



SHRI DHARMASTHALA MANJUNATHESHWARA LAW COLLEGE
CENTRE FOR POST GRADUATE STUDIES & RESEARCH IN LAW
Mangaluru – 575003

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Shree Kshetra Dharmasthala



One of Karnataka's most renowned landmarks of piety and devotion, Sri Manjunatheshwara Temple of Dharmasthala is thronged by thousands of pilgrims every day. This famed centre of charity and divine justice, where every devotee partakes of generous hospitality irrespective of caste or creed distinctions, has grown into legendary proportions because of its multifarious socio-economic programs. The temple town nestles amidst picturesque Western Ghats, beside River Nethravathi in Belthangady Taluk and is within easy accessibility of Mangalore and Udupi. Sri Manjunatheshwara Temple is devoted to Shiva and houses a lingam of gold. The temple is unusual, that it is run by a Jain administration and poojas are conducted by Madhva priests.

Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade, Dharmadhikari of Shree Kshetra Dharmasthala, is a man of outstanding credentials. He heads a religious institution that draws millions of devotees from all over the country. However, his activities are not confined to a single field of achievement. A titan in the fields of social service and education, Dr. Heggade has been instrumental in uplifting the educational standards throughout Karnataka. As the President of SDM Educational Society, he has been phenomenally successful in leading more than 40 institutions. What motivates Dr. Heggade is the rich tradition of our country in holding the spirit of enlightenment high. We have a reputation for providing the light of knowledge to the world for thousands of years. And that tradition, thankfully still guides us as we progress rapidly in various spheres of excellence in education. Quality with a spirit of service guides all educational endeavours of SDM Educational Society.



Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade being honoured with **Padma Vibhushan** by the Honourable President of India



Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade with the Honourable Prime Minister of India

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“Dharmo Rakshathi Rakshitha”

Established in 1974, SDM Law college has set a bench mark for quality legal education in southern India. The objective of the institution is focused on imparting legal education to all sects of the society. The institution was built on a strong foundation and has maintained its reputation as a fine institution for legal education over a period of time.



Initially the college was affiliated to the University of Mysore and functioned under the leadership of an eminent lawyer Prof. N J Kadamba, who had a passionate commitment to education. During his tenure, the institution grew and this is revealed in its alumni. The alumni have done the nation proud with their erudition and services.

The college offered 3 year LL.B Programme during its inception. After shifting to Mangalore University, the college was the first institution to start 5 Year LL.B Course in India. New Courses and other innovations have added to the substantial growth of the college. This led to a series of far-reaching curricular changes including enrolment growth to the highest level. The LL.M programme in business and trade laws was subsequently introduced.

The college is currently affiliated to Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi which streamlines legal education in the State. Many elements of distinctive curricular programme also continue today. The traditional semester system is in progress, giving ample scope for extracurricular activities and internship programmes.

The college has been accredited by NAAC with B++ grade with CGPA 2.9 in 2019. Many agencies who conduct survey of educational institutions have ranked us in prominent positions.

- Fourth Best Law School in Southern India and the Second Best School of Excellence in India in a survey conducted by GHRDC consecutively for three years. (2015, 2016 and 2017).
- Outlook has ranked us 19th in 2015, 20th in 2016 and 24th in 2017, throughout the country.
- Career 360 ranked our institution as one among top 20 institutions in India in 2017
- India Today a prominent Magazine in a survey conducted has placed the college in the 21st position of the Top 40 Best Law Colleges in India, in the June 4th, 2018 issue.

We offer the following courses:

B.A.,LL.B, BBA.,LL.B, LL.B, LL.M, (Business & Trade Law), Ph.D (Doctoral Programme)

Over the years SDM Law College has continued to stress the values of individual concern and growth, reliance on the students desire to learn, flexibility in the process of learning and a rigorous academic programme to meet the trends in a global society.

SDMLC MOOT COURT SOCIETY



Apart from providing theoretical knowledge, the college also imparts practical training to its students in the form of various moot court activities. For this purpose, the Moot Court Society has been established within the college.

A wide range of activities like talks from distinguished personalities from the legal fraternity, practical training for moot court competitions, research paper analysis training programmes along with intra-college level competitions like 'MAGISTER JURIS', are organised to give a practical insight of law with an attempt to build a bridge between the courtroom and the classroom.

The society has also carved out an enviable niche for itself in the legal fraternity by organising creative National level Moot Court competitions such as NATIONAL DUAL ADVOCACY, NATIONAL TRIPLE ADVOCACY, DOMINUS LITIS, VICTORIA IURIS '13, VICTORIA IURIS '14, VICTORIA '15, LEX ULTIMA '16, LEX ULTIMA '17 and JURIS INGENIO '18. The society has the credit of organising such a competition for the first time in the whole of India.

The society has also successfully hosted an international level client counselling competition called 'LOUIS BROWN INTERNATIONAL CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION' and an international level moot court and book review writing competition called 'LEX ORBIS '19' in its pursuit of innovation and creativity.

This year SDMLC Moot Court Society proudly presents to you '**LEX ULTIMA 2020- National Level Law Fest**', from **13th -15th March, 2020** witnessing one of the greatest battles of young legal minds from across the country.



1. ALL IN ALL ADVOCACY:

All-in-all advocacy is a unique law competition organised by SDM Law College, Mangalore with the aim of promoting skills of advocacy and litigation.

This event comprises of 4 rounds, namely:

- ♦ CLIENT COUNSELLING
- ♦ NEGOTIATION
- ♦ TRIAL ADVOCACY
- ♦ APPELLATE ADVOCACY

CLIENT COUNSELLING:

This round is organised with a view to develop in the participant, the skills of client counselling and ability to handle a distressed client. This round is also included with the aim of making the participant aware of the professional etiquette that one has to maintain when a client enters his/her chamber, the ability to gain the client's confidence and the skill of analysing the client's case.

NEGOTIATION:

The Negotiation round aims to develop in the participant, the skill and ability of amicably settling disputes and coming to a win-win conclusion. This kind of alternate dispute resolution mechanism was introduced in the Indian legal system to reduce the heavy load of pending litigations in the civil courts of the country. The ability of keeping the interest of the party in mind, persuading the other party to agree with his/her point of view and reaching out to some form of compromise is what Negotiation is about.

TRIAL ADVOCACY:

The art of cross examination is slowly fading away which is in fact the most intrinsic part of a trial. The Trial advocacy competition is organised with the primary objective of retaining this art. It provides a real-life experience of a trial i.e. chief examination/cross examination of the witnesses, recording of statements and framing of arguments based on these examinations.

APPELLATE ADVOCACY:

The traditional moot court competition can be seen in this round of Appellate advocacy. The art of putting forth arguments in a precise yet accurate form and the ability to convince the bench about the contentions of the party are the key factors of consideration in this round.

2. PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION:

India had to wait till 1986 when the then Chief Justice of India Justice P.N.Bhagwati introduced Public Interest Litigation (PIL) to the Indian Judicial System. Since then PIL has turned into a powerful weapon to combat governmental lawlessness and social oppression. SDM Law College is introducing for the first time since its inception the Public Interest Litigation Competition with the aim of creating awareness among the participants about the art of public interest litigation, the way how a PIL is required to be drafted and the way a PIL is required to be presented before the court.

3. DOMESTIC ENQUIRY:

Domestic enquiry is an internal hearing held by an employer to ascertain whether or not an employee is guilty of misconduct. Whenever an employee is accused of misconduct, an enquiry is required to be conducted by the employer so that an opportunity of being heard is given to the employee in accordance with the principles of natural justice. The Domestic enquiry competition is aimed at providing an insight to the participant about the procedural aspects of a domestic enquiry and the way an employer/employee is required to put forth his/her contentions before the panel members.

4. BAIL PETITION:

Every accused shall have the right to claim for his / her release on bail. If the accused is arrested for a bailable offence, he shall claim his release as a matter of right whereas if he is arrested for a non-bailable offence, he shall be released at the discretion of the court.

Bail petition competition aims at providing a platform to the participant where he/she shall be representing the accused or the State in a non-bailable offence and lay down reasons for the release of the accused or object to the release on bail as the case maybe. Since the accused shall be released at the discretion of the court, it is up-to the advocate and his skills to get the order in his favour.

5. LAW FICTION WRITING:

Law fiction writing competition aims at upgrading the innovative and creative thinking of the participants along with developing their writing skills. The imaginative minds of the participants will be challenged as they are expected to write a legal fiction by using the limited words provided by the host college on the spot.

6. CRISIS MANAGEMENT:

Crisis management is the application of strategies designed to help an individual or an organisation to deal with a sudden and significant negative event. The participants will be required to understand the issues at hand and try different strategies to solve them. One should be calm and look for solutions, even though at times one has to look a bit harder.

7. LAW QUIZ

What is happening in and around the globe, the various laws applicable in the different parts of the world, the legal history of our great sovereign country, the developments taking place in the dynamic legal fraternity of our country etc. are a few of the many general knowledge and current affairs themes and topics related to law that an advocate should keep himself updated with. The law quiz is organised with an objective of giving a platform to the participants where the best of the legal minds will compete against each other.

8. JUDGMENT WRITING:

The Judgement Writing Competition is organised with the objective of inculcating the qualities of critical thinking and analysis. It provides the contestants with an opportunity to analyse the reasoning underlying the case while sharpening their research and writing skills. It entails capturing the art of decision making in law students and involves a comprehensive approach towards law in terms of theory & implication of law. The legal arguments on facts and situation with legal precedents and reasoning pave the way for judgment writing.

9. LEGAL RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATION:

Legal research is a very important tool not only to a law student but also to lawyers and law firms irrespective of their practice areas as it helps to gain familiarity with legal phenomena, to develop new legal concepts, to critically analyse or get in-depth knowledge of emerging areas of law, to predict the consequences of a new enactment etc. This is extremely crucial for the legal sector and is one reason why it forms a very critical component in the curriculum of law schools.

The theme/topic shall be provided by the host college based on which the participants are expected to write a research paper in accordance with the format specified in the rules and make a brief presentation.

10. LEGISLATION DRAFTING:

Legislation drafting competition organised by SDMLC aims at focusing on providing a platform to the participants, the future law makers an opportunity to reconstitute the nation by way of a legislation drafted by them. With creativity and innovation being considered, the applicability, effects and durability of such legislation is also given priority.





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