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## Annual Report of

## Family Counselling Centre

Academic Year 2019-2020

10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

As a part of social responsibility the college constituted the Family Counseling Centre under the guidance of Hon'ble Mr. V.V. Shahapurkar Retired Principal Judge of Family Court, Pune.

The Family Counseling Centre was formally inaugurated on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013, at the auspicious hands of Hon'ble Justice Anilkumar Dave, judge, Supreme Court of India, in the gracious presence of Justice Sadhana Jadhav, judge, High Court of Bombay & Justice Vidyasagar Kanade, Judge of High Court of Bombay.

Mr. V.V. Shahapurkar is the President of this center. Properly designed Executive Committee of this centre discharges the responsibility of execution of the center. The centre is having an expert wing which consists of renowned experts from medical and legal field.

In the academic year 2019-2020, many activities were conducted by the centre through out the year. Following is the brief summary of the activities conducted by the Centre in academic year 2019-2020:-

1. Pro-bono Counselling and Legal aid:- In the academic year 2019-2020, the pro bono counselling was tendered in eighteen cases. Meeting of the counsellors of the centre Dr. Pravin Motiwala and Mr. Sudam Gayke were arranged with people approaching the center for the advice. Separate sessions with either husband /wife and joint sessions with



both spouses were conducted and all efforts to have mutual settlement of family dispute are taken.

## **2. National Seminar on "Analyzing Family Laws: A Need of an Evolving Society"**

India is a secular country and a wide number of religions are freely practiced. People solemnize marriages in accordance with religious rituals and ceremonies, which are mostly codified by statutory personal laws. Therefore, the matrimonial laws in India, including laws on marriage, divorce and other connected issues, are essentially governed by the personal laws of the parties depending on their religion. Presently Indian Society is going through the phase of transformation. This is the unique situation where society is facing different problems such as dowry death, honour killing, same sex relationship, increasing rate of divorce, live in relationship etc. There is urgent need to analyze the present laws which will determine its effectiveness in consideration with the present challenges. With this objective, Marathwada Mitra Mandal's Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune had organized one day National Seminar on "Analyzing Family Laws: A Need of an Evolving Society" on 7th March 2020.

The Seminar was inaugurated at the auspicious hands of Shri. S. D. Kulkarni, Judge, High Court of Bombay. For the inaugural ceremony Prin. B.G. Jadhav, Exe. President, MM Institute, Dr. Kranti Deshmukh, Principal, SCLC, Pune, Mr. V.V. Shahapurkar, Former Principal Judge, Family Court, Pune, Adv. Abhay Apate, Eminent Lawyer, Pune, Dr. Anjali Hastak, Principal, S.P. Law College, Chandrapur, Adv. ShriDattaprasad Abhang Eminent Lawyer, Pune, Dr. Pravin Motiwala, Mr. Sudam Gayke, Dr. Shamsuddin Tamboli were present. While delivering the key note address Shri. S. D. Kulkarni, Judge, High Court of Bombay has emphasised on the importance of mediation and conciliation in matrimonial disputes. He also congratulated to the team of SCLC for taking the initiative for the brainstorming discussion on such relevant topic.

For the technical session I, three Resource person were shared their views on the given topic. Adv. Abhay Apate had delivered the address on the topic of "Multiplicity of Proceeding in matrimonial laws- Potent Cause of Victimization". Dr. Anjali Hastak, Principal and eminent Academician, S.P. Law. College, Chandrapur has shared her view on the topic "Uniform



Civil Code- A perfect Antitode" and Dr. R. Raja Rao, Professor, Department of Sociology, SPPU, Pune has shared his views on " Socio Legal Aspects of Same Sex Relationship".

The next technical session II was paper presentation session. The organizing committee received 30 research papers from Academicians, Lawyers, and Students from across India. For this Session, Adv. Shridattaprasad Abhang, Eminent Advocate, Pune, Dr. Vaishali Jadhav, Associate Professor, Y.C. Law College, Pune. Dr. Pravin Motiwala, Former Counsellor, Family Court, Pune, Dr. Kranti Deshmukh, Principal, SCLC, Pune were member of Panel. They evaluated papers and presentation done by the participants and also given suggestions on their presentations.

Prof.( Dr.) Sarasu Thomos, Great Academician and Registrar, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru was the chief guest for the Valedictory Function. Dr. Kranti Deshmukh, Principal, Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune was also presented in the valedictory function. She welcomed the Chief Guest and informed about various activities conducted by the college. While delivering the valedictory address Dr. Thomos has explained her views on the various Personal Laws and Need of Uniform Civil Code.



**Hon'ble Justice S.D. Kulkarni, Judge, High Court of Bombay while addressing to the gathering at Inaugural Program**





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**Adv. Abhay Apte, Eminent Advocate, Pune answering queries of audience along with Prof. R Raja Rao, Professor and Retired HOD, Department of Sociology, SPPU, Pune and Dr. Anjali Hastak, Principal, S.P.Law College, Chandrapur**



**Participant presenting research paper before Panel Members**





**Prof. (Dr.) Sarasu Thomas, Registrar, National Law School of India Univeristy, Bengaluru while delivering Valedictory address**

### **Workshop on "Finding Harmony in a Relationship - A Challenge in Modern Life"**

On 9th August 2019, the Family Counselling Centre conducted the one day workshop on "Finding Harmony in a Relationship - A Challenge in Modern Life". For this program Dr. Ulhas Luktuke, Renowned Psychiatrist, Pune was present as Chief Guest and Mr. V.V. Shahapurkar, Former Principal Judge, Family Court, Pune was a Guest of Honour. Dr. Ulhas Luktuke delivered a key note address on "Compatibility in Relationship". While delivering the key note address he explained necessity of good communication between the partners in present society. Mr. V.V. Shahpurkar, Former Principal Judge, Family Court, Pune talked on the topic "Increasing rate of Divorce- causes and effects". While delivering the address on the topic he shared his practical experiences in the family court. Dr. Pravin Motiwala, Former Counselor, Family Court, Pune has delivered the address on the emerging topic "Live in relationship". He has explained the ethical and legal issues relating to live in relationship and shared opinions of court on these issues. Skit was performed by the students of SCLC on the topic of "Live in Relationship: Pros and Cons"





**Felicitation of Chief Guest Mr. Ulhas Luktuke, Renowned Psychiatrist, Pune at the hands of Mr. V.V. Shahpurkar, Former Principal Judge, Family Court , Pune**




**Dr. Ulhas Luktuke, Renowned Psychiatrist, Pune speaking on “Compatibility in Relationship”**




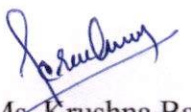


**Mr. V. V. Shahpurkar, Retd. Principal Judge, Family Court, Pune while sharing his experiences to students**

Centre received overwhelming response for this workshop. Over 130 students have participated in this workshop from different colleges.

  
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Principal

  
Ms. Revati Naik  
Faculty In-charge

  
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