

DEEKSHARAMBH, 2023

INDUCTION PROGRAMME - LL.M. AND THREE-YEAR LL.B. PROGRAMME

PRESS REPORT

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Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) organized “Deeksharambh- *A Journey through the Portals of the Law School*”- Induction Program on **10th August, 2023** for the fresh batch of LL.M. and Three- Year LL.B. students. The event was conducted at the **PDCLE (Symbiosis Law School, Viman Nagar Campus)** from **10:30 A.M. IST** onwards.

The program began with the lighting of the lamp. **Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU, Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC – LAMP co-funded by EU)** delivered the welcome address to the students.

Prof. Dr. Gurpur began her address affirming the vision and mission of the institution, she also explained the importance of the motto “*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*”. She mentioned that SLS, Pune believes in integrated learning for a holistic development of students both in academic and extracurricular spheres.

Dr. Gurpur advised the students to begin their journey with an open mind, allowing them to rediscover themselves within the bounds of the law school, replete with diverse opportunities. Addressing the three-year LL.B. students, Prof. Gurpur, debunked the common stereotypes associated with a 3-year LL.B. degree and highlighted the commitment of SLSP to prepare its students for judicial service, public service and other career opportunities in the field of Law. Addressing the LLM students Dr. Gurpur highlighted the significance of higher education in law encouraged them to excel in academics and research and at the same time maintain academic integrity and discipline.

Dr. Gurpur also mentioned the guidelines pertaining to dress codes, social media usage, and provided guidance on forging healthy friendships, facilitated by the Symbiosis Center for Emotional Wellness.

Ms Surabi Puhazhendi, Vice President, Student Advisory Board 2022-23 and Ms. Sharvani Maddirala, the Head of the Public Relations, Media, and Website Committee for SAB 2022-23 addressed the students and mentioned about the Student Advisory Board (SAB) and its traditions of leadership, collaboration, and camaraderie along with the role of every committee and cell in the institution's day to day workings.

Ms. Manjusha Bilaskar, Head, Symbiosis Centre for Yoga conducted a Yoga Orientation session. After guiding the audience through some yoga asanas, positions, and a couple minutes of silence, she elucidated upon the art of practicing mindfulness and introspection. Dr. Atmaram Shelke, Associate Professor, SLS-P briefed the students about the zero-tolerance policy against ragging both in the country and within the college premises.

Dr. Girija Mahale, Head, SCEW conducted a session on 'Forging lasting friendship and creating a coping mechanism.' She highlighted the importance of accepted code of conduct that students ought to adopt in the institution while interacting with their peers and faculty members.

A group of noted alumni of the institution then addressed the students via a hybrid platform and shared their experience to overcome the hurdles and challenges of law school journey. **Adv Rahul Kothari**, co-founder of Squarely Legal, shared his experience about the dynamic nature of the legal profession. **Ms. Tamanna Chanchalani** talked about the motto of the institution and motivated students to be interactive, helpful and serious about their career. **Adv. Kaustubh Shakkarwar**, Legal Counsel at KAS & Co., asked students to perform every assignment with due diligence and sincerity as well as 'work hard the smart way.' **Ms. Hena Mall**, Barrister and solicitor in Ontario, Canada highlighted the importance of work-life balance and emphasised on the need to work hard for internships.

Prof. Akansha Singh, Assistant Professor, SLSP, delivered the vote of thanks.



LAMP LIGHTING BY *Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director, Symbiosis Law School Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Jean Monnet Chair, Professor (EUC- LAMP co-funded by EU) and faculties of SLS-P*



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The alumni of SLSP addressing the students of the upcoming batch and highlighted the importance of ‘working hard the smart way.’

