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RANKING

Institute of Law, Nirma University ranked fourth in India's Best Private Law Schools by Career 360, January 2020.

EVENT

International Seminar on Global Law Learning

The Institute of Law organised an International Seminar on Global Law Learning on February 11, 2020. The seminar witnessed various foreign academic luminaries including Dr. Stephen Barnes, Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Law, Penn State Law, USA, Prof. Letlhokwa Mpedi, Executive Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg, South Africa; Judge Mel Flanagan, Former Circuit Judge & Adjunct Professor, University of Wisconsin, USA; Prof. Adam Dubin, Professor Faculty of Law, Comillas Pontifical University, Faculty of Law, Comillas Pontifical University Madrid, Spain; and Dr. Venkat Iyer, Professor and Head School of Law, Ulster University, United Kingdom. Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Director, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar also graced the seminar. The esteemed guests highlighted the significance Global Law learning and stressed on the need for collaboration among universities at the International level.



Release of international brochure

EVENTS



Dr. Stephen Barnes addressing the audience



Prof. Lethokwa Mpedi addressing the audience



Prof. Venkat Iyer addressing the audience



Judge Mel Flanagan addressing the audience



Prof. Adam Dubin addressing the audience



Prof. S. Shantakumar addressing the audience





Seminar on Legal 'Education: International Perspective'

The Institute organised a seminar on “Legal Education: International Perspective” on February 19, 2020 wherein various foreign legal dignitaries shared about the education system prevalent in their countries. The seminar was graced by the presence of Dr. Luis G. Franceschi, Senior Director, Governance and Peace, Commonwealth Secretariat, London; Prof. (Dr.) Stephen Thomas Hardy, Professor of Law & Dean, Coventry University Law School, United Kingdom; Dr. Peter Schaefer, Professor, HoF University, Germany; Prof. Dietmar Boerner, Professor and Head, Business and Law Department, HoF University, Germany; Dr. John Winterdyk, Professor of Criminology, Mount Royal University, Vancouver, Canada; and Dr. Ricky Lee, Professor of Law, The University of Notre Dame, Sydney, Australia.



Dignitaries on the dais during the Seminar



Dr. Luis G. Franceschi addressing the audience



Prof. Stephen Hardy addressing the audience



Prof. Peter Schaefer addressing the audience



Prof. Dietmar Boerner addressing the audience



Prof. John Winterdyk addressing the audience



Prof. Ricky Lee addressing the audience

EVENTS

INTERNATIONALISATION @ ILNU

The Institute of Law celebrated February 2020 as International Teaching Month. The program was spread over two weeks, from February 10 – 22, 2020. It witnessed collaboration of professors and thinkers from universities and institutes across the world. It gave students an opportunity to interact and learn from luminaries who are best in their field.

Expert details	Topic	Period
Prof. Adam Dubin, Faculty of Law, University Madrid, Spain	Human Rights	February 10-14, 2020
Prof. Letlhokwa Mpedi, Executive Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg, South Africa	Administrative Law	February 10-14, 2020
Dr. Stephan Barnes, Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Programs, Penn State Law, USA	US Legal System	February 10-12, 2020
Dr. Venkat Iyer, Professor and Head, Ulster University, United Kingdom	International Law	February 10-13, 2020
Judge Mel Flanagan, Former Circuite Judge & Adjunct Professor University of Wisconsin, Sarajevo, USA	US Legal System	February 10-21, 2020
Prof. (Dr.) Stephan Hardy, Professor of Law & Dean, Coventry University Law School, United Kingdom	Comparative Criminal Procedure	February 17-21, 2020
Prof. Dietmar Boerner, HoF University, Germany	Comparative Labour Law	February 17-21, 2020
Prof. Peter Schaefer, Hof University, Germany	European Legal System	February 17-21, 2020
Dr. Ricky Lee, Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame, Sydney, Australia	Space law	February 17-21, 2020
Dr. Luis G. Franceschi, Senior Director of Governance and Peace, Commonwealth Secretariat, London	Comparative Constitution	February 18-21, 2020
Dr. John Winterdyk, Professor of Criminology, Mount Royal University, Vancouver, Canada	Criminology & Comparative Research Methodology	February 18-21, 2020
Mr. Yili Dautraj, Head of Law, DER Juridik, Stockholm	International Commercial Arbitration	February 18-22, 2020



Prof. Adam Dubin



Prof. Letlhokwa Mpedi



Dr. Stephen Barnes

EVENTS



Prof. Venkat Iyer



Judge Mel Flanagan



Prof. Stephen Hardy



Prof. Dietmar Boerner



Prof. Peter Schaefer



Prof. Ricky Lee



Dr. Luis G. Franceschi



Prof. John Winterdyk



Mr. Ylli Dautaj



Prof. Dietmar Boerner with the students



Prof. Peter Schaefer with the students



Judge Mel with the students



Dr. Luis Franceschi with the students

Besides the regular sessions, special seminars were also conducted by some of the professors in their fields of expertise. Prof. Mpedi conducted a seminar on “Posthumously conceived children in South Africa: a socio legal enquiry” on February 14, 2020 and Prof. Louis Franceschi discussed on “Leadership a legacy: a modern lawyer in the 21st century”.

WORKSHOP/RESEARCH CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Workshop on Self-defence techniques

A workshop on self-defence techniques instructed by Judge Mel Flanagan on February 20, 2020 was conducted. It helped the participants to develop confident to assess a dangerous situation and navigate effectively.

Workshop on Police Law and Administration

A one day workshop on Police Law and Administration was conducted at the Institute on February 25, 2020. Dr. Akshat Mehta, Associate Professor in Raksha Shakti University, Department of Police Administration, Ahmedabad, Gujarat conducted the workshop.



Judge Mel teaches Self-defence techniques to the students

RESEARCH CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Inauguration of Centre for Energy Law

The Institute established its Centre for Energy Law, Policy and Strategy. On the occasion a seminar was also conducted on Contemporary Legal Issues of Energy Accessibility, Affordability, Sustainability and Security on February 4, 2020. The event was presided by Prof. (Dr.) Anup K Singh, Director General, Nirma University. The chief guest of the event was Ms. Sunaina Tomar, IAS, and Principal Secretary to Government of Gujarat, Energy and Petrochemical Department. Dr. S. Gangotra, Mr Anil Kumar and Mr Raj Singh Niranjani joined the seminar as speakers.



Dignitaries on dais during the seminar



Ms. Sunaina Tomar addressing the audience

Seminar on Intellectual Property Regime

The Centre for Intellectual Property Rights of Institute of Law, Nirma University conducted a seminar on February 28, 2020. The theme of the seminar was contemporary issues under International Intellectual Property Regime. The speakers of the session were Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Dr. Rajeshkumar Acharya, H. K. Acharya & Company Advocates, Ahmedabad and Ms. Aakanksha Kumar, Assistant Professor, NALSAR, Hyderabad. The sessions involved discussion on varied topics surrounding IP today notably Importance of Branding for Patents, Exhaustion and Parallel Imports of Trademark Goods in the Indian Market, and Public Health and Patent Law under TRIPS.



Dignitaries on dais during seminar

RESEARCH CENTRE ACTIVITIES/DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Lectures under Research Centres

The Centre for Corporate Law Studies in collaboration with Centre for Continuous Education organised a two day lecture series titled: "Capacity Building Program on International Taxation" from March 7-8, 2020. The course was conducted with an objective to provide knowledge about the basic concepts of international taxation, covering income tax, recent debates in global tax policy and Finance Bill 2020. The speakers were Mr. Dhaval Trivedi, Director, International Taxation, K C Mehta & Co. Ahmedabad ; Mr. Kinjesh Thakkar, Head of Direct Tax & Transfer Pricing, Linde Engineering India; and, Dr. Anjani Singh Tomar, Associate Professor of Law, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.



Dr. Anjani Singh Tomar addressing the audience

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Expert details	Topic	Date
Mr. Vikram Raghavan Lead Counsel, World Bank, USA	"Glanville Austin and the making of Indian Constitution"	January 20, 2019
Mr. Ajay Tomar IPS- Special Commissioner of Police, Ahmedabad city	"Police and Security Administration"	February 10, 2020
Prof. (Dr.) N. L. Mitra, Former Vice Chancellor, NLSIU, Bangalore & Former Chancellor, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.	Corporate Finance	March 13, 2020



Mr. Vikram Raghavan



Mr. Ajay Tomar



Prof. N. L. Mitra



GUEST LECTURE / FACULTY CORNER

Expert details	Topic	Date
Dr. M. Afzal Wani, Professor of Law and Dean University School of Law and Legal Studies Guru Gobindsingh Indraprastha University, New Delhi	Research Methodology	January 18, 2020
Mr. Ramanuj Mukherjee Founder and CEO, iPLEaders	How the Legal Profession is Changing? Block Chain and its Role in Legal Research	February 10, 2020



Mr. Ramanuj Mukherjee

FACULTY CORNER

Publication

Prof. Madhuri Parikh: Article on Critique of Environmental Impact Assessment process in India was published in UGC approved, SCOPUS and Hein online indexed journal Environmental Policy and Law, Volume 49 issue 4-5, in January 2020, page no. 252-259 ISSN online 1878-5395

Prof. Madhuri Parikh: Article on The Role of Mediation in Resolving conflicts related to Forest Rights: A Study Jointly written by Dr. Madhuri Parikh and Ms. Kajal Nayak [UG student ILNU] was published as chapter in book titled MEDIATION, of Law Center II of University of Delhi, publisher Satyam Law International.

Paper Presentation

Prof. Neeraj Sharma presented paper on Ensuring Food Security by Promoting Sustainable Agriculture: An Analysis at the International Conference on Green Justice: Contemporary Challenges of Environment and Sustainable Development held on February 29 and March 01, 2020 at GLS, Ahmedabad.

Prof. Swati Mawandiya presented a paper on 'Abatement and legal control of Light Pollution- A comparative study of position in UK, USA and India' at International conference held at GLS law college, Ahmedabad. The conference was on Green justice: Contemporary challenges of Environment and Sustainable Development held from February 28- March 1, 2020.

Dr. Bishwa K. Dash presented a paper titled; "Role of Media in bringing Good Governance in SAARC Region: An Indian Experience" at the colloquium for Fifth Prof. N. R. Madhava

Menon SAARCLAW Mooting Competition, Law Students' Conference & Colloquium 2019-20 held on February 21-24 2020 at Lloyd Law College, Noida.

Prof. Gunjan Arora presented a paper titled "Contractual Consensual Sexual intercourse: An analysis under the Indian Penal Code and Indian Contract Laws" at the Fourth International Conference of South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology, January 30-31, 2020 at Ahmedabad.

Faculty as Resource Person

Prof. Raj Mehta delivered a lecture on 'Consumer Law' at Shri C. M. Patel College of Nursing, Gandhinagar on March 14, 2020.

Dr. Shalini S delivered a keynote address on the topic Research and Publication opportunities in the area of Service Learning at the National Conference on Service Learning, February 28-29, 2020, Christ University, Bangalore.

Prof. Madhuri Parikh chaired the session and delivered invited talk at the State level Conference on "Climate Action and Gandhian Abhigam organised by Ajivan Sikshan and Vistaran Vibhag, Gujarat vidhyapeeth, Department of Higher Education Gujarat and Paryavaran Mitra, NGO at Gujarat Vidhyapeeth on March 12, 2020.

Prof. Madhuri Parikh delivered Expert Invited Talk on February 26, 2020, at International Conference on Ecohealth and Environmental Sustainability held during 24-26 February 2020 at NavRachna University, Vadodara, organised jointly by Navrachana university and University of Calgary of Canada.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES/STUDENT CORNER

NSS Activities

Volunteers of NSS Unit ILNU visited "Gokul Prathmik Shala", an orphanage in Gota, for starting a computer literacy program at the orphanage. This was six-day course, covered in around 4-5 weeks. They taught them about the basics of computers and made them friendly with this subject. Volunteers also had fun activities with them on the topic 'BASICS OF COMPUTER'. The programme aimed to help them in learning a new subject and make them aware of the increasing technology in our country. NSS Unit ILNU also gifted some stationery to them.



NSS Team interact with the inmates of orphanage

Educational Trip to Delhi

The institute organised a four day Educational Trip to Delhi for its LL.M. students. The visit aimed at promoting and enhancing the practical knowledge of law. The students visited the Supreme Court of India, National Human Rights Commission, Rashtrapati Bhavan and Parliament. The students also witnessed the budget session of 2020.



Faculty and Students during Educational Trip

STUDENT CORNER

Publication

The paper written by Mr. Jaiminkumar Joshi, Ph.D. scholar, under the guidance of Dr. Madhuri Parikh, has been published in a book titled "Environmental Justice Through Sustainable Water Resource Management: Issues, Challenges and Solutions" [with ISBN no. 978-81-921285-7-3] as Chapter 16, Chapter name Water Resource Management in India and The Role of National Green Tribunal: A Critical Analysis published by Department of Law, University of North Bengal.

Moot Court Achievements

The team representing at Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, 2020 have won the citation for the second best memorial. The Indian rounds of the competition were held at Amity Law School, Noida from January 30th – February 2nd, 2020. The team comprised of Shalini Mishra, Vanshika Agrawal, Shrishti Mishra, Ashuthosh V and Palak Jain.

The team comprising Paridhi Rastogi, Akshita Totla and Aashna Shah won the citation for Best Memorial in the 18th Surana and Surana Corporate Law National Moot Court Competition, 2020 held from February 7-9, 2020. The team was also adjudged as semi-finalists in the Competition.



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The team comprising Shivanshi Gupta, Paridhi Galundia and Manali Maheshwari have won the citation for best memorial and were also adjudged as semi-finalists at KLA's 29th All India Moot Court Competition held from February 7 - 9, 2020. In addition to this, Shivanshi Gupta was awarded with the citation of the Best Student Advocate and Paridhi Galundia was awarded with the citation of the Second Best Student Advocate.



KLA Moot Team

The team comprising Sakshi Rathore, Agrima Shankar, Ankur Mishra, Anshika Pandey, and Ritika Singh have been adjudged as 3rd Best Team in the National Rounds of the 24th Stetson's International Environmental Moot Court Competition, 2019-20 and have qualified for the World Rounds to be held at Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, Florida in April 2020. The Institute has qualified for the third time in a row for world rounds.



Stetson Moot Team

The team comprising Varada Jhagirdar, Sanjhi Agarwal and Priyanka Bajpai, semester sixth students have won the citation for "Best Memorial" at 5th Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon SAARC Law Mooting competition, 2019-2020. The international rounds of the competition were held at Llyod Law College, Delhi from February 21 - 23, 2020. In addition to this, the team was adjudged as quarter-finalists and Varada Jhagirdar was awarded as "Best Female Advocate" at the competition.



Prof. NR Madhava Menon SAARC Law Mooting Team

Debate

Devashish Trivedi, a fifth year student secured and adjudicator break at the 40th World Universities Debate Championship (WUDC), 2020 at Bangkok, Thailand held from December 27, 2019 – January 3, 2020. WUDC is known as the Mecca of Parliamentary Debating and the competition saw the participation of more than 700 candidates from over 100 countries. The Institute of Law becomes one of the six institutes from India to have secured a break at WUDC.



Devashish Trivedi at WUDC

Subham Borah, a fourth year student was invited as a Core Adjudicator in the Lloyd Law College Asian Parliamentary Debate Tournament, held from February 28th – March 1, 2020. The title of a Core Adjudicator is a highly recognized title in the debating circuit.

The team representing Institute of Law in the Government Law College British Parliamentary Debate Competition qualified as Open Semi-Finalist. The team comprised of Srivaishnavi R and Gaurav Chaplot, both second year students of Institute of Law. The competition was held in Government Law College, Mumbai from February 28 – March 1, 2020. Further, Devashish Trivedi, fifth year student won the title of the Second Best Adjudicator among sixty-five participants.

STUDENT CORNER/PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES

Other Achievements

Aadesh Shinde, a third year student bagged the title of "Best Delegate Award" at Sansad, the National Youth Parliament, held at Jawahar Bhavan, New Delhi. The competition was held from January 18-19, 2020. It witnessed 65 participants from all over the country. The theme was "Curbing fake news through legislative measures while ensuring freedom of speech and role of judiciary".



Aadesh Shinde with Winning trophy

Aadesh Shinde, a sixth semester student of has won "The Times of India Torrent Power Public Speaking Contest" held at Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) on February 26, 2020.



Aadesh Shinde with winners trophy

Ujjawal Bhargav, a third year student has secured first position in National Essay Writing Competition on the theme 'Human Rights as the Principle of Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Indigenous Knowledge'. The competition was organised by IAMR Law College, Ghaziabad.

The team Mission SanghARSH in collaboration with INLAW INC. & SAFE organised a felicitation ceremony of the 2nd National Essay Writing Competition 2019 on March 4, 2020. The Chief Guest of the event was Justice PB Majmudar, Former Judge, High Court of Gujarat. The event was also graced by Mr Asim Pandya, Senior Advocate, High Court of Gujarat ; and Mr. Nagesh Sood, Social Activist & Advocate, High Court of Gujarat.

Sports achievements

The Inter-Institute Tug of War Tournament of Nirma University for the year 2019-20 was hosted by ILNU on 6th March, 2020. The event saw participation from all the institutes of the university in both boys and girls category. ILNU emerged as the winners of the competition in both the boys and girls category.

PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES

Workshop on Contract Drafting

The Campus Recruitment Cell of Institute of Law organised a workshop on contract drafting. The seminar was held on February 25, 2020 by Mr. Abhishek Sinha, founder of NotJustLex. Mr. Sinha explained students about the nuances of drafting of contracts. The session was attended by the students of second and third year.

Session on Blockchain and cryptocurrency technology

Mr. Ramanuj Mukherjee, Founder and CEO, iPleaders conducted a session on Blockchain and cryptocurrency technology and career orientation on February 11, 2020.



Mr. Abhishek Sinha addressing the students

