

Seminar & Guest Lecture Department

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“Knowledge is the only treasure that increases on sharing!”

DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College believing in the same organised Guest Lectures, Workshop and Seminars throughout the Academic Year 2022-2023. 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. Mooting enhances drafting, legal knowledge, research, command over the formal language used in courts, interpersonal skills, confidence, and presentation abilities. Moot courts give students a preview of what the litigation side of the law is.

To enhance Mooting Skills sessions were organized on 24th and 26th August 2022. Adv Kritiyesh Bhandari, Adv. Madhusudhan Lahoti, District & Sessions Court, Pune, Dr. Sheetal Babar, Founder, LAWSTRAW, Pune briefed the students of final years of both Three year and Five year Law Courses about research and memo preparation, mooting skills. A demo moot was also conducted.

2. Contracts are a vital part of our daily lives. They gain such vital importance in our lives because they legally bind the parties in a relation. Any breach of a contract can be redressed, and the damages can be liquidated.

Remedies under Contract law being a topic of practical utility a Guest Lecture on the Topic "Remedies in Law of Contract" was organized on 29th August 2022 for the students of I LL.B, III BA LL.B & III BBA LL.B. **Adv R Bhalchandra Phatak** Sir, Senior Advocate was the Resource Person. Sir, effectively addressed the practical aspect of the subject and it is very crucial for the students to know the practical side of Law Subjects.

Approximately 200 students attended the Session.

3. Professional Ethics encompass the personal and corporate standards of behaviour expected of professional. It refers to a series of rules related to the way the professional acts towards the people whom he or she relates professionally. As a part of Practical Training Paper “Professional Ethics “ a Session on “Practical Implications of Professional ethics” was organised for the students of IV BA LL.B on 1st Oct 2022 and for II LL.B Students on 14th January 2023. **Adv Pushkar Patil** , District & Sessions Court, Pune addressed the session and enlightened the students through the medium of Case Laws.

Approximately 200 students of IV BA LL.B and 200 students of II LL.B attended the Sessions conducted on 1st Oct 2022 and 14th January 2023 respectively.

4. National Assessment and Accreditation Council, or NAAC, was established in September 1994 to assess the performance of higher education institutions in India and guarantee that they meet set standards. The UGC has made NAAC certification mandatory for all universities and colleges that want to seek grants. The comprehensive NAAC accreditation meaning includes all the tasks associated with evaluating and regulating the performance of higher learning institutions across the country. The motive is simple- encouraging education organizations to make the best of available resources, capabilities, and opportunities for continuous improvement.

With the aim to educate the faculty, TWO WORKSHOPS were conducted in the month of October and November.

- A ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON 'ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF IQAC' was organized on 18th Oct 2022. **Dr. Vatsala Swami**, Director (IQAC) , Dr. D Y Patil Vidyapeeth was invited as the Resource Person. The Workshop was intended for the Teachers of various disciplines of Deccan Education Society across the state of Maharashtra.

The Workshop was divided into 4 sessions. Dr. Swami through a Power Point Presentation method discussed every attribute of NAAC, ranging from vision and mission, objectives, and criteria breakup till final assessment. Her experience over the decades helped faculties understand the nuances of the NAAC Accreditation Process. The Faculty members raised queries which were satisfactorily addressed by the Resource person.

Approximately 50 Teachers attended the Workshop.

- IQAC in collaboration with Seminar Department, organized a Workshop on "Improving Documentation and presentation Skills for submission of SSR" on 11th November 2022 and 14th November 2022. The Resource Persons were **Dr Karisidappa , Dr. Deepali Garge and Dr. Revati Naik.**

The Topics covered were :

- Data & Documents Preparation for SSR
- Overview of the criteria relating to curricular aspects: teaching, learning and evaluation and research, innovation and extension and
- Significance of Research and Publication.

It was exclusively meant for the full time faculty members of DES's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College.

5. An interactive session was organised on the topic "Consumer Law and practice" On 19th November 2022. **Honble Shri. Surendra Tawade Sir**, President of State Consumer Commission was the resource person.

In the beginning itself, he told the expectations from the Consumer Protection Act & the 32000 pending cases in Maharashtra. Sir narrated various fields like Banking, Insurance, Medical, Building Industry & Various goods (FMCG) manufacturers, dealers & their functioning. Sir also talked about the pendency of the cases. It was a very thought provoking session and students thoroughly enjoyed the session.

6. A session on How to deal with Clients was organized on 22nd November 2022. Adv Girish Dange, District and Sessions Court was the resource person.
7. Seminar Department in collaboration with Paripoorti celebrated Human Rights Day on 8th December 2022. **Hon'ble Smt Manisha Kale**, Family Court Judge, Pune addressed the students on "Child Custody Laws in India: A Human Rights Perspective ". Madam shared the emotional dilemma, the social and other dimensions surrounding Child Custody.

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON “RESERVATION POLICY IN INDIA : PAST, PRESENT AND THE WAY AHEAD : 24TH AND 25TH APRIL 2023.

Student Co-ordinators : Ketaki Patil, Nupur Sigh & Satyajit Pawar

DES has set its own standards pertaining to imparting exceptional education and conducting magnum opus events. DES SNFLC’s Seminar Department in collaboration with the Legal Research Cell organized a Two-day National Seminar on “ Reservation policy in India past present and the way ahead” on 24th and 25th April 2023. . The event took place across the board with participants from all over the Nation for the Judgment Analysis Competition and the Legal Quiz. The entire event spread over a time span of three days.

DAY 1 :

24th April 2023 :

The Seminar began with the Inaugural Ceremony at the auspicious hands of Dr. T.T Tambe, Principal, New Law College, Ahmednagar. The other Dignitaries were Adv Ashok Palande, Chairman, CDC, Dr. Prashant Bansode, Professor, Dean Faculty of Law, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Adv Shriram Pingle, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court and Dr. Priya Chopde, Officiating Principal.

Dr. T.T. Tambe in his Inaugural Speech addressed the audience on the history of reservation policy in India and the implications of such reservation on the fabric of Indian Society.

Technical Session I : Affirmative Action and Contemporary Discourse on Equality”:
Speaker: Dr Prashant Bansode.

For the first day of the event, an esteemed social researcher and legal luminary, Dr Prashant Bansode Sir, conducted an educative and introspective seminar on “Affirmative Action and Contemporary Discourse on Equality”.

Dr. Prashant Sir addressed the audience by putting forth his opinions on Affirmative action. He said, “As a social scientist, I am a firm believer in affirmative action. There have been 2000 years of historical injustice that has denied cultural endowment to the disadvantaged communities in terms of access to education, employment and opportunities.”

He also pointed to how a lot of nations—Indonesia, Malaysia, South Africa, United States of America, Europe (for Roma who are discriminated against as well as Jews), Australia (for its native population), Canada, and other countries have enforced corrective measures to battle the severe issues of a caste-based culture, reinforcing affirmative action.

Technical Session II : Analysis of the case: Janhit Abhiyaan V. Union of India : Speaker:
Adv. Shriram Pingle

At the very beginning of the seminar, the speaker addressed the audience with the history of Reservations in India.

Adv Pingle quoted Janhit is the need of the hour. It is a medium to eliminate caste criteria from the reservations. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar had inculcated caste in the reservation system due to the then circumstances of the country. Now we are equipped enough to get rid of this caste system and build a new reservation system based on economic criteria entirely which will serve the vision envisaged by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

He concluded his lecture by highlighting the importance and usefulness of a class-based reservation policy. Though the current EWS is unacceptable as there are some shortcomings to it, a few modifications are needed. EWS is the future of our country. All reservations will vanish one day and only EWS will exist in the future. Annihilation of the caste system is necessary for the progress of our country.

Reservation Policy in India: Past, Present and Future.

Day 2 :

25th April 2023 : Technical Session III : Practical Perspectives Surrounding Reservation:

Speaker: Adv. Sagar Nevase

According to Adv Sagar Nevase, "Reservation" is a very sensitive topic. Equality, liberty, fraternity and Justice are the 4 pillars of the Preamble. The Preamble serves as the introduction to the Constitution. Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar had an awful childhood which made him believe in the concept of the reservation to serve justice in the country.

Reservation in India has been a contentious issue, and its practical perspectives have been debated and discussed for decades. Those practical perspectives were discussed by Adv. Sagar Nevase.

Technical Session IV : Interplay, Interface And Amendments To Article 15 And 16 Of The Indian Constitution : Speaker: Dr. Nitish Nawsagaray.

Session began with the introduction of the 1st amendment of Indian constitution which took place in 1951 which was on the basis of the Supreme Court judgment of the State of Madras vs Champakam Dorairajan, 1951 followed by various other judicial interpretations till Janhit Abhiyan v Union of India.

It was categorically mentioned that reservation is not a poverty alleviation programme; its aim is to provide reservation to those people who don't have adequate representation in service of state.

In the conclusion, he explained how jurisprudence has evolved from the Champakam Dorairajan case where Supreme Court struck down Schedule Caste reservation saying that

they will not enforce Article 46 to the Janhit Abhiyan case where an open category student would get a reservation because it is mentioned in Article 46.

Valedictory Session :

Srimati Snehal Barge, Joint Commissioner, PMRDA , Pune was the Chief Guest for the Valedictory .She presented her thoughtful views on reservation policy with the students.

She began with the history of reservation in India. It has roots in princely States of Kolhapur of Maharashtra where Shahu Maharaj for the very 1st time introduced reservation in education for backward class to provide equality of opportunity to them.

Though reservation is an affirmative action but it has affected people of all categories. People of open category have become sceptical about reservation policy as they feel they miss a lot of opportunities due to reservation. Today, there are immense opportunities in private sector so people can shift towards them.

Towards the end she said that we need to have a look at other's point of view and have a balanced outlook. Such Seminars are really important to have a look at different perspectives. She concluded with "Equality may be a fiction but nonetheless one must accept it as a governing principle" by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.