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SHRI. NAVALMAL FIRODIA LAW COLLEGE,
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**PG DEPARTMENT SEMINAR IN COLLABORATION
WITH NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
ON**

**"EVOLVING ROLE OF INDIA IN
GLOBAL GOVERNANCE AND
INTERNATIONAL TRADE"**

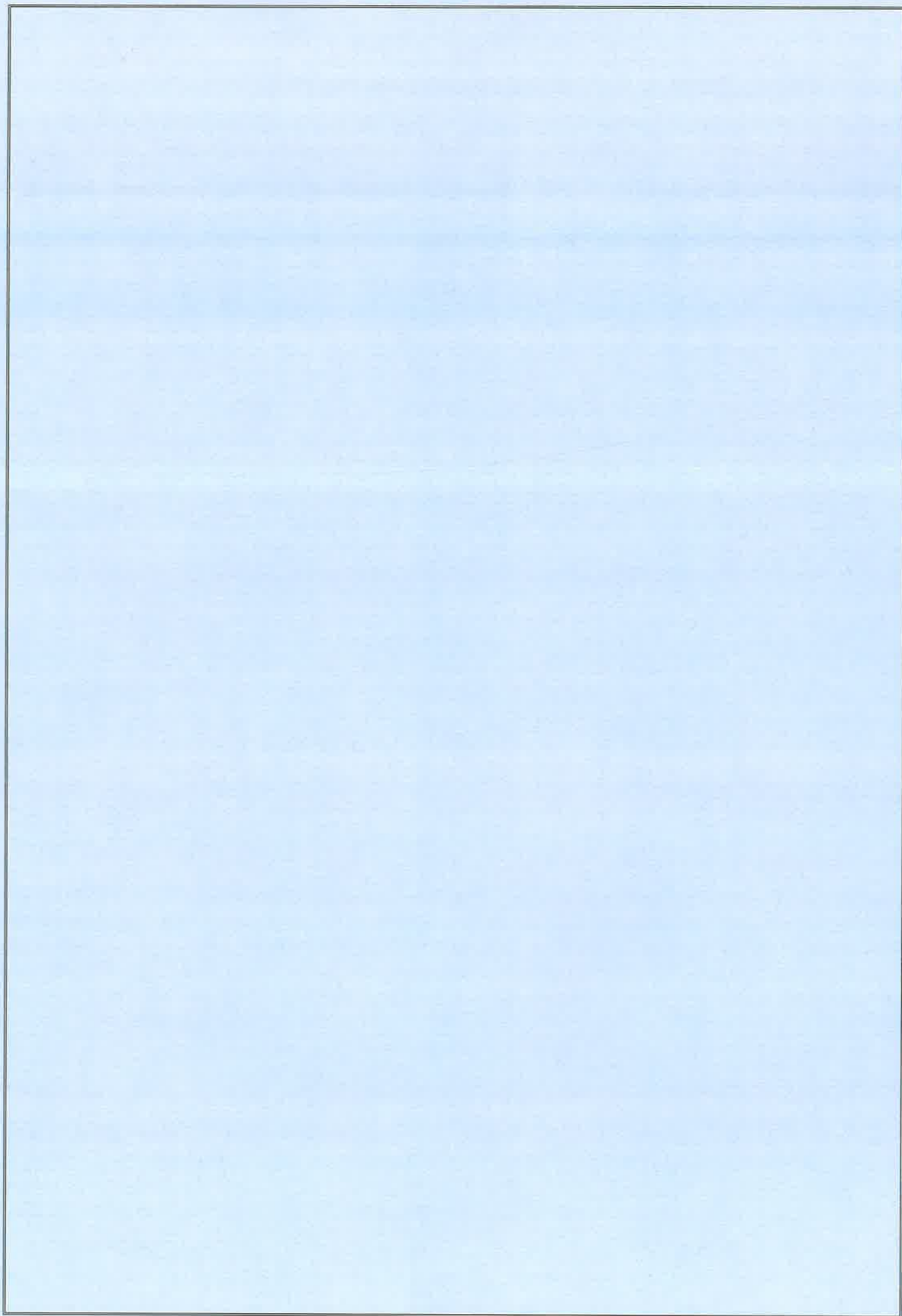
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Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune**

IN COLLABORATION WITH NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Organises
**PG Department Seminar
on
“Evolving Role of India in Global
Governance and International Trade”**



Shri. Gautam Bambawale
Indian Ambassador (Retd.)



Dr. J. M. Mallikarjunaiah
Dean, Faculty of Law,
KLE Technological University



Dr. Kamala Dawar
Associate Professor,
Queen Mary University, London



Ms Delina Khongdup
Member, National
Commission for Women

THEMES

- India's Role from Rule Taker to Rule Maker
- Trade, Technology and SDG: Emerging Economic Diplomacy
- India's evolving role in global governance and shaping of International Economic law

Convenors

Dr. Sunita Adhav
Principal, DES SNFLC

Adv. Ashok Palande
Vice – Chairman, G.B & Council, DES,
Chairman, CDC, DES SNFLC

Venue: Kundanmal Firodia Auditorium
Date: 24 February 2026
Time: 10:00 AM Onwards

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEMINAR

- Collaboration with the National Commission for Women (NCW)
- Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with KLE Society's Law College

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To

Dr. Sunita Adhav
Principal
DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College,
Pune

Dear Dr. Sunita Adhav,

I thank you for your letter dated 7.2.2026, inviting me to attend the seminar on "Evolving Role of India in Global Governance and International Trade" scheduled to be held on 24th February 2026, at Pune, as well as for your interest in collaborating with the National Commission for Women.

I appreciate the initiative taken by Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College in organizing this important programme. However, I regret to inform you that due to my prior commitments, I shall be away from India during the said period and, therefore, will not be able to attend the seminar in person.

The National Commission for Women is pleased to associate with the event, and you may use the name and logo of the Commission as part of the collaboration. While doing so, it is requested that due care be taken to maintain the quality, dignity, and standards of branding and publicity materials. The proposed publicity material may kindly be shared with the Commission in advance for review prior to its use.

I am pleased to inform you that Ms. Delina Khongdup, Member, National Commission for Women, will represent the Commission and attend the seminar on 24th February 2026.

With regards,

(Vijaya Rahatkar)
Chairperson
National Commission for Women
New Delhi
Tel: 011 26944808



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INTRODUCTION

The Seminar Department of DES Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College organized a seminar for the students of the PG Department on the topic “Evolving Role of India in Global Governance and International Trade” on 24th February 2026 in the Kundanmal Firodia Auditorium, Fergusson College Campus.

The seminar aimed at providing students with a comprehensive understanding of India’s emerging position in the evolving structure of global governance and international trade. In the contemporary international order marked by rapid technological advancements, geopolitical tensions, and shifting economic alliances, India’s transition from being a passive participant in global decision-making to an active contributor in shaping international economic law and governance frameworks has become increasingly significant.

The programme was convened by Adv. Ashok Palande, Vice Chairman, GB and Council, DES and Chairman, CDC, DES SNFLC, and Dr. Sunita Adhav, Principal, DES SNFLC. The seminar brought together eminent experts and academicians to deliberate upon the role played by India in influencing global trade norms, participating in international legal developments, and adapting to the changing dynamics of world politics and economic diplomacy.



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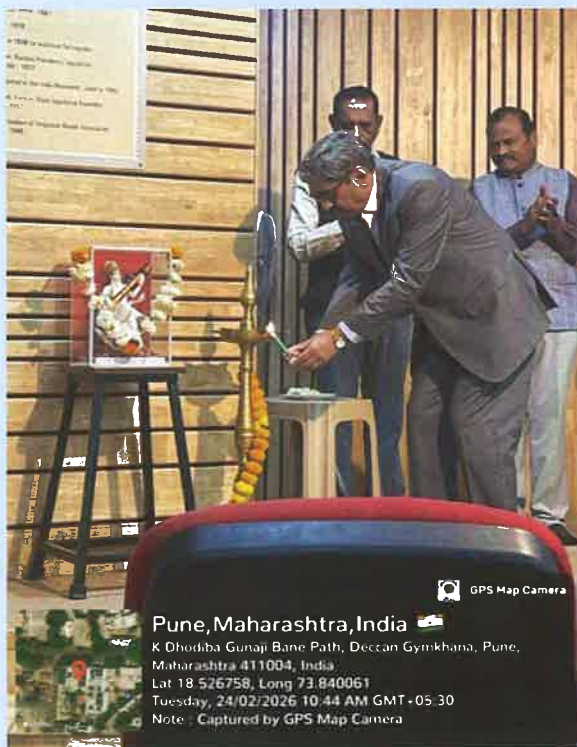
INAUGURAL SESSION



The seminar commenced with the warm welcome of the distinguished dignitaries and guests. An introductory address about DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College was delivered by faculty member Pradnya Yadav, highlighting the institution's contribution towards academic excellence in legal education.

The ceremonial lighting of the lamp was carried out by Adv. Ashok Palande, Dr. J. M. Mallikarjunaiah, Gautam Bambawale and Dr. Sunita Adhav, symbolizing the commencement of the academic deliberations.

The Chief Guest for the inaugural session, Shri Gautam Bambawale, was formally introduced and felicitated by Adv. Ashok Palande and Dr. Sunita Adhav. Dr. J. M. Mallikarjunaiah was also introduced and felicitated thereafter. The session further witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with KLE LAW COLLEGE by all the dignitaries present.



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TECHNICAL SESSION – I

Shri. Gautam Bambawale, Indian Ambassador (Retd.)

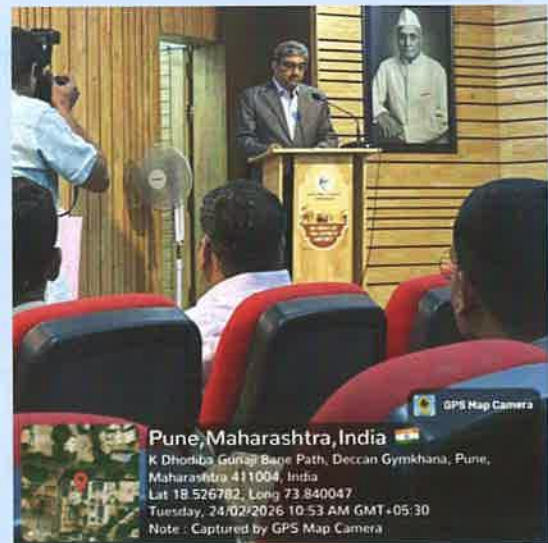
Gautam Bambawale Sir commenced his address by discussing the present global political landscape and the impact of ongoing international conflicts on world governance. He elaborated upon China's long-term strategic ambitions and highlighted the role played by the United States of America in shaping global trade and technological competition.

An in-depth comparison between China and the USA was presented with respect to their economic strength, military capabilities, manufacturing potential, and educational infrastructure. He further discussed the competition between these global powers in areas such as trade, technology, and the semiconductor market, emphasizing that such rivalry is likely to persist for decades.

He referred to China's entry into the World Trade Organization in 2001 and explained how the country's emphasis on manufacturing, trading, and exporting has enabled it to establish a dominant position in the global economy. The discussion also included the relevance of GDP and PPP as indicators of economic and scientific strength.

Bambawale Sir pointed out that India's per capita GDP is significantly lower when compared to China and the USA, which indirectly affects its capabilities in the fields of military development and scientific advancement. He further addressed issues concerning China's activities near Ladakh and the impact of tariff policies introduced during the Trump administration on India's economic positioning.

The session concluded with an emphasis on the need for India to develop its own standards and regulatory frameworks in international trade through the principle of Atmanirbharta in order to effectively adapt to the evolving rules of global governance.

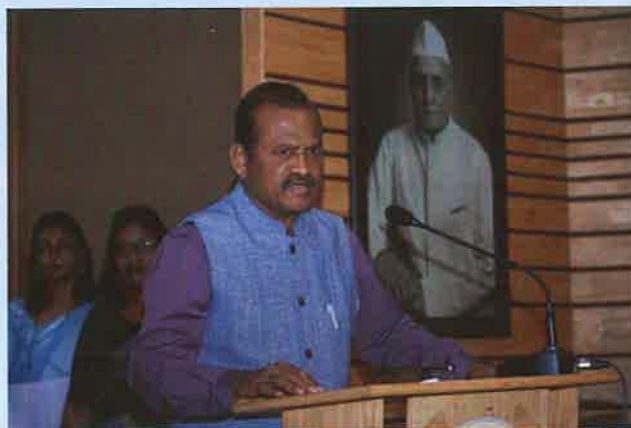


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TECHNICAL SESSION – II

Dr. J. M. Mallikarjunaiah, Dean, Faculty of Law, KLE Technological University

Dr. J. M. Mallikarjunaiah Sir addressed the gathering by introducing the significance of global financial stability and governance mechanisms. He spoke about the influence of Deccan Education Society, Pune on the development of educational institutions such as KLE Society, Bengaluru.



He highlighted the transformation of international law from being traditionally considered as the law of wars to becoming the law governing global economies. Stressing upon India's evolving position in the international arena, he explained how the nation is gradually transitioning from being a rule taker to a rule shaper in matters concerning global governance and trade negotiations.

The address provided valuable insight into India's growing participation in discussions and decision-making processes at the global level.



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TECHNICAL SESSION – III

Dr. Kamala Dawar, Associate Professor, Queen Mary University, London

Dr. Kamala Dawar ma'am delivered an informative session on the making and shaping of international law. She explained the processes through which international legal frameworks are developed and implemented.



Referring to the Bandung Conference and the Non-Aligned Movement, she discussed how developing nations have historically challenged established legal hierarchies in the international system. She further emphasized the role of courts as important sites of law-making and deliberated upon India's approach towards challenging market neutrality within the framework of WTO trade law.

The session also highlighted India's defensive law-making strategies in WTO dispute settlement mechanisms and ongoing reforms in international investment law aimed at rewriting global trade rules.

Dr. Dawar emphasized that India's role in shaping international law demonstrates that such laws are not static but are continuously influenced by contestation, practice, power, and resistance.

The session concluded with an interactive question and answer round wherein students raised queries regarding international trade and global governance, which were addressed by Dr. Dawar ma'am.



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VALEDICTORY SESSION

Ms. Delina Khongdup, Hon'ble Member, NCW



The valedictory session commenced with the arrival of the Chief Guest, Delina Khongdup from Meghalaya. Dr. J. M. Mallikarjunaiah graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

The session emphasized that effective implementation of laws is the need of the hour, particularly in addressing pressing issues such as human trafficking and ensuring women's safety. Ms. Delina Khongdup ma'am highlighted the importance of challenging traditional barriers and strengthening the PoSH framework in order to safeguard the rights and dignity of women.

Addressing the gathering, she represented the National Commission for Women (NCW) hence she delivered an elaboration upon her work with the Commission in handling cases involving violation of women's rights and conducting training programmes for women from remote regions of the country. She spoke about initiatives such as the Special Capacity Building Cell which has connected more than 5000 women at the grassroots level under the programme titled "She is the Change Maker." She also mentioned the "Panchayat to Parliament" initiative through which representatives from various states and panchayats are taken to Parliament every year.

Additionally, programmes such as the Nature Guide Programme aimed at training women in tourism-related skills and the significance of Ima Bazaar in Manipur, which is entirely run by women, were discussed to highlight the contribution of women in socio-economic development.

She further informed the audience about the Complaint and Protection Cell, the helpline number 14440, and the provision of temporary shelter facilities for women under the Swadhar scheme.

The programme concluded with the formal Vote of Thanks by Dr. Aishwarya Yadav.

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OUTCOME OF THE SEMINAR

The seminar on “Evolving Role of India in Global Governance and International Trade” provided valuable insight into India’s growing role in shaping global governance and international economic law. Students gained an understanding of the evolving dynamics of international trade and the impact of geopolitical developments, particularly the competition between China and the United States, on India’s strategic and economic positioning.

The discussions emphasized India’s transition from a rule taker to a rule shaper, highlighting the importance of strengthening domestic standards and actively participating in international institutions such as the World Trade Organization.

The valedictory session further underscored the need for effective implementation of laws addressing human trafficking and women’s safety, while creating awareness about national initiatives for women’s empowerment and grassroots participation.

Overall, the seminar enhanced students understanding of the relationship between law, governance, trade, and social responsibility, encouraging informed and responsible engagement with global issues.



पुण्य नगरी

विधी महाविद्यालयात आंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यापारावर परिसंवाद

■ जागतिक प्रशासन आणि
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■ पुणे : डेक्कन एज्युकेशन सोसायटीचे श्री. नवलमल फिरोदिया विधी महाविद्यालय आणि राष्ट्रीय महिला आयोग यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने नुकतेच एका परिसंवादाचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. 'जागतिक प्रशासन आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यापारात भारताची बदलती भूमिका' हा या परिसंवादाचा मुख्य विषय होता.

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