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4	Vibhum K. Tripathi	Rushikesh Thackeray & Associates
5	Palak Agrawal	Rushikesh Thackeray & Associates
6	Vinit V. Naik	Adv. Niranjan U. Mundhe
7	Dev Navin Agarwal	Durge Associates
8	Disha R. Patil	Khurana & Khurana / Katariya
9	Shriya M. Rewatkar	Adv. Saurabh N. More
10	Somesh Bhandari	Nyaykart
11	Arwa Bootwala	Nyaykart
12	Janhavi Patil	Legasis Pvt. Ltd.
13	Fanendra H. Munot	Adv. Kunal Chheda
14	Pratiksha S. Rahinj	Trunal Tonape and Associates
15	Prachi Singh	Siddhant Konde & Associates
16	Gayatri Amol Desai	Sambhajinagar Ploggers
17	Zainub Alam	Adv. Aditya Rangaonkar
18	Vismaya Shivkumar	Kridey Foundation



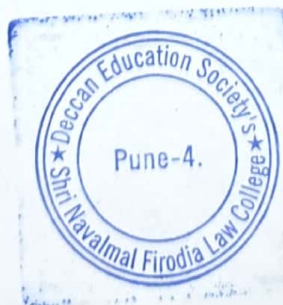
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19	Manideep R. Chilukala	Hamari Pahchan NGO
20	Palak Nahata	Advance Legal Services
21	Anushka S. Kothari	Adv. Nitin Munot & Associates
22	Kashish	Sr. Adv. D.V. Pathy
23	Ishan Sahu	Rahul & Jayshri Associates
24	Radhika A. Gawlikar	DLSA, Pune
25	Dev Bheda	A K Bhambri & Associates
26	Kartiki Phatak	Adv. Rani Kamble-Sonawane
27	Vaishnavi Ibitwar	Jurivine
28	Tejas Bais	Asim Sarode and Associates
29	Aabhimanyu Srivastava	CDSA, Pune
30	Mustafa Qureshi	Adv. Labib Jahagirdar

The remaining internship details are accessible at

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Internship Experience and Work Exposure provided in 25-26

The internships undertaken by students during the academic year 2025–2026 offered a rich and varied spectrum of legal exposure, spanning multiple domains of substantive and procedural law. Students were placed with advocates, law firms, legal technology platforms, non-governmental organizations, and government legal service bodies, each of which contributed uniquely to their professional development.

Court Proceedings and Trial Observations

A significant number of students had the opportunity to observe live court proceedings and attend hearings across multiple jurisdictions. Students interning in criminal law chambers were present during trial proceedings in matters such as *State of Maharashtra v. Alpesh Patel*, where they observed the conduct of examination and cross-examination, evidentiary arguments, and judicial reasoning. Similarly, those attached to civil law practitioners assisted in hearings for matters including *Santosh Nevale v. Sushma Patil*, gaining valuable insight into the procedural aspects of civil litigation, including preliminary hearings, framing of issues, and interlocutory applications.

Legal Drafting and Research

Many students engaged extensively in legal drafting under the guidance of their supervising advocates. This encompassed the preparation of complaints, written statements, legal notices, vakalatnamas, affidavits, and interlocutory applications. A particular area of contemporary significance explored by several interns was the transition from the Indian Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure to the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). Students conducted in-depth research on the changes introduced by the new legislation, their practical implications for ongoing and future cases, and drafted comparative analyses for use by their supervising practitioners.

High Court Exposure and Writ Jurisdiction

Several students gained exposure to High Court practice, particularly in writ jurisdiction. Under the supervision of their assigned advocates, interns assisted in the drafting and filing of writ petitions under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India, observed oral arguments before the Bombay High Court, and learned the procedural formalities associated with High Court filings. This exposure gave students a comparative understanding of trial court and appellate-level practice.



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Specialized Practice Areas

Students placed with law firms and specialized chambers received targeted exposure to niche domains of legal practice. Those interning with intellectual property and corporate law firms gained hands-on experience in trademark searches, patent application drafting, and the preparation of due diligence reports. Interns attached to tax litigation practitioners were exposed to income tax appeals, GST-related disputes, and the preparation of written submissions before quasi-judicial tax authorities. Students working with family law practitioners assisted in divorce petition proceedings, maintenance applications, and matters relating to guardianship and custody.

Client Counseling and Legal Aid

Students interning with legal aid institutions, including DLSA Pune and CDSA Pune, participated in client counseling sessions and legal awareness drives. They assisted in identifying the legal needs of underprivileged clients, explaining procedural rights, and supporting the preparation of applications for legal aid. Those placed with NGOs such as Hamari Pahchan NGO, Kridey Foundation, and Sambhajinagar Ploggers worked at the intersection of law and social development, contributing to community outreach programs and documenting legal issues faced by marginalized populations.

Placement Details

Simultaneously, the cell successfully tracked and documented the professional placements of alumni, reflecting the institution's commitment to career guidance and long-term professional development of its graduates mentioned below –

Sr. No.	Name of the candidates
1	Shantanu Surve- Due Diligence Analyst- V Check Global LLP
2	Shreya Ameriya- Due Diligence Analyst- V Check Global LLP
3	Dattatray Kale- Legal Executive- Kan Biosys Pvt Ltd
4	Sanika Tilekar- Legal Trainee - Kan Biosys Pvt Ltd
5	Adv. Neha Salunkhe - Assistant Professor, School of Legal Studies, SGU, Kolhapur
6	Adv. Simran Pardeshi - Assistant Professor - AISE PUNE (Mercantile Law)



7	Meher Dabrai- In house legal counsel - Inceptive Technologies
8	Kalyani Hulwale - Litigation Firm operating in Nashik, Pune, Mumbai
9	Mugdha Rao - litigation practice in Pune.
10	Geeta Wadekar- Litigation + Content Creator (Geetachya Manatla)
11	Adv Sudhnva Sunil Vedpathak - Litigation practice in Pune, Bombay & Kolhapur.
12	Gayatri Jadhav - Assistant Manager - Casagrand Premier Builder Limited.
13	Stuti Oswal - Litigation - Pune and Bombay High Court.
14	Riddhi Kothalikar- Litigation- Bombay High Court.
15	Dr. Nagnath Bansode - Assistant Professor, Shilpkar Law College, Pune
16	☐Nishad Magar - Senior Executive - Biocon Biologics Limited, Bengaluru.

The cell also has consulted with the companies like *Strat Juris*, Tech Mahindra, *LexAspire*, *IrisInfosec*, VCheck Due Diligence, Allstate, NineteenTwo, and Energy in Motion etc.

The Placement & Internship Cell of DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College has demonstrated positive transformation during the academic year 2025–2026 in fulfilling its dual mandate of facilitating practical legal training and supporting the professional transitions of students and alumni. As part of its initiatives, a one-day workshop on “Internship Assistance and On-the-Job Training” was organized on 12th July 2025 under the Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) of Savitribai Phule Pune University at the Kundalmal Firodia Auditorium, Fergusson College Campus, Pune. The workshop commenced with a formal welcome and the University Anthem.

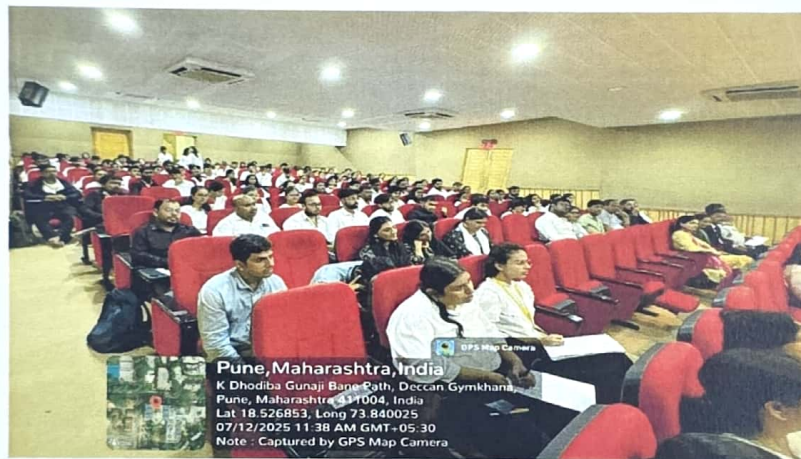
The session was interactive and well-received by students. The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Asst. Prof. Aditi Kulkarni followed by the National Song. The workshop proved to be highly beneficial in enhancing students’ understanding of practical aspects of legal training and professional expectations. More than 100 students attended the session.

Advocate Pushkar Patil, drawing from his extensive experience in litigation, provided valuable insights into courtroom practice and encouraged students to regularly observe court proceedings



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as an essential component of legal learning. He emphasized the importance of ethics, discipline, and preparation in professional growth.



The resource persons for the session were Advocate Kaustubh Moghe and Advocate Pushkar Patil, both experienced legal practitioners. Advocate Kaustubh Moghe delivered a detailed and practical session focusing on professional conduct during internships, emphasizing persistence, discipline, and realistic expectations, particularly with respect to stipend-related concerns. He



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also highlighted common mistakes to avoid and guided students on how to approach internships with maturity and commitment.



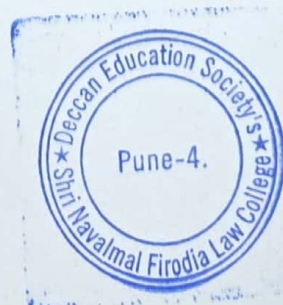
Further, on 21st November 2025, the Cell organized a session on “Building a Winning CV & Strategic Guidance for Employability” in LC III, conducted by Advocate Aniket Thormothe. The session focused on developing essential employability skills, particularly in relation to drafting effective CVs tailored to the legal profession. Students were guided on presenting their skills, qualifications, and experiences in a structured and professional manner, along with strategies to improve their employability and align themselves with industry expectations. The session contributed significantly to improving students’ preparedness for internships and placement opportunities. More than 100 students participated in the session wherein Advocate Aniket Thormothe emphasised on interactions based on the difficulties faced by the students in drafting impactful CV & remedies to curb the problems in the process.

Glimpses of session on “Building a Winning CV & Strategic Guidance for Employability”-



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Looking ahead, the Placement & Internship Cell is committed to expanding its network of internship partners, strengthening engagement with the corporate legal sector, facilitating structured mentorship programmes, and enhancing placement infrastructure. Efforts will also be directed toward securing formal Memoranda of Understanding with law firms, NGOs, and corporate legal departments to provide students with a wider and more structured range of internship opportunities. The Cell remains steadfast in its mission to bridge legal education with professional practice, and to ensure that every student graduates not only as a learned lawyer, but also as a capable and confident legal professional.



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