

Director's Message

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome our esteemed readers in the 5th Academic Year of the Institute of Law. I am happy to present before you 12th volume of our newsletter Sui Generis reflecting the activities at the Institute of Law. Through this medium, we tried to reach out to all our stakeholders informing about our efforts of transforming legal education into justice education which is the demand of the day.

It is highly imperative to standardize the training of future generation of lawyers in the globalization era. Achieving this goal is critical to ensure that lawyers attain minimum level of legal knowledge and advocacy skills before they take on the responsibilities associated with representing clients before the courts.

In this Academic Year when the first batch of the Institute is aspiring to pass out with flying colors in April 2012, Institute is committed to train them with specific design of curricula and to increase public confidence in the legal

system by setting clear ethical standard for the practice of law and training future lawyers about their ethical obligations to society and the role they play in promoting integrity of the legal system as a whole.

We expect cooperation from the parents, our well-wishers and all the stakeholders in all our endeavours while moulding and chiseling raw teenagers into sound legal professionals in the span of five years with us.

We welcome the suggestions and new ideas for the development and overall interest of the legal profession in this country.

With regards,

Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal
I/c. Director & Dean



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Activities at Institute of Law

Mediation Training Workshop

Mediation Training Workshop was organized from 8th - 10th April, 2011 for the students of VI semester as a part of Clinical paper of Alternate Dispute Resolution. Mr. Firdoshali Kassam (Karanchiwala), Advocate, Bombay High Court and Chairman, Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mumbai conducted the training programme as the Master Trainer. Inaugurating the Workshop, Hon'ble Dr. Justice J. N. Bhatt (Former Chief Justice, Patna High Court & Chairman of Gujarat State Law Commission) highlighted the importance of Mediation in the present context and applauded the unique initiative taken by Institute of Law to impart Mediation Training to its students as a part of course curriculum. He further emphasized that if the backlog of cases has to be reduced then Alternate Dispute Resolution is the solution and Mediation is one of them. He encouraged all the students to become Mediators in future and help the judiciary to reduce the backlog of cases and workload as well.

Mr Karanchiwala explained the concept through several exercises and strategies that are required for a person to become successful mediator. He explicitly elaborated the qualities of an efficient Mediator. Students were explained the Mediation procedure through role play.



Mr Firdoshali Kassam (Karanchiwala), with Semester VI students during ADR workshop.



Resource persons with Semester VI students during Mediation Workshop

Activities at Institute of Law

Earth Day Celebration

"A billion acts of Green", with this theme, the Earth Day was organized on 22nd March 2011, Semester VI, who are presently studying Environmental Law came together in unison for the event. The Green Day began with every student along with the faculty members and the Staff, walking in different shades of vibrant Green, the dress code for the day.

On the occasion of Earth Day an E-waste Bin was kept at the Institute premises to dispose off obsolete e-gadgets such as cell phones, keyboards, chargers, ear-phones and the volunteers took the responsibility to have these waste recycled in a eco-friendly manner by a authorized recycler. There was a bulletin board too at the venue for the participants to give vent to their ideas.

The event started with a thought provoking discussion on the Naturalist Theory and its relevance in the present day context. Various events were undertaken to mark this Green day, and these included Collage Competition, Poster Making, T-Shirt Painting, Face Painting, Still Photography, Poetry, Model Making and Slogan Competition. The enthusiasm of the students was reflected in the turnout of the participants from the various semesters. Each exhibit of the event demonstrated how the Mother Earth had been degraded and how each and every one of us can perform our part and move towards a Cleaner, Greener Mother Earth.



Faculties and students in Green on the Earth Day



Face Painting Competition during the Earth Day Celebration

National Workshop on Research Methodology

Institute of law organized two days National workshop on Legal Research Methodology. More than 100 students availed the benefit of the Workshop. Participants from Gujarat National Law University, MATS University Raipur, GLC Thrissure , D.A.V. Indore , M.S. University Baroda and Nirma University participated in the workshop.

In its inaugural ceremony Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ravi Tripathi, Judge, High Court of Gujarat was the Chief Guest, Prof. N. Jayayram, from Tata Institute of Social Sciences Mumbai was the guest of Honour and Shri K.K. Patel, Chief Operating Officer, Nirma University presided over the function.

Prof. H. C. Dholakia, Prof. Yogesh Mehta, Prof, N, K, Pathak Prof. G. S. Bajpai and Prof A. C. Brahmbhatt dealt with various aspects of Legal Research Methodology.



Justice Ravi Tripathi and Prof N. Jayaram inaugurating the National Workshop on Research Methodology

Interactive Session



Institute of Law, Nirma University organised an interactive session on 23rd April, 2011 to orient law aspiring students about the various career opportunities available in legal arena. The programme was presided over by eminent legal luminaries like Mr. Yatin Oza and Ms. Dharmishtha Rawal. They shared their rich experience and foresight and deliberated upon the key skills and acumen required in the profession of law



Interactive Session

Debate Competition



Winners of the Debate Competition with other participants and Faculties

Literary and debate Committee organized a debate competition on 6th May 2011. The topics offered for presentation were "Legalizing Lok Pal Bill", "Big Brother watching...how justifiable?" & "Sports' men as cattle".

There were two trophies for the winning group, two trophies for the runner's up group and a trophy for the best speaker. The following students bagged the trophies.

- First Prize --- Pranoy Shekhar & Taruna Dhingra (Sec A, 2nd Semester)
- Runner's Prize—Nemish Zaveri and Arpit Gupta (Sec D, 2nd Semester)
- Best Speaker—Taruna Dhingra (Sec A, 2nd Semester)

The prizes were sponsored by Formica Groups.

Workshop on Effective Communication Skills

The Institute of law Nirma University organized a workshop on Effective Communication Skills from 30th May- 10th June 2011. It was a 40 hour certification programme. Prof. (Dr) Dawood Ghanchi and Dr K Kotecha, inaugurated the workshop.

The objective was to equip students and non-native speakers of English and students who are on the threshold of higher education and preparing for various competitive exams.

The workshop was planned during the vacation to target a large audience. In order to be effective it was decided to restrict the batch size to 20-25 participants.

Dr. Harmik Vaishnav, Ms. Nandini Sinha, Dr. Rashmi Mehta were the resource persons for the Workshop.



Dr Dawood Ghanchi addressing the gathering during the workshop.

Expert Lectures

Ms. Dharmishtha Raval, delivered an expert lecture on 6th May 2011 on the topic, "Allotment of Shares and its Trading," in the course of Corporate Law II for Semester IV students.

Dr. Ranjana Harish, Head Dept. of English, Gujarat University delivered a lecture on the topic, "English in the Flat World" on 3rd May, 2011 for Semester II students.



Ms. Dharmishtha Raval

Faculty Corner

Paper Presentations

- Ms Bindiya Soni presented a Research Paper on "*Ecosystem for development of venture capital in Gujarat*" at 11th Doctoral Conference on Management (National Conference), Institute of Management, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, April 1st-2nd, 2011. She won the 2nd prize for best paper award.
- Ms Rupa Pathakji presented a paper on, *From Conflict to Convergence: Reconciling Sustainable Development and Corporate* in the Cross Disciplinary International Seminar on Creating Excellence for Sustainable Society conducted by Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, Patan on 15th and 16th May 2011.
- Dr Kiran Gardner ,Dr. Kiran Rai, Mr Arun Prasad , , Dr Monica Rao and Ms Kanchan Samtani, attended two day National Workshop on 'Legal Research Methodology' held in Institute of Law, Nirma University on May 7th & 8th May, 2011.

Resource Persons

Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal delivered four lectures on the occasion of 75th Orientation Programme of UGC Academic Staff College, JNV University, Jodhpur on the following topics on 10th and 11th June, 2011.

- Philosophy of Education
- Indian Education System and Pedagogy.
- Research Methodology
- Personality Development

Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal delivered a lecture on 22nd June, 2011 in Faculty Induction Training Programme at Nirma University for newly recruited professors on "Importance of Pedagogy"

Ms. Asha Verma was invited as Speaker at All India National Seminar on Access to Justice for the Socially and Economically disadvantaged on 2nd and 3rd April 2011 organized by Bar Council of Rajasthan, Rajasthan High Court Advocate Association, Jodhpur, Rajasthan High Court Lawyers Association, Jodhpur & Confederation of Indian Bar, New Delhi. She spoke on "*Alternative Dispute Resolution System as a tool for the Disadvantaged*".

Mr. Rohit Moonka, was invited by Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar as a speaker for One Day UGC-NET/SLET Training Programme on 12th June, 2011

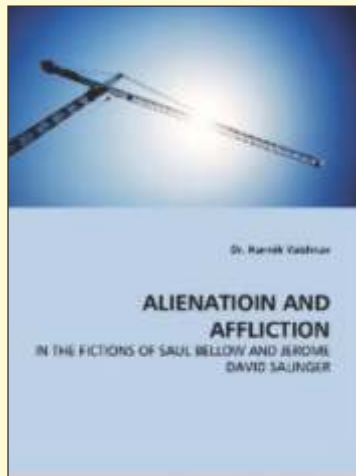
Ms Nandini Sinha was invited for a one day workshop on "Effective Communication Skills" at Friends of Women World Banking, an NGO based at Ahmedabad, on 9th April 2011.



Faculty Publications



Dr Harmik Vaishnav's book on, "Alienation and Affliction in the Fictions of Saul Bellow and Jerome David Salinger," has been published by VDM Publisher of Germany.



Book Publication :

Dr. Krishna Pal Malik has revised his book entitled "Law and Social Transformation in India" (3rd Ed., 2011) published by Allahabad Law Agency, Faridabad.

Resource Person:

Dr. Krishna Pal Malik was invited as resource person in five days workshop for police officials, organized by Gujarat Police Academy, Karai, Gandhinagar on "Juvenile in conflict with law and criminal justice system" on 26th April, 2011.

Dr. Krishna Pal Malik was invited as resource person on "role of police in protecting juvenile justice" in a three days Seminar on "making justice and protection of children" organized by UNICEF, Gujarat office at Gujarat Police Academy, Karai, Gandhinagar during 11th-13th May, 2011.

Students' Corner

Conference, Seminar and Workshop

Hitesh Agrawal and Naiana Jain presented a paper on "Disaster Management: its impact in Law and Development". At "International Conference on Environmental Risk Management" held on 10th-11th May, 2011, New Delhi. This conference was organized by the National Institute of Disaster Management (Nidm) and Giz, Germany.

Akansha Gehlot attended National Conference On Management Issues: Competing Through Capability Enhancement, Jodhpur on 2nd April, 2011 and presented a paper on topic '*Influence of Cultural diversities on stratigic human resource management*'.

Ms. Gazal Choudhary, Siddhant Pandey and Ayush Yadav participated and presented a paper on Environment v. Development in "Clean India 2011" Conference organized by Sukuki Exnora at Hyderabad on 22nd and 23rd April, 2011 on Environment v. Development.



Hitesh Agrawal presenting his paper at an international Conference.



Akansha Gehlot



Ms. Gazal Choudhary at "Clean India 2011" Conference, Hyderabad

Students' Publications

Hitesh Agrawal's Article titled "Plea-bargaining; Present Status in India" was published on website www.legalservicesindia.com,

Aishvarya's Conference Report IV International Experts' Meeting on Water Management and Climate Change: Dealing with Uncertainties, held at Zaragoza, Spain, from 28th February to 2nd March 2011 is published in International Journal of Water Resources Development Volume 27 Number 2, June 2011, published by Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.

Aishvarya's article on Water Management and Climate Change: Dealing with Uncertainties has been published in Asian Water, Singapore. Volume 27 No. 8, April 2011. She was official rapporteur for the above event.



Ms. Aishvarya

Extension Activities

Institute of Law, Nirma University students observed Mega Lok Adalat conducted at various Courts in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar

Students from Institute of Law, Nirma University visited and observed the proceedings of Mega Lok Adalat at Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Ahmedabad (Rural) Court, Labour and Industrial Court and Gandhinagar District Court on 14th April, 2011. The purpose of this visit was to observe the prevalent proceedings of Lok Adalats and to provide effective assistance to the Judicial Officers in their functioning.

In this regard for the effective dispensing of justice, the Legal Aid Clinic of Institute of Law had decide to assist such Mega Lok Adalats regularly wherein the students will provide assistance to the Judicial Officers and even they can act as conciliators to resolve the disputes. Mr. Rohit Moonka, Assistant Professor of Law and Convener of Legal Aid Clinic elaborated the significance of this initiative as this exercise will help students to understand and analyze the proceedings of Lok Adalat and provide effective assistance in future as well as to render suggestions for further improvement of the current system.

Institute of Law, Nirma University students organised Legal Literacy Camp organised at Thalthej Village, Ahmedabad

Under the aegis of Legal Aid Clinic of Institute of Law, Nirma University, students organised a legal literacy camp for the villagers of Thalthej Village, Ahmedabad on 2nd June, 2011. They discussed various basic rights such as Human Rights, Right to Information, Right to Free Legal Aid, Right to Education as well as various Governmental schemes which are beneficial for the villagers through skits, songs, speeches and plays. The responses of the villagers were very encouraging and they had taken active part in such activities.



Field visit of a Common Effluent Treatment Plant for Environmental Law (Vatva, Ahmedabad)



On 7th March, 2011, Students of semester VI visited a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (Vatva, Ahmedabad). The objective of the visit was to take the teaching learning beyond the class room, to observe the ground implementation of the various legislations relating to Environment within the city of Ahmedabad and the role played by the various stakeholder may it be the industries, the local pollution control boards, and the civil society. The visit was coordinated by Mrs. Parna Mukherjee, in association with the NGO Paryavaran Mitra, represented by Ms. Chtisheru Devi and Mr. Maheshbhai Parmar.



Students on the field visit

Activities and their in charge at Institute of Law

NO.	ACTIVITY	NAME OF THE FACULTY IN CHARGE
1.	Newsletter	Dr. Kiran Gardner
2.	Axiom Students' Magazine	Dr. Harmik Vaishnav, Dr. Nongthombam Bangkim Singh
3.	Music Club	Mrs. Khyati Shah
4.	Book Club [Reading/ Review]	Dr. Rashmi Mehta
5.	Moot Court	Mrs. Kanchan Samtani, Mr. Divya Tyagi
6.	Sabarmati Jail Project [Legal Aid and Literacy]	Dr. Krishna Pal Malik & Mr. Rohit Moonka
7.	Legal Aid Clinic	Mr. Devang Chhatrapati, Ms. Sunita Sharma Dr. Tarkesh Molia
8.	E-Journal	Mr. Rhishikesh Dave
9.	Movie Club	Mr. Nitesh Chaudhary
10.	Cultural Events	Mrs. Khyati Shah
11.	Sports	Mr. Anand Kumar Shinde
12.	Debate	Mrs. Parna Mukherjee, Ms Susmita Chakraborty
13.	Literary Activities	Dr. Rashmi Mehta
14.	Media Coordinator	Dr. Monica Rao
15.	SHIFT [Faculty Development Programme]	Mr. Nitesh Chaudhary
16.	Students' Welfare	Mr. Ravi Saxena, Mrs. Khyati Shah, Mr. Anand Kumar Shinde
17.	Nirma University Law Journal	Mr. Arun Prasad, Ms. Rupa Pathakjee, Mr. Rhishikesh Dave
18.	National Seminar	Dr. Monica Rao, Mr. Arun Prasad
19.	Foundation Day	Ms. Rupa Pathakjee, Mr. Ravi Saxena
20.	Annual Public Lecture	Mrs. Parna Mukherjee
21.	Placement	Mr Rhishikesh Dave, Mrs Parna Mukherjee, Ms Bindiya Soni, Dr Krishna Pal Malik, Ms. Nandani Sinha, Mr. Rohit Moonka



Forth Coming Events

1. 4th Annual Public Lecture of Institute's Annual Public Lecture Series-2011 on 23rd July, 2011. Advocate Gopal Subramaniam former Solicitor General of India will be delivering the Key Note address on "Indian Constitution: Recent Developments and Challenges Ahead."
2. Foundation day celebration on 18th August, 2011
3. Students Conference on International Humanitarian Law in the second week of September 2011.

Induction Training Programme for newly recruited Faculties

Nirma University had organized two weeks faculty Induction training/orientation program from 20th June to 2nd July, 2011. The programme was attended by Mr. Anandkumar R Shindhe, Mr. Rohit Moonka, Mrs. Kanchan Samtani and Ms. Sunita Sharma. The programme was meant to update the faculties with latest development in Educational field and equip them with better teaching skills. During the programme discussions were carried out on Importance of Pedagogy; Emotional Intelligence; Lateral Thinking; Academic and non academic counseling, use of ICT in teaching learning process; etc.

New Joiners

Institute of Law take the pleasure of welcoming the following new members to its team.

1. Mr Haresh Kothari
2. Ms Khyati Shah
3. Ms Sunita Sharma
4. Mr Devang Chhtrapati
5. Dr N Bangkim Singh
6. Ms Susmita Chakraborty
7. Dr Ritesh Patel
8. Mr Divya Tyagi
9. Dr. Tarkesh Molia
10. Dr Atul Bhatt



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