

ALUMNI DEPARTMENT REPORT 2025-26

- **Faculty Co-ordinator-**
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The Alumni Department plays a vital role in strengthening the connection between the institution and its former students. It serves as a bridge that fosters long-term relationships, enabling alumni to remain actively engaged with the growth and development of the college. Through this connection, alumni contribute valuable insights, mentorship, and real-world experience, which greatly benefit current students. The department facilitates networking opportunities, career guidance, internships, and placement support by leveraging the professional achievements of alumni. It also enhances the institution's reputation, as successful alumni reflect the quality of education and training provided by the college. Alumni interactions, guest lectures, and collaborative initiatives help students gain practical exposure and industry perspectives. Moreover, the Alumni Department encourages a sense of belonging and institutional pride among former students, motivating them to contribute through knowledge sharing, resource support, and participation in academic and co-curricular activities. Overall, it plays a crucial role in building a strong academic community and supporting the continuous growth of the institution.

ALUMNI VIDEO MESSAGE INITIATIVE FOR TEACHER'S DAY 2025

The Alumni Association of DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune undertook a thoughtful and engaging initiative on the occasion of Teacher's Day, celebrated on 5th September 2025, with the aim of reconnecting alumni with their teachers and expressing gratitude towards them. This initiative invited alumni to convey their appreciation and heartfelt wishes to their teachers through short video messages. The activity was rooted in the belief that teachers play a pivotal role not only in imparting knowledge but also in shaping the character, values, and future of their students. As rightly expressed, *"a teacher not only imparts knowledge but also inspires, guides, and shapes the journey of every student towards success and values."* The response from alumni was overwhelmingly positive, with participation from graduates belonging to different batches and professional backgrounds. Their messages reflected deep respect, fond memories, and a strong emotional connection with their teachers and the institution. The compilation of these messages was presented on the occasion of

Teacher's Day, making the celebration more meaningful and memorable for the faculty members. The initiative served as a reminder of the lasting influence of teachers and the enduring bond shared between educators and their students. Overall, the activity was a great success, strengthening alumni engagement and fostering a sense of pride and belonging within the college community.

DESSNFLC ALUMNI MEET 2025-26

The Alumni Meet was successfully organised on 24th January 2026 at the Amphitheatre, Fergusson College campus, providing a vibrant and welcoming platform for reconnecting former students with their alma mater. The open-air venue created an energetic and celebratory atmosphere, enabling alumni to relive their college memories while engaging meaningfully with faculty members, college authorities, and students. The programme was graced by Shri. Ashok Morale, *Special Inspector General*, as the Chief Guest, whose presence added dignity and prestige to the occasion. His address inspired the gathering and highlighted the importance of discipline, professional ethics, and social responsibility. The event was further honoured by the presence of Tejeswini Satpute and Shri. Ganesh Shirsat as the Guests of Honour, whose participation reflected the diverse professional achievements and leadership roles attained by the alumni of the institution.

A total of 178 alumni participated in the meet, demonstrating strong alumni engagement and their continued emotional and professional association with the college. In addition, more than 100 current students were present at the event, making it a vibrant gathering of past and present members of the institution and fostering meaningful intergenerational interaction. On this occasion, the college felicitated 65 notable alumni in recognition of their outstanding professional achievements and valuable contributions to society. This gesture of appreciation brought pride to the institution and served as a strong source of motivation for the student community.

The programme was enlivened by several cultural performances, which added colour, vibrancy, and enthusiasm to the event. A special highlight of the evening was the performance by the DES SNFLC Musical Band, which performed for the first time before the alumni. The musical presentation was warmly appreciated, and the alumni thoroughly enjoyed the performance, making the event memorable and lively. An interactive session between alumni and current students was also organised, during which students gained valuable insights into

professional life, career opportunities, and real-world challenges. The interaction strengthened the bond between alumni and students and encouraged mentorship and guidance.

Dr. Sunita Adhav, *Principal*, actively interacted with the alumni, appreciated their achievements, and encouraged them to remain closely associated with the institution. On the occasion, Shri. Pramod Rawat, *Chairman, Governing Body and Council, DES*, and Adv. Ashok Palande, *Vice-Chairman, Governing Body and Council, DES and Chairman, CDC, DES SNFLC*, conveyed their warm wishes and appreciation to the alumni, acknowledging their achievements and reaffirming the institution's commitment to nurturing a strong and supportive alumni network.

DES SNFLC Alumni Association, organized an Alumni Get-Together over dinner in Delhi on 20 January 2026 along with the students of Study Tour of the college along with the faculty members, bringing together alumni, students, and faculty members on a common platform. The informal interaction enabled alumni to reconnect with their alma mater and share professional experiences, career guidance, and insights into legal practice and higher studies with students, while faculty members engaged with alumni to strengthen institutional ties and explore future collaboration. The gathering fostered a sense of belonging, camaraderie, and pride in the institution, contributing positively to student learning and alumni relations.

ALUMNI MEET: DELHI CHAPTER

The Delhi Chapter Alumni Meet of the institution was successfully held on 19 January 2026, from 10:00 PM to 12:00 midnight, at the prestigious Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 11 distinguished alumni, including professionals practicing before the Supreme Court and the High Court of Delhi.

The meet served as a valuable platform for interaction between alumni and students. Alumni shared their professional experiences in diverse fields such as corporate law, litigation, and other legal domains, providing practical insights into the legal profession.

An engaging interactive session enabled students to ask questions and gain clarity on career paths, challenges, and opportunities in the legal field. The alumni also fondly revisited their college memories and appreciated the continuous efforts of the institution in shaping competent legal professionals.

The event concluded with a dinner, where students and alumni interacted informally, strengthening their connection with the institution. Overall, the meet was highly successful in promoting alumni engagement, mentorship, and a sense of institutional belonging.

ALUMNI MEET: LONDON CHAPTER

The London Chapter Alumni Meet was successfully organised on 30th March 2026 at around 8:00 p.m. at Hotel Park Grand Heathrow, London, in a warm and engaging atmosphere. The gathering brought together alumni from different batches and served as a valuable platform for reconnecting, networking, and strengthening alumni relations in the United Kingdom. The meet was held in the presence of College Management Chairman Adv. Ashok Palande and Principal Dr. Sunita Adhav, along with members of the teaching and office staff, whose presence added significance to the occasion and strengthened the institutional connect with the alumni abroad. The event commenced with a warm welcome, emphasising the importance of alumni engagement in fostering lifelong connections and contributing to the continued growth of the institution. The meet was attended by Virendra Ghorpade, Neha Ghorpade, Shubhankar Kale, Jaswat Rao, and Sumit Uttekar. This was followed by an interactive introduction session, where alumni shared updates on their professional journeys, achievements, and experiences after pursuing their Master's studies abroad.

Highlight of the meet was the insightful interaction during which the alumni also briefed about the comparative work practices and professional work culture in London, offering valuable global perspectives to the institution and its students. These discussions created an enriching and intellectually stimulating environment.

The event further encouraged meaningful networking, particularly in areas relating to internships and opportunities within solicitor firms, facilitating exchange of ideas and potential collaborations. Discussions were also held on future initiatives such as mentorship programmes for recent graduates, career guidance sessions, and alumni engagement activities for current students. The meet concluded with a pleasant get-together over dinner, allowing participants to continue their interactions in an informal and friendly setting, thereby strengthening bonds of camaraderie and shared institutional pride. Overall, the London Chapter Alumni Meet was a highly successful and enriching event, reinforcing the global presence of the alumni network and laying a strong foundation for future engagements.

DIPLOMA & CERTIFICATE COURSES REPORT

The college initiates & promotes various diploma & certificate courses for qualitative enhancement of students. During A.Y. 2024-25, the college engaged three diploma courses affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, namely, Diploma in Cyber Security, Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights & Diploma in Taxation law. Along with the diploma courses, the college also conducted eight certificate courses for the students for their academic improvement & skill development. The details are as mentioned below-

Sr.No.	Name of the Course	No. of participants	Duration	Co-ordinator/s
1.	Certificate Course in Alternate Dispute Resolution (Arbitration Law & Procedure)	89	18.08.2025 to 04.10.2025	Dr. Aishwarya Yadav Asst.Prof. Pradnya Yadav
2.	Certificate Course in AI & Law	79	18.08.2025 to 22.09.2025	Dr. Aishwarya Yadav Asst.Prof. Anuja Sharma
3.	Certificate Course in Soft Skills Development	127	16.09.2025 to 21.11.2025	Dr. Anagha Baldota
4.	Certificate Course in Law & Management	53	25.08.2025 to 20.11.2025	Asst. Prof. Aditi Kulkarni
5.	Certificate Course in Practical Approach in GST	68	28.08.2025 to 27.09.2025	Dr. Neeta Ahir Asst. Prof. Sumit Tak

6.	Certificate Course in Law & Economics	45	25.09.2025 to 28.12.2025	Asst.Prof. Madhura Apte Asst.Prof.Prithviraj Chavan
7.	Certificate Course on IKS (Dharma Shastra) & Constitution	75	28.10.2025 to 15.11.2025	Dr. Priya Chopde
8.	Certificate Course in Corporate Law	42	03.09.2025 to 28.10.2025	Dr. Janhavi Ghodke Dr. Anagha Baldota
9.	Certificate Course in IKS Foundation	65	05.02.2025 to 02.04.2025	Dr. Anagha Baldota Asst. Prof. Chinmay Powar
10.	Diploma in Taxation Law	53	Throughout the year	Asst.Prof. Madhura Apte
11.	Diploma in Cyber Security	60	Throughout the year	Asst.Prof. Madhura Apte
12.	Diploma in Intellectual Property Law	59	Throughout the year	Asst.Prof. Madhura Apte

CENTRE FOR LEGAL EXCELLENCE REPORT

- Faculty Co-ordinator- Dr. Priya Chopde

DES Centre for Legal Excellence is one of the novel initiatives of our institute, which was established with a view to ensure multifaceted development of law students in addition to their regular curriculum. DES CLE organizes activities relating to ongoing developments in the field of law and its impact on social enrichment.

5th Edition of Swatantryaveer Savarkar Smriti Abhinav Bharat Vyaspeeth Lecture Series, 2026.
Date & Time of the Event: 20th & 21st February, 2026. Place/Venue: Legal Aid Centre, DES' Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune. Name of the Guest and their Designation: Adv. (Prof.) Ganesh Hingmire, Founder, and Chairman at GMGC/GMGC Info World - Chief Guest for Inauguration Session. Speakers who delivered the lecture on various dimensions of Interplay between Artificial Intelligence and Law; Shri. Bala Nadar, Founder, Startupwala.com & Member, ICSI, Dr. Ashok Wadje, Associate Professor of Law, Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Shri. Prafulla Lele, Assistant Professor of Law, Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

Our institute is well known as one of the premier institutes across the nation imparting quality legal education. It plans academic activities with a vision of holistic development of students. Introduction of DES Centre for Legal Excellence is one of the endeavour of the college, through which it undertakes multi-faceted initiatives for bringing about professional development of law students. In remembrance of Shri. Vinayak Damodar Savarkar an eminent freedom fighter, politician, lawyer, writer and social reformer and above all the distinguished alumni of Deccan Education Society, DES CLE organizes a lecture series on topics of contemporary significance. It was introduced in 2021 and is named as, 'Swatantryaveer Savarkar Smriti Abhinav Bharat Vyaspeeth Lecture Series.' It was inaugurated at the auspicious hands of Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, the then Honorable Governor of West Bengal as a Chief Guest.

As we look back at the legacy of Shri. Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, it is visible that he condemned the irrational practices of religious rituals and advocated a strong embrace of science. The rational ideology of Savarkar was to unify people for the cause of Indian Independence, giving prominence to fraternity whereby the platform of public opinion was used to mobilize the thinking of common masses which eventually led to significant changes

in the society. Hence, through this lecture series, we endeavor to reach out the masses on topics like history, socio-legal, economics and political importance having bearing in social reforms and development.

This year, we proudly organized the 5th Edition of Swatantryaveer Savarkar Smriti Abhinav Bharat Vyaspeeth Lecture Series. It was organized on 20th & 21st February, 2026. Theme for this year lecture Series was, 'Artificial Intelligence and Law.' It was inaugurated by Adv. (Prof.) Ganesh Hingmire, Founder, and Chairman at GMGC/GMGC Info World - Chief Guest for Inauguration Session. On this occasion, Principal of Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College Dr. Sunita Adhav was present on the dais along with other dignitaries. Inauguration ceremony was followed by lectures by eminent speakers in the area technology and law. All the guest speakers unfolded different dimensions of impact of technological emergence on law and social transformation. This Two Days event was coordinated by Dr. Priya Chopde smoothly and successfully. The said lecture series was extremely insightful and conversant for students to understand the interplay between Artificial Intelligence and Law and contemporary significance in social transformation.

NATIONAL COLLABORATION AND LINKAGES REPORT

Faculty Co-ordinators - Dr. Aishwarya Yadav

Asst Prof Pooja Deo

The College has taken a progressive step and established collaboration linkages department in order to achieve networking activities with local, national entities for mutual benefits and assistance in the areas research, academic collaborations and Community Engagement.

Following activities are conducted in the year 2025-26 (July 2025-March 2026)

1. MoU with Heartfulness Education Trust: The Trust is engaged into wellness at work through wellbeing workshops and yoga and polarity techniques. College has entered into MoU with HET on 8th July 2023 in order to provide positive work environment and wellness to its teaching and non teaching staff.
2. MoU with Tilak College of Education: Tilak College of Education is a premier and dynamic institution with an unrivalled reputation in pre-service training of teachers over the past 82 years. DES SNFLC has entered into MoU with Tilak College of Education On 7th February 2024 for academic collaboration in the area of Certificate courses, FDPs etc.
3. MoU with MMM's Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune for academic collaboration.
4. MoU with KLE Law College:

Under the umbrella of Karnataka Lingayat Education Society, the KLE law college was established in 1975 to cater to the needs of young students desirous of pursuing legal education in Bangalore. On 24th February, DES SNFLC has signed a MoU with KLE law college to foster the academic collaboration and to strengthen the mutual connections.

5. Collaboration with National Commission for Women, Delhi for conducting One Day PG department seminar on "Evolving Role of India in Global Governance and International Trade"
6. Linkage with Crime Investigation Department:

Under the MoU, CID gave an excellent opportunity to work on project of judgement analysis in the month of January 2026. The copy of judgement analysis was submitted at Ms. Pallavi

Barge office (SP, CID, Law and Research) on 4th March 2026. The work is appreciated by the authority. The students who contributed in this project are- Sanika Bopardikar (3rd LLB), shravani otari, Saumya Singh, Tanvi Shinde(4th BA LLB) and Varad Vaidya (3rd BA LLB).

7. Linkage with ReCharkha Ecosocial:

This is a Social Enterprise, focusing on upcycling of waste plastic.

Under this collaboration, college is upcycling the waste flex of various events. We have received an appreciation letter for the same.

8. Linkage with Zilla Parishad, Pune:

Zilla Parishad, Pune has carried out a survey on Single Women and has given college the opportunity for collaborative research on the said topic.

CONSUMER CLUB REPORT

Faculty Coordinator: Asst. Prof. Prithviraj D. Chavan.

The Consumer Club of DES SNFLC is an initiative taken to enhance awareness among the students as well as in the society about rights and responsibilities of consumer. It was inaugurated on 20th December 2023 on the occasion of National Consumer Rights Day. In order to safeguard interest of consumer at international level the day of 15 March is observed as “World Consumer Day” and in India the day of 24th December of each year observed as “National Consumer Rights Day”. The Consumer Club of DES SNFLC aims to educate students about consumer related issues such as consumer rights, duties, consumer protection and creating awareness among the society.

Vision Of Club:

“AWARE”, “ALERT”, “ACT”

Objectives:

- To educate the students, create and increase awareness of consumer rights and trained them in consumer awareness in order to reach the unreachable.
- To draw the attention to the importance of consumer rights.
- To educate the public on laws enacted to ensure the safety and welfare of consumer.

Following are the events organised in the academic year-2025-2026

A ONE-DAY EDUCATIONAL TRIP

A One-day Educational Trip District Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, Pune & Office of the Deputy Inspector General IGR, Pune. Date and Time of the Event: 25th August 2025
Place: -District Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, Pune & Office of the Deputy Inspector General IGR, Pune. Number of Attendees: 40

Outcome of the Event: The Consumer Club of DES SNFLC organised a student visit to the District Consumer Redressal Commission, Pune and the Office of Deputy Inspector General IGR, Pune on 25th August 2025 with aim to provide practical oriented knowledge to the students. During this visit, students observed the commission proceedings, interacted with judges and gained practical knowledge about trial & proceeding of commission. As well as

students also interacted with Mr Abhaysinh Mohite, Deputy Inspector General IGR, Pune and understood practical aspects of the functioning of the IGR Dept and registration-related processes. This visit was very fruitful for the students to understand practical procedures and application of theoretical knowledge.

A ONE DAY CONSUMER AWARENESS CAMP

A One Day Consumer Awareness Camp, Date and Time of the Event: Monday, 30th March 2026. Place: Maan Gram Panchayat, Tq: Mulshi, Dist: Pune Name of the Guest: Mr. Vivek Velankar, Founder President, Sajag Nagrik Manch, RTI and Consumer Activist., Asst. Prof. Umesh Jawalikar, Department of Law, JSPM, University, Pune. Former President, District Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, Maharashtra.

In collaboration with Maan Gram Panchayat, Tq: Mulshi, Dist: Pune and DES's Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune organised a One-Day workshop Consumer Awareness Camp on the occasion of World Consumer Day. Number of Attendees: 100

Outcome of the Event: The overwhelming response was received from the natives of Maan for this one day camp, the first Key speaker of this one-day awareness camp Mr. Vivek Velankar, spoke about Government offices services, consumer rights and redressal mechanisms and shared practical experiences with audience. The second key Speaker Asst. Prof. Umesh Jawalikar, was former Secretary of District Redressal Commission and presently working as Professor, he enlightened Six consumer rights provided under consumer Act. In addition to this to create consumer awareness the group of students perform skit. This one-day camp is very fruitful to the natives of Maan to understand basic rights of consumer.

CULTURAL DEPARTMENT REPORT

Faculty Co-ordinators- Asst. Prof. Pradnya Yadav

Asst. Prof. Ajinkya Waghmare

The Cultural Department serves as the cornerstone of heritage preservation, artistic promotion, and community engagement. Its primary mission is to safeguard the cultural identity and legacy of the community while encouraging creativity, diversity, and inclusive participation in cultural activities. Through the organization of festivals and performances, the department actively promotes traditional and contemporary art forms. In addition to preserving cultural heritage, the department plays a key role in fostering intercultural dialogue, supporting talent, and enhancing the cultural and economic vitality of the region. By acting as a bridge between the past and present, the Cultural Department continues to enrich society with meaningful cultural experiences and contributes to a vibrant community. Cultural events play a vital role in preserving and promoting the rich heritage, traditions, and values of a community. They provide a platform to showcase diverse art forms, languages, rituals, and histories that define a region's identity. These events foster unity, pride, and belonging while encouraging intercultural dialogue and mutual respect. In today's rapidly globalizing world, organizing cultural events is more important than ever to maintain cultural continuity, promote inclusivity, and educate future generations about their roots.

Objectives of the Cultural Department:

- **Creating a Welcoming Environment:** Ensuring inclusivity so individuals from all backgrounds feel valued and respected, strengthening belonging within the college community.
- **Empowering Student Leadership:** Encouraging students to take part in planning and organizing events to develop leadership skills.
- **Creating Lasting Memories:** Providing meaningful experiences that inspire cultural learning and appreciation both on and off campus.

The Cultural Department actively engages students of all age groups to collaborate and contribute ideas to make events memorable.

DUM-INDRADHANUSH 2026

As every year, the college hosted DUM-INDRADHANUSH 2026, a series of fun, sports, and cultural activities held from 11th March 2026. Date of the Event: 6th March to 13th March 2026 Venue: DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune. Around 350 students participated in various events. Approximately 800 attendees were present. The event was a grand success. Number of Events Conducted in this cultural fest such as Treasure Hunt: Interactive activity involving riddles, puzzles, and clues. Promotes critical thinking and teamwork. 8 teams participated. Singing: 22 students performed individually, showcasing their talent and musical skills. Impromptu Dance: Participants performed spontaneously on random music within 2 minutes. One Minute Fame: Participants showcased any talent (acting, singing, dancing, etc.) Group Dance: Non-competitive performances spreading joy and entertainment. Mr. and Ms. Indradhanush: A competition promoting Indian heritage, cultural awareness, leadership, and personality development. Mad Ads Competition: It is a creative marketing competition where participants develop and perform humorous advertisement to promote a product or service.

Winner List of Participants

Name of Event	Winner	Runner-up
Treasure Hunt	4th BBA LLB	2nd LLB
Singing	Meenakshi Jawale	Pawni Jain
Impromptu Dance	Yashoda	Sanidya Muttemwar
One Minute Fame	Preeti Shanbhag	Tanvi Kajbaje
Mad Ads	4th BA LLB	1st BA LLB
Mr. Indardhanush	Apoorva Deshmukh	Matriye Bhosale
Miss. Indardhanush	Preksha Lunkad	Saumya Srivastav

The event concluded with a valedictory session attended by distinguished guests, including the President of the Pune Bar Association. Students' performances and creativity were appreciated. Winners were awarded trophies, certificates, and medals, and organizers were specially recognized.

The event ended with a vote of thanks followed by Vande Mataram. Outcome of the Cultural Event

- Increased Community Engagement: Strong participation from students and attendees.
- Cultural Awareness: Enhanced understanding of traditions and heritage.
- Unity and Pride: Strengthened community bonds and cultural identity.
- Encouragement of Talent: Provided a platform for artistic expression.

Overall, the event successfully promoted cultural heritage and created a meaningful and enriching experience for all participants.

DEBATE DEPARTMENT (MIMANSA) REPORT

Faculty Co-ordinator- Asst. Prof. Saurabh Jadhav

The Debate Department of Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College is a dynamic platform dedicated to nurturing critical thinking, public speaking, and advocacy skills among students. It regularly organizes debates and discussions to encourage informed and confident expression on socio-legal issues. Its flagship event, the Late Gopal Ganesh Agarkar International Intercollegiate Debate Competition, attracts participants from across the globe, promoting intellectual exchange and upholding the legacy of rational and fearless discourse.

LATE GOPAL GANESH AGARKAR SMRUTI KARANDAK INTERNATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE COMPETITION

Late Gopal Ganesh Agarkar Smruti Karandak International Intercollegiate Debate Competition
Date & Time of the Event- 12-13th September 2025. Place/Venue- Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College. For Inauguration Session Guest of Honour was Shri Anant Joshi, Member Governing Body and Council, DES and Chief Guest – Shri. Ravindra Shinganapurkar, Member management Council, SPPU, Pune. For Valedictory ceremony Guest were Dr. Payal Thaorey, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar School of Law and Dr. Prabhakar Desai, Director of Examination and evaluation, SPPU.

The Late Gopal Ganesh Agarkar Smruti Karandak International Intercollegiate Debate Competition is a prestigious platform that enhances the academic reputation of Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College at both national and international levels. It attracts diverse participation, fostering intellectual exchange and cross-cultural dialogue. The event strengthens students' advocacy, critical thinking, and public speaking skills. It also reflects the legacy of Gopal Ganesh Agarkar by promoting rational, fearless, and progressive discourse. Additionally, it creates networking opportunities for students and institutions, contributing to holistic academic growth. Number of Participants- 148, Number of Attendees- 220, Number of Teams (if any) - 74 teams – 69 National and 5 International Teams. Name of Winner/Runner-up - First Prize- SP College Second Prize- ILS College, Third Prize- MP law College

Outcome of the event- The Late Gopal Ganesh Agarkar Smruti Karandak International Intercollegiate Debate Competition witnessed an impressive participation of 69 national teams and 5 international teams, making it a truly global academic platform. This diverse representation led to a rich exchange of ideas, perspectives, and debating styles. The event significantly enhanced students' critical thinking, research ability, and public speaking skills

through high-level competition. It strengthened the national and international academic standing of Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College. Overall, the competition successfully fostered intellectual engagement, cultural interaction, and the spirit of healthy academic rivalry among participants.

- Outside Participation –

Sr. No	Name	Competition	Positions Held
1.	Trishala Dugad – I LLB	DY Patil Debate Competition	Runner up
2.	Ishita Chaudhary- I BALLB, Navya Changedia- I BALLB, Kamakshi Phutane- I BALLB	Agni Vaani Competition by MIT WPU	Runner up
3.	Preksha Lunkad- III BALLB and Raghunandini Singh – III BALLB	Vidhirang by Modern Law College, waxing eloquent inter collegiate Debate competition by Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce.	Runner up
4.	Parth Chide- I BALLB	Comrade Eknathrao Bhagwat Smriti Karandak at Ahilyanagar. State Level Extempore Competition at Vidhirang 2026	Third Position First position.
5.	Omkar Jadhav- I BALLB and Sanchit Gaikwad- I BALLB	Sanskar Mandir Society's Arts and Science college	Second Position
6.	Mansi Bhardwaj- III BALLB	Justice Ranade National Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition organized by Vaktrutvottejak Sabha, Pune & Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth.	Third Position
7.	Shrushti Dumbre- III BALLB	Vidhibhashya 1.0 organized by Modern Law College.	Runner Up
8.	Riya Shyamsingh Bayas- II BALLB	1. Akk law academy intercollegiate creative essay competition: Winner 2. Modern law college state level Ppt competition: Winner 3. Modern law college state level creative writing competition: 1st Runner Up 4. Dy patil state level legislative Drafting : 2nd Runner Up	Winner
9.	Nandini Tyagi – II BALLB	1. Extempore competition - Modern law college, Pune, 2. Elocution competition - DY patil law college, Pune 3. Debate competition - DY patil law college, Pune	Winner
10.	Sanchit Gaikwad- I BALLB	New arts College ahilya Nagar state level debate competition Bajirao Mastani college shirur state level debate competition	Third Position Second Position

		Anna Hazare state level Elocution Competition Raligan Siddi	Third Position
		Camp education society Arvind Telang college Pune State level elocution competition	Second Position

DIGITAL LANGUAGE LABORATORY REPORT

Faculty Coordinator – Dr. Anagha Baldota

Digital Language Laboratory was established to inculcate grammar skills, reading, writing, listening & spoken skills amongst the students. After having a comparative study of available software specimens & students' requirements, Biyani Technology software of Digital Language Laboratory was selected. The Software was installed on 22.11.2024 on the server & 14 computers available in the computer Laboratory.

Since then, the students are provided demonstration of the modules, tests, audio-video lectures & spoken assignments etc. available in the software. Based on the various learning opportunities in the Digital Language Laboratory software, the students weaker at English Grammar were assigned various lessons, assignments etc. which enhanced their language skills.

Along with the General English Grammar lessons in the software, the activity of recording videos on the basis of legal maxims, Latin Terms & Foreign phrases was also conducted in A.Y.2025-26 for addition of E-content to the language laboratory. The activity encouraged students to hone their skills in terms of reading, writing, speaking, listening legal language. There were almost 195 students who contributed to the content development. They also undertook various lessons from the software & completed various activities related to group discussion, role play, extempore, debate, negotiation etc. in day today sessions. The student activity is regularly recorded on the language lab software. The students are showing keen interest in availing the grammar lessons, tutorials based on such grammar lessons & audio-video applications on such grammar lessons. The practice tests are helpful to boost the confidence of learners if they are regularly taking the sessions.

The language Laboratory Software keeps on updating timely as per the need of learners & hence it contributes diverse group of learners at a time. The digital language laboratory is successful as it caters to the need of language acquisition & advancement in personal & professional domains along with business purpose for diverse group of learners at a time.

ENVIRONMENT CELL REPORT

Faculty In-charge- Asst. Prof. Sandip Borse

The Environment Cell in a college plays a crucial role in promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices among students and staff. It serves as a platform to educate individuals about pressing environmental issues such as climate change, pollution, waste management, and conservation of natural resources. By organizing activities like cleanliness drives, tree plantation, awareness campaigns, and workshops, the cell encourages students to adopt eco-friendly habits in their daily lives. The Environment Cell also helps in developing a sense of social responsibility and environmental ethics among students, making them more conscious citizens. It fosters active participation in community-based initiatives and connects academic learning with real-world environmental challenges. Moreover, it contributes to creating a greener and healthier campus by implementing sustainable practices such as waste segregation, energy conservation, and reduction of plastic use. The Environment Cell plays an important role in shaping environmentally responsible individuals and contributes to the broader goal of sustainable development and ecological balance.

CLEANLINESS DRIVE

The Cleanliness Drive was organized by the Environment Cell of Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College on 21st August 2025 at the college premises.

The Environment Cell of Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College organized a successful Cleanliness Drive on August 21st, 2025, within the college premises. The primary aim of the event was to promote a clean and hygienic environment while raising awareness about environmental conservation and responsible waste management. This initiative also sought to inspire active participation from students, faculty, and staff in community service and environmental stewardship.

The Cleanliness Drive featured a variety of meaningful activities designed to enhance the campus environment. Volunteers engaged in a comprehensive campus cleanup, collecting litter from classrooms, corridors, lawns, and parking areas. This was accompanied by a waste segregation activity where participants sorted the collected waste into recyclable and non-recyclable materials, encouraging better disposal habits. In addition to these efforts, a plantation drive was conducted, during which saplings were planted in designated areas of the campus to increase greenery and contribute to cleaner air. To further promote environmental consciousness, an awareness campaign was carried out with informative

posters and banners displayed around the college, educating the campus community about the importance of cleanliness, waste management, and sustainability.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff members, all of whom showed a strong sense of responsibility and teamwork. Their collective effort led to a noticeable improvement in the cleanliness of the campus and helped reinforce the value of environmental responsibility. The drive not only beautified the college grounds but also sparked important conversations about conservation and community involvement. Ultimately, the Cleanliness Drive served as a powerful reminder of the impact that unified action can have in fostering a cleaner, healthier, and more environmentally aware community.

POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

The Environment Cell of DES's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune organized a Poster Making Competition on 26th January 2026 at the DES SNFLC Campus, Pune-4. The activity aimed to foster creativity among students while promoting environmental awareness. It provided a platform for students to express their ideas and convey meaningful messages on environmental conservation through artistic expression, encouraging them to reflect on sustainable practices and ecological responsibility.

The Poster Making Competition was held on 26th January 2026 and received enthusiastic participation from students across different years. Participants presented visually impactful and meaningful posters on various environmental themes. The entries were judged based on creativity, relevance to the theme, visual impact, and clarity of message. After a thorough evaluation by the judges, the following students were recognized for their outstanding work:

Results:

First Prize	Swapna Narayan
Second Prize	Harshada Sarpatwar & Sakshi Todewale
Third Prize	Vaishnavi Jadhav

The Poster Making Competition was a successful initiative by the Environment Cell in promoting environmental consciousness and student engagement through creative expression. The event highlighted the importance of sustainability and environmental responsibility, aligning with the college's mission to encourage holistic student development.

TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

The activity was organized by the Environment Cell “Nisarg” of DES’s Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune on 9th April 2025 at the college campus and surrounding areas.

On April 9, 2025, the Environment Cell ‘Nisarg’ of DES’s Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune, organized a vibrant and impactful tree plantation drive, reinforcing its commitment to environmental sustainability and a greener tomorrow. The event brought together students, faculty members, and volunteers, all united by a shared sense of purpose and enthusiasm for contributing to the health of our planet.

With great dedication, participants planted a variety of saplings across the college campus and its surrounding areas. This initiative was not just about planting trees—it symbolized a deeper effort to foster environmental consciousness and reconnect with nature. Each sapling planted was a testament to our collective aspiration for a cleaner atmosphere, richer biodiversity, and restored ecological balance. Beyond the physical act of planting, the event emphasized the importance of environmental stewardship and the role individuals play in preserving nature. It was a moment to reflect on our responsibilities and to inspire proactive action for a sustainable future. The drive fostered a spirit of unity, resilience, and hope—values as essential to community well-being as they are to environmental care. The enthusiastic participation and support received from the entire SNFLC community made the event a resounding success. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this green initiative. Together, we have not only planted trees, but also the seeds of a healthier and more conscious future. The Environment Cell looks forward to continuing its mission with more such eco-friendly activities in the times ahead.

WATER AUDIT

The water audit was conducted at DES’s Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College (SNFLC) on 16th April 2026 with the objective of evaluating water consumption patterns within the campus. The audit focused on water usage sourced from two 2500-liter tanks and included a detailed assessment of consumption across various facilities such as toilets, staff rooms, water coolers, and plant watering activities, aiming to promote efficient water management and conservation practices within the institution.

The college relies on two 2500-liter water tanks for its daily water needs. These tanks are replenished through two primary sources, namely groundwater extracted via borewells or wells situated on the college campus, and tap water supplied through the municipal water

distribution system. The water usage across the campus is primarily distributed among toilets, water coolers, and plant watering activities. The campus has a total of seven toilets, including three male toilets, three female toilets, and one staff room toilet. The average water consumption per flush is 7 liters. Accordingly, the daily water consumption for toilet flushing is calculated as $(3 + 3 + 1) \text{ toilets} \times 7 \text{ liters}$, which equals $7 \text{ toilets} \times 7 \text{ liters}$, amounting to 49 liters per day.

There are three water coolers installed across the campus. The average consumption per cooler per day is B liters. Therefore, the total daily water usage for water coolers is calculated as $3 \text{ water coolers} \times B \text{ liters}$, which equals 3B liters per day. In addition, approximately 40 to 50 plants are watered daily on the campus. The average water used per plant per day is C liters. Hence, the total daily water consumption for plant watering is calculated as $(40 \text{ to } 50) \times C \text{ liters}$, which equals 40C to 50C liters per day. The total estimated water consumption per day is calculated by adding the usage from toilets, water coolers, and plant watering. Thus, $\text{Total Daily Usage} = \text{Toilet Usage} + \text{Water Cooler Usage} + \text{Plant Watering Usage} = (7 \times 7) + (3 \times B) + (40 \text{ to } 50 \times C)$, which equals $49 + 3B + (40C \text{ to } 50C)$ liters per day.

Calculation Assumptions:

- The average consumption values used in calculations are based on standard usage patterns.
- Actual usage may vary based on fixture type, user behavior, and efficiency.
- The audit does not account for water usage related to cleaning, maintenance, or recreational purposes.

This water audit provides a foundational overview of SNFLC's water consumption and highlights the significance of monitoring water usage. By understanding how and where water is utilized, the college can adopt effective conservation strategies. Implementing such measures will contribute to long-term sustainability and resource efficiency on campus.

GUEST LECTURE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Faculty Co-ordinator- Asst. Prof. Prithviraj Chavan

Guest Lecture Department of DES' SNFLC serve as a platform for intellectual discourse and academic achievements. The department recognises the importance of engaging with experts from various filed to supplement to classroom learning and expose student to diverse perspective. Through effective communication and promotion, the department always ensure that students are informed and encouraged to participate actively in these enriching experiences. Each lecture is thoughtfully curated to align with the college academic objective and to provide students with the valuable insights and practical knowledge.

The Guest Lecture Department of DES' SNFLC is committed to excellence in organising and executing events that enrich the academic experience of the students. By adhering to structured approach that prioritizes meticulous planning, seamless execution and through follow-up, the department ensures that every guest lecture is memorable and rewarding experience for both speaker and attendees alike.

Following are the events organised in the academic year 2025-2026

GUEST LECTURE ON 'INTERNATIONAL LAW AND COLLABORATIVE MECHANISM'

The event was held on 5th February 2025 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Legal Aid Clinic of DES' SNFLC. The session was graced by Shri Vijay Chafekar, Retired Additional Director General of the Indian Coast Guard, as the guest speaker. A total of 58 students attended the event.

The guest lecture on 'International Law and Collaborative Mechanism' by Guest Lecture Department on 5th Feb 2025. The event aimed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the principles of international law and the significance of collaborative mechanisms among nations in addressing global challenges. It seeks to familiarize learners with the role of international organizations, treaties, and diplomatic cooperation in maintaining peace, security, and sustainable development. Additionally, the lecture aims to develop critical insights into how countries work collectively to resolve transnational issues such as climate change, human rights protection, trade regulation, and conflict resolution. It also intends to encourage students to appreciate the practical relevance of international legal frameworks and to enhance their analytical and global perspective towards law. Shri. Vijay Chafekar, shared his practical knowledge and insights with the participants.

GUEST LECTURE ON 'PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND DPC'

The event was conducted on 26th September 2025 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Amphitheater, Fergusson College Campus, Pune. The session was graced by Adv. Sushma Kadam and Adv. Pallavi Wavhal, both practicing at the District and Sessions Court, Pune, as guest speakers. A total of 300 students attended the event.

The Guest Lecture Department organised an academically enriching and professionally significant guest lecture on 'Professional Ethics and Disciplinary Proceedings Committee' on 26th September 2025 with the objectives of sensitizing law students towards the ethical foundation of the legal profession. The distinguished speakers enlighten the students sharing their courtroom practice and disciplinary proceeding under the Advocates Act.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON 'NATIONALISM AND GOOD GOVERNANCE IN A CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY: DIALOGUE ON THE MAHARSHTRA SECURITY BILL'

The event was held on 27th September 2025 from 10:30 am onwards at the Kundanmal Firodia Auditorium, Fergusson College Campus, Pune. The session was graced by Adv. S.K. Jain, Senior Advocate at the District and Sessions Court, Pune, and Adv. Dr. Uday Warunjikar, Advocate at the Bombay High Court, as guest speakers. A total of 250 students attended the event.

The Guest lecture Department organised a thought-provoking panel discussion on the topic '**Nationalism and Good Governance in a Constitutional Democracy: Dialogue on the Maharashtra Security Bill, 2025**' in this discussion, The panelists examined Maharashtra Security Bill, 2025 from multiple perspectives including constitutional validity, legislative competence, fundamental rights implications and public order. They discussed the concept of Nationalism not as mere political slogan but as constitutional value rooted in unity, sovereignty and democratic accountability. The Panel critically analyse provision of the proposed legislation particularly in relation to freedom of speech and expression, personal liberty and preventive measures adopted in the name of security. The discussion was very interactive student raised various question regarding the proposed bill.

SPECIAL PROGRAM ON 'POSCO ACT: REVISITING THE AGE OF CONSENT: LEGAL, SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DIMENSIONS'

The event was held on 29th November 2025 from 10:30 am onwards at the Kundanmal Firodia Auditorium, Fergusson College Campus, Pune. The session was graced by Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Member of the NHRC and former Chairman of the NCPDR, as the guest speaker. A total of 150 students attended the event.

On 29th November 2025, the guest lecture department organised a socially relevant and intellectually engaging lecture titled '**Revisiting The Age of Consent: Legal, Social and Psychological Dimensions**'. The distinguished speaker shared expert insights on child rights, adolescent issues and legal policy consideration. The lecture focused on the age of consent provision under POCSO framework and related criminal law provision, the discussion encouraged critical reflection on whether existing statutory provisions required review or reinterpretation in the light of social change.

SPECIAL PROGRAM ON THE OCCASION OF YOUTH DAY- 'SWAMI VIVEKANAND & YOUTH'

The event was conducted on 21st January 2026 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Legal Aid Clinic of DES' SNFLC. The session was graced by Shri Pratik Dhatrak and Adv. Maharudra Gite as guest speakers. A total of 60 students attended the event.

On 21st January 2026, the Guest Lecture Department organised a special program on the occasion of youth day with objective of inspiring students to cultivate moral strength, self-discipline and commitment towards nation building. The invited guest for the program were Shri. Pratik Dhatrak and Adv. Maharudra Gite who address the students on the importance of youth empowerment and ethical eldership. The speakers highlighted the teaching and ideals of Swami Vivekananda, emphasising self-confidence, discipline, service to the society and moral courage.

GUEST LECTURE ON PRACTICAL TRAINING PAPER- MOOT COURT EXERCISE AND INTERNSHIP

The event was conducted on 26th September 2025 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Amphitheater, Fergusson College Campus, Pune. The session was graced by Adv. Pramod Bendre, Adv. Rohan Nahar, and Adv. Raunak Rane, all practicing at the District and Sessions Court, Pune, as guest speakers. A total of 400 students attended the event.

The Guest Lecture Department of DES' Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune, successfully organized a series of guest lectures on 24th March 2026 for the students of 5th B.A. LL.B., 5th B.B.A. LL.B., and 3rd LL.B., in accordance with the syllabus requirements of Moot Court Exercise & Internship. The objective of this program was to provide practical insights and professional training to students, thereby bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world legal practice.

The session commenced with a warm welcome and introduction of the esteemed guest speakers. The first lecture on "Pre-trial Preparation on Civil Side" was delivered by Adv. Pramod Bendre. He elaborated on the procedural aspects involved before the

commencement of a civil trial, including drafting of pleadings, filing of suits, framing of issues, and importance of documentation. He emphasized the need for thorough preparation, strategic planning, and clarity in pleadings for effective representation in civil litigation.

The second session on “Pre-trial Preparation on Criminal Side” was conducted by Adv. Rohan Nahar. He provided valuable insights into the stages prior to trial in criminal cases, such as registration of FIR, investigation, filing of charge-sheet, and framing of charges. He highlighted the role of a defense counsel as well as the prosecution in ensuring a fair trial, and stressed the importance of understanding procedural safeguards and evidentiary requirements. The third session on “Client Counselling & Interview Techniques” was delivered by Adv. Raunak Rane. This session focused on developing essential lawyering skills such as effective communication, active listening, client handling, and ethical responsibilities. He guided students on how to conduct client interviews professionally, build trust, and gather relevant information systematically.

All the sessions were highly interactive and engaging. Students actively participated by asking questions and sharing their perspectives, which made the lectures more insightful and practically oriented. The speakers also shared real-life experiences from their professional practice, which greatly enhanced the learning experience of the students. The program proved to be extremely beneficial in equipping students with essential practical skills required for moot court exercises and internships. It also helped in boosting their confidence and understanding of court procedures and professional ethics. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Faculty Coordinator Asst. Prof. Prithviraj Chavan, expressing sincere gratitude to the esteemed speakers for their valuable time and guidance.

GUEST LECTURE ON PRACTICAL TRAINING PAPER- ADR

The event was conducted on 26th September 2025 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Amphitheater, Fergusson College Campus, Pune. The session was graced by Adv. Chaitanya Marne and Adv. Pooja Thakur, both practicing at the District and Sessions Court, Pune, as guest speakers. A total of 410 students attended the event.

The Guest Lecture Department of DES’ Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune, organized a guest lecture on 25th March 2026 for the students of 4th B.A. LL.B., 4th B.B.A. LL.B., and 2nd LL.B., in accordance with the syllabus of Practical Training Paper II – Alternative Dispute Resolution System. The primary objective of the program was to provide students with practical exposure to various ADR mechanisms and to enhance their understanding of dispute resolution beyond traditional court procedures. The program

commenced with a formal welcome of the distinguished speakers and a brief introduction highlighting the importance of ADR in the contemporary legal system. The first session was conducted by Adv. Chaitanya Marne on the topic “Arbitration Proceeding and Award.” He provided a detailed explanation of the arbitration process, beginning from the arbitration agreement to the appointment of arbitrators, conduct of proceedings, and passing of arbitral awards. He emphasized the significance of party autonomy, procedural flexibility, and enforceability of arbitral awards. He also shared practical insights into drafting arbitration clauses and handling arbitration proceedings effectively.

The second session was delivered by Adv. Pooja Thakur on the topic “Lok Adalat and ADR Mechanism under Legal Services Authority Act: Practical Dimensions and Challenges.” She elaborated on the concept, structure, and functioning of Lok Adalats under the Legal Services Authorities Act. The speaker highlighted the role of Lok Adalats in ensuring speedy and cost-effective justice, especially for marginalized sections of society. She also discussed the practical challenges faced in ADR mechanisms, such as lack of awareness, implementation issues, and the need for greater institutional support. Both sessions were highly informative and interactive. The speakers engaged the students through practical examples, case-based discussions, and real-life experiences from their professional practice. Students actively participated by raising queries and sharing their viewpoints, which contributed to a dynamic learning environment. The lecture proved to be extremely beneficial in helping students understand the practical application of ADR mechanisms, including arbitration and Lok Adalats. It also enhanced their awareness of alternative dispute resolution as an effective tool for reducing the burden on courts and promoting access to justice. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Faculty Coordinator Asst. Prof. Prithviraj Chavan, expressing sincere gratitude to the esteemed speakers for their valuable time and guidance.

JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM REPORT

Faculty Co-ordinator- Dr. Anagha Baldota

DES's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College initiated Judicial Internship Program in A.Y.2024-25 for developing litigation attribute & argumentative skills & for inculcating legal advancements, contributing to enhancing their legal trajectory in law practice. As the theory of law & its practical approaches, remain quite distant in learning phase of students, the college initiated an ambitious project i.e. Judicial Internship Program wherein the selected group of students visited the respective courts for knowing & understanding the procedural part of law.

The Judicial Internship Program was conducted for a duration of 21 days at the Family Court, Pune, and the District & Sessions Court, Pune, providing students with practical exposure to judicial proceedings and court functioning.

The college initiated correspondence for Judicial Internship Program with District & Sessions Court, Pune & Family Courts in Pune. The judges readily cooperated for this venture & accommodated students in their respective courts. 131 students sincerely joined the program, observed the proceedings & interacted about their queries with the judges. The judges in turn acknowledged their concerns & guided them in the Civil as well as criminal matters along with, POCSO & family disputes etc. cases as per the respective jurisdictions. The students were entrusted to record the proceedings, observations of all procedural details & link those to the theory of law they learn as a part of curriculum. The interns also visited e-filing section, Mediation section, interacted with family counsellor, learned formalities at Nazir section, researched various cases like judicial separation, grounds for divorce, mutual consent divorce, contesting divorce, child's custody, parental role in the divorce etc. under the supervision of respected judges in Family courts.

The students maintained the record of their observations, the information received relevant provisions of law, research work done & outcome of the judicial internship program in a journal and were awarded with the certificates for their consistent efforts towards completing this innovative endeavour facilitated by college for the first time. The legal profession can be effectively mastered when practical skills are developed alongside academic knowledge, especially through direct guidance from experienced legal professionals. This program provided participants with valuable field experience, including exposure to mediation in family law matters, e-filing procedures, and legal research on case laws under the supervision of honourable judges in the respective courts. A total of 131 participants took part in the program.

The Judicial Internship Program was innovative & productive exercise initiated by the college. The participants showed enthusiasm in all these activities & maintained a well organised journal of all 21 days. The participants were awarded with the certification by the college & letter of appreciation by the respective courts. The initiative was successful due to the kind cooperation of college authorities, participants & the honourable judges.

LEGAL RESEARCH CELL REPORT

Faculty Co-Ordinators

Dr Aishwarya Yadav

Anuja Sharma

Systematic legal research facilitates momentum to solve issues and to devise workable solutions to the problems at hand. Having this aspect in view, our college has constituted the Legal Research Cell (LRC), which exerts persistently to infuse students with an inquisitive approach and research skills. Responsibility of the Legal Research Cell this year was shouldered by Dr Aishwarya Yadav and Anuja Sharma. Activities for the academic year 2025-2026 under the Legal Research Cell were carried out as follows:

Selection/Nomination to LRC:

To make the platform of LRC open for all, this year the cell did not keep any selection process and was made open to all those who were interested. A Google form was circulated amongst students to register themselves as members of the cell. This encouraged participation and response from the students. This reveals keenness on the part of our students towards research methodology and legal aptitude.

RESEARCH GUIDANCE WORKSHOP FOR AVISHKAR COMPETITION 2025

On 3 September 2025, the Legal Research Cell of DES SNFLC organized an insightful workshop to orient students on the Avishkar Research Competition, led by Dr. Ketaki Patwardhan Dalvi, In-charge Principal and Head of Department at TMV's Lokmanya Tilak Law College, Pune. The session provided an overview of the competition and highlighted its objectives of fostering innovation, showcasing academic talent, and encouraging collaboration between academia and industry. Dr. Dalvi shared practical guidance on selecting impactful research topics, designing effective posters, delivering concise presentations, and adhering to documentation requirements, while emphasizing the importance of societal relevance. The interactive Q&A session addressed student queries on various aspects of the competition, making the workshop highly engaging and informative. Overall, the session equipped students with clarity, confidence, and a structured approach to participate effectively in the Avishkar competition.

AVISHKAR COMPETITION COLLEGE LEVEL

The Avishkar Research Competition was successfully organized by DES' Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College in accordance with the guidelines of IQAC, Savitribai Phule Pune University. Registrations were invited from students under the UG and PG categories. The competition was conducted on 19th September 2025 and was evaluated by esteemed judges, namely Dr. Santosh Jaybhaye, Director (Legal Affairs), MIT-WPU, Kothrud; Dr. Ranjana Patil, Principal, PDEA Law College, Pune; and Dr. Sheetal Ruikar, Head of School and Associate Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences, DES Pune University. Dr. Sunita Adhav, Principal of DES SNFLC, felicitated the judges during the formal ceremony. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, and constructive feedback was provided by the judges to all participants. From the UG category, Shubhra Tripathi, Shrushti Dumbre, and Aditya Raj (BA LL.B, 3rd Year) were selected for the zonal level of the competition. The competition served as a valuable platform for promoting research aptitude among students and encouraged them to engage in academic inquiry.

AGROVIGYA

The project Agrovigya was successfully initiated and passed the testing phase, marking a significant milestone toward its practical implementation. This research contributes to the digital transformation of agriculture and offers policy insights for strengthening rural livelihoods and promoting inclusive growth. The Agrovigya project aims to reduce disguised unemployment in rural India by integrating technology-driven solutions for job matching, agricultural optimization, and direct marketplace access. Through a combination of primary and secondary research including farmer surveys, government data, and labor statistics the project examines rural labor trends, agricultural inefficiencies, and digital accessibility. Using data analytics and market research, Agrovigya identifies employment opportunities, enhances productivity, and fosters sustainable economic participation for rural communities.

FIAT JUSTITIA PUBLICATION- LAW JOURNAL

The *Fiat Justitia* Law Journal, Volume XII (ISSN 2320–2696), was successfully published by DES' Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College as a double-blind peer-reviewed journal, upholding high standards of academic rigor, objectivity, and quality research. The journal functioned under the esteemed patronage of His Excellency Shri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj and was guided by a distinguished Advisory Board comprising Shri Pramod Rawat, Adv. Ashok Palande, and Dr. Sunita Adhav. The publication process was efficiently managed by a dedicated Editorial Board, with Dr. Aishwarya Yadav serving as Editor-in-Chief and Anuja Sharma as Co-Editor. Scholarly submissions on contemporary legal issues were rigorously reviewed for originality and analytical depth, and the entire process

adhered to established academic and editorial standards. The journal significantly contributed to fostering a research-driven academic environment and provided a credible platform for legal scholarship.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

On the occasion of Republic Day, the Legal Research Cell marked the celebration through the release of its annual booklet titled “From Principles to Policy: Ten Years of DPSP-Driven Constitutional Governance.” The booklet was conceived as a research-oriented initiative to examine the practical implementation of the Directive Principles of State Policy in contemporary governance. It traced the evolution of DPSPs from their Constitutional foundation in Part IV to their growing influence on welfare policies, economic reforms, and social justice measures over the past decade. The publication analysed key government initiatives and judicial developments, highlighting the translation of constitutional ideals into actionable policy frameworks. The booklet was formally unveiled during the Republic Day celebration in the presence of esteemed dignitaries, adding significance to the academic endeavour.

THEMISIA 4.0

The fourth edition of Themisia, *Themisia 4.0*, was successfully organized on 13th and 14th February 2026, focusing on the theme “Integration of the Indian Knowledge System in Higher Education in India,” in alignment with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The event featured a National Legislative Drafting Competition, a Legal Quiz Competition, and an Intra-Collegiate Judgment Analysis Competition, along with a two-day International Seminar on “Transforming Higher Education through Indian Knowledge System: A Global Perspective,” which served as the intellectual core of the event. The competitions were evaluated by distinguished academicians and legal professionals, ensuring rigorous assessment and meaningful feedback. In the National Legislative Drafting Competition, Ms. Chhavi Jaiswal and Mr. Sourabh Gupta from Modern Law College, Pune emerged as winners, while Mr. Shrilabh Deshmukh and Mr. Farooqui Moiz from Narayanrao Chavan Law College, Nanded were runners-up. Ms. Palak Lunkad from Nirma University, Gujarat won the Legal Quiz Competition, with Mr. Ronal Fernandes and Mr. Lleyton Colaco from VVM Govind Ramnath College, Goa as runners-up. In the Intra-Collegiate Judgment Analysis Competition, Mr. Murtaza Bohra (2nd LL.B) secured first place and Hridya Bharara (2nd LL.B) was the runner-up. Overall, Themisia 4.0 provided a comprehensive academic platform that fostered research, critical thinking, and engagement with contemporary legal and educational issues.

the ASPIRE Research Mentorship Grant was awarded to Dr. Aishwarya Rahul Yadav, Assistant Professor at DES' Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. The research project titled "*Workplace Violence in the Healthcare Sector: Legal Remedies and Policy Recommendations*" was provisionally selected under the Faculty of Humanities (Law) for funding of ₹1,25,000. The grant aims to encourage young researchers to undertake impactful and policy-relevant research. As per the scheme guidelines, periodic progress reports are to be submitted every six months, and the continuation of funding is subject to evaluation by an expert panel. The project also mandates publication of research findings in reputed international or UGC-recognized journals. This achievement reflects the institution's commitment to promoting quality research and academic excellence.

The Legal Research Cell, through its diverse activities during the academic year 2025–2026, successfully fostered a strong research culture within the institution. By providing platforms for academic engagement, competitions, publications, and funded research, the Cell enhanced students' analytical abilities, critical thinking, and interest in legal research. Overall, the initiatives undertaken have significantly contributed to promoting quality research and academic excellence.

LIBRARY REPORT

Faculty Co-ordinator- Dr. Ganga Reshmi

“A law library is not merely a repository of books, but a living laboratory where justice is studied, interpreted, and shaped.”

The Library serves as the intellectual and research hub of the institution, supporting academic excellence, legal research, and professional development. The year 2025–26 focused on digital transformation, inclusive access, and research-oriented services aligned with NAAC and NIRF.

Library Collection and Resources

- **Total Collection:** The library houses over 18,500 books, reflecting continuous efforts to expand and update academic and research resources.
- **Types of Resources:** The collection includes textbooks, reference materials, bare acts, law reports, journals, and research publications to support comprehensive legal education.
- **Special Collections:** Dedicated resources are available for competitive examinations and research work, catering to the advanced academic and career needs of students.

E-Resources and Digital Library

- **Subscribed Databases:** The library provides access to leading legal databases such as AIR Online, SCC Online, Manupatra, EBC Reader, Lexis Nexis, Hein Online etc. enabling users to conduct in-depth and up-to-date legal research.
- **Consortium Access:** Membership in DELNET enhances access to a vast range of national and international academic resources.
- **Remote Access Facility:** The MapMyAccess system allows users to access digital resources anytime and from any location, ensuring uninterrupted learning.

ICT Integration and Automation

- **OPAC Facility:** The Online Public Access Catalogue enables users to easily search and locate library resources.
- **Barcode System:** The barcode-based circulation system ensures efficient and accurate issue and return of books.

- **Wi-Fi Enabled Library:** The library provides internet connectivity to facilitate seamless access to digital resources.
- **Computer Lab:** A dedicated computer lab supports digital research, database access, and academic activities.

Library Services

- **Open Access System:** Users can freely browse and access library materials, promoting independent learning.
- **Research Assistance:** The library offers guidance and support for academic and legal research activities.
- **CAS & SDI Services:** Current Awareness and Selective Dissemination services keep users informed about the latest developments and resources.
- **Extended Hours:** Library timings are extended during examinations to support students' study requirements.

Best Practices

- **Best Library User Award:** This initiative encourages students to actively utilize library resources and develop reading habits.
- **User Orientation Programmes:** Regular sessions are conducted to familiarize users with library services and databases.
- **Digital Resource Awareness:** Efforts are made to promote effective use of e-resources among students and faculty.

Inclusive Library Initiatives

- The library is taking progressive steps to create an accessible environment and provide inclusive services for Persons with Disabilities, ensuring equitable access to knowledge.

NATIONAL LIBRARIAN'S DAY

The event was held on 12th August 2025 at the Library of DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College.

National Librarian's Day was observed on 12th August 2025, the occasion was marked to honour the invaluable contributions of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan and to promote awareness about the significance of libraries. A Book Exhibition was organised for students and faculty, providing them an opportunity to recommend titles for the library's collection.

Several reputed book vendors from Pune and Mumbai participated, showcasing a diverse range of publications. The event also featured the presentation of the Best Library User Award in recognition of exemplary library usage.

VACHAN PRERANA DIWAS

Vachan Prerana Diwas was observed on 15th October 2025 at the Library of DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College. The event was organized to mark the birth anniversary of A. P. J. Abdul Kalam and to promote reading habits among students.

The programme featured thoughtful reflections by students on the importance of reading in personal and intellectual growth. An engaging “Letter to Kalam” activity was conducted, where participants expressed their inspirations, dreams, and favorite books. Selected students also presented their letters, making the session interactive and inspiring.

Participants were felicitated with books as a token of encouragement, and a “Mind Map Creating Competition” was announced to further enhance students’ analytical and reading skills. The event concluded by reinforcing Dr. Kalam’s vision of learning as a pathway to creativity, knowledge, and greatness.

SAVITRIBAI PHULE JAYANTI CELEBRATION

Savitribai Phule Jayanti Celebration was observed on 3rd January 2026 at the Library of DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College to honour the birth anniversary of Savitribai Phule and her remarkable contribution to education and social reform.

The programme began with a brief introduction to her life, work, and ideals, followed by a curated book display focusing on women’s empowerment and social reform. Students and faculty actively participated in the celebration, making the event both meaningful and inspiring.

The event emphasized the enduring significance of education as a powerful tool for empowerment and social transformation, reflecting the vision and legacy of Savitribai Phule.

The library regularly conducts research workshops and training programmes aimed at enhancing students’ and faculty members’ research skills, particularly in the effective use of academic databases. It also provides strong research support by assisting in publication processes, citation management, and maintaining researcher profiles on platforms such as Scopus and Google Scholar. Looking ahead, the library has several progressive initiatives planned. These include the implementation of RFID technology to improve automation and security, the development of an institutional digital repository to

archive and showcase research output, and the expansion of digital resources to meet the growing academic demands of users. The library continues to evolve as a technology-enabled and user-focused learning centre, committed to supporting academic excellence and research development.

LEGAL AID REPORT

Faculty Co-ordinators- Dr. Neeta Ahir

Asst. Prof. Ajinkya Waghmare

To consistently uphold its commitment to social responsibility and the promotion of legal awareness through a series of impactful legal aid activities, the college ensure that the wits for conducting various activities with the objective of bridging the gap between law and society, ensuring access to justice for all, especially marginalized and underprivileged communities. The following is a detailed report of the activities carried out:

One-Day Legal Aid Camp at Budwadi Village, Taluka Maval, District Pune: The college organized a One-Day Legal Aid Camp on 26th July 2025 at Budwadi Village in Taluka Maval, District Pune. This initiative aimed to extend legal assistance to rural populations who often face challenges in accessing legal services due to lack of awareness and resources. with the objective of creating legal awareness among rural citizens and providing basic legal guidance on issues affecting their daily lives. The programme focused on empowering villagers through knowledge of property rights, agricultural welfare schemes, women's protection laws, senior citizen rights, and the availability of legal aid mechanisms. The programme witnesses a drama on domestic violence and role of mediation in settlement of dispute and that eloquently captured the state of women in everyday households and their subjugation in day and age, women are still denied the respect, equal opportunities, and rights that they are due. We learned from the play the value of mediation and how it can be used to resolve disputes. The session was concluded with a message to raise public awareness of legal issues, encourage the general public to seek out legal information, and assure them that the institute will assist in fostering this kind of understanding. Also a survey was conducted as to legal aid and issues faced and promoting access to justice and rule of law in rural areas.

Programme at Juvenile Home – Awareness of Rights and Street Play on 12th August 2025 :- An awareness programme was organized at the Juvenile Home focusing on the legal rights of children in conflict with law and children in need of care and protection. The session highlighted provisions of the *Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015*, emphasizing rehabilitation, education, and dignity. A street play was performed by students to convey messages related to child rights, reformative justice, and the importance of social reintegration, which received active engagement from the inmates and staff.

Visit to the Commissioner of Police office and Interactive Session: To provide students with practical exposure to administrative and legal functioning, the college organized a visit to the Commissioner of Police (CP Office). This visit served as an important academic exercise, bridging theoretical learning with real-world governance. on 24th September 2025 where students gained insights into the working of the police administration, law enforcement mechanisms, and public grievance redressal systems. The interaction enhanced students' understanding of the role of police in maintaining law and order and strengthened awareness of citizen and police cooperation. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions and clarify their understanding, making the session highly engaging and informative. This exposure helped students appreciate the practical dimensions of public administration and its intersection with law.

Lok Adalat Preparation and Collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA): In collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Pune, students of the college actively participated in the preparation and organization of a Lok Adalat held on 14th March 2026. The involvement of students included case identification, documentation, client coordination, and logistical support. They also contributed to spreading awareness about Lok Adalat as an effective and speedy alternative dispute resolution mechanism that ensures amicable settlement of disputes without lengthy litigation. Through this experience, students gained practical knowledge of the functioning of Lok Adalats, including the principles of conciliation and compromise. The activity not only enhanced their professional skills but also instilled a sense of social responsibility and commitment to justice.

PRISON VISIT TO Yerwada Central Prison on 14th March 2026 and 28th March 2026: DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune, organized educational visits to Yerwada Central Prison on 14th March 2026 and 28th March 2026. The visits were conducted as part of practical legal education to provide students with firsthand exposure to the functioning of the prison system and the realities of criminal justice administration. A group of law students, accompanied by faculty members, visited the prison premises with prior permission from the concerned authorities. The objective of the visit was to understand prison administration, inmate rights, rehabilitation measures, and the implementation of laws relating to incarceration. During the visit, prison officials briefed the students about the organizational structure and daily functioning of the prison. The students were informed about admission procedures, classification of prisoners, security arrangements, and the maintenance of discipline within the prison. Special emphasis was laid on the distinction between undertrial prisoners and convicted prisoners. The students also gained insights into various welfare and reformative measures undertaken for inmates.

These included vocational training programs, educational initiatives, and counseling services aimed at rehabilitation and reintegration into society. The authorities highlighted efforts to ensure basic human rights of prisoners, including access to healthcare, legal aid, and sanitation facilities. On both days, students were given the opportunity to interact (subject to restrictions) and observe the living conditions of inmates. This interaction helped them understand the socio-economic backgrounds of prisoners and the challenges faced by them within the criminal justice system. The visit also sensitized students towards the importance of legal aid and the role of lawyers in ensuring justice for marginalized sections of society.

Free Legal Aid Cases at the Legal Aid Centre: The Legal Aid Centre of the college continued its dedicated efforts in providing free legal services to those in need. During this period, the centre successfully handled four cases, offering legal advice, drafting assistance, and representation to deserving clients. These cases primarily involved individuals seeking the free legal aid at the centre for varied legal issues as to domestic violence, filing report before the authorities and DLSA would not have been able to afford legal services. Under the guidance of faculty members, students actively contributed to case handling, thereby gaining hands-on legal experience.

The legal aid activities conducted by DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College demonstrate a holistic approach to legal education that goes beyond classrooms. By actively engaging in community service, administrative exposure, and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, the college has successfully fostered a sense of professionalism, empathy, and social responsibility among its students. These initiatives not only benefited the community at large but also enriched the learning experience of students, preparing them to become competent and socially conscious legal professionals.

MOOT COURT SOCIETY REPORT

Faculty Coordinator:-

Asst. Prof. Kaveri Deo

The Moot Court Society plays a crucial role in shaping law students into competent legal professionals by bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. It provides a platform for students to engage in simulated court proceedings, helping them understand courtroom procedures, legal drafting, and the application of legal principles in real-life scenarios. Participation in moot court activities significantly enhances essential skills such as legal research, analytical thinking, argumentation, and public speaking. Students learn how to prepare memorials, present oral arguments, and respond to judicial queries, which builds confidence and sharpens their advocacy skills. The society also fosters teamwork, discipline, and time management, as participants often work in groups under strict deadlines. Exposure to national and international moot court competitions further broadens students' perspectives and prepares them for litigation, corporate practice, and judicial services. The Moot Court Society is an integral part of legal education, contributing to the holistic development of students and preparing them for the professional challenges of the legal field.

- Orientation Session:

Moot Court Society had organized orientation Session on 20th Sep. 2025. It was an orientation session specially designed for the Intra Moot court and Novice students. This session was regarding intra moot court and memorial making and conducted in LC II of DES SNFLC. The purpose behind this session was to develop the legal acumen, research skills and to provide a platform to explore merging issues of the law.

- Intra Moot Court competition:

This year the event had been organized on 10th Oct. 2025, in our college. Eligibility for intra moot court competition was 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th year BALLB, and BBALLB and 2nd and 3rd year LLB. Total 5 courtrooms were organized for the competition with 2 judges in each court room. More than 100 students participated in the competition. The competition

was conducted in English language. The moot problem was related to Family Law. Team codes were allotted to the participants individually. The participants were supposed to submit the memorials physically. Total 50 students qualified under Intra Moot Court Competition.

- Novice Moot Court Competition:

This year DES'S SNFLC's Moot Court Society has conducted the Intra and Novice Moot Court Competition together. The Competition was conducted in an offline mode on 16th Oct. 2025. It was open for the students of 1st BA LLB & BBA LLB & 1st LLB. The language of the court was English. Each speaker had been given 8 minutes to advance their arguments. An additional 2 minutes were provided to each participant to answer questions posed by the judges. This is how Novice College Moot Court Competition was conducted for the academic year 2022-23.

LOKMANYA TILAK NATIONAL APPELLATE MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College organized the 18th edition of the Lokmanya Tilak National Appellate moot court competition on 6th and 7th February that witnessed enthusiastic participation from numerous esteemed law colleges across the country. Renowned Senior Advocate Shri S. K. Jain was felicitated as the chief guest of the Inauguration Ceremony. The Valedictory ceremony and prize distribution was concluded in the presence of chief guest Hon'ble Justice Shri. Shyam Chandak (Sitting Judge Bombay High Court, Bombay) and Guest of Honour Prin. Bhausahab G. Jadhav (Executive President Marathwada Mitra Mandal). The Vice President of Deccan Education Society and Chairman of College Development Committee Advocate Ashok Palande, Finance Controller of Deccan Education Society Shri. Dhananjay Kulkarni and Principal of Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College Dr. Sunita Adhav were all present for the Event.

The competition integrated a matter in front of NCLAT. A total of 24 law colleges across the country participated in the competition, each represented by a team of three students i.e. 2 speakers and 1 researcher. The competition comprised of preliminary round 1 & 2, semi-final, and final rounds. The moot court competition featured of 12 expert judges for preliminary rounds, comprising of experienced legal practitioners. For final round Adv. Makarand Joshi, Adv. Akshay Petkar & CS Vikas Vohra were appointed as a judge. The judges evaluated the participants based on their legal knowledge, oral advocacy skills, and ability to counter arguments effectively. Their expert insight and feedback provided

invaluable learning opportunities for the participants. MMM's Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune hold the winning position of the competition and

The moot court competition organized by Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College was a resounding success, fostering healthy competition, camaraderie, and skill development among law students. It offered participants a platform to hone their advocacy skills, enhance their legal knowledge, and learn from experienced professionals. Moreover, it provided a glimpse into the practical aspects of the legal profession, preparing students for their future careers. The competition not only showcased the talent and dedication of the participants but also highlighted the commitment of Deccan Education Society's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College towards providing a holistic legal education. The competition was conducted successfully through offline mode owing to all the efforts of the faculty coordinators, teaching, non-teaching, Moot court society and various volunteers.

- **VIDHIVEDH 1.0 – RELIGION VS RIGHTS - BEFORE THE NATION HEARS IT**

Vidhivedh is a rare simulation conducted on 2nd April in Amphitheatre of Fergusson college at 10am to 2:30pm.

To understand the background of the event, On 7th April 2026, a Nine-Judge real Constitution Bench hearing of the Supreme Court of India will hear the petitions arising from the Indian Young Lawyers Association v. State of Kerala. The Sabarimala case, stemming from a centuries-old practice that restricted women of menstruating age from entering the temple, was revisited in 2018 when the Court allowed women of all ages access to the shrine. The Bench will hear arguments that go to the very heart of our constitutional democracy, exploring how equality, liberty, and faith can coexist within India's pluralistic society.

Five days prior, on 2nd April 2026, this event was organised. This event recreates this constitutional moment before it unfolds reality. Through this simulation, we mirror the structure, grand decorum, and analytical depth of this real constitutional proceeding. Separate report writing panel amongst students was appointed to write a detailed analysis of the event and the report included the suggestions in legislation based on the issues argued in the Mock Hearing. The report of suggestions in legislation was then submitted to Law and Judiciary, Government of Maharashtra.

JANUARY 2026

Date - 9 January 2026

Team - Sananta Tuljapurkar - BBA LLB 2nd

Saayli Vaishampayan - BA LLB 2nd

Yashswini Mane- BA LLB 3rd

Organizers - Modern Law College, Pune in collaboration with Satya Muley & Co. and the Modern Arbitration Centre

Competition Name - Vidhimanthan 2.0 Mediation Competition

Position - Runner-ups



Date - 11 January 2026

Team - Rashika Dubey – LLB 2nd

Murtaza Bohra – LLB 2nd

Lakshi Mehta – LLB 2nd

Organizers - Modern Law College, Pune

Competition Name - 20th Shankarrao Kanitkar (National Level) Moot Court Competition

Position - Winners



Date - 15 January 2026

Team - Aditi Shah – BBA LLB – 5th Year

Organizers - Vivekanand Education Society's College of Law, Mumbai.

Competition Name - 3rd National Inter-Collegiate PIL Drafting Competition 2025-2026

Position - 1st Position



Date - 24th January 2026

Team - Avanti Deshmukh – LLB 3rd

Rakshita Kulkarni – BA LLB 4th

Organisers - Narayanrao Chavan Law College, Nanded

Competition Name - Late Kusumtai Chavan Memorial 11th National Moot Court Competition.

Position - Runner up Team award and Rakshita Kulkarni got Runner up Mooter position.



FEBRUARY 2026

Date - 6th and 7th February 2026

Team - Shreya Upadhye – BA LLB 5th

Aayushi Vatsal – BA LLB 4th

Brinda Galagali – BA LLB 4th

Organizers - A.B.M.S. Parishad's Yashwantrao Chavan Law College, Parvati, Pune

Competition Name - Yashwantrao Chavan Moot Court Competition 2026

Position - Winners



Date - 13th & 14th February, 2026

Team - Aakanksha Jamadar – BA LLB 5th

Himanya Upadhyay – BA LLB 1st

Organizers - Dayanand College of Law, Latur.

Competition Name - Dayanand Law National Moot Court Competition-2026

Position - Team Consolation Prize and Aakanksha Jamdar won the Best Speaker Award.



Date - 11th to 14th February 2026.

Team - Arinjay Nandgaonakar – BA LLB 3rd

Yashaswini Mane – BA LLB 3rd

Varad Vaidya - BA LLB 3rd

Organisers - Kerela Law Academy Moot Court Society

Competition Name - 35th Kerela Moot Competition 2026.

Position - 2nd Best Memorial



Date - 28 February 2026

Team - Murtaza Bohra – LLB 2nd

Lakshi Mehta – LLB 2nd

Sanjana Erande – BA LLB 3rd

Organizers - Navrachana University, Vadodara

Competition Name - Verdictus 2.0

Position- Winners



Date - 28 February 2026

Team - Sana Mitkari – BA LLB 3rd

Dhruv Singh – BBA LLB 5th

Himani Chitre – BA LLB 5th

Organisers - Unitedworld School of Law, Karnavati University in collaboration with Gujarat Council on Science and Technology

Competition Name - Gandhinagar Karnavati IPR Moot Court Competition

Position - Winners



MARCH 2026

Date - 9th March 2026

Team - Shreya Upadhye - BA LLB 5th

Aayushi Vatsal - BA LLB 4th

Organisers - KES Shri Jayantilal H. Patel Law College, Mumbai

Competition Name - Crime Scene Investigation Competition

Position - Runner-Up position



Date - 14th March 2026

Team – Aditi Shah - BBA LLB 5th

Shaunak Joshi - BA LLB 3rd

Organizers - Shri Shivaji Maratha Society's Law College, Pune

Competition Name - Chhatrapati Shri Shivaji Maharaj 7th Moot Court Competition

Position - Runner-Up position



Date - 15th March 2026

Team - Ruhee Desai - BA LLB 4th

Rakshita Kulkarni - BA LLB 4th

Suman Kumar - BA LLB 4th

Organizers - Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Competition Name - Banaras Hindu University Moot Court Competition

Position - Runner- up Position



Date - 25th March 2026

Team - Shantanu Kashid - LLB 3rd

Arinjay Nandgaonkar - BA LLB 3rd

Veera Solanki - BA LLB 2nd

Organizers - Ajeenkya DY Patil University, Pune

Competition Name - ADYPU Moot Court Competition

Position - Winners



Date - 26th March 2026

Team - Yashaswini Mane - BA LLB 3rd

Swaaraj Shinde - BA LLB 4th

Janhavi Dhumal - BBA LLB 3rd

Organizers - DY Patil University, Pune

Competition Name - State-Level Intercollegiate Mediation Competition

Position - 2nd Position – Runner-up



Date - 28th March 2026

Team - Shantanu Kashid - LLB 3rd

Gargee Tendulkar - LLB 3rd

Saayli Vaishampayan - BA LLB 2nd

Organizers - MIT ADT University, Pune

Competition Name - MIT ADT National Moot Court Competition

Position - Winners, Shantanu Kashid Awarded with Best Speaker



APRIL 2026

Date - 4th April 2026

Team - Murtaza Bohra – LLB 2nd

Amruta Uंबरकर – BA LLB 2nd

Saisha Luthra – LLB 2nd

Organizers - Sri Balaji University, Pune

Competition Name - 12th Late Dr. (Col.) Prof. A. Balasubramanian Moot Court Competition, 2026

Position - Winners



Date - 6th to 8th April, 2026

Team – Aayushi Vatsal

Hrushikesh Wanjale

Organisers – D.Y.Patil Law College Pimpri, Pune.

Competition Name- 1st Trial Advocacy Competition

Position – Winners & Best Advocate



MUN CLUB REPORT

Faculty Co-ordinator- Dr. Priya Chopde

The *Pune Model United Nations 2026 (PUNEMUN 2026)* was held on 28th and 29th March 2026 at DES' Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune.

Pune Model United Nations 2026 (PUNEMUN 2026) was a two-day academic simulation conducted on 28th and 29th March, 2026 at DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune in collaboration with Pune MUN. The conference aimed to foster critical thinking, diplomacy, and policy-oriented debate among students from diverse academic backgrounds. The conference brought together participants from across Maharashtra, including representation from over 15 colleges and international schools, thereby creating a dynamic platform for intellectual exchange and collaborative problem-solving.

The activity was organized with the objective of promoting awareness of global and national issues through structured debate, while also developing essential skills in diplomacy, negotiation, and public speaking among students. It aimed to encourage research-based policymaking and critical thinking, and to provide a platform for inter-collegiate as well as international collaboration.

Pune MUN Conference was organized by MUN Club of DES' Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune in collaboration with Pune MUN under the MoU signed by both. The event was co-ordinated by Dr. Priya Chopde, Faculty Co-ordinator of MUN Club and an organizing committee of Pune MUN. The committee consisted of following members.

The organising committee for the event was led by Nitish Sharma as Secretary General, supported by Aarya Dhamne as Deputy Secretary General. Krishna Purohit served as the Chief Advisor, while Asad Sayyed took on the role of Conference Director, ensuring the smooth planning and execution of the conference.

The conference featured a diverse range of committees and agendas designed to engage participants in critical global issues. The college committees included PSCEA, which deliberated on Strategic Autonomy and Emerging Security Architectures; CEIRPP, focusing on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People; UNGC, addressing Agenda Admissibility in an Era of Global Crisis; ECPS, examining Preventive Diplomacy under Article 99; and the Historical UNCIO (San Francisco, 1945), which simulated the drafting of the United Nations Charter.

In addition, the school committees included UNHRC, which discussed the theme of Assassination as Statecraft, and UN Women, which focused on Combating Cross-Border Exploitation.

The conference witnessed diverse and enthusiastic participation, contributing to a rich exchange of perspectives and ideas. A total of 190 delegates participated, representing more than 15 institutions, along with special participation from delegates of international schools.

The conference commenced with an inaugural session that set the tone for two days of rigorous debate and intellectual engagement. Multiple committee sessions were conducted, featuring moderated caucuses, unmoderated caucuses, and resolution drafting. The Historical UNCIO committee stood out for its simulation of the drafting of the UN Charter, offering delegates a unique experiential learning opportunity. The Prize Distribution Ceremony was graced by Chief Guest, Smt. Aishwarya Pathare Patil, who addressed the delegates and appreciated their efforts. The ceremony concluded with the distribution of awards and recognition of outstanding performances.

The conference featured a total prize pool exceeding ₹2,50,000, recognizing excellence in diplomacy and debate. Participants were honoured with various awards, including Best Delegate, High Commendation, Special Mentions, and Verbal Mentions, acknowledging their outstanding performance and contribution during the sessions.

Pune Model United Nations 2026 was a significant academic initiative that combined intellectual engagement with practical learning. The conference not only provided a platform for debate but also fostered leadership, collaboration, and critical thinking among participants. Pune MUN, 2026 successfully achieved its objectives by:

The event contributed significantly to enhancing participants' understanding of global governance and diplomacy while providing a platform for meaningful dialogue on pressing international issues. It also helped in strengthening the institution's reputation through large-scale participation and active engagement from diverse participants. The conference received positive feedback from delegates and participants, highlighting its academic rigor and organizational excellence. The organising committee of Pune MUN expresses its sincere gratitude to the Chairman, Principal and Faculty Co-ordinator of DES' Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune as well as all the participants, and all stakeholders for their support in making the event a success.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME REPORT

Faculty Co-ordinator- Dr. Neeta Ahir

Asst. Prof. Ajinkya Waghmare

“Not Me But You,” the motto of NSS, clearly reflects the spirit of selfless service for social causes. NSS student volunteers work with great enthusiasm to contribute to social development through various activities organized by the college throughout the year. The NSS activities are divided into two parts: regular activities and a 7-day NSS Residential Camp. The students worked tirelessly to make each event successful.

The college actively demonstrated its participation in social outreach by organizing and participating in various NSS programmes.

1. Bhakti Yoga Participation – 21st June 2025: Bhakti Yoga 2025 is a premier academic and interdisciplinary outreach programme of Savitribai Phule Pune University, aiming to promote Bhakti Yoga as a tool for ethical consciousness, community integration, and personal well-being. Based on India’s Sant Parampara, it combines yoga, mindfulness, and ethical living. The NSS unit was allotted five dindis in the Bhavani Peth area, Pune. Around 30 students, along with faculty members Dr. Neeta Ahir, Asst. Prof. Pooja Deo, Asst. Prof. Ajinkya Waghmare, Asst. Prof. Saurabh Jadhav, and Asst. Prof. Sandip Borse, participated and conducted yoga programmes, emphasizing health and well-being.

2. Guru Pournima Celebration – 10th July 2025: The college celebrated Guru Pournima with active participation from teaching and non-teaching staff. The programme began with a traditional invocation symbolizing the removal of ignorance through knowledge. NSS volunteer Shubham Patil and his team highlighted the role of a Guru in shaping discipline and ethics. Faculty and staff were felicitated, and reflections were shared on mentorship and institutional values.

3. Independence Day Celebration – 15th August 2025: The day was celebrated with patriotic spirit. The programme began with flag hoisting and the National Anthem. Students and faculty paid tribute to freedom fighters. Speeches highlighted the importance of freedom, unity, and constitutional values. Students shared their thoughts on nation-building and responsibilities of youth.

4. Anti-Ragging and POCSO Awareness – 24th September 2025: An awareness programme at Indira School educated students about anti-ragging laws and the POCSO Act, focusing on consent, reporting mechanisms, and legal consequences.

5. Participation in “Shrujanrang” – 12th September 2025: Students participated in cultural and literary competitions organized by Appasaheb Jedhe College, including essay writing, poster making, street play, and elocution. Around 20 NSS volunteers participated.

6. Poster Making & Anti-Drug Awareness – 15th October 2025: Students participated in poster-making on “Save Life – Say No to Drugs,” spreading awareness about substance abuse and promoting healthy lifestyles.

7. Traffic Awareness Drive – 15th October 2025: Conducted at Fergusson College Campus, students spread awareness about traffic rules, helmet use, and legal penalties under the Motor Vehicles Act.

8. Organ Donation Awareness – 26th September 2025: Organized with DES College of Physiotherapy, the programme focused on legal, ethical, and medical aspects of organ donation.

9. Anti-Drug Awareness Programme – 21st November 2025: Students were educated about the harmful effects of drug abuse and encouraged to adopt a healthy lifestyle.

10. Constitution Day – 26th November 2025: Celebrated with the theme “Constitution and Me,” students recited the Preamble and reflected on constitutional values.

11. “Shantata Rakha, Punekar Vachat Ahe” Activity: A reading initiative encouraging students to develop reading habits and appreciate literature.

12. Granth Dindi – 13th December 2025: Organized as part of the Pune Book Festival, promoting reading culture and knowledge sharing.

13. National Youth Day – 12th January 2026: Celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, inspiring youth towards leadership and social responsibility.

14. Voter Awareness Programme – 12th January 2026: Students were educated about voting rights and responsibilities and encouraged to register as voters.

15. Republic Day – 26th January 2026: Celebrated with flag hoisting, speeches, and emphasis on constitutional values.

16. Women’s Rights Awareness – 10th March 2026: Conducted at Tapasya Seva Kendra, focusing on legal rights of women, gender equality, and empowerment.

17. 7 Days NSS Camp (2025–26)

A seven-day NSS camp was organized from 17th January to 23rd January 2026 at Kanhur Mesai village by Savitribai Phule Pune University in association with DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College. Around 25 volunteers participated under the guidance of Adv. Ashok

Palande and Principal Dr. Sunita Adhav. The camp was coordinated by Dr. Neeta Ahir and faculty members. Activities included Shramadaan, cleanliness drives, tree plantation, agricultural work, health camps, awareness programmes, and interactive sessions with villagers. Lectures were conducted on topics such as youth in nation-building, environmental protection, legal awareness, and entrepreneurship. Cultural activities and surveys helped students understand rural life. The camp concluded with a valedictory session emphasizing youth participation in nation-building. It provided practical exposure, developed leadership skills, and instilled social responsibility among students. The camp successfully created awareness about social responsibility, environmental protection, legal literacy, and rural development. It encouraged students to actively contribute towards society and nation-building.

PLACEMENT & INTERNSHIP ASSISTANCE CELL REPORT

Faculty Co-Ordinators-

Dr. Anagha Baldota

Asst. Prof. Aditi Kulkarni

Asst. Prof. Chinmay Powar

The Placement & Internship Assistance Cell of DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College serves as a vital institutional mechanism that bridges the gap between academic learning and professional legal practice. Established with the core objective of providing students with structured, supervised, and meaningful exposure to real-world legal environments, the Cell coordinates internship placements across a diverse range of legal institutions, including courts, law firms, corporate legal departments, non-governmental organizations, and government bodies.

In the field of legal education, internships constitute an indispensable component of a student's holistic development. Unlike conventional classroom instruction, field exposure allows students to observe courtroom procedures, engage in legal drafting, assist senior advocates and legal professionals, and develop an understanding of the nuanced realities of law in practice. Such experiential learning not only reinforces theoretical knowledge but also cultivates professional competence, ethical sensitivity, and practical problem-solving skills that are essential in a legal career.

During the academic year 2025–2026, the Placement & Internship Cell coordinated and facilitated internships for more than 250 students across a wide spectrum of legal establishments, including chambers of senior advocates, law firms specializing in civil, criminal, corporate, IPR, environmental and tax law, legal technology platforms, NGOs, and government legal aid institutions. A few notable internships facilitated are as listed below.

Sr. No.	Name of Student	Authority of Internship
1	Gaurav Pillai	Shetty-Patil & Associates
2	Apeksha L. Dargude	Adv. Vijay J. Kedar
3	Vaishnavi Singh	Adv. G. S. Yavatkar
4	Vibhum K. Tripathi	Rushikesh Thackeray & Associates
5	Palak Agrawal	Rushikesh Thackeray & Associates
6	Vinit V. Naik	Adv. Niranjana 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	Sambhajnagar Ploggers
17	Zainub Alam	Adv. Aditya Rangaonkar
18	Vismaya Shivkumar	Kridey Foundation
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 <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FqhgbgOY9vaxcSxSHUTI7WsXvwpa5HnP?usp=sharing>

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.

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 candidate
1	Dattatray Kale- Legal Executive- Kan Biosys Pvt Ltd
2	Sanika Tilekar- Legal Trainee - Kan Biosys Pvt Ltd
3	Adv. Neha Salunkhe - Assistant Professor, School of Legal Studies, SGU, Kolhapur
4	Adv. Simran Pardeshi - Assistant Professor - AISE PUNE (Mercantile Law)
5	Meher Dabrai- In house legal counsel - Inceptive Technologies
6	Kalyani Hulwale - Litigation Firm operating in Nashik, Pune, Mumbai
7	Mugdha Rao - litigation practice in Pune.
8	Geeta Wadekar- Litigation + Content Creator (Geetachya Manatla)
9	Adv Sudhna Sunil Vedpathak - Litigation practice in Pune, Bombay & Kolhapur.
10	Gayatri Jadhav - Assistant Manager - Casagrand Premier Builder Limited.
11	Stuti Oswal - Litigation - Pune and Bombay High Court.
12	Riddhi Kothalikar- Litigation- Bombay High Court.
13	Dr. Nagnath Bansode - Assistant Professor, Shilpkar Law College, Pune
14	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 Kundalimal Firodia Auditorium, Fergusson College Campus, Pune. The workshop commenced with a formal welcome and the University Anthem. 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 also highlighted common mistakes to avoid and guided students on how to approach internships with maturity and commitment. Advocate Pushkar Patil, drawing from his extensive experience in litigation, provided valuable insights into courtroom practice and encouraged students to regularly observe court proceedings as an essential component of legal learning. He emphasized the

importance of ethics, discipline, and preparation in professional growth. 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. The session was attended by more than 100 students.

BUILDING A WINNING CV & STRATEGIC GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYABILITY

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 Thormote. 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. The session was also attended by more than 100 students.

The internship programme, which saw the meaningful participation of huge number of students across diverse legal settings, provided invaluable exposure to the realities of legal practice across civil, criminal, corporate, intellectual property, environmental, and tax law domains. These experiences have equipped students with practical competencies, professional networks, and a nuanced understanding of the law that will serve as enduring foundations for their legal careers.

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 as a capable and confident legal professional.

POSH REPORT

The Internal Committee (IC), mandated by the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act), is a committee within an organization to address complaints of sexual harassment, ensuring a safe and dignified workplace for employees as well as students.

Owing to the vitality of the POSH Act, the college constituted the IC as per the statutory guidelines.

IC COMPOSITON

Sr.No.	Committee Members	Designation
1	Dr. Neeta Ahir	Presiding Officer
2	Asst.Prof.Sumit Tak	Faculty Representative-1 (Male)
3	Dr.Anagha Baldota	Faculty Representative (Female)
4	Shri Shrikant Vinchu	Non-Teaching Representative (Male)
5	Smt. Swapnali Chikane	Non-Teaching Representative (Female)
6	Ms. Janhavi Dhumal	Student Representative (Undergraduate)
7	Ms. Vedangi Kulkarni	Student Representative (Postgraduate)
8	Dr. Kranti Deshmukh	External Member

During A.Y. 2025-26, IC organised following sessions to create awareness of POSH Act amongst the employees & students.

POSH ACT ORIENTATION SESSION FOR I BALLB & I BBALLB

An informative and engaging orientation session on the *Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act, 2013* was conducted for the first-year law students by Dr. Neeta Ahir and Ms. Janhavi Dhumal, on 13.10.2025 at 1:00 pm. 100 students attended the session; It aimed to sensitize students about the significance of creating safe and inclusive workplaces and educational spaces, free from sexual harassment and gender-based discrimination.

Ms. Janhavi Dhumal began the session by outlining the background and need for the POSH Act, 2013. She highlighted how the Act emerged from the landmark *Vishaka vs. State of Rajasthan* (1997) judgment, which laid the foundation for legal protection against sexual harassment at the workplace. Ms. Janhavi Dhumal, a student coordinator, IC DES SNFLC took the discussion further by sharing practical insights and real-life case studies. She explained how various organizations implement the POSH guidelines and handle

complaints in a confidential, fair, and unbiased manner. Ms. Dhumal emphasized the importance of empathy and awareness, urging students especially as future legal professionals to uphold ethical standards and support victims in seeking justice.

Dr. Neeta Ahir, The Presiding Officer, IC DES SNFLC elaborated on the key provisions of the Act, including the definition of “sexual harassment,” the scope of the term “workplace,” and the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees. The detailed explanation of the *Internal Committee (IC)* its constitution, roles, and powers helped students understand the procedural aspects of reporting and redressing complaints. Dr. Ahir also discussed preventive strategies and the importance of regular sensitization programs in maintaining a respectful work culture. Dr. Ahir emphasized that the POSH Act is not only a legal instrument but also a step toward ensuring dignity, equality, and respect for all individuals in professional environments. She also addressed common misconceptions surrounding sexual harassment, clarifying that the POSH Act applies to all genders and includes both formal and informal workplaces. Her interactive approach encouraged students to actively participate, ask questions, and share their perspectives on gender sensitivity and workplace behaviour. The session concluded with a joint reflection by both speakers on the role of law students in promoting gender justice. They encouraged students to not only understand the law but also to embody its principles in their personal and professional lives. The speakers stressed that awareness is the first step toward change, and future lawyers must contribute to building safer institutional and organizational spaces. Overall, the orientation proved to be highly informative, thought provoking, and relevant for first-year law students. It successfully enhanced their understanding of the POSH Act and its implications in legal and social contexts. Students appreciated the clarity, depth, and real-world applicability of the session, which fostered awareness and a sense of responsibility toward ensuring workplace safety and gender equality. In conclusion, the orientation by Dr. Neeta Ahir and Ms. Janhavi Dhumal took a valuable initiative that not only familiarized almost hundred students with the legal framework of the POSH Act but also inspired them to become advocates for respectful and inclusive environments in the future.

REPORT ON “TRAIN THE TRAINERS” PROGRAM ON POSH ACT

PUKAR 4.0

The institution organized a “Train the Trainers” Program on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (PoSH) Act on 09 January 2026 at the Kundanmal Firodia Auditorium from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The program was conducted with the objective of strengthening awareness, understanding, and effective implementation of the PoSH Act among faculty

members and promoting a safe, inclusive, and gender-sensitive work environment. The program witnessed the participation of more than 50 faculty members, indicating strong institutional commitment toward gender sensitization and compliance with statutory regulations. In addition, 10 student volunteers actively contributed by performing an awareness play focused on the PoSH Act, which added an engaging and experiential dimension to the session. The resource persons for the program were Dr. Aishwarya Yadav and Assistant Professor Pooja Deo, both of whom possess expertise in the domain of gender studies and legal awareness. Dr. Aishwarya Yadav provided an in-depth overview of the PoSH Act, outlining its objectives, scope, key definitions, and the responsibilities of employers and employees. She emphasized the importance of creating awareness at all levels and highlighted the critical role of trained faculty members in cascading PoSH-related knowledge across the institution. Assistant Professor Pooja Deo elaborated on the procedural framework of the PoSH Act, including the constitution and functioning of the Internal Complaints Committee (IC), complaint redressal mechanisms, inquiry procedures, and confidentiality norms. Through practical illustrations and case-based discussions, she helped participants understand the real-world application of the Act and the importance of sensitivity, fairness, and legal compliance while addressing complaints.

A major highlight of the program was the thematic play performed by student volunteers, which effectively portrayed scenarios related to workplace harassment and demonstrated appropriate reporting and redressal mechanisms under the PoSH Act. The performance successfully sensitized the audience and reinforced the key messages delivered during the expert sessions. The program concluded with an interactive discussion and question-and-answer session, allowing participants to clarify doubts and share insights. Overall, the “Train the Trainers” program was informative and impactful, equipping faculty members with the necessary knowledge and skills to act as PoSH trainers and advocates. The initiative reaffirmed the institution’s commitment to fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive academic environment.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT (POSH)

The DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune, organized an Awareness Programme on Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) on 04 April 2026 at 12:10 PM in the Legal Aid Classroom. The programme was conducted for LL.B. First Year students with the objective of creating awareness about the provisions of the POSH Act and sensitizing students towards issues of sexual harassment within educational institutions and workplaces.

The session was conducted by Assistant Professor Sumit Tak, who provided detailed insights into the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. He explained the meaning, scope, and objectives of the Act, along with various forms of sexual harassment, including physical, verbal, non-verbal, and digital misconduct. He also elaborated on the concept of “workplace” under the Act, emphasizing its applicability to educational institutions like colleges. During the session, the functioning of the Internal Committee (IC) of the college was explained in detail. The procedure for filing complaints, the redressal mechanism, and the importance of maintaining confidentiality during inquiry proceedings were discussed. The session also highlighted the principles of natural justice followed by the IC, the rights of the aggrieved person, and the duties of the institution in ensuring a safe environment. Preventive measures, awareness strategies, and the consequences of false or malicious complaints were also addressed. The programme was interactive, with students actively participating by asking questions and engaging in discussions. Real-life examples and practical situations were shared to help students understand the implementation of the law in a better manner. The session also emphasized the role of students in fostering a respectful, inclusive, and safe campus environment. More than 30 students attended the programme, making it a meaningful and impactful initiative. The programme successfully enhanced awareness among students and reinforced the importance of maintaining dignity, equality, and mutual respect within the academic community.

SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP DEPARTMENT REPORT

Asst. Prof. Pooja Deo

The Seminar and Workshop Department is an integral part of the institution, dedicated to enriching academic engagement and intellectual growth among students. The department regularly organizes international and national seminars, webinars, and guest lectures by inviting eminent speakers from various fields. It also conducts intra-college teacher-student symposiums on diverse topics, helping to strengthen the knowledge base of students. The department serves as a platform for multidisciplinary discussions, covering socio-economic, political, and legal perspectives.

A ONE DAY SEMINAR ON “*CHANGING PARADIGMS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE DELIVERY SYSTEM IN INDIA*”

A One Day Seminar on “*Changing Paradigms of Criminal Justice Delivery System in India*” was conducted on 25th September 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at the Amphitheatre, Fergusson College. The seminar witnessed the presence of distinguished personalities from the legal and administrative fields. The programme was graced by Chief Guest Ujjwal Nikam, Member of Parliament and Special Public Prosecutor, Mumbai. The seminar included multiple technical sessions featuring eminent experts such as K.P. Nanadedkar, a retired District Judge; Prof. Dr. Alok Sharma; Prakash Singh, former Director General of the Border Security Force and Padma Shri awardee; and Jayant Umranikar, IPS officer and former Police Commissioner of Pune and Nagpur. The valedictory session was presided over by Shri Jainarayan Patel as Chief Guest, with Pankaj Deshmukh as the Guest of Honour. The seminar provided valuable insights into the evolving criminal justice system in India and created a meaningful platform for academic discussion and exchange of ideas.

The one-day seminar on “*Changing Paradigms of Criminal Justice System in India*” was organized to examine the historical evolution and ongoing transformation of the country’s justice delivery framework. While India possesses a strong constitutional foundation, the criminal justice system has long faced challenges such as delays in trials, case backlogs, overcrowded prisons, inadequate victim protection, and limited integration of technology. In recent years, significant reforms have been introduced to modernize the system. The implementation of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam in 2024 marks a major shift, replacing colonial-era laws such as the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Indian Evidence Act. These new legislations aim to enhance transparency, efficiency, and a victim-centric approach in the administration of justice.

The seminar brought together academicians, legal experts, law students, and researchers to critically analyze these evolving paradigms. Key discussions focused on systemic issues

such as understaffed police forces and judiciary, infrastructural limitations, and the growing need for the integration of forensic science and digital technologies. Emphasis was placed on building a justice system that is not only efficient and accountable but also humane and sensitive to the rights and dignity of victims. Approximately 650 participants attended the seminar, reflecting its wide academic and professional relevance. The seminar concluded with a strong consensus on the urgent need for comprehensive reforms in the criminal justice system. The newly introduced laws were highlighted as transformative measures aimed at ensuring timely justice through strict procedural timelines, improved digital and forensic evidence management, electronic hearings, and stronger protections for vulnerable groups, particularly women and children. Overall, the seminar reinforced the vision of a fair, efficient, and accessible criminal justice system that upholds constitutional values and adapts to contemporary challenges, while encouraging continued dialogue and reform-oriented initiatives.

**A TWO DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE THEME –
TRANSFORMING HIGHER EDUCATION THROUGH INDIAN KNOWLEDGE
SYSTEM: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE (Themisia 4.0)**

DES's Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College organized A Two Day International Seminar on the theme – Transforming Higher Education through Indian Knowledge System: A Global Perspective on 13.02.2026 & 14.02.2026. The faculty coordinator for the said event was Dr. Anagha Baldota.

As Indian Knowledge System is an emerging arena of multidimensional study, the integration of IKS in Higher Education would be a transformative paradigm shift. With this noble notion, the college invited seven resource persons from different disciplines to cover the broader scope of the theme. The Inaugural Ceremony of the seminar was graced by the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Vivek Maheshwari, Vice-Chancellor, Lakulish Yoga University, Ahmedabad & the Guest of Honour, Shri. Avinash Dharmadhikari, Founder & Director, Chanakya Mandal Pariwar, Pune, Adv. Ashok Palande, Vice-Chairman GB & Council, DES, Chairman CDC DES SNFLC, & Dr. Sunita Adhav, Principal, DES SNFLC, Pune.

Dr. Maheshwari, in his opening speech beautifully illustrated the importance of indianness in Higher education across all the disciplines. He narrated short fables from Jatak Tales, Rigveda he wove his narrative with special emphasis on spiritual values to be inculcated in academics at various levels. His approach towards Indian knowledge system & higher education in India provided a reasonable & realistic reformative direction ahead.

Shri. Avinash Dharmadhikari, being the Guest of Honour, & the resource person for the Technical Session-1, delivered his discourse on 'Historic Foundation of IKS' with specific

citations in Vedic scriptures, Buddhist & Jain Philosophies connecting their relevance to current academics. Shri. Dharmadhikari also pivoted a foundation for further possible studies in the said area by providing a novel thought that IKS is not a trend, but an eternal value system that enables the learner to grasp, imbibe & profess the fair & just principles for a quality life.

Technical Session -2, was delivered by Dr. Vasudev Aital, coordinator of CoE, IKS at DES Pune University. Dr. Aital discussed the foundational concepts of **zero (shunya)** and the decimal system revolutionized global calculation and paved the way for modern algebra and calculus. The scientific prowess of Bharat is also evident in **Ayurveda**, the world's oldest holistic healing system, and the advanced surgical techniques detailed in the *Sushruta Samhita*. Furthermore, he added that ancient metallurgy achieved remarkable feats, such as the corrosion-resistant **Iron Pillar of Delhi**, which displays a mastery of chemistry that predates Western industrial methods by centuries.

Dr. Aital also cited that in the realm of physics and cosmology, the **Vaisheshika school** proposed atomic theories (*Paramanu*) and the laws of motion existed long before the European Renaissance. This rich intellectual legacy serves as a testament to a civilization that prioritized the systematic observation of the natural world and the pursuit of universal truths.

The seminar proceeded with the **Technical Session- 3**, after the lunch break wherein Dr. Shreenand Bapat, Registrar, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune, opined about Basic Research Methodology in IKS. Dr. Shreenand Bapat, a renowned scholar emphasized that research methodology in the **Indian Knowledge System (IKS)** is rooted in the rigorous framework of **Pramana Shastra** (the science of evidence). He highlights that ancient Indian research was not merely anecdotal but relied on systematic tools like *Pratyaksha* (perception), *Anumana* (inference), and *Shabda* (authoritative testimony) to establish truth.

Dr. Bapat further added, how traditional texts utilize the **Tantrayukti** — a set of thirty-six methodological devices or "tools of composition" to ensure logical consistency and structural integrity in scientific treatises. His approach bridges the gap between classical Sanskrit scholarship and modern analytical standards, demonstrating that IKS follows a "Sutra-to-Bhashya" (formula to commentary) progression that encourages continuous peer review and refinement. Ultimately, he posits that IKS methodology is inherently multidisciplinary, integrating ethics, logic, and empirical observation to solve contemporary problems.

During **Technical Session- 4**, Mr. Pratish Ray argued that AI ethics must transcend Western “rule-based” frameworks by adopting the IKS principle of **Dharma**, which prioritizes the collective well-being (*Loka-samgraha*) over narrow algorithmic optimization. He advocated for a “Human-Centric AI” rooted in **Yogic mindfulness**, ensuring that machine intelligence remains a tool for human elevation rather than a source of cognitive displacement.

By aligning AI development with the Vedic concept of **Rta** (cosmic order), Ray suggested we can create self-regulating systems that naturally respect environmental and social harmony. His approach sought to embed values like empathy and interconnectedness directly into the data structures and decision-making processes of emerging technologies.

On 14.02.2026, the second day of International Seminar began with **Technical session-5** in online mode by Prof. Dr. Yashwant Pathak, *Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs*, University of South Florida (USF). Founding Member, ICCS, on the topic ‘Global Perspective of Indigenous Traditions & Culture’ wherein he emphasized that indigenous traditions provide a holistic framework for global prosperity by prioritizing harmony between humanity and nature over mere technological advancement. He further added that colonial systems historically dismantled these cultures, making it urgent for modern society to “shift the lens” and empower native communities to preserve their ancient wisdom and sustainable ways of life.

Prof. Dr. Vinita Gupta Chaturvedi, Associate Professor at Delhi College of Arts & Commerce Delhi University, took over for the **Technical Session-6** in online mode. She explored the topic- ‘Sri Aurobindo: Modern Seer of Integral Indian Knowledge System’ in a lucid & poetic style wherein she emphasized Prof. Dr. Vinita Gupta Chaturvedi emphasized that Sri Aurobindo acted as a “Modern Seer” by synthesizing ancient Vedic wisdom with modern evolutionary thought, proposing that human consciousness is destined to transcend its current limitations.

She highlighted his **Integral Yoga** as a complete system that seeks not to escape the world, but to transform earthly life through the descent of the **Supramental** consciousness. Furthermore, she illustrated how his vision redefines the Indian Knowledge System as a dynamic, living force capable of harmonizing material science with spiritual realization to achieve a “divine life” on earth.

During the **Technical Session-7**, Prof. Dr. Pushpakumar Laxmanan emphasized that integrating IKS into modern jurisprudence is essential for moving from a purely adversarial legal system to a **Dharma-centric** model focused on restorative justice and social harmony. He highlighted that ancient Indian legal traditions, such as the concepts of *Nyaya* (justice)

and *Yuktikalpa* (logical application), offer profound insights into conflict resolution that predate contemporary Western mediation techniques.

In addition, he discussed a reformative perspective where legal education incorporates **Vedic and Smriti-based principles** of equity to ensure that laws are not just technically sound, but ethically grounded in the cultural ethos of Bharat. By bridging the gap between colonial-era statutes and indigenous wisdom, he envisions a legal framework that is more accessible, empathetic, and culturally resonant for the Indian citizenry.

The International Seminar also invited articles based on the theme - **Transforming Higher Education through Indian Knowledge System: A Global Perspective**. The seminar witnessed an intellectual feast of presentation followed by discussion of the research done by authors. The ISBN Book on the theme was unveiled during the inaugural session of the seminar at the hands of the dignitaries.

The paper presentation was organized offline wherein the fellow participants presented their research in variety of domains related to IKS, Law & Higher education. The referees, Dr. Revati Naik, Dr. Shivanjali Bhoite & Dr. Neelam Dighe evaluated the best presenters & they were honored during the valedictory session. Dr. Sourabh Ubale & Dr. Pratik Salgar together won the best paper presentation in faculty section. Khushvel Wade & Saanvi Rane won the best paper presentation in student section.

The Two Day Seminar was concluded by the valedictory ceremony chaired by Dr. Radhakrishnan Pillai, Founder and Director, Chanakya International Institute of Leadership studies (CIILS), University of Mumbai as a Chief Guest & Shri. Bhujang Bobade, Director, Heritage Foundation as a Guest of honour. As a Director, he provided collaborative efforts for the International Seminar. Dr. Pillai enlightened the audience on Chanakyan philosophy applicable in modern education system in his unique style of narration. His speech was followed by the discourse by Shri Bhujang Bobade who displayed the manuscripts authored by Chhtrapati Sambhaji Maharaj & emphasized on the nexus between knowledge system & modern youth. His discourse was marked by practical knowledge & humor!

The International Seminar concluded with a constructive note of integrating Indian Knowledge System in higher Education in a constructive manner.

SEMINAR ON “EVOLVING ROLE OF INDIA IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE”

The seminar for PG department students was organized in collaboration with the National Commission for Women on “*Evolving Role of India in Global Governance and International Trade*” on 24th February 2026 at the Kundanmal Firodia Auditorium. The

inaugural session, along with Technical Session I, was graced by Gautam Bambawale, Retired Indian Ambassador, as the Chief Guest. Technical Session II was conducted by J. M. Mallikarjunaiah, Dean, Faculty of Law, KLE Technological University, while Technical Session III was delivered by Kamala Dawar, Associate Professor at Queen Mary University, London. The valedictory session was presided over by Delina Khongdup, Hon'ble Member of the National Commission for Women, as the Chief Guest, with Dr. J. M. Mallikarjunaiah as the Guest of Honour.

The Seminar Department of DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College organized a seminar for the PG Department students on the theme "*Evolving Role of India in Global Governance and International Trade*" on 24th February 2026 at the Kundanmal Firodia Auditorium, Fergusson College Campus. The seminar was conducted in collaboration with the National Commission for Women and aimed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of India's emerging position in the changing landscape of global governance and international trade. In the contemporary international order, characterized by rapid technological advancements, geopolitical tensions, and shifting economic alliances, India's transformation from a passive participant to an active contributor in shaping international economic law and governance frameworks was critically examined.

The seminar resulted in significant academic and institutional outcomes. A key highlight was the collaboration with the National Commission for Women, along with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with KLE Society's Law College. The discussions provided valuable insights into India's growing role in global governance and international economic law. Students developed a deeper understanding of the evolving dynamics of international trade and the impact of global geopolitical developments, particularly the strategic competition between China and the United States, on India's economic and strategic positioning.

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डेक्कन एज्युकेशन सोसायटीच्या अंतर्गत कार्यरत असलेल्या श्री.नवलमल फिरोदिया विधी महाविद्यालय येथे 'सामाजिक परिवर्तनातून राष्ट्रनिर्माण : १०० वर्षांची वाटचाल' या विषयावर विशेष व्याख्यानाचे आयोजन करण्यात आले. या कार्यक्रमाला विद्यार्थ्यांचा मोठ्या प्रमाणात उत्स्फूर्त प्रतिसाद लाभला. महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थी, प्राध्यापक व विविध क्षेत्रातील मान्यवरांच्या उपस्थितीत हा कार्यक्रम उत्साहपूर्ण वातावरणात पार पडला.

या व्याख्यानासाठी प्रमुख वक्ते म्हणून माजी खासदार डॉ.विनय सहस्त्रबुद्धे आणि माय होम इंडियाचे संस्थापक तसेच भाजपचे माजी राष्ट्रीय सचिव सुनील देवधर उपस्थित होते. कार्यक्रमाचे अध्यक्ष म्हणून माजी खासदार प्रदीप रावत उपस्थित होते. तसेच महाविद्यालयाच्या प्राचार्य डॉ. सुनिता आआणि डी.ई.एस. नियामक मंडळ व परिषदेचे उपाध्यक्ष ऍड. अशोक पलांडे यांची प्रमुख उपस्थिती लाभली.

कार्यक्रमाची सुरुवात दीपप्रज्वलन व सरस्वती पूजनाने झाली. त्यानंतर उपस्थित मान्यवरांचे पुष्पगुच्छ देऊन स्वागत करण्यात आले. प्रास्ताविकामध्ये कार्यक्रमाचा उद्देश स्पष्ट करताना सामाजिक परिवर्तनाची प्रक्रिया आणि त्या माध्यमातून घडणारे राष्ट्रनिर्माण यांचे महत्त्व अधोरेखित करण्यात आले. समाजातील विविध घटकांमध्ये समन्वय निर्माण करून राष्ट्र अधिक सक्षम करण्यासाठी सामाजिक परिवर्तन अत्यंत आवश्यक असल्याचे नमूद करण्यात आले.

यावेळी मार्गदर्शन करताना डॉ.विनय सहस्त्रबुद्धे यांनी अत्यंत सोप्या आणि प्रभावी भाषेत संघकार्याचे स्वरूप स्पष्ट केले. "संघ म्हणजे भारत माता की जय" असे सांगत त्यांनी संघ ही सर्वव्यापी संघटना असल्याचे नमूद केले. देशाच्या प्रत्येक भागात तसेच परदेशातही संघाचे कार्य सुरू असून आफ्रिकेसारख्या देशांमध्येही शाखा सुरू झाल्याचे उदाहरण त्यांनी दिले. "सर्वेषाम् अविरोधेन" या विचारातून समाजातील सर्व घटकांना जोडण्याचा प्रयत्न संघ करत असल्याचे त्यांनी सांगितले. समाजातील विविध स्तरांमध्ये समन्वय साधून राष्ट्रीय एकात्मता निर्माण करणे हे संघकार्याचे मुख्य उद्दिष्ट असल्याचे त्यांनी स्पष्ट केले.

यानंतर सुनील देवधर यांनी मार्गदर्शन करताना भारताचा समृद्ध इतिहास, सामाजिक रचना आणि राष्ट्रीय जीवनातील विविध टप्प्यांचा आढावा घेतला. त्यांनी सांगितले की राष्ट्रनिर्माणासाठी केवळ राजकीय शक्ती पुरेशी नसते; त्यासाठी समाजामध्ये आत्मबोध, सांस्कृतिक जाणीव आणि सामाजिक समरसता यांचीही गरज असते. संघटन शास्त्राचे महत्त्व स्पष्ट करताना त्यांनी सांगितले की संघटन शास्त्र हे कुठल्याही विद्यापीठात औपचारिकपणे शिकवले जात नाही; मात्र संघकार्याचा तो मुख्य आधार आहे. व्यक्ती निर्माण करण्याचे कार्य संघ सातत्याने करत असून व्यक्तीमध्ये अनेक दोष असले तरी त्याला स्वीकारून समाजकार्यासाठी जोडणे ही मोठी आणि संयमाची प्रक्रिया आहे. लोकांमध्ये

राहून काम करणे, त्यांच्यात भेदभाव न ठेवणे आणि मैत्रीचे बंध निर्माण करणे हा संघकार्याचा महत्त्वाचा पैलू असल्याचे त्यांनी सांगितले.

कार्यक्रमाचे अध्यक्ष प्रदीप रावत यांनी आपल्या भाषणात छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराज यांच्या कार्याचा संदर्भ देत नेतोजी पालकरांना पुन्हा स्वधर्मात आणल्याची ऐतिहासिक घटना सांगितली. या उदाहरणातून समाजातील विखुरलेल्या घटकांना पुन्हा एकत्र आणण्याचे कार्य किती महत्त्वाचे आहे हे स्पष्ट होते, असे त्यांनी नमूद केले. समाजासाठी संन्यस्त जीवन जगण्याचा आदर्श स्वामी विवेकानंद यांनी दिला असून त्याचप्रमाणे संघाच्या प्रचारक व्यवस्थेमध्येही समाजासाठी समर्पित कार्य दिसून येते, असे त्यांनी सांगितले. तसेच सामाजिक जागृती, आत्मबोध आणि राष्ट्रभक्ती या मूल्यांवर आधारित समाज निर्माण करणे ही आजच्या काळाची गरज असल्याचे त्यांनी अधोरेखित केले.

कार्यक्रमादरम्यान विद्यार्थ्यांनी उत्साहाने सहभाग घेत वक्त्यांना विविध प्रश्न विचारले. या प्रश्नोत्तर सत्रामध्ये राष्ट्रनिर्माणात युवकांची भूमिका, सामाजिक समरसतेचे महत्त्व आणि संघटनात्मक कार्याची गरज या विषयांवर सखोल चर्चा झाली. वक्त्यांनी विद्यार्थ्यांना समाजकार्यात सक्रिय सहभाग घेण्याचे आवाहन करत देशाच्या विकासासाठी सकारात्मक भूमिका बजावण्याचा संदेश दिला.

कार्यक्रमाच्या शेवटी डॉ. ऐश्वर्या यादव यांनी आभार प्रदर्शन करताना “सेवा हे साधन असून त्यामध्येच मोक्षाचे बीज दडलेले आहे” असे सांगत उपस्थित मान्यवरांचे आणि विद्यार्थ्यांचे आभार मानले. या संपूर्ण कार्यक्रमाला विद्यार्थ्यांचा उत्स्फूर्त आणि सकारात्मक प्रतिसाद लाभला. विशेषतः महिला विद्यार्थिनींनी मोठ्या संख्येने सहभाग नोंदवत कार्यक्रमात सक्रिय उपस्थिती दर्शवली. सामाजिक परिवर्तन आणि राष्ट्रनिर्माण या विषयांवर झालेल्या या व्याख्यानाने विद्यार्थ्यांना नवीन दृष्टिकोन मिळाला आणि समाजासाठी कार्य करण्याची प्रेरणा मिळाली.

SPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Sports Department plays a vital role in promoting holistic development among students by encouraging physical fitness, discipline, teamwork, and leadership. Throughout the academic year 2025 – 2026, the department actively organized and managed a range of intra-college and inter-college sporting events. These initiatives aimed not only at nurturing athletic talent but also at fostering a spirit of unity, resilience, and healthy competition among students. With strong participation and efficient coordination, the department successfully created opportunities for students to engage beyond academics and develop essential life skills through sports.

SNFLC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

The SNFLC Chess Championship 2025 was held on 29th August 2025 from 11:30 AM onwards at the college premises.

The SNFLC Chess Championship 2025 was conducted on National Sports Day, marking the beginning of the Sports Department's activities for the academic year. The event inauguration was conducted in the late morning in the presence of faculty members and participating students, setting a focused and enthusiastic tone for the competition. Chess, as a game of intellect and strategy, provided students with an opportunity to demonstrate their analytical thinking, patience, and decision-making abilities. The tournament saw active participation from students across various courses and academic years. Each match reflected a high level of concentration and discipline, with participants engaging in thoughtful gameplay and maintaining a strong sense of sportsmanship. The competition was conducted in a structured and fair manner, ensuring equal opportunity for all participants. The matches were closely contested, highlighting the skill and preparation of the players. The event not only encouraged competitive spirit but also promoted mental agility and focus among students.

The valedictory ceremony was held on 26th January 2026, where the winners were felicitated and appreciated for their achievements. The event concluded on a positive note, reinforcing the importance of intellectual sports within the broader framework of athletic development.

Details of the Event:

Importance of the Event: Promoted intellectual engagement, strategic thinking, and concentration among students.

Number of Participants: Approximately - 20

Sr. No.	Winner	Runner-up

1.	Anshuman (BBA LLB 2 nd)	Ayush Kumar Jena (BA LLB 3 rd)
2.	Diya Jain (BBA LLB 5 th)	Ananya Ojha (BA LLB 4 th)

Outcome of the Event: Enhanced analytical skills and encouraged participation in non-physical sports.

LAWSKETS 2026

LAWSKETS 2026 was held from 2nd February 2026 to 5th February 2026 across multiple venues within the college and sports grounds. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Mayuri Deshmukh as the Chief Guest, while the valedictory function was honoured by IPS Nikhil Pingale as the Chief Guest.

LAWSKETS 2026, the annual inter-college sports fest, was one of the most significant events organized by the Sports Department during the academic year. Conducted over four days, the event witnessed an overwhelming response, with participation from approximately 1000 students representing various colleges. The scale and enthusiasm associated with the event reflected its growing prominence and success.

The inauguration ceremony was held on 2nd February 2026 and was graced by Ms. Mayuri Deshmukh, an accomplished international rock climber. Her presence inspired participants to challenge themselves and approach the competitions with determination and confidence. The event featured a wide range of sports, including table tennis, badminton, cricket, football, athletics, and other competitions, each drawing significant participation.

One of the defining aspects of LAWSKETS 2026 was the coordination required to conduct multiple sporting events simultaneously across different venues. The successful execution of the fest was made possible by the dedicated efforts of the organizing team, coordinators, and volunteers. Special recognition is due to Sports Head Sanskruta Thakur and Om Pote, along with their team members Nakul Kumbhar and Siddhi Inamdar, whose leadership and commitment ensured the smooth functioning of the event.

The fest created a vibrant atmosphere of competition and camaraderie, allowing students from different institutions to interact, compete, and build connections. The energy and enthusiasm remained consistent throughout the event, making it a memorable experience for all participants.

The valedictory ceremony was held on 5th February 2026 and was graced by IPS Nikhil Pingale. His address emphasized discipline, perseverance, and the importance of sports in personal development. The ceremony concluded with the felicitation of winners and participants.

The event played a significant role in promoting inter-college interaction, encouraging large-scale participation, and fostering a spirit of competitive excellence among students. With approximately 1000 participants, it served as a dynamic platform for showcasing talent and sportsmanship. The successful organization of the event strengthened the institution's reputation and encouraged the development of sports culture on a larger scale.

DUM 2026

DUM 2026 was held from 6th March 2026 to 9th March 2026, with the valedictory function conducted on 13th March 2026. The event took place across the college premises and outdoor grounds.

DUM 2026, the annual intra-college sports event, was organized to encourage participation among students and to strengthen unity within the college. Conducted over the period of four days, the event included both indoor and outdoor sports, allowing students to engage in a variety of competitions.

The event began with indoor games held within the college premises, followed by outdoor sports such as cricket, badminton, and tug of war. The participation was notably high, reflecting the enthusiasm and interest of students in sports activities. The atmosphere throughout the event was energetic and engaging, with students actively supporting and competing with one another.

A key highlight of DUM 2026 was the strong competition between batches. The BBA LL.B and 3rd Year BA LL.B batches performed exceptionally well, securing the highest number of wins and creating a closely contested competition. Despite the intensity, the event maintained a spirit of fairness and sportsmanship.

The inauguration ceremony was conducted at the badminton court and was presided over by Dr. Sunita Adhav ma'am, whose presence motivated students to participate actively. The valedictory ceremony and prize distribution were held on 13th March 2026 in the presence of Adv. Ashok Palande sir and Dr. Sunita Adhav ma'am. The winners and runners-up were felicitated, marking a successful conclusion to the event.

The event played an important role in encouraging intra-college participation, fostering teamwork, and promoting a sense of unity among students. With approximately 500 participants, it provided a platform for active engagement and healthy competition, where

BBA LL.B and 3rd Year BA LL.B emerged with the highest number of wins. The event strengthened student involvement, enhanced leadership qualities, and promoted sportsmanship among participants.

Alongside the successful organization of internal and inter-college events, students of the institution also brought recognition and pride to the college through their active participation in various external sports competitions. Their performances across multiple disciplines reflected not only their individual talent but also the strong sporting culture encouraged by the institution.

Name of the Student	Year	Details of the Competition	Achievement
Sanskruta Thakur	5th BA LL.B	West Zone Inter University Table Tennis (Women) Tournament 2025–26 at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat; Ashwamedh Kreedha Mahotsav; MIT Summit	Gold; Silver; Silver
Aditi Sonawne	5th BA LL.B	All India Fencing Championship (Jammu); Khelo India University Games (Rajasthan); All India Fencing Competition (Amritsar); Qualified for upcoming Khelo India University Games	Top 8 Rank; Top 8 Rank
Suryashree Dhondarkar	3rd BA LL.B	COEP Zest 2025 (Shot Put, Discus); A.K.K. New Law Academy Pinnacle 2025 (Tug of War); Modern Law College Vidhirang 2025 (Shot Put, Tug of War); Christ University Lavasa ChrisPo 2025 (Basketball); AFMC Silhouettes 2025 (Shot Put); Pune City Zonal Athletics Meet 2025 (Shot Put); Symbiosis School of Economics 2026 (Basketball); Modern Law College Vidhirang 2026 (Shot Put)	Gold, Gold; Silver; Gold, Silver; Silver; Gold; Bronze; Gold; Gold
Vaidehi Sarode	4th BA LL.B	63rd National Championships, Vishakhapatnam	Winner

Name of the Student	Year	Details of the Competition	Achievement
Bharat Choudhari	1st BA LL.B	Volleyball – Pinnacle, Azam Campus	Runner Up
Swaraj Shinde	4th BBA LL.B	Taekwondo: Asian Championship Selection Trials 2026; 41st National Senior Championship Hyderabad 2025; 35th Maharashtra State Championship Latur 2025; 8th Open Senior Championship Hyderabad 2025	5th Position; Silver; Gold; Gold
Advay Deodhar	4th BA LL.B	Basketball – Vidhirang Inter-collegiate (Modern Law College)	Runner Up
Mansi Devidas Raut	2nd BA LL.B	Athletics (400m & 4x400 relay) – Pinnacle, A.K.K. New Law College	Winner
Aeddula Manohar Reddy	2nd LL.B	IPL Auction – SMYBHAV 2026, Symbiosis Law School	Winner
Lakshya Wagh	1st BA LL.B	Badminton – Vidhirang, Modern Law College	Runner Up
Tanmay Magar	4th BA LL.B	Pinnacle – A.K.K. New Law College	Runner Up
Nirdesh Yadav	1st LL.B	Volleyball – Pinnacle 2026, Azam Campus Pune	Runner Up
Kushagra Narang	3rd BA LL.B	Football – Kreedangan 2026, ILS	Runner Up

Name of the Student	Year	Details of the Competition	Achievement
Boosa Yeshwanth	3rd BA LL.B	Basketball – Vidhirang	Runner Up

These achievements across various sports highlight the consistent efforts of students to excel beyond the institutional level. Their participation in diverse competitions not only enhanced their exposure but also contributed significantly to the reputation of the college. It stands as a testament to the effectiveness of the Sports Department in nurturing talent and encouraging students to pursue excellence in sports at regional, state, and national levels.

**SPPU STARTUP TALK SERIES – CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUNG
ENTREPRENEURS**

Faculty Co-Coordinator – Dr. Anagha Baldota

The session, titled *“From Idea to Investment: Legal Architecture of Start-ups and Incubation in India,”* aimed to provide students with practical insights into the legal and structural aspects of start-ups in India. The programme featured two expert talks, with Talk 1 delivered by Adv. HB Keshava from Arica Tech LLP and Talk 2 by Adv. Uttkarsh Mattikop from Baskaran Associates.

The session witnessed active participation from 117 students and 6 faculty members. The talks focused on key aspects such as the legal framework governing start-ups, incorporation processes, regulatory compliance, funding mechanisms, and incubation support systems in India. Students gained valuable understanding of how ideas evolve into successful ventures, the importance of legal structuring, and the role of intellectual property and investment agreements. The interaction also highlighted real-world challenges faced by entrepreneurs and the significance of legal due diligence in start-up growth. Overall, the session enhanced students’ awareness of the start-up ecosystem and equipped them with essential knowledge required for entrepreneurial and legal practice in emerging business environments.

Session 1: The “Zero to One” Journey was conducted by Adv. Keshava and focused on building a strong foundation for aspiring entrepreneurs. The session highlighted the essential fundamentals that every founder must understand before starting a venture. It provided insights into DPIIT recognition and relevant government policies, guiding students on how to obtain official start-up recognition. The speaker also explained the critical decision of entity selection, comparing Private Limited Companies and LLPs to help students make informed choices. Emphasis was placed on intellectual property strategy, particularly on safeguarding innovative ideas. Further, the session covered the importance of key legal documents such as founders’ agreements and non-disclosure agreements (NDAs). The discussion was made more engaging through a live case study dialogue, offering practical exposure to real-world start-up challenges and legal considerations.

Session 2: “Scaling & the Money Trail” was conducted by Adv. Uttkarsh Mattikop and focused on the financial and legal aspects of growing a start-up. The session helped students understand the language and expectations of investors and venture capitalists, providing clarity on how funding ecosystems operate. It emphasized the importance of due diligence, explaining what investors typically evaluate before making investment decisions. The speaker also decoded complex funding documents such as term sheets and shareholders’ agreements (SHA), making them easier to understand. Key insights were shared on exit strategies, including mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings, and long-term sustainability of start-ups. The session further highlighted the importance of preventive

legal structuring to avoid disputes in real-world scenarios. It concluded with a discussion on career pathways in the start-up ecosystem, followed by an open and interactive dialogue with participants.

➤ **Interaction & Q&A highlights**

1. Ishita Choudhary from IIBBALLB raised a query regarding possible risks & remedies in the startup adventure, which was addressed by Adv. HB Keshava. He mentioned that he had to struggle a lot for raising funds for startup & then to maintain it functioning during covid 19, he had to sell his favourite bike which was a kind of lesson for the students as to how they should plan finances while running a business.
2. Kartik Bhapkar inquired about documentation process at various stages during the business. Adv. Mattikop guided about the deeds like contracts & agreements, founder's deed, employer-employee documentation, partnership deed, company laws & possible legal disputes & appropriate jurisdiction in case of any discrepancy.
3. The sessions were interactive & the resource persons tried to resolve the doubts of students from various classes. The doubts were mainly based upon the documentation, funding, incubation facility & strategic management etc.

➤ **Exposure to start-up / innovation ecosystem**

Adv. HB Keshava, in Session-1, shared that the Covid 19 pandemic encouraged him to begin with a start-up providing variety of services like legal help, documentations, astrology, tarot card reading, cyber crime resolutions etc. He also shared how knowledge of multiple skills may lead to founding of start-up; however maintaining multiple units at a time & simultaneously progressing qualitatively & financially are the real challenges.

Adv. Uttakarsha Muttikop stressed upon the same factor & guided the students about the financial management & recycling the resources as per the demand of the situation. He further added that start-ups are not merely business models but reflections of resilience, innovation & adaptability. He encouraged students to view AI not as a threat but a transformative tool that enhances productivity & legal efficiency. His storytelling approach, blending law, technology & lived experiences deeply resonated with the audience. The sessions concluded with thought provoking questions from students regarding start-up sustainability & regulatory compliances.

STUDENTS' DEVELOPMENT CELL REPORT

Faculty Co-ordinator- Dr. Priya Chode

The *Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil Earn and Learn Scheme* was conducted from August 2025 to February 2026 at DES' Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune.

One of the primary activity of the Student's Development Cell is, Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil Earn and Learn Scheme. This scheme is implemented by the under the aegis of Board of Students' Development of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune (BSD SPPU). Objective of this scheme is to provide financial assistance to the hardworking, meritorious students in the institute having financial constraints. Students working under the scheme are provided with the remuneration of Rs. 55/- per hour for their work. Students are permitted to work for maximum of 3 hours per day as per the guidelines of BSD SPPU. Generally, students are allotted official work in administrative office or in library. This also help the administrative staff to seek timely assistance in relation to data entry, filing, scanning, book stalking *etc.*

During this academic year, the following students availed the benefit of the *Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil Earn and Learn Scheme* at the institute: Sumeet Ovhal, Aditya Adhav, Riya Bais, and Arati Bagal from II BBA LL.B., along with Shalini Mavachi and Priyanka Gadkar from III BA LL.B.

According to students' feedback, working under the scheme helps them in varied ways like to meet mess Charges, Traveling expenses, examination Fees and many more.

Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil Earn and Learn Scheme is an initiative undertaken by the university and colleges for providing financial assistance to needy students. It inculcates a sense of responsibility, respect towards all types of work, time management along with financial assistance to the students. Thus, the scheme is successfully implemented in the college by Students' Development officer.

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‘VIDHIPATH 3.0’- A STREET PLAY COMPETITION

Faculty Co-Ordinator - Dr Janhavi Ghodke

The activity titled ‘*VIDHIPATH 3.0*’ – a *Street Play Competition* was conducted on 10th January 2026 at Deccan Education Society’s Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune. The event was judged by Shri Samrat Kadam, Shri Suresh Pawar, and Smt. Rucha Kulkarni-Shinde.

VIDHIPATH 3.0 is an intercollegiate street play competition organized with the objective of creating social and legal awareness through powerful theatrical expression. The event served as a vibrant platform for students to voice social issues, challenge societal norms, and engage the audience through impactful performances rooted in law, justice, and social responsibility. Our esteemed Chief Guest Shri. Avinash Mokashi graced the Inaugural Ceremony, whose presence added great value and encouragement to the participants. His insightful words motivated the students and emphasized the importance of street theatre as a medium for social change and awareness. We were honoured to have a distinguished panel of Judges, Shri. Samrat Kadam, Shri. Suresh Pawar, Smt. Rucha Kulkarni-Shinde, professionals from the fields of theatre, law, and social work. The judges carefully evaluated each performance based on content, execution, audience impact, creativity, and overall presentation. Their constructive feedback provided valuable learning and guidance to the participating teams.

After thorough evaluation, the winners were announced:

Winning Team - Yashwantrao Chavan Law College demonstrated outstanding performance with strong content, impactful execution, and exceptional audience engagement.

Runner-Up Team - Ness Wadia College of Commerce, Pune impressed the judges with their creativity, clarity of message, and disciplined performance.

Second Runner-Up - DGB Dayanand Law College, Solapur was awarded for innovation, powerful acting, or relevance of the theme.

Special mention was given to two teams St. Mira’s College of girls, Pune and ILS Law College Pune for their exceptional performance and innovative approach

Esteemed chief guest Shri. Praveen Dixit graced valedictory ceremony, whose valuable guidance motivated all the participants. Fourteen teams participated from Solapur, Panvel, Pune etc. They dealt through various themes like:

2. Environment and Sustainability
3. Unity in Diversity
4. Gender Equality
5. Health care in distress etc.

Adv. Ashok Palande, Chairman, College Development Committee of the College, appreciated all the participating teams for their efforts, commitment, and passion for theatre and social awareness,. 'VIDHIPATH 3.0' successfully achieved its aim of encouraging students to use art as a voice for justice and societal reform, making the event both meaningful and memorable under the profound guidance of Dr. Sunita Adhav, Principal of the College. Feedbacks received from participating teams have acknowledged success of team efforts of faculty coordinator Dr Janhavi Ghodke and student coordinators Sakshi Naiknavare and Aditya Kotwal.

WOMEN'S' STUDY CELL, "PARIPOORTI" REPORT

Faculty Co-Ordinator- Dr. Priya Chopde

Women's Study Cell namely, "PARIPOORTI" was established at DES' Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College in the year 2019 with a view to appraise the need for developing structured means for protecting the rights of women. It is hoped that, this will help to ensure Women Empowerment in our society. The cell undertakes various activities in the area of women's rights, gender sensitization and women empowerment. The Cell, always remains alert to the social advancements and its impact on rights of women. Following are the details of activities undertaken by the Cell in present academic year.

AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Awareness Program was conducted on 9th March 2026 at Wadarwadi, Pune, in connection with the occasion of Women's Day celebrated on 8th March 2026. The activity was carried out by student volunteers from LL.M. 1st Year, including Aditya Gadave, Bhargavi Kulkarni, Bhavana Badlapure, Ishika Das, and Manasi Mohite, who actively participated in spreading awareness and engaging with the community.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, 2026 one-day awareness and survey programme was conducted by the Women's Study Cell of DES' Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune at Wadarwadi, Pune on 9th March, 2026. The programme was organized under the guidance of Dr. Priya Chopde, Faculty Co-ordinator of Women's Study Cell with the primary aim of spreading awareness among the local community regarding important legal provisions and welfare schemes designed for the protection and empowerment of women and children. In contemporary society, although various laws and government initiatives exist to safeguard the rights of vulnerable groups, especially women, a significant gap remains between the existence of such provisions and the level of awareness among the general public. This gap often leads to underutilization of legal remedies and welfare benefits. To address these issue, the Women's Study Cell took the initiative to bridge this gap by directly interacting with people at the grassroots level and educating them about their rights and entitlements.

The programme specifically focused on spreading awareness about the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013 and the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005. In addition to legal awareness about these laws, information regarding the 'Ladki Bahin Yojana' and various other Government Healthcare facilities available for women and children was also disseminated. The objective was not only to provide theoretical knowledge but also to

ensure that individuals understood how to access these benefits and seek help in times of need. The programme combined awareness activities along with a field survey in order to assess the actual level of awareness among the community and to understand the challenges faced by women in accessing legal and social support systems.

Informational pamphlets were prepared to support verbal communication, and a structured questionnaire was designed to collect responses from the community. The volunteers were divided into small groups to ensure systematic coverage of the area and effective interaction with the residents of Wadarwadi.

On the day of the programme, the volunteers conducted door-to-door visits and engaged in face-to-face interactions with the residents. The approach adopted was participatory and interactive, which helped in building trust and encouraging people to share their views and experiences. The volunteers explained the provisions of the **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012** by highlighting the importance of safeguarding children from sexual abuse and emphasizing the strict legal consequences for offenders. They also stressed the need for parents and guardians to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious behaviour or incidents. The concept of child-friendly legal procedures was explained in order to reduce fear and hesitation among the people regarding legal processes.

The awareness regarding the **Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013** was also an important component of the programme. The volunteers explained what constitutes sexual harassment and informed women about their rights in the workplace. They discussed the mechanism of filing complaints and the role of Internal Complaints Committees in addressing grievances. Special attention was given to women working in the informal sector, as they are often unaware of such legal protections. The volunteers made efforts to explain that every woman has the right to a safe and secure working environment, regardless of the nature of her employment.

The programme also addressed the Issue of domestic violence by explaining the provisions of the **Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005**. The volunteers clarified that domestic violence is not limited to physical abuse but also includes emotional, verbal, and economic abuse. Women were informed about their right to protection, residence, and legal assistance. The importance of speaking up against abuse and seeking help was emphasized, although it was observed that many women were hesitant to discuss such issues openly due to social stigma and fear of repercussions. Legal awareness, the volunteers provided information about the **Ladki Bahin Yojana**, which is a welfare scheme aimed at supporting women. The residents were informed about the eligibility criteria, benefits, and application process of the scheme. The volunteers also highlighted

the importance of government healthcare facilities, including maternal health services, child vaccination programmes, and access to treatment at government hospitals. The aim was to ensure that women and children in the community are able to benefit from the services provided by the government.

The main outcome of the programme was the distribution of contact details of grievance redressal mechanisms. The volunteers provided information about women helpline numbers, child helpline services, police emergency contacts, and local support organizations. This step ensured that the awareness created during the programme was supported by practical resources that individuals could use in times of need. The availability of such contact information was appreciated by the residents, as it provided them with a sense of security and support.

SURVEY OF RELEVANT LAWS AND SCHEMES

The activity titled “*Survey of Relevant Laws and Schemes*” was conducted on 9th March 2026 at Wadarwadi, Pune, on the occasion of Women’s Day celebrated on 8th March 2026. The programme was carried out by student volunteers from LL.M. 1st Year, namely Aditya Gadave, Bhargavi Kulkarni, Bhavana Badlapure, Ishika Das, and Manasi Mohite.

The activity involved conducting a field-based survey to assess the awareness and accessibility of various legal provisions and government schemes related to women’s rights and welfare. The volunteers interacted with members of the local community, collected responses, and identified gaps in awareness regarding laws and schemes designed for protection and empowerment. The initiative aimed to bridge this gap by sensitizing the community, promoting legal awareness, and encouraging beneficiaries to make effective use of available legal and governmental support systems.

The survey was also conducted by student volunteers during the awareness programme. The survey revealed that the level of awareness among the people was relatively low. Many individuals were not aware of the provisions of the POCSO Act, 2012. Awareness regarding the POSH Act, 2023 found to be limited, especially among women working in unorganized sectors. While some respondents had a basic understanding of Domestic Violence Act, 2005. There was a noticeable reluctance to report such incidents due to social and cultural factors. Awareness about the Ladki Bahin Yojana and Government Healthcare Facilities was found to be partial, indicating the need for more effective dissemination of information.

While conducting survey several challenges were faced by the volunteers during their interactions with the community. Many individuals were hesitant to discuss sensitive topics

such as sexual harassment and domestic violence. Language barriers posed minor difficulties in communication in some cases. Additionally, there was a lack of trust in legal institutions among certain sections of the population, which made it challenging to convince them about the effectiveness of legal remedies. Despite of this, the volunteers made sincere efforts to communicate effectively and ensure that the message of awareness reached as many people as possible.

The impact of the programme was positive and encouraging. It helped in increasing awareness about legal rights and Government schemes among the residents of Wadarwadi. The interactive nature of the programme encouraged people to ask questions and seek clarification, which contributed to their better understanding. Many individuals expressed their willingness to share the information with others in their community, thereby extending the reach of the programme. The initiative also empowered women by making them aware of their rights and the support systems available to them.

The role of student volunteers was crucial in the success of the activity. Their active participation, dedication, and effective communication skills played a significant role in achieving the objectives of the programme. The experience also provided them with an opportunity to develop a sense of social responsibility and to understand the practical challenges involved in implementing legal awareness programmes at the grassroots level. The activity was successfully conducted under the guidance of Dr. Priya Chopde, Co-ordinator of Women's Study Cell. Dr. Sunita Adhav, Principal of the institute extended support and encouragement for both the activities of the Cell.

