tourism in India” at Karnataka State Law University “Student Law Review” Volume-07, based on the theme “HEALTH AND LAW”. The results of the said publication are awaited.
6. Saloni Kedia submitted article titled “The Melancholy of Coral Reefs” in second National Essay writing Competition and the article has been published in the book entitled “Fortune or Future? Nature crisis”.
7. Apoorva Maheshwaris paper titled "Surrogacy in India: Regressive law under the guise of ethics" published in Jurisperitus, The Law Journal, Vol. 1, Issue 4, Sept. 2019.
8. Surbhi Agarwal submitted Paper titled "Constitutional Secularism Vs. Political Secularism" in the National Law University, Jodhpur Journal.
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11. KanikaAdake and ParthLohia submitted article titled 'Decrypting the Perspective: Consumer Behaviour and Copyright Infringement in the Digital Era' which was published in JIPL Nirma University Issue- V, ISSN 2455-0361.
12. SaloniKedia has written Case comment on “Sabrimala Temple Case” has been published in a peer reviewed, quarterly publication, Legal Mirror Vol 5, Issue 1, Sep 2019.
13. Saloni Kedia has written Case comment on “Common cause v. Union of India” in the International Journal of Socio-Legal Research, Vol 5, Issue 4(1), Nov-2019.
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➤ **Ongoing Activities :**

LRC Blog:

A LRC blog isproposed to provide an online platform for student research publication. All the information of student’s participations, their achievements and all other important information will be displayed in the blog. This blog will be authorised and registered. Two students namely SaloniKedia and ParthLohia will coordinate the Blog.

College Journal ‘Fiat Justitia’:

The Publication of the 8th edition of DES Law Journal ‘Fiat Justitia’ has been initiated the necessary compliances like procuring permission, inviting the researcher for researchcontribution has been completed, the coordination and follow-up has been continued. The Issue is proposed to be published in the month of May-June.

The wholehearted efforts of students coordinator and the determined learning of the members has resulted in the expected research contribution this year, it has led a foundation for a robust research culture at DES.