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	Civil Services & Judiciary
1.	Mr. Prathamesh Ramesh Bhosale has completed his LL.B. from N. S. Soti Law College, Sangli, and LL.M. from DES's N. F. Law College, Pune, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Law. He has over 9 years of experience as a practicing Advocate and has also served as an Assistant Professor (CHB basis) at DES's N. F. Law College, Pune, and other educational institutions. He was selected as a Judicial Officer (CJJD & JMFC) in 2019 and is presently serving as Assistant Charity Commissioner-I, Pune.
2.	Ms. Trupti Mansing Bandal is an Assistant Commissioner of Sales Tax, Mumbai, with a strong multidisciplinary academic and professional background. She holds degrees in M.A. (English), M.A. (Psychology), M.B.A. (Operations), and LL.B., reflecting a rare blend of administrative, legal, managerial, and behavioral expertise. Prior to her current role, she served as Deputy Superintendent of Land Records and also gained valuable corporate experience with BOSCH, bringing both governance and industry perspectives to public service.
3.	Mr. Atharva Bhaskar Sashte is a certified legal professional and B.A., LL.B. graduate (2024) with hands-on experience in legal drafting, research, and litigation support across civil, real estate, and investment laws. He has interned with reputed firms including Wadia Ghandy & Co. and assisted in matters under RERA, MOFA, SEBI regulations, and criminal law, demonstrating strong analytical and research skills. A Manupatra Certified Legal Researcher, he combines academic rigor with practical exposure and is committed to professional growth in the legal field.
4.	Mr. Sagar Metri is serving as a Panchayat Officer (E) in the Department of Rural Development.
5.	Mr. Alok Pandey is serving as a Civil Judge (Junior Division) and Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) in the Indian Judiciary.
6.	Mr. Hrushikesh Kisan Abhale is a Judicial Magistrate First Class and Civil Judge (Junior Division) serving in the Judiciary. He completed his undergraduate legal education from Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune (Batch 2018–2021). With a strong academic foundation and commitment to judicial service, he represents the new generation of judicial officers dedicated to fairness, integrity, and justice.

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7.	Mr. Vipul Eknath Gunjal, a 2020 pass-out alumnus of the B.A. LL.B. (Five-Year Course), is a proud graduate of DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College. He fondly acknowledges the pivotal role played by the institution in shaping his academic and personal journey, and expresses deep gratitude to the Principal, dedicated faculty members, and the non-teaching staff for their constant encouragement and support. After completing his graduation in 2020, he pursued his Master's degree during the challenging period of the pandemic, a phase that unexpectedly marked the beginning of his journey towards the JMFC examination—truly a blessing in disguise. This demanding preparation journey required immense discipline, resilience, and sincere effort, and was made achievable through the invaluable guidance and mentorship of Adv. Ganesh B. Shirsat Sir, a respected torchbearer in the field of competitive examinations.
8.	Mr. Harshwardhan Rajaram Patil, a Judicial Officer (JMFC), is a dedicated legal professional known for his discipline and integrity. He successfully balanced legal practice with the rigorous preparation required for judicial services, reflecting perseverance and focused effort. His journey stands as an inspiring example of commitment, resilience, and devotion to the cause of justice.
9.	Mr. Hrushikesh Kisan Abhale is a Judicial Magistrate First Class and Civil Judge (Junior Division) serving in the Judiciary. He completed his undergraduate legal education from Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune (Batch 2018–2021). With a strong academic foundation and commitment to judicial service, he represents the new generation of judicial officers dedicated to fairness, integrity, and justice.
10	Mr. Sandip Mohan Shelawane is a legal professional who completed his BSL-LLB (2008–2013) and LL.M. (2013–2015). After completing his legal education, he began practicing law at the District and Sessions Court, Pune. Alongside his practice, he diligently prepared for the JMFC examination under the guidance of experienced mentors. His journey reflects consistency, dedication, and a strong commitment to professional growth in the legal field.
11	Krishna Gawande, is a Judicial Magistrate First Class and Civil Judge (Junior Division) serving in the Judiciary. He completed his undergraduate legal education from Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune
Government of India	
12	Major Rakshit Pathak is an Indian Army officer known for his exceptional courage, leadership, and professionalism. During the communal riots in Churachandpur district, Manipur, in May 2023, he played a pivotal role in leading internal security operations,

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	successfully rescuing and ensuring the safe evacuation of nearly 3,100 innocent civilians despite grave personal risk. His calm demeanour, tactical negotiation skills, and decisive leadership helped prevent bloodshed and restore order. In recognition of his conspicuous bravery and gallantry, he was awarded the Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card (Gallantry) on the occasion of Republic Day 2024.
13	Ms. Roopika Rastogi is an Advisor (Research) at the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India. She brings strong research and policy expertise to the MSME sector and has an academic association with King's College London. Based in Delhi, she is actively engaged in evidence-based policymaking and research-driven governance to support and strengthen India's MSME ecosystem.
14	Mr. Pranav Deshmukh is a Policy, Law, and Governance professional associated with the Government of India. He has an academic background linked with the London School of Economics and Political Science and Tata Institute of Social Sciences, and has professional exposure connected with the Bombay High Court. Currently working with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, he is actively engaged in policy formulation and governance, with a strong commitment to public service, social development, and nation-building initiatives.
	Professional
15	Adv. Shrirang Varma, Advocate-on-Record (AOR) is a specialized legal professional authorized to file, act, and plead matters directly before the Supreme Court of India, having successfully qualified the AOR Examination conducted by the Supreme Court.
16	Adv. Aaditya Pandey, AoR
17	Adv. Ayush Negi, AoR
18	Adv. Pravarthak Pathak AoR
19	Adv. Anand Landge AoR
20	Adv. Saurabh Mishra AoR
21	Adv. Saswat Pattnaik AoR
22	Adv. Sagar N. Pahune Patil AoR
23	Adv. Sudhir Reddy is the Founder of Reddy & Reddy Law Firm, Pune, and a seasoned legal professional and mediator. He is also a Co-Founder of IIADR and FRSA, with expertise spanning civil and commercial litigation, corporate compliance, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR). Known for his commitment to effective dispute resolution and client-focused legal practice, he leads a dedicated team delivering comprehensive legal services across Indian and international legal domains.

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24	Adv. Bala Nadar is the Founder of Startupwala.com, a leading LegalTech and startup services platform, and a recognized Forbes Modern India Game Changer (2020). An alumnus of Harvard Business School with specialization in Disruptive Strategy and Economics, he is also a Fellow Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI). Through his entrepreneurial leadership, he has played a significant role in empowering startups and fostering innovation across India.
25	Mr. Harshad Rathod is an Advocate, High Court (India), a Qualified Independent Director, and a legal professional associated with HNR Legal. It is a matter of great privilege that he will be representing India internationally for the second time, having been appointed as a JCI Foundation Committee Member for Asia and the Pacific at Junior Chamber International. With the JCI Foundation having raised over USD 8 million over the last 50 years to support business growth, leadership development, and training initiatives, his appointment reflects global trust in his leadership. He is also actively associated with the Indo Japan Business Council and will accept this international recognition in person upon his return to India.
26	Mr. Abhishek Tilak is an Associate Partner at DSK Legal and a practicing Advocate with specialization in Commercial and Tax Laws. He holds a B.S.L. and an LL.M. (London) and is actively engaged in complex commercial and tax litigation. He also serves as a Member of the Allied and Commercial Law Committee (2025–2026) of the Chamber of Tax Consultants, reflecting his standing in the professional legal community.
27	Adv. Vijayalaxmi Khopade is a Pune-based Advocate practicing across trial courts, High Courts, and the Supreme Court of India, with professional experience extending to Mumbai. Enrolled with the Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa in 2011 and qualified through the All India Bar Examination, she has built a strong litigation practice in civil and criminal matters, including high-profile cases, along with expertise in drafting and business legal support. She has enhanced her international legal exposure through studies in International Public Law at the Hague Academy of International Law and has presented and published research papers at reputed international forums in Washington DC, Amsterdam, and London. Actively engaged in academia and public discourse, she is a frequent speaker, panelist, and media commentator on contemporary legal and human rights issues, and also serves on Internal Complaints Committees, contributing to access to justice and legal awareness.
28	Mr. Rahul Garg is an accomplished Advocate and environmental law expert with nearly a decade of specialized practice before the National Green Tribunal, the Hon'ble Bombay

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	High Court, and the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. He has handled several landmark environmental and infrastructure matters, representing key Government authorities, including the Union of India and Pune Municipal Corporation, and has appeared in over 500 environmental cases. Currently serving as the Managing Partner of MGK Legal, with offices in Pune, Mumbai, New Delhi, and Tokyo, he has played a pivotal role in shaping environmental governance, sustainable development jurisprudence, and public interest litigation in India.
29	Adv. Shrikant Chondhe is a Member of the Pune Bar Association, actively engaged in the legal profession.
30	Mr. Nilesh Ramdas Warankar is a legal professional from the 2016–2019 batch, and a Member of the Pune Family Court Lawyers Association. He is actively engaged in family court practice and contributes to the legal fraternity through his association with the Family Court Bar, Pune.
31	Adv. CS Pratiksha Radheshyam Rathi is an Advocate and Company Secretary, currently serving as a Member of the Pune Family Court Lawyers Bar Association. After completing her Company Secretary and LL.B. qualifications in 2017, she gained valuable experience with reputed corporate and legal firms before establishing her independent practice. Her areas of expertise include civil and commercial litigation, matrimonial and allied matters, domestic violence cases, and corporate legal advisory. A Certified POSH Trainer, she actively supports organizations as an External Member of Internal Committees, contributing to statutory compliance, ethical workplace practices, and awareness on prevention of sexual harassment.
32	Adv. Mangesh Rajendra Kharabe is a practicing Advocate with strong academic credentials and active engagement in the legal profession. He holds an LL.M. with distinction, securing a CGPA of 9.38, and was the LL.M. Topper in Banking and Negotiable Instruments Law, along with multiple achievements in moot court competitions. He is a Member of the Pimpri Chinchwad Advocates Bar Association and serves as a Legal Advisor to a cooperative bank, while also contributing extensively to legal literacy, police training on new criminal laws, and advocacy skill development. Known for his dedication to criminal law practice and socio-legal initiatives, he is widely respected as a mentor, resource person, and legal educator.
33	Adv. Sagar Shamrao Satpute is a practicing Advocate at the District and Sessions Court, Pune, with professional experience since 2010. He is a Member of the Krantiguru Lahuji

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	Vastad Salve Memorial Committee, Government of Maharashtra (Sangamwadi, Pune) and has over 15 years of experience in civil and criminal law. Throughout his career, he has actively worked on civic, social, and public welfare issues, giving priority to providing legal guidance and assistance to marginalized and underprivileged sections of society. He has also contributed significantly through his association with various social, educational, and cultural organizations.
34	Mr. Atharva Joshi is a Senior Consultant and Chief Minister's Fellow (Maharashtra – 2024) with the Government of Maharashtra. He has completed the PGCP (2024) from the Indian Institute of Management Nagpur and holds BALLB and LL.M. degrees. Actively working at the intersection of law, public policy, and advocacy, he is also a Member of the International Council of Jurists, contributing to governance reforms and policy-driven development initiatives.
35	Adv. Sneha Gund is a Chief Minister Fellow (Legal & Public Policy) working with the Chief Minister's Office, Government of Maharashtra, and the Zilla Parishad CEO Office, Pune. With over 26 months of experience in law, public policy, and governance, she has actively contributed to legal research, policy drafting, MoU formulation, POSH and POCSO trainings, and public service delivery. A former Legal Intern to a Member of Parliament, she brings hands-on experience in legislative processes and grassroots legal empowerment, driven by a strong commitment to inclusive and evidence-based governance.
36	Samiksha Diwate is a Chief Minister's Fellow (Maharashtra) with the Government of Maharashtra, working at the intersection of policy design and on-ground impact. With an academic background associated with IIT Bombay and Fergusson College, she is actively engaged in translating public policy into effective governance outcomes. Based in Pune, she represents a new generation of policy professionals committed to evidence-based decision-making, public service, and social development.
37	Adv. Adish Dilip Deshpande is an experienced legal practitioner with over 17 years of practice in family and civil law. A law graduate, he is known for his strong expertise in legal research, drafting, and effective case management. In recognition of his professional standing, he was appointed as a Notary by the Government of India in January 2025. Actively engaged beyond court practice, he is also a founder member of the DES Law College Alumni Association and contributes to society through his association with charitable and social service organizations.

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38	Mr. Amey Kokare is a Patent Attorney and Advocate, currently working as a Patent Associate at StratJuris Law Partners. He is a registered Indian Patent Agent (IN/PA 5943) with strong expertise in patent drafting, prosecution, opposition, and IP strategy. With an academic background associated with Vellore Institute of Technology, he actively practices in the field of intellectual property law, combining technical knowledge with legal acumen to support innovation and technology-driven businesses.
39	Ms. Piali Thatte is a lawyer specializing in public policy, technology policy, and digital public infrastructures, working at the intersection of law and technology. She is academically associated with the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad and is an alumna of DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College. With a strong focus on governance, innovation, and policy frameworks, she contributes thoughtfully to shaping technology-enabled public systems and regulatory discourse in India.
40	Mr. Gaurav Bidave is a seasoned legal professional and certified Mental Health & Relationship Counsellor, with over 13 years of experience in contract management, commercial law, and legal operations, primarily in the telecom and corporate services sector. An alumnus of DES Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune (Batch of 2009), he has also counselled 6,000+ clients across national and international geographies, focusing on emotional well-being, relationships, workplace stress, and personal resilience. Actively engaged with the NFLC Alumni Association, he contributes through mentoring and student engagement, firmly advocating the integration of legal competence with emotional intelligence and mental well-being
41	Ms. Aparna Bhide is the Principal Legal Advisor at LegalLogic Consulting. She is academically associated with the Savitribai Phule Pune University Law Department and brings strong expertise in legal advisory, policy-oriented legal research, and strategic consulting. Based in Pune, she is known for her structured, solution-driven approach to complex legal and regulatory issues.
42	Adv. Giriraj Ramesh Gophane is a legal professional serving as the Director of the Pune Lawyers Consumer Co-operative Society, contributing to the welfare and collective interests of the legal fraternity in Pune.
	Political Achievement
43	Mr. Kunal Tilak is the great-great-grandson of freedom fighter Lokmanya Tilak and has recently been elected as a Corporator of the Pune Municipal Corporation. He is a practicing lawyer appearing before the Maharashtra Administrative Tribunal and the Bombay High

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	Court. In addition to his legal and public roles, he also serves as a Spokesperson for BJP Maharashtra.
44	Swarada Kelkar Bapat elected as a Corporator of the Pune Municipal Corporation
45	Rugved Gandhe elected as a Corporator of the Pune Municipal Corporation
	Academics
46	Dr. Raviraj Ramesh Sorate is an Associate Professor and Head of the Civil Engineering Department at ABMSP's Anantrao Pawar College of Engineering & Research, Pune, with over 16 years of academic experience, including 10 years as HOD. He holds a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Savitribai Phule Pune University, an M.Tech from COEP, and is an Executive Committee Member of the IGS Pune Chapter. He has secured research funding exceeding ₹22 lakhs, published 14+ books, 15+ national and international journal papers, and holds three Government of India-granted patents. An accomplished researcher and academic leader, he has also received the Acharya Award, addressed international forums in New York and Dubai, and guided numerous UG and PG research projects.
47	Prof. Rutuja Kaustubh Purohit is an Assistant Professor of Law, Researcher, and Motivational Speaker, currently serving at Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune. With over 10 years of teaching and academic experience, she is actively involved in legal education, research, and judiciary preparation, and is pursuing her Ph.D. at Christ (Deemed to be University), Lavasa. She has authored books, published research papers and book chapters in reputed journals, and regularly contributes as a resource person, paper setter, and examiner. A passionate educator and academic influencer, she also runs a popular YouTube channel focused on education and motivation, inspiring students beyond the classroom.
48	Mr. Saurabh Dhote is an Assistant Professor at Bharati Vidyapeeth's Deemed to be University, New Law College, Pune. He has teaching experience at Lokmanya Tilak Law College and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at DES Law College's Research Centre (SPPU). An active academician, he heads the Sports Committee, has published research papers, judged moot court competitions, and specializes in International Law and Science & Technology Law.
49	Mr. Akshay Radhakishan Kabra is an Assistant Professor and Head of the LL.B. (Three-Year) Law Course at PES's Modern Law College, Pune, with extensive experience in teaching LL.M., B.A. LL.B., and LL.B. programs. He is UGC-NET and MH-SET qualified, holds an LL.M., and has also practiced as an Advocate, bringing strong practical insight

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	into legal education. A recipient of the Best Employee Award 2023, he has served as an external examiner, judge for moot court and advocacy competitions, and resource person for reputed institutions including YASHADA. Actively engaged in research and scholarship, he has authored multiple research papers, articles, and a book chapter on International Humanitarian Law, reflecting his academic depth and commitment to legal scholarship.
50	Ms. Pranjali Bawane is an Assistant Professor of Law and Performing Arts and serves as the Legal Aid Centre Incharge at Vydehi Institute of Law, Parul University. She holds B.A. LL.B., LL.M. (Criminal and Security Laws) and is a Ph.D. Scholar, with an additional Master's degree in Bharatanatyam, reflecting a unique interdisciplinary blend of law and performing arts. Deeply committed to legal education, access to justice, and cultural scholarship, she actively integrates academic rigor with social responsibility through her teaching and legal aid initiatives.
51	Ms. Shivani Bakshi Mujumdar is an Assistant Professor of Law at MES Law College, Pune, with over twelve years of teaching experience in legal education. An alumna of DES Law College, she holds a Master's degree in Law, is SET qualified, and has served as Assistant Professor and Visiting Faculty at reputed institutions including KES J. P. Law College, Mumbai, DES SNFLC, and Bharati Vidyapeeth's New Law College. She has taught a wide range of law subjects, coordinated academic activities including IQAC, published research papers, and received accolades such as Best Mooter and Best Paper Presenter, reflecting her strong commitment to academics and legal scholarship.
52	Ms. Muskan Kalra is an accomplished legal academic and researcher, currently serving as an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Manipal University Jaipur. She is an LL.M. graduate from NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, a UGC-NET qualified JRF Awardee, and a recipient of the Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Gold Medal and the Sri Musunuri Venkata Ramayya Memorial Gold Medal for academic excellence. With strong expertise in international criminal law, constitutional law, and legal research, she has published in reputed journals, presented award-winning research, and brings rich practical exposure from leading law firms and High Court practice.
53	Adv. Megha Jayant Deshmukh is a distinguished legal practitioner, academician, and POSH Trainer, actively practicing at the District and Sessions Court, Pune. With extensive experience in civil and criminal law, she has also served as a visiting faculty at several reputed law and management institutions and is a Ph.D. Fellow at India International

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	University of Legal Education and Research (IIULER), Goa. She is the recipient of the Best Paper and Best Presenter Award at a national conference organized in collaboration with the Bar Council of India, conferred by Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah, Judge, Supreme Court of India. Known for her dynamic teaching, public speaking, and multidisciplinary contributions, she seamlessly blends legal practice, academics, and social impact.
54	Ms. Tejaswini Vikasrao Bele is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Sir Parshurambhau College (Empowered Autonomous), Pune-30. She is UGC-NET and MH-SET qualified and holds an M.A. in Sociology along with an LL.B., reflecting a strong interdisciplinary academic foundation. Her experience includes inclusive teaching practices, socio-legal research, and family and marriage counselling, with a clear commitment to student-centered and accessible education.
55	Miss Rahi Shinde is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Modern Law College, Pune. She holds an M.A. and LL.B., and is NET and MH-SET qualified in Political Science and International Relations (PSIR). Her academic interests include Western Political Thought, Indian Government and Politics, Indian Administration, and India's Foreign Policy, reflecting a strong engagement with both theoretical and applied dimensions of political studies.
56	Dr. Nityansh Solanki Assistant Professor based in Delhi, actively engaged in teaching and academic research.
	Sports and Arts
57	Ms. Madhumita Sathe is a distinguished classical Bharatanatyam dancer, academician, and researcher, based in Pune. She holds a B.Com, LL.B., M.A. in Bharatanatyam, and is UGC-NET qualified, reflecting a rare blend of legal, academic, and artistic excellence. A Doordarshan-graded classical dancer and recipient of prestigious awards including the Young Achiever's Award at the Kolkata Dance Festival, she has also represented India internationally through an ICCR cultural tour to Sri Lanka. As the Founder and Director of Madhumita's School of Bharatanatyam, she continues to contribute significantly to Indian classical arts through performance, teaching, and research.
58	Mr. Madhusudan Kalantri, Mr. Suraj Choudhary, and Mr. Chetan Telang for the proud distinction of representing India in Advocates Cricket. Their achievement brings great

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	honour to the legal fraternity and stands as an inspiring example of excellence beyond the courtroom.
59	Ms. Shamal Santosh Karnawat is a highly skilled Japanese Language Trainer, Interpreter, and Translator, with a strong interdisciplinary background in law and foreign languages. She holds a BSL LL.B. from DES Law College, Pune, and has attained the prestigious JLPT N1 certification, along with multiple advanced diplomas in Japanese from reputed institutions. With extensive experience in academic training, corporate language programs, and high-level technical interpretation, she has worked with leading organizations including Japanese multinational companies, engineering institutions, and national infrastructure projects such as the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Project. Proficient in simultaneous interpretation, translation, and syllabus design, she is known for her precision, cultural sensitivity, and ability to bridge communication between Indian and Japanese stakeholders.