

LEGAL RESEARCH CELL

Annual Report

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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 2023-2024 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.

International Workshop: One-Day International Workshop on 'Legal Research Horizons: Navigating Trends, Ethics & Strategies.'

This year Legal Research Cell has organised its first International Workshop on '**Legal Research Horizons: Navigating Trends, Ethics & Strategies**' on 26th December 2023

The workshop was conducted in three sessions:

Session	Resource Person	Topic
1	Rodolfo Rivera	Emerging Trends in Legal Research
2	Dr Bodhisatva Acharya	Ethical Considerations in Legal Research
3	Adv Mahak Rathee	Advanced Legal Research Strategies and Practical Applications

This workshop was conducted in online mode on 26th December 2023 and it received an overwhelming response from students.

Research Day: 14th March 2024

Research Day Competition was organized by the Legal Research Cell of DES SNFLC for the first time to celebrate and promote the spirit of inquiry, innovation, and scholarly activities among students. It served as a dynamic platform aimed at enhancing the legal research and writing skills of our students. This initiative was specifically designed to instill and nurture effective legal research practices among the participants, providing them with a valuable opportunity to present their innovative research ideas in a competitive yet supportive environment. This year, Research Day was held on 14th March 2024, marking its First Edition.

The judging panel comprised of Dr Padmaja Kathikar-Dasharath, Assistant Professor Department of Law at Vishwakarma University Pune, Dr Rupali Gaikwad Assistant Professor & HOD Environment Science at Fergusson College and Dr Shivanjali Bhoite Vice Principal at Modern Law College, Pune. Their extensive experience and expertise provided a robust framework for evaluating the presentations and offering constructive feedback.

Judgement Analysis Competition: 11th March 2024

The Judgment Analysis Competition was organized by the Legal Research Cell of our college on 11th March 2024. This competition was organized under Themisia 2.0. It provided students with an opportunity to analyze and interpret a significant legal case. The case selected for this competition was Church of God (Full Gospel) in India v. K.K.R. Majestic Colony Welfare Association, (2000), 7 SCC 282.

The judging panel comprised of Adv. P Chandni and Adv. Chirag Dave. Their extensive experience and expertise provided a robust framework for evaluating the papers.

Out of the 80 participants, Ms. Meetu Sharma from 4th B.A.LL.B was declared as the Winner and Ms. Devangi Godbole from 4th B.B.A.LL.B stood as the Runner Up.

Themisia 2.0: 15th and 16th March 2024

The second edition of Themisia i.e. Themisia 2.0, was organised by Legal Research Cell in Collaboration with the Seminar Department of Deccan Education Society's Shri. Navalmal Law College on 15th and 16th March 2024. It marked an innovative approach towards engaging students and professionals in the field of law. This year's theme was Environmental Law and Sustainable Development. Under this banner, two competitions were organised: the National Legislative Drafting Competition and the Legal Quiz.

Two main segments of the event - a Legislative Drafting Competition focusing on the creation of the Environment (Protection) Bill, 2024, and a Legal Quiz Competition centred on Environmental Law. These National-level competitions were designed to challenge participants' legal drafting skills and knowledge of environmental law and sustainable development.

For the drafting competition, Adv. Hitesh Borana, Adv. Rahul Garg, Adv. Shivani Mujumdar, Dr Kashmira Lonkar, Dr. Sudhir Tarote, Adv. Meenal Tatpathi, Adv Nagbhushan Hanagandi, Adv Anand Nandu, Adv. Yash Chavan and Adv. Priyanka Jadhav were invited to judge the Qualifying Round. Adv Pawan Kalawala, Adv. Aniruddha Kulkarni and Dr Moreshwar Kothawade were invited to judge the Final Round.

The Valedictory ceremony, held within the college premises, was graced by the presence of Justice Abhay S. Oka, Hon'ble Judge, Supreme Court of India who enlightened us upon various topics related to law.

Out of the 24 teams, Mr. Rugved Mahamuni from Vasantao Pawar Law College, Baramati was declared as the Winner of the National Legislative Drafting Competition, and Mr. Ayush Sharma and Mr. Akshat Bhargav from Dr. DY Patil Law College, Pimpri stood as the Runner Ups. Mr. Arnav Karhad and Mr. Pradip Wagh from Government Law College, Mumbai were declared as the Winners of Legal Quiz Competition, and Mr. Ayush Sharma and Mr. Akshat Bhargav from Dr. DY Patil Law College, Pimpri stood as the Runner Ups.

The Legal Research Cell aims to enhance the research skills of the upcoming generation of lawyers and to continuously help them evolve by giving them various opportunities. The focus has always been to give the students a broadened horizon and perspective in the legal field. The genuine constraints that arose owing to the unprecedented times saw a decline in the activities. The department has however planned the course of action for the next academic year and hopes to resume soon with a fresh vigour.



Themisia: 15th March (Inauguration ceremony)



Research Day 14th March



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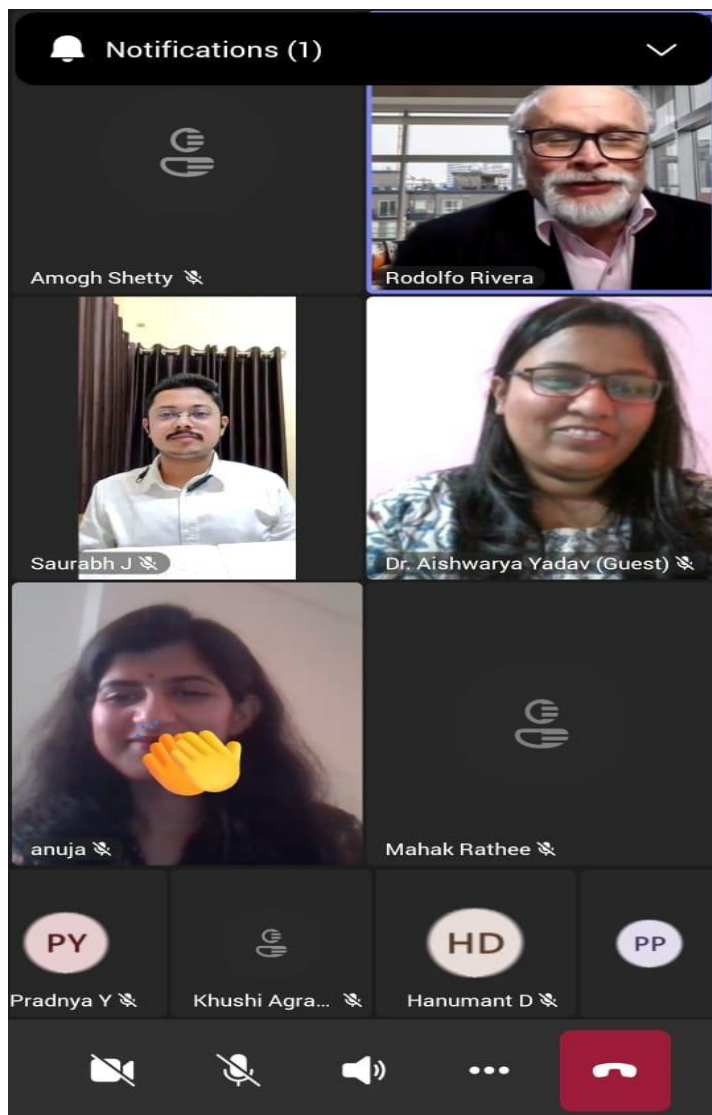


Themisia (Valedictory) 16th March



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One day International Workshop on Research Methodology