## REPORTS

Seven Days Faculty Development Programme on "Fundamentals of Legal Research

Methodology and its Changing Contours in Contemporary Era"

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> October to 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2022

Shankarrao Chavan Law College is committed to impart quality legal education to the masses. To achieve this objective, Institute mainly focus upon the enhancement of the various skills and knowledge of the students and faculties too. Faculty Development Programme is one of the steps towards achievement of the goal.

This FDP was designed to understand the core concepts of the Legal Research Methodologies, to get acquainted with various socio-legal and ethical issues involved in the legal research methodologies, to comprehend various dimensions for impressive legal research writing and to know the current trends observed worldwide pertaining to the publication and plagiarism etc. To achieve these objectives, renowned speakers were invited in this FDP to address and enlighten our participants.

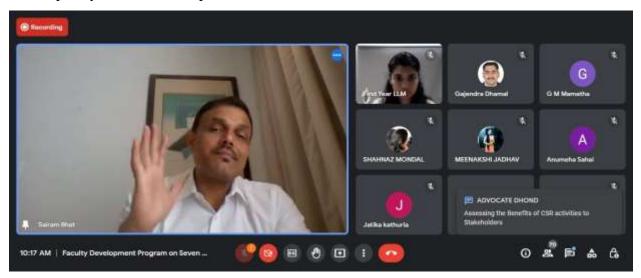
Total 140 participants across India, registered for this FDP and average 100 to 110 participants attended all the sessions in this FDP. The participants are Academicians, Research Scholars, Advocates and some participants are pursuing their LL.M. Degree as well.

This FDP was inaugurated by the Dr. Vijaykumar Chowbe, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Saint Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati. In his address, he mainly focused on the selection of topic, use of research methodology, significance of literature in research etc.

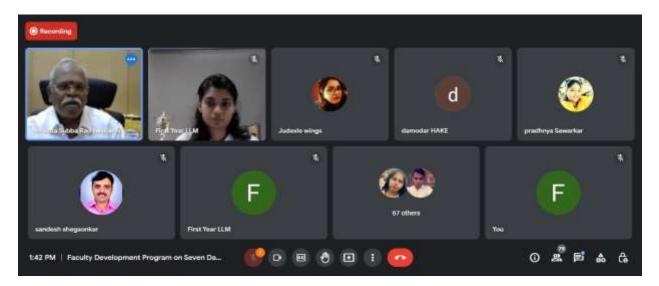


Second Session was conducted by the Dr. Durgambini Patel Madam, Dean, NMIMS, Mumbai & Former HOD, Department of Law, SPPU, Pune on the topic 'Conceptual Understanding of Socio-legal Research'. Mam elaborated the importance of the understanding of the concepts in the research, different types of research in the context of sources of law etc.

Third Session was addressed by the Dr. Sairam Bhat, Professor, National Law School of India, University, Bangalore on the topic of 'Identification of Research Topic'. With apt examples, Dr. Bhat explained the how to select research topic, what measures to be considered before the selection of the topic such as its relevancy, utility of the topic, its contemporary nature of the topic etc.



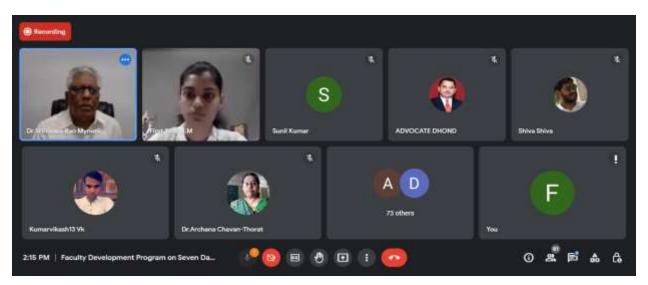
Dr. T.V.Subba Rao Professor-Emeritus, VIPS, Delhi delivered lecture on the topic 'What is Hypothesis and Research Question?'. Sir, elaborated the concept of hypothesis, different types of hypothesis, the difference between hypothesis and research problem, concept and types of variables etc.



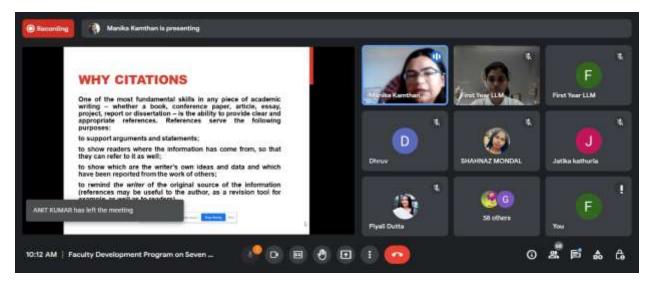
Dr. Sandeepa Bhat, Professor, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata discoursed on the topic 'Review of Literature and Current Trends'. He categorically highlighted on several issues such as extensive study of literature, categories of literatures, how to maintain the flow and citation of review of literature etc.



Sixth Session was managed by the Dr. S.R. Myneni sir on the topic 'Use and Study of Quantitative Theory in Legal Research'. Though, the topic was very technical, but still Sir explained in lucid language and concentrated on 'what is legal research, the concept of qualitative and quantitate research methods, the significance of rations, statistics etc.



Next Session was conducted by the Dr. Manika Kamthan, from Symbiosis Law School, Pune on the topic 'Rules of Citation in Research'. Mam, extensively elaborated the rules of citation laid down by the Bluebook, Oscola and JILI as well. She had focused on rules for Online Data Citation as well.

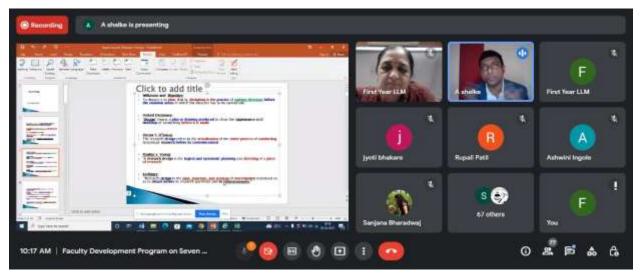


Prof. (Dr.) P. Ishwara Bhat, Former Vice Chancellor, Karnataka State Law University, Hubli and Former Vice-Chancellor, WBNUJS, Kolkata commented upon the 'Research Ethics and Academic Integrity'. He noted in his address that the objective, Principles and the observance of Research Ethics is essential in the legal research to maintain academic integrity.



Ninth Session was hosted by the Dr. Atmaram Shelake, Associate Professor, Symbiosis Law School, Pune on the topic 'Research Design and Modern Approach'.

In his address, Sir, emphasized upon the concept and need of research design, general structure to be followed worldwide while writing research paper, report and thesis. He also elaborated the research methodologies, idea of variable etc.



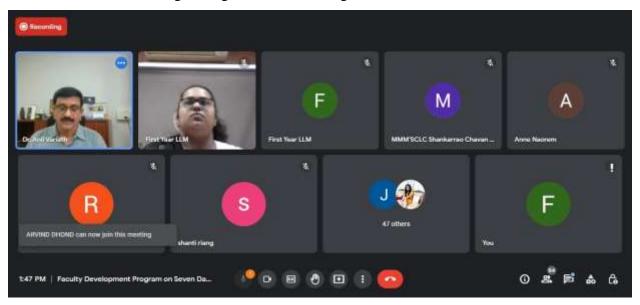
On 20<sup>th</sup> October, Dr. Jyoti Bhakare Madam, Professor and Head, Department of Law, SPPU, Pune was the speaker who addressed the participant on the topic 'Data Collections: Tools and Techniques'. In her address, she emphasized upon the various tools of data collection, selection of appropriate research methods and various methods for data collection etc.



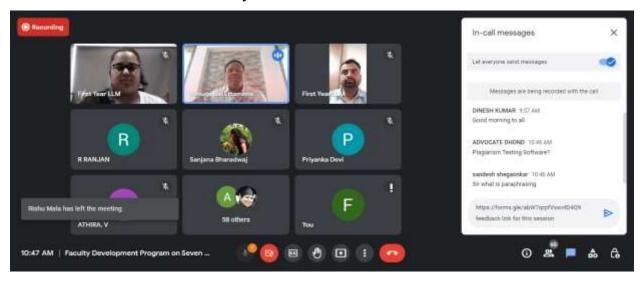
Next session was conducted by the Shilpa Naik, Statistical Data Analyst on the topic 'Data Preparation and Data Analysis'. She covered the topic segregation of data, data analysis, statistical data and data analysis by using different methods.



Further, Dr. Anil Variath, Professor and Registrar, MNLU, Mumbai explained the topic 'Legal Research Writing and Current Trends'. He focused on the major issues such as academic language, use of abbreviations, quality of research etc. He suggested 5 general rules to be observed during the legal research writing.



Today, early in the morning, Dr. Venugopal Sir, Dean, School of Law, Woxsen University, Hyderabad interacted with the participants on the topic 'Research Publication and Plagiarism'. He highlighted rules regarding the Plagiarism., Paraphrasing and Various Software's to check similarity index used in the research.



Dr A. Lakshiminath, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad addressed in the valedictory program.

