



SCHOOL OF LAW

Orientation Ceremony

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Welcoming Batch of B.A.,LL.B and B.B.A.,LL.B --2019-24

NMIMS Global Campus,

Kharghar,

Navi Mumbai.

About SCHOOL OF LAW:

The study of law today has become vital as India's socio-political and economic transactions with the world increases day by day. The policies and laws of the nation are aligning itself with the global order as India is signatory to many international treaties. Hence legal professionals have an important role to play in attempting a comprehensive understanding of such scenarios and solving emerging issues that may cripple any transaction.

India is faced with bewildering variety of laws at local, state and national levels. Legal quagmires occur when old and new laws intersect. Professionals from the field of law need to overcome such legal deadlocks by discerning the situation and arriving at possible solutions.

SVKM's NMIMS Navi Mumbai aims to define the 21st Century Technological, Management and Organizational Research breakthroughs and provide an education which incorporates the best global academic practices. Our endeavour is to nurture and develop high-calibre global citizens who add new dimensions to thought leadership.

Our belief is that learning is most rewarding, when knowledge and expertise is shared across disciplines and backgrounds. We inspire creativity and diversity as this provides a cutting-edge advantage to professional education and this is manifested in the composition of the student body of SVKM's NMIMS Navi Mumbai.

The School of Law (SOL) of SVKM's NMIMS, NAVI MUMBAI (Deemed-to-be-University) approved by the Bar Council of India aims to provide quality legal education in order to meet the aforementioned challenges. We at School of Law inculcate and nourish all the professional virtues in a well-calculated and planned manner, without undermining the societal values. The academics and support mechanism in School of Law is to facilitate all the determined students to give their best so as to be the 'Best' when it comes to application of theory in practice. The legal skills built by SOL during the 5 years period should enrich a student to convert challenges into 'benchmark' in the legal world and withstand economic, social, political and judicial scrutiny.

The School of Law, thus, conducted a week-long Orientation/Induction Program for the new batch i.e. batch of 2019-24. The program included general introduction to the University and campus, guest lectures, interaction between seniors and the juniors, etc. the details of which follow.

Day 1 (general introduction to the NMIMS Navi Mumbai campus):

The first day, 22/07/19, Monday: started with a speech by Mrs. Anupriya Sharma, the Asst. Registrar, as she welcomed the students, and briefed them about the rules and regulations of the University and hostel facilities, and the working and parameters of the General Administration. This included an overview of the information found in the Student Resource Book (S.R.B.), our infrastructural facilities like the library, music and sports rooms, the 6 computer labs, and lastly, the dress code and attendance regulations.



The next session was conducted by the Associate Dean of SoL, Prof(Dr) Saurabh Chaturvedi, who reassured the students that he would be approachable for all sorts of queries and would guide the students through any kind of difficulties, academic or Para-academic.

The faculty-in-charge, Mrs. Manisha Band welcomed the students and emphasized that their experience at NMIMS would be fruitful if they work in symbiosis with the faculty.



Further, Mrs. Aparna Sant briefed the students of the developments that have taken place at the Campus over the past two years, the Student-Collegiate Grievance Departments, timings of the general physician and counsellor. She also spoke about the various ways that the college experience would help with the students` holistic development via the various fests like Tvaran.



The students were then directed for a Campus visit by the second-year student volunteers, headed by Mr. Hitesh Gunjal, the course coordinator for SoL. The students then broke for lunch at the campus cafeteria.



Post-lunch, the students resumed the day with an information session by library faculty, Mrs. Amruta Kashelkar, about the services provided by our library like the legal databases, and other e-books and journals.



At the end of Day 1, the members of the Student Council, along with the SoL representatives, Student Council President Priyesh Joshi and V.P. Vidhi Dua, informed the students of the 5 clubs of the Student Council; MUN Club, Moot Court Club, Alternate Dispute Resolution Club, Debate Club, and the Centre of Excellence, along with a briefing by the P.R. and Placement Committees.

The various department Heads explained the purpose and functioning of the respective Clubs and Committees.



Day 2(Inauguration ceremony by honourable Mr. Justice A.P. Bhangale):



23/07/2019, Tuesday: It was a sunny morning of Mumbai monsoons where all the second-year law students of NMIMS, Navi Mumbai i.e. batch of 2018-2023 were on their toes to welcome the juniors i.e. the batch of 2019-24. The program commenced at 11 am with the introduction of the batch of 2019-24 and it was observed that there was a mix in culture of the batch of 2019-24 as a lot of them hailed from Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, along with several students from Mumbai.



As the ceremony proceeded, the chief guest, Hon`ble Mr Justice A.P. Bhangale (retd. High Court, Bombay) who is currently the Chairperson of Maharashtra State Consumer Redressal Forum was welcomed by the Campus Director, Prof (Dr) P.N. Mukherjee and the Associate Dean of SoL Prof(Dr) Saurabh Chaturvedi.



Before starting the session, the dignitaries lit the lamp and inaugurated the ceremony which was followed by the NMIMS anthem.





The Director, Prof. (Dr)P.N. Mukherjee, then introduced the students to the chief guest Hon`ble Mr Justice A.P. Bhangale. The Director also highlighted the opportunities and consequences of choosing the field of law. Sir emphasized that “law is the ocean of knowledge”. Sir advised all the students to study the various law journals and books provided by the library which would prove to be extremely helpful in all academic endeavours.



After the Director, Prof(Dr) Alok Mishra, the Dean of School of Law of NMIMS introduced the students about the facilities in the School of Law and encouraged the students to make full use of it

Following this Hon`ble Mr Justice A.P. Bhangale was invited to the podium. Hon`ble Justice started by describing his first case, which was about Section 302 of the IPC, against the Dawood Ibrahim gang. Sir thus, guided the law students by stating “You should always start from the facts of the case”. Sir also said that “a judge cannot shift his responsibility to the investigating officer”. Sir said that the accused were acquitted and by their acquittal, he was not able to sleep for 8 nights. He wondered why and how there was no justice with the persons who were responsible for killing people in broad daylight, they were acquitted due to inefficiency of the prosecution. Along with this case Sir mentioned some more cases which had a deep impact on his life.



Further, Sir shared his valuable experience at the State Consumer Forum. Sir also shared, with the students, his dream that in every taluka of Maharashtra, there should exist an independent building of Consumer Forum. Sir highlighted how arduous the task may be, but it will help in increasing the awareness of Consumer protection laws amongst the public and administration. Sir said that the Consumer Protection Act is over 30 years old, so laws have to be amended, even though the Parliament of India has been taking steps to actually make the laws flexible with the changing society.



Sir pointed out that people with property or goods above INR 1 Crore with any defect in the goods or services, they have to go to Delhi to file the suit because suits concerning amounts equal to or more than INR 1 Crore have to be filed in the National Forum. State Forums do not have the authority, which means that the apex policy-makers are now thinking to extend this INR 1 Crore to INR 10 Crores under the State authority so that the consumer benefits by filing the case in the State Forum.

The Honourable Justice also threw light on 'general' and 'specific' laws which come under the purview of the Judiciary in India. Sir iterated that the Government and the Judiciary parallelly, from time to time, reduce the cost of legal proceedings in the Consumer Courts and stated that law

is amended with time. Sir advised the students to participate in as many Moot Court competitions so they can understand the importance of practical knowledge within a courtroom.

Further, Prof (Dr) K.Nandy, an SoL faculty for management, and a motivational speaker, took the podium and briefed the students on how good communication skills help in getting an edge over others in any field, whether it is the courtroom, a private chamber, or in a big Multinational company. The vote of thanks was given by Prof (Dr) Saurabh Chaturvedi, the Associate Dean of the School of Law, NMIMS, Navi Mumbai and with this, the third

day drew to an end.



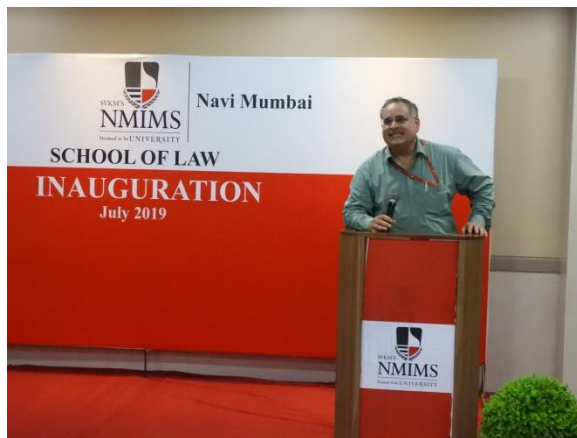
(The Student Council and Organising Committee with Dignitaries)



Day 3(Introduction to the School of Law) :

24 /07/2019, Wednesday : There was a brief session by Associate Dean of the SOL, Prof (Dr). Saurabh Chaturvedi and faculty of management i.e. Prof (Dr). Nandy to the new batch.

Prof(Dr) Saurabh Chaturvedi shared his experience in the fields he had worked till date , starting with his experience with the judiciary and its importance in our day to day life , he shared that more than 50 students of his are today judicial magistrates and it's a booming field in law. Sir iterated that the role of judicial magistrate is powerful enough to make influential politicians stand in front of him to seek bail.



Prof (Dr) Chaturvedi guided the students that students would be passing through journals about judgments that are wrong or unannounced. Here, at NMIMS you would be made to think again about various judgments of that kind.

Professor continued by giving a brief on matrimonial laws relating to women and the effectiveness of dowry laws in India by citing cases from different cultures.

Professor conveyed the importance of law with relation to one's bright future across the globe. Whether it is corporate or litigation or UN flagship programs or policy making in India, law is a field which has its implications everywhere.

Since the students were keen to know about the Uniform Civil Code, Prof (Dr.) Chaturvedi obliged at once and explained the pros and cons of the Uniform Civil Code and why it has been kept as Directive Principles of State Policy under the Indian Constitution.

Prof (Dr.) Chaturvedi said like judgments vary from judge to judge, even democracies vary from country to country whether it is India or USA or Ethiopia, where there is only one person in the opposition to face and remind the responsibilities to the Government. Sir also emphasized on the role of opposition in a democracy.

Sir also described that how the Indian constitution is helped by different countries to get a sense of security for the people living in INDIA, he also described that even today the western and the English laws are being helpful when we've got data privacy issues and many more

Sir finally assured the new batch here of the 5 years program in NMIMS that after 3 years of education students would be made clear about their choice of subjects: criminal, corporate, constitutional or international law for future studies. Sir said that students would be provided with every resource helpful for them in the future by means of resource portal.



The podium was taken over by Prof (Dr). Nandy who had an interactive session with the students based on contents of his book 'How to be a habitual winner' and take motivation when you are in the stage of life where depression is the key factor destroying a student's performance.

Sir suggested that students should not only read it, But, gain in depth knowledge as it will not only enhance their capacity, but will allow them to think practically in life. Sir told that circumstances would come where students might have to defend people

like Kasab, which would come with social ostracization. But, in-depth knowledge into that subject will only help win the case and take precedence over all .



Prof(Dr) Nandy shared a snippet of his professional life from 1991, the year globalisation initiatives were started in India. At the time, Prof (Dr) Nandy worked for the Reserve Bank of India. He was a part of the delegation and was waiting at Singapore airport to catch a flight to India along with Dr. Manmohan Singh Prof (Dr) Nandy got a chance to talk to Dr. Manmohan Singh about how Indians would react to the LPG scheme (liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation) to which Dr. Manmohan Singh answered "We Indians have been pushed to the river of globalisation in which we don't know how to swim but I have so much faith on my people that they will not only swim over this distress but will rule it, as Indians are born to rule". Dr.Nandy believes that he (Dr. Manmohan Singh) was right about what he said that day , and today if we look at

Indians , we are ruling whether it's the post of Google CEO or United Kingdom's ministerial post , Indians are dominating and conquering everywhere.

Prof (Dr.) Nandy ended his session with the message “dream big and chase that dream with patience”..

Assistant Prof. Manisha Band conveyed the vote of thanks and concluded the third day of orientation.



Day 4(Introduction To Para-Academic Activities – Yoga Exercise , Debate And Film On Contemporary Issues) :

The fourth day,25/07/19, Thursday: of the orientation was a session on yoga by Mrs. Suniti Patnaik which focused on helping students harmonize all aspects of their life including the physical and mental elements of one's life. She explained how it covers all aspects of life and elaborated on the vastness of the subject and explained how yoga was a gift to world by the largest democracy in the world i.e. India



The students were also made to do breathing exercises along with some other yoga exercises which help in increasing alertness in a student's mind.



In the second half there was a debate competition conducted on 'Social Media : Boon or Bane'. The students were broken into 10 groups of 6 each . The students put forth compelling and convincing arguments. Two best speakers of the day were felicitated by the Debate club





Day 5(introduction with industry expert Mr. Abhijeet Tople):

26/07/2019, Friday: It was the final day of the orientation ceremony for the new batch. The Chief Guest, Advocate Abhijeet Tople, Dy. General manager, legal regulatory and compliance, Reliance Jio, has industry experience of nineteen years.



Sir pointed out that students must visit corporate environments to understand the practical application of their theoretical knowledge. Sir further said that a law student should not hesitate to join any advocate who is of the Session Court or any Lower Court. This would help them learn and understand the practical usage of local laws.

Adv.Tople said that for every law student it is important to read books, legal news and newspapers like The Economic Times. This is because it will not only give you the knowledge of one's surroundings but also keeps a human being and his mind young.

Sir continued by saying that a good lawyer must have his/her Knowledge at his fingertips .Since he/she can be asked for his/her opinion in any situation, whether its day or its night , Sir emphasized on the importance of the five years of the undergraduate degree, and how these years will help the students in shaping their future career prospects and field of expertise Sir shared his personal experience as a ninth standard student who used to approach multiple sources to understand their opinions on product , schemes and so on





Sir pointed out the realistic environment of the legal fraternity, and how their extent of knowledge and experience may vary. On the same note, Sir wished all the students good luck and encouraged them to put in their hard work and dedication in all their future endeavours and ended his eloquent session.



Day 6(Conclusion of Program with Cultural Activities):

The day began with Student Council Vice President Vidhi Dua addressing and welcoming the students to the cultural induction session.



The session kicked off by a drum solo and musical performance by second year students. On the same note, first year students joined in with singing solos, a drama performance, stand-up comedy performances, poetry recitation and dance performances. The orientation week ended on an interactive note when all students broke into dance and music.

The names of members of Publication Committee are as follows:

- Jayantika Sethi (2nd year law student)
- Ananya Mathew(2nd year law student)
- Adrija Datta(2nd year law student)
- Anmol Singh Khanuja(2nd year law student)