

# SCHOOL OF LAW NEWSLETTER

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## *From the desk of the Dean.....*

It gives me immense pleasure to bring to you this edition of the School of Law Newsletter.

It has been an eventful year with lots of enthusiasm and activities around. School of Law had the privilege of having renowned personalities grace various events and guide our students. New pedagogic tools with focus on participatory learning were employed to make learning more students centric. We adopted 6 villages and conducted legal aid camps there. We bring to you this newsletter and I hope it will be a pleasurable experience to skim through it.

*Best Wishes*





## Guests at SLCU

Legal luminaries and eminent personalities from all walks of life share their experiences and thoughts thereby nurturing holistic development

**Shashi Tharoor**, Member of Parliament, Thiruvananthapuram constituency, Kerala and a well-known Author. His speech on 'The Law and the Idea of India' traced the interaction between law and the Indian society during the Vedic times. Democracy is our rich legacy rooted in the idea of Dharma, and connected to the idea of Rule of Law. It is the responsibility

of the law to preserve the diversity and democratic institutions to work together to promote the idea of India, which is truly democratic in form and substance.

**Dr. Lobsang Sangay**, is Sikyong of the Central Tibetan Administration. He is a renowned scholar and a thought leader on Human Rights law. He spoke on the relationship of faith and trust

that India and Tibet enjoy and how this relationship can be nurtured and carried forward.

**Justice Markandey Katju**, former Chairman Press Council of India and former Judge, Supreme Court of India held a series of lecture on Constitution, Jurisprudence and Mimansa Principles of Interpretation in the week following 13th

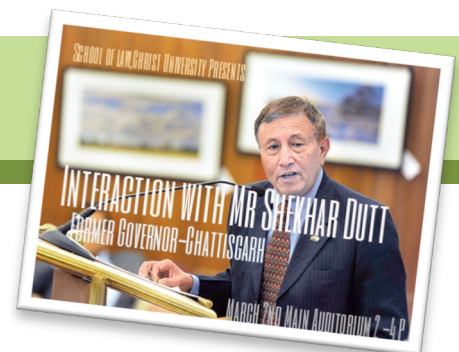
*The only source of knowledge is experience.*

September 2015. He spoke about how the Mimansa principles of interpretation were comprehensive enough cover every aspect of the modern rules of interpretation.

**Indira Jaising**, a noted lawyer and author addressed the

students on promoting human right causes and feminism.

**Shekhar Dutt**, former Governor of Chhattisgarh and Secretary to the Ministry of Defense made an insightful speech on National Security and Geo Politics.



**Prof. Cynthia Coleman** and her colleagues from Vanderbilt Law School interacted with the students of School of Law.



# Holistic Development

Christ University is a nurturing ground for an individual's holistic development to make effective contribution to the society in a dynamic environment.



Keeping up with our Policy on Quality Standards of fostering holistic development, we at School of Law organize various academic and extra curricular activities. A few of such activities are highlighted here.

The Human Rights Committee organized a lecture by Ms Darshana Mitra, Advocate at the Alternative Law Forum on 'Human Rights Lawyering in India: Prospects and Challenges.

An expert talk on 'Indian Cinema and Human Rights was widely appreciated. Ms Ashita Bali, Faculty, Media Studies, delivered the talk.

'Human Rights Week' was observed from 7 to 12 December 2015 in deference

to 10 December 2015, the International Human Rights Day. To sensitize students, movies were screened, street plays as well as oath taking ceremony was held.

Ms. Aparna Ravi, Senior Researcher, Centre for Law and Policy Research, spoke on "The Role of the Judiciary in the Public Policy Making: A Comparison between India and United Kingdom Judicial Systems."

'Free Speech Week' was celebrated from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Apart from debate on the theme the students interacted with Justice Michael Saldanah, Mr Aditya Sondhi, at his talk on Digital Surveillance in India and its impact on free speech, Mr Dhyan Chinappa on Contempt of Court Act and its Impact on Free Speech, Mr Apar Gupta, Mr Akar Patel and Mr Eashan Ghosh.

True learning happens when books and friends, writing and understanding intermingle in a

rich soup of participation. The seminar on contemporary issues saw the sincere participation of students in presenting to their



peers contemporary cases in various subjects.



A variety of pedagogic tools are employed to make teaching learning interactive and interesting.





Client counseling sessions, simulate an environment that is invisibly structured, that artificially places demands on affective resources bringing in an unequal power equation. Such an environment is a great pedagogic aid to learning how to serve clients, so that they receive valuable inputs and professional standard of care.

Rainmaker Workshops and tests prepare students to take external exams.

Other guests invited for interaction with students include Mr Jamie Maslen, Mr



Dharmesh Mahnot, Mr Neelesh Banthia, Mr Siddarth Raja and Mr. Zarir Bharucha.

Theatre serves as a great medium of expression and helps groom personality and instill confidence. Keeping up with the trend of producing one theatre every year, this year School of Law launched its mega production of the Shakespearean drama 'King Lear'. Many street plays are also performed bringing out social evils for the students of other departments of Christ University.

To promote research, student teacher collaborative research paper has been initiated. Among others the faculty and students have



also published their research work and have presented papers at conferences. As a part of their curriculum students have undertaken data collection, tabulation and data analysis.

Court visits, industrial visits, prison visits and visits to the lawyer's chambers help in merging theoretical learning with the practical aspects. Making videos is fun and when one gets to act in it, its even more interesting. Students make educative videos on the company that is assigned to them. They also make videos on the spread of legal awareness with respect to Right to Information, Consumer Welfare and Rights etc.

## PUZZLED????????



- A V Dicey gave this theory
- Supreme Law
- Guilty mind
- Theory of Distributive Justice
- Author of 'Idea of Justice'
- Article 20 (1) deals with it
- Testamentary Succession
- Of a temporary nature
- To the same thing
- From the rate



For all correct answers  
you deserve a **TROPHY!!!**





If the law is on your side, pound on the law, if the facts are on your side, pound on the fact, if neither is on your side, pound on the table!!!



Doubt is the incentive to truth and inquiry leads the way

## 6<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The SLCU 6<sup>th</sup> National Moot Court Competition, 2015 was held between 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2015. 58 teams from across India participated in the event. The inaugural ceremony and the valedictory ceremony was graced by distinguished luminaries like Justice Ruma Pal, Justice Markandeya Katju, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mr Justice A.S. Bopanna, Judge, High Court of Karnataka; Mr Sharad S. Javli, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Mr Krishna S. Dixit, Asst. Solicitor General of India; Dr. C.S. Patil, Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka State Law University, Hubli and Professor V.S. Mallar NLSIU, Bengaluru.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

This year the theme of the conference was 'Affirmative Action and the Indian Constitution'. With 232 participants the conference saw concurrent sessions being held with extensive discussions that was an intellectually stimulating experience for all. Noted guests for the event were Smt. Indira Jaising, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Former Additional

# Major Events

Solicitor General of India, Mr. Brijesh Kalappa, Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Former Advocate General of Haryana and Dr. Nanda Kishore, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India.

## SLCUMUN 2016

The fourth edition of the School of Law, Christ University International Model United Nations Conference was held between 14th and 16th of January 2016 in collaboration with the United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan. It witnessed a participation of 350 students from India and abroad. Dr Joanne Katz and Prof. David Tushaus, Professor, Missouri State Western University, United States of America and Danish Sheikh, Alternative Law Forum, Bengaluru were the guests on the occasion.

## 57<sup>TH</sup> PHILLIP C JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT INDIA QUALIFYING ROUNDS

57th Phillip C Jessup International Moot Court India Rounds, 2016 was held in association with Surana and Surana on January 29-31, 2016. 24 teams from across



country participated in the event. Former Chief Justice of India, S Rajendra Babu was the Chief Guest for the Inaugural ceremony. The guests for the Valedictory ceremony were Dr Shashi Tharoor, Hon'ble Mr Justice A V Chandrashekhara, Judge High Court of Karnataka, Prabhuling Navadgi, Additional Solicitor General, Mr Krishna Dixit, Assistant Solicitor General of India, Prof. S K Verma, Executive Council Member, ISIL, Dayanand Murthi, Registrar, Damodharam Sanjivayya National Law University, Vizag, Ashok Nijaganavar, District Judge and Member Secretary of Karnataka State Legal Services Authority.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> NATIONAL ADR COMPETITION

School of Law Christ University's first National ADR Competition conducted from February 11th – 13th 2016 saw participation of 46 teams. The event was graced

among others by Hiro Aragaki, Associate Professor, Loyola School of Law, Los Angeles, Jay Folberg, Professor Emeritus and former Dean at the University of San Francisco School of Law, Laila Ollapally, Advocate, Mediator and Founder CAMP, Hon'ble Rebecca Westerfield (Retd.) Mediator, JAMS International and Victor Schachter, Director, FSRI and Partner Fenwick & West LLP and Hon'ble Justice Anand Byrareddy,

#### 1<sup>st</sup> NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY AND JUDGEMENT WRITING COMPETITION

School of Law, Christ University hosted the 1st National Trial Advocacy and Judgement Writing Competition, 2016 from the 19th to 21st of February, 2016. Justice Rama Jois judged the final rounds. 22 teams participated.

#### LEGAL AID

Keeping service learning in

mind and our mission to create and proactively generate indepth legal knowledge in the student community so that they can transfer their acquired knowledge to the larger benefit of the society, the efforts of the Legal Aid Committee materialized into a MoU with the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority. Pursuant to which 6 villages were adopted, namely Tattakere, Ravugodlu, Muthuru, Maradevanahalli, Kuridhoddi and Bannahalli. Students visited these villages, conduct preliminary survey to identify the problems of villagers, conduct rally informing villagers of their rights, perform small skits and conduct a formal programme guiding the villagers with their problems. Legal literacy awareness programmes on Right to Information, Motor Vehicles Act, and Consumer Rights are carried out at Christ PU College as well.





## Achievements

Student Achievers	Event	Award
Vikhyat Oberoi, Bhagirath Ashiya, Abhishek Patil Medha Ghatge	'The National Law School Arbitration Moot', NLSIU Bangalore	Best Memorial Award
Pallavi Daryani Sushmita R	All India Moot Court Competition hosted by Institute of Company Secretaries of India	Winners Best Speaker and awarded Second Best Corporate Lawyer.
Prashanth Nadaraj, Gaurav Ramakrishna, Anwesha Dutta	Surana and Surana International Technology IP Moot	3rd Best team, Spirit of Surana Award
Mahamaya Chatterjee, Abhishek Murthy, Aswin Kumar, Darshana Gupta	11th Surana Trial Advocacy Moot Court Competition, NUALS, Kochi	4th Best Memorial award, best speaker and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Best Advocate Award
Bhagirath, Sangeetha Vikhyat Oberoi	GNLU Securities Law Moot Court Competition.	Winners
Devesh Saxena Sheetal S	3rd annual Adv. B. P. Apte Memorial Mock Trial and Judgment Writing Competition	Winners
Vineetha Stephen, Tanvi Pillai, Megha Nambiar	School of Law, Sastra University's, Tarka Sastra National Moot Court Competition 2015	Runners Up
Kalrav Mehrotra Shruthi Rao, Krutika Khare	IMS Unison University 3rd National Moot Court competition 2015.	Runners Up Best Memorial Award.
Shashank Atreya, Samyuktha Patil Sachin Chandrasasa	22nd M.C Chagla Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2015	Runners Up
Madhav Kashyap, Marsha Goveas Spruha Kulhalli, Neeraj Sastry	Pravin Gandhi's 6th Nyayavalokan Trial Advocacy and Judgment Writing Competition	Runners Up
Satyam Rathore Krutika Khare	North Cap University's Client Counseling Competition, Gurgaon	Runners Up
Sonal Bhargava, Amit Maurya Ronit Lal Sarangi	4 <sup>th</sup> NLIU-INADR International Mediation Tournament, Bhopal	3rd Best Advocate Client Team 4th Best Mediation Team 2nd Best Mediator 10th Best Client Counsel Pair
Mayur Bhanuhas	National Shooting Championship	Gold Medal
Mohit BM, Sajal Awasthi Mallikarjun Khare	3rd All India Law School Meet, Bhubaneswar, Orissa	Runners Up Best Speaker
Kruthika.R, Rashmi, Ramesh and Aditya Mitra	Eighth Justice Hidayatullah Memorial National Moot Court Competition, Raipur	Winners
Aashima Panikar, Paramita Banerjee, Rouble Sorkkar	4th RMLNLU- SCC Online International Media Law Moot Court Competition	Runners Best Speaker

Aishwarya Todalbagi, Shashir Ramnath	Adv Ramjethmalani National Client Counseling Competition, SLS, Pune	Winners
Anirudh R S, Harshith Balakrishna	Adv Ramjethmalani Legal Quiz	Winners
SanjanaRao, Tejas Shetty, Surya Kiran	IILS, Siliguri's SAARC Moot Court, Siliguri	Winners
Sushmitha Ravi Kushal Rohira Megha Nambiar	Adv Ramjethmalani National Arbitration Moot Competition, Pune	Winners Best Speaker
Akanksha Maria Paul, Aarthi S Manjari Rammohan	Alliance National Moot Court Competition	Best Memorial Award Best Student Advocate
Arjun Ajay, Nidhi Patil Yasha Banthia	2nd Dhawani Manocha Memorial Moot Court Competition, Punjab	Runners Up
Amit Maurya, Sonal Bhargava Vyshak PN	1st VITSOL Moot Court Competition on International Law	Winners Best Memorial award
Aiyshwarya Mahadev Ajay Kadkol , Parinita Kare , Andrew Chakraborty, Gaurav Majumdar, Neelapravo Dasgupta, Abhay Simha	Mount Carmel College Model United Nations Conference	Best Delegation
Abraham Abel, Tawonga E Dowa, AbhishekAnand, Sadhak Sharma, Rahul Thomas, Varun Sabharwal, Gaurav Majumdar, Sarthak Roy, Neelapravo Dasgupta and Ajay Kadkol	CUFEMUN	Best Delegation

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