

PRESS REPORT
DEEKSHARAMBH
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Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of **Symbiosis International University** organized **Deeksharambh** Induction Program on **16th July, 2024** for the students of **BA/ BBA. LL.B.** (batch 2024-2029), **First year LLB** and **LLM** at **Symbiosis Ishanya Bhavan Auditorium** commencing **10:30 A.M. IST** onwards.

The event began with the lighting of the lamp by **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). Prof. Ananya Sharma, Assistant Professor, SLS** welcomed Prof. (Dr.) Gurpur by introducing her illustrious background and acknowledging the presence of faculty in-charges of the upcoming batches.

Prof. (Dr.) Gurpur began the welcome address by explicating the meaning of “Deeksharambh” and the institution’s commitment to achieve every facet of the meaning. She expounded on the goal of the institution of turning its students into well-developed legal professionals for their public and professional life. She reinforced her argument on professionalism by presenting videos featuring the late Adv. Ram Jethmalani and Adv. Abhishek Singhvi, who emphasized the importance of aspiring to be architects rather than mere masons in the legal profession. She further traced the history and major milestones achieved by SLS Pune since 2008.

Prof. (Dr.) Gurpur highlighting the vision and the motto of “*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*” of Symbiosis, emphasized the belief in integrated learning for a holistic development of students, both in academic and extracurricular spheres, including research and mooted skills in SLS, Pune along with the excellence it has achieved in placements, and stellar features such as the SCALSAR and other cells of the Student Advisory Board.

Prof. (Dr.) Gurpur introduced the leadership of the Student Advisory Board (SAB) to the incoming batch constituting **Mr. Jason Srestha Shetty, President (2024-25), Ms. Yugakshi Khodke, Vice-President (2024-25), Ms. Niharika Puri, Vice President (2024-25) and Mr. Viraj Singh Katoch, Vice president (2024-25)** along with **Mr. Sheersh Dodhi, Advisor (2024-25)** and other cabinet members.

An exhilarating quiz was hosted by the Quiz Club in collaboration with the Parliamentary Debate and Mock Parliament Association (PDMPA) of Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

The Yoga Orientation focused on the theme of '*Initiation into enhancing the Power of Mind*' by **Mr. Prashant Pandey**. He elucidated upon the art of practising mindfulness and introspection. Further, **Dr. Atmaram Shelke, Associate Professor, SLS, Pune** informed the students of the anti-ragging laws in India and reaffirmed the 'no-tolerance policy' of the institution.

Dr. Rahul Bagale, SCEW, SIU conducted a workshop on 'Forging lasting friendship and creating a coping mechanism.' and highlighted the importance of an accepted code of conduct at the institution.

Mr Ravi Kumar, CEO udChalo shared his entrepreneurship journey by traversing through his years in the law school. He emphasized the importance of network building to achieve the pinnacle of success in the legal career. **Mr Rahul Kothari, Co-founder of Squarely Legal** delivered his address virtually and advised the students to remain inquisitive and diversify their skills. **Mr. Advait Tambe M.Phil candidate under the guidance of Prof Nicholas Bamforth, University of Oxford** explained the importance of strong academics for securing good placements and advised the upcoming batches to focus on assignments and exams to develop high legal caliber. He urged the students to respect the faculty members, to be attentive in classes.

Col. Sihorkar, Campus Administrator, Symbiosis Viman Nagar New Campus elucidated the campus issues and explained the layout of the campus and the hostel amenities.

The event drew close with the vote of thanks, delivered by **Dr. Aparajita Mohanty, Deputy Director, Academics, SLS-P.**



Lighting of the Lamp by Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur and the dignitaries on the dais.



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