

Seminar & Guest Lecture Department

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“Knowledge is Power, Information is liberating and Education is the premise of Progress in every Society, in every family”

- Kofi Annan

DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College witnessed remarkable and thought provoking events organised by the Seminar Department for the Academic Year 2021-22. Seminar Department receives lots of support and guidance from the Management, Officiating Principal, Staff Members and Non -Teaching Staff in implementing its ideas.

Here is a look at the Department's Activities!!

1. “Constitution Day Celebrations”: 26th November 2021

Constitution Day also known as “Samvidhan Diwas” is celebrated on 26th November in our country to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. The Institution decided to celebrate it in a unique way. Students of Seminar Department went to DES's Madhav Golwalkar Guruji School, Tilak Road and interacted with young and curious school going enthusiastic students and explained basic concept about Indian Constitution. There were around 150 students in the School. Ms Leena Talathi, Principal of the School extended a warm welcome to the DES Seminar Department. The following students participated in the activity: Anuya Deokar, Shruti Khokle, Aditya Moghe, Kayomard Irani and Abhishek Mookherjee.

2. “Gender Sensitization Program with special reference to LGBTQ+”: 22nd January 2022

Gender Sensitization is a basic requirement to understand the sensitive needs of a particular gender. With an aim to create awareness amongst our students we organised a Webinar on Gender Sensitisation with special reference to LGBTQ+. We had a wide range of dynamic speakers for the webinar.

Shri Bindumadhav Khire, Founder, Bindu Queer Rights Foundation addressed the students on “Conceptual aspects of LGBTQ+ and Medico Legal issues

surrounding LGBTQ+”. He explained in a very engaging way the difference between Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual and Queers.

Shri Pallav Patankar, Director Partnerships - Avegen Pvt Ltd., Mumbai shared his thoughts on “Social Perspectives Surrounding LGBTQ+. He shared his views on how Family’s acceptance plays a vital role in making other genders feel positive and more importantly “inclusive”.

Ms. Sonali Dalvi, Transgender Activist and Social worker, Pune spoke on “Violence faced by Trans Community”. Her speech revealed how Transgender community face violence on a day to day basis. She expressed her heartfelt concern over not having separate hospitals, beds and even toilets. She made an emotional appeal to everyone to treat them as human beings and lead a dignified life.

Asst. Prof. Bhavna Wanre, School of Law, Presidency University, Bengaluru addressed on the issue “Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights- A Trans Perspective”. It was a wonderful presentation full of qualitative academic research.

The Webinar was attended by approximately 70 students.

3. “Webinar for Post-Graduation Department on Cyber Security”: 3rd March 2022

Cyber Security has become the need of the hour post technological changes in the society. The Webinar intended to create awareness amongst our students about challenges surrounding the cyber world. We were graced by some of the legal luminaries in the field.

Adv. Pushkar Patil, District and Sessions Court, Pune addressed the students on a very innovative and upcoming area i.e. “Cryptocurrency in India: The past, the present and the uncertain future”. He was well versed with the practicalities of the subject. He differentiated between Traditional currency and digital currency and other related issues.

Our Second Speaker Adv. Kaustubh Moghe, District and Sessions Court, Pune excellently covered the topic, “Should the consumer protection aspect of e - commerce consider data protection?” He spoke about the dos and don’t’s relating to online purchase.

Adv. Yashwant Thorat, District and Sessions Court, Pune shared his views on the topic “Data Privacy and Social Media”. He brought to light the dark side of the otherwise fascinating social media.

The webinar was attended by approximately 125 students.

4. “IPR Awareness Session organised by National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission” (NIPAM): 16th March 2022

Our Nation is commemorating the 75th Anniversary of India’s Independence under the banner “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”. Under this banner, Government of India launched the National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM). The Pan-India

ambitious mission aimed at creating awareness on Intellectual Property Rights to 1 million students.

Government of India Ministry of Commerce & Industry DPIIT Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trademarks conducted a session on Intellectual Property Awareness in our College on 16th March 2022. Shri Prakhar Singh, NIT Allahabad chaired the session.

The Session was attended by approximately 200 students.

5. “12th Edition of 2 Day National Webinar on Data Privacy: Issues and Challenges”: 6th May and 7th May 2022

Privacy is considered a fundamental human right and data protection laws exist to safeguard those rights. With increased engagement online, data privacy seems very crucial element to be protected. Everything turned to virtual mode against the backdrop of pandemic. It can often lead data exposed to security risks. To address this issue, we based our theme for National Seminar on data privacy.

The Seminar was graced by eminent lawyers, Cyber Experts and distinct luminaries from the field of Cyber Laws.

The Sub- themes of the Seminar were: Understanding Privacy Laws, National and International Regime covering Privacy laws, Evidence, Crime Investigation and Cyber Forensics, Journey through Case Laws

Day 1: 6th May 2022.

Shri Jayram Paygude, Police Inspector, Traffic Division, Pune (Former Cyber Cell, Police) was the Chief Guest of the Webinar, who gave his best wishes for the Webinar

Session I: Adv. Rajesh Pingle, International Cyber Law Expert addressed the students on “Data Privacy in the 21st Century.” He shared the practical story about how data privacy is very sensitive and subject to greater risks.

Session II: Adv. H B Keshava, a Cyber Law Expert dealt in with “International Regime dealing with Data Privacy”. It was absolutely a fascinating comparative study that he took students through. He was absolutely thorough with his subject.

Day 2: 7th May 2022.

Session I: Commander Sunil Srivastava (retd.), Director, Cyber Crime Helpline LLP addressed the students on Cyber Forensics, Ethical Hacking and Other Technological approaches. His presentation unfolded the dynamics of Cyber Forensics.

Session II: Adv. Vaibhav Salunkhe, District and Sessions Court, Pune had a unique way to engage students about Data Privacy issues through Case Study Approach. It was an engaging session.

The Webinar was attended by more than 200 students. Out of it 40 were outside registrations from all across India and included professionals, academicians and law students.

Adhit Kulkarni deserves a special mention in this entire event for his ideas and enthusiasm throughout.

6. “Awareness Workshop on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act”: 13th April 2022

Internal Complaints Committee under POSH Act, 2013 in collaboration with Seminar Department organized “Awareness Workshop on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act” for the students of 1st year B.A.LLB, B.B.A.L. B and LL. B.

The workshop was conducted by POSH certified trainer- Advocate Pallavi Thatte and Ms. Amruta Karmarkar, wherein they focused on the meaning of Sexual Harassment within the Act, explained the process of filing a complaint and method of investigation and threw light on the Gender Inclusive Policy followed by our institution. They also discussed how POSH is also applicable in remote or Work from Home situations. Through various examples and activities, they helped students understand the intricacies associated with the Act and the sensitivity that surrounds it. It was an interactive and intellectually stimulated workshop.

The Workshop was attended by more than 200 students.

Guest Lectures:

1. “Professional Ethics and its Practical Perspectives”: 10th December 2021

“Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have a right to do and what is right to do” – Potter Stewart.

A Guest Lecture was arranged on the aforesaid topic for the students of II LL.B & IV BA LL.B on 10th December 2021. Adv. Adv. Pushkar Patil, District and Sessions Court, Pune was invited as a Guest Speaker. It was an interactive and informative session and the main aim was to equip the students with the practical aspects of the legal profession.

2. “Practical Training Sessions: Moot Court, Pre Trial Preparations and Client Counselling”

As a part of the Practical Training and Moot Court Activity guest lectures on following topics were conducted:

Pre Trial (Civil),
Pre Trial (Criminal) and
Client Counselling & Interviewing Technique

Dr. Medha Kolhatkar, District and Sessions Court, Pune conducted session on Client Counselling and Interviewing Techniques on 27th April 2022.

Adv. Pratap Pardeshi, District and Sessions Court, Pune conducted session on Pre Trial Preparations (Criminal) on 27 April 2022

Adv. Pramod Bendre, District and Sessions Court, Pune conducted session on Pre Trial Preparations (Civil) on 4 May 2022

The sessions were attended by approximately 240 students.

3. “Recent Trends in Jurisprudence”: 4th May 2022.

Jurisprudence has always been a dry and abstract subject. It is only the experts in the field who know how to make it interesting and engaging. Adv. Sonali Shrikhande engaged a lecture on “Recent Trends in Jurisprudence”. The abstract, theoretical theories were correlated with 10 landmark decisions of the Supreme Court. The speaker made students understand the lurking practical values behind the abstract subject.

The session was exclusively meant for 4thB.A.LL. B and 2ndLL.B students and approximately 100 students attended it.

4. “Practical Training Sessions on Alternative Dispute Resolution Systems”: 20thMay 2022

As part of Practical Training Subject – Alternative Dispute Resolution, two Sessions were organised for the students of 2nd LL. B & 4thB.A.LL.B on ADR and Legal Services Authorities.

Adv. Rishabh Malaviya, Deputy Counsel, SIAC, Singapore addressed the students on the topic, “An overview of ADR and its Practical significance.” Sir pointed out the practical side of Arbitration Rules and Arbitral Tribunals.

Adv. Yashpal Purohit, District and Sessions Court, Pune addressed the students on the topic, “Legal Services Authorities with special reference to ADR”. He briefed the students about the social and legal contribution done by the District Legal Services Authorities Act.

The Session was attended by approximately 240 students.

The Seminar Department had much in its store, however could not be executed because of the uncertainty surrounded due to examination dates, covid restrictions and many more.

Report would be incomplete without appreciating efforts of our student co-ordinators. Life is breathed into the Department due to the pain staking efforts of Kayomard Irani, Eesha Karnik, Sushmita Khokle, Tanaya Kulkarni, Urja Neurgaonkar, Gautami Yadav and Prashant Kadam.

Seminar Department of DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College will be back with a bang next academic year!!! Stay Tuned!!