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Introduction:

Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, which began its operations in 2014, organized the Second International Multidisciplinary Law Conference, COHERENCE – *forming a unified whole* on 20th – 21st October, 2016.

BACKGROUND TO THE CONFERENCE:

The academic discipline of Law has a long history with several legal traditions and many intellectual roots leading to different approaches to the study of it over a period of time. Thus, the long-established approaches of analytic jurisprudence comprise natural law theory and legal jurisprudence.

The modern legal systems are just not products of conceptual and theoretical categories but are extensions of a special ideological structure. This forms the base to think that legal philosophy is interdisciplinary because this domain is between the territory of law and the field of philosophy.

But, the acceptance of inter- and multidisciplinary proved to be drastically more difficult in jurisprudence (as in the humanities in general) than in the natural sciences. Although this phenomenon can have various causes, the most probable reason for this lies in the nature of the humanities. For instance, a natural science is organized on the basis of practicality, whereas ideological momenta have a bigger role in the human disciplines and cultural evolution giving rise to new thoughts and approaches than pragmatic-rational reflections. The subject of Law has thus grown to include normative and critical approaches calling for multidisciplinary approach to make the field of Law more substantial.

Law and legal profession has a lot of responsibility to our society, especially in the wake of complex scientific, social, economic and political changes and developments affecting human relationships. These latest developments have made a profound impact on law. Earlier, law was everywhere affecting the whole society as it passed through various human activities. Now, it

can be said that the solution to problems related to law can only be multidisciplinary research in the field of law.

For example, study of criminology deals with the nature of crime, and man as a criminal vis-a-vis other factors. Here, the prime thrust apart from other things, is man because man would be studied in relation to its society. For a complete study of the reasons behind becoming a criminal, the help of psychology, psychiatry, sociology and the environment in which man has been brought up and is at present living, has to be taken. It means that any legal issue in this fast moving society necessarily embraces the 'peeping and application' of other disciplines. That is why there is all around discussion and deliberation to launch single integrated multidisciplinary studies keeping the man in the centre of it.

Also the revolution of psychology, including the research of Pierre Janet, Sigmund Freud, Alfred Adler and Carl Gustav Jung, touched legal philosophy adequately. For instance, the existence of law appears as a special interference of conscious and unconscious, and instinctive in Scandinavian and American legal pragmatism literature. Theories relating to culture and anthropology helped comparative legal research, and legal anthropology emerged; the systematic and scientific analysis of the literature formed a special research stream called, "law and literature" and study of economy laid the foundation for economic analysis of law.

RESEARCH EVIDENCES OF MULTIDISCIPLINARITY IN LAW

- Grotius and Pufendorf (1672) reminded us of the culturally determined character of law, the variety and range of legal forms and legal systems became clearer through the opening of the historical and geographical perspectives.
- The essence of law is in its function, and this function can be realized only by the operation and application of law. Different Functional approaches contribute to the understanding of law, leading us to a theoretical concept of law (Holmes & Wendell, 1881)
- The historical view and the interpretation of social processes on the basis of their causes and effects brought a sociological view to the center, while sociology shaped as an independent discipline. Legal sociology, thus, developed a separate niche for research

banking on the works of Gumplowicz (1909) and Max Weber (1978), thus, enlarging the perspective of legal philosophy.

- Margaret Gruter in 1970s attempted to approach the phenomena of law on the basis of the biological determination of human behavior. The establishment of the Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal was a quite early moment of the latter process in 1978.
- Coates, Fried & Spier (2014) of Harvard Law School identified that subjects like Economics, Accounts, and Public Finance and business strategy are essential for Law students besides Law courses in order to become efficient Corporate Lawyers or Litigation Lawyers

MOTIVATION FOR THE CONFERENCE:

The study by Coates, Fried & Spier (2014) of Harvard Law School motivated Symbiosis Law School (SLS), Hyderabad to host a multidisciplinary Law Conference in 2015 and motivated by its success, a second international multidisciplinary conference is being hosted in 2016 under the leadership of Dr. M I Baig, Director of SLS, Hyderabad.

OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE: The objective of the conference is to,

- Engage in law research through collaboration of multiple disciplines
- highlight the importance of synthesis over analysis from a multidisciplinary viewpoint
- synchronize law laced with multidisciplinary models

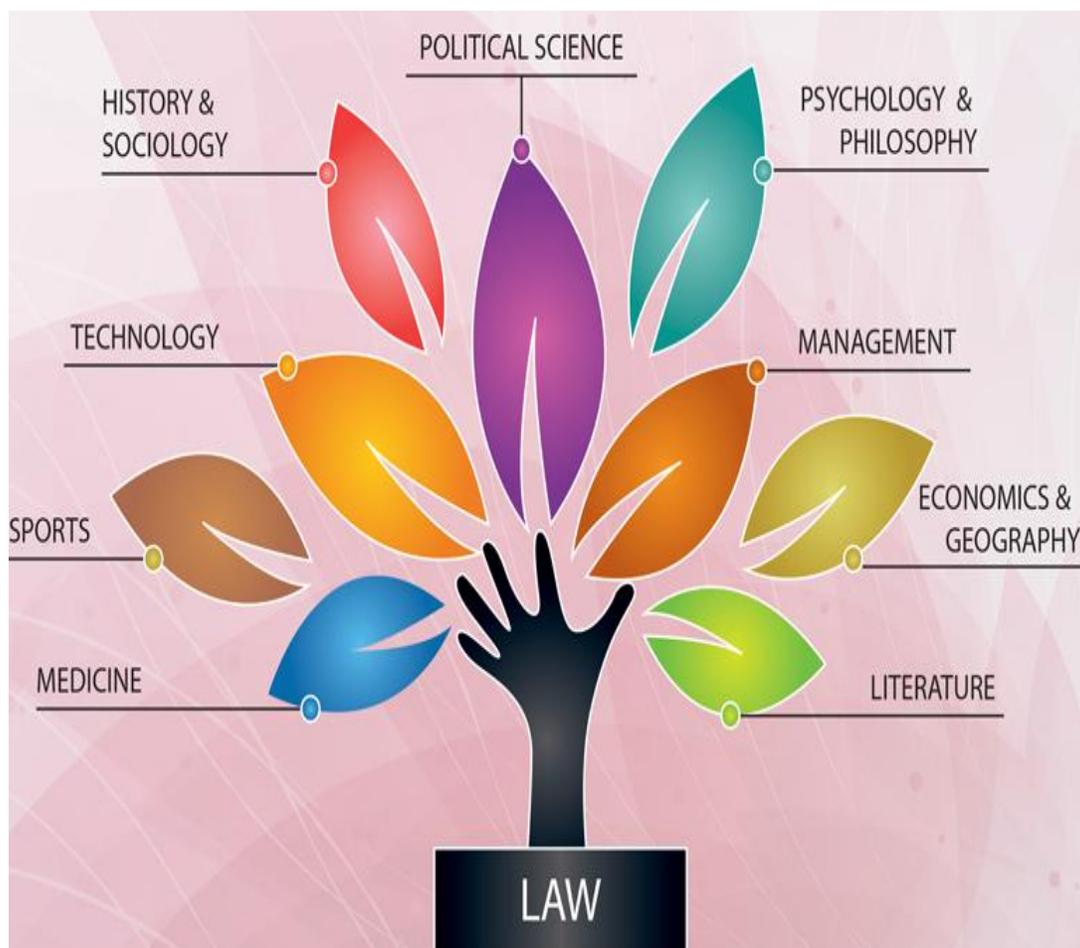
ABOUT THE TITLE OF THE CONFERENCE:

To echo the purpose of multidisciplinary in Law, the Conference has been aptly titled as “COHERENCE” with a caption “Forming a unified whole”. The word, COHERENCE is put in capitals and written in multiple colors. It is in capitals to denote the emphasis for multidisciplinary *loudly* and multiple colors to denote multiple academic disciplines different in every aspect but ultimately unifying to form the vital substance to the vast discipline of Law.

The caption, “forming a unified whole....” is the essence of the conference and also the title of the conference. The dots after the word “whole”, is to indicate the continuance of multidisciplinary.

LOGO OF THE CONFERENCE:

The logo of this year’s conference is a tree which is the at the centre with extended strong branches with colourful leaves. The base indicates the powerful discipline of LAW while the extended branches with leaves indicate the strong multiple academic disciplines enriching the Law discipline.



Day-Wise Break Up of the Program

Day 1 (20th October 2016)

INAUGURAL PROGRAMME

The first day of the conference began at 10:00 a.m. with an opening address about the conference by Dr. Prageetha G Raju, Associate Professor, SLSH in the auditorium.



His Excellency, Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Shri ESL Narasimhan was the chief guest of the conference, Dr. Rajani Gupte, Vice-Chancellor, Symbiosis International University (SIU) welcomed the Chief Guest and the delegates followed by address by Hon'ble Chancellor, SIU, Dr. S. B. Mujumdar. The Chief Guest was felicitated by the Hon'ble Chancellor. The Chief Guest was invited to the podium to deliver the inaugural address. The Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. M I Baig, SLS, Hyderabad. The programme began with lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, His Excellency, the Governor of both the States, Hon'ble Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of SIU, and the Director of SLS, Hyderabad.



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Felicitation of the Chief Guest by the Chancellor of SIU

The **Welcome address** was given by the **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor** of SIU, Dr. Rajani Gupte. She welcomed the Chief Guest, H.E. Governor of both the States, and the national and international delegates and wished success to each one involved in the conference.



Vice Chancellor welcoming the members on the dias and the delegates of the conference

She stressed the need for more platforms for multidisciplinary research in every discipline. She expressed her happiness that COHERENCE served the best academic multidisciplinary interests from every nook and corner of the country and many parts of the world. She specially welcomed the international delegates who took pains to visit the campus to present their papers.



International Delegates in the audience

The **Key note address** was delivered by the **Hon'ble Chancellor of SIU**, Dr. S B Mujumdar, who was a recipient of Padma Bhushan for his services to the spread of higher education. Hon'ble Chancellor expressed his happiness over the conduct of a program of this kind and stressed the need for continuous enrichment of legal education in India.



Hon'ble Chancellor of SIU, Dr. S B Mujumdar delivering Keynote address



The Chief Guest, H.E. Governor of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana delivering Inaugural Speech.

The **Chief Guest** delivered the **inaugural address** and spoke about the evolution of Law as a discipline and the relevance of other disciplines integrating into Law to enrich it. He cited various examples to endorse the same.

Book Release: 145 papers were received in all and 110 papers were selected for presentation for the conference. Of the 145 papers received, 70 papers were chosen for publication and two books were released as edited books from Asia Law House by the members on the dias. Papers were received from Afghanistan, Iran, UK, USA, and Srilanka. The papers received are of empirical, conceptual, reflective, and review types. The presenters belonged to different strata of the academic world such as students, doctoral scholars, and professors.



Release of edited books by the members on the dias

The inaugural programme ended with a vote of thanks by the Director of SLSH, Dr. M I Baig.



Dr. M I Baig proposing vote of thanks

Plenary Session:

The inaugural was followed by a plenary session by **Dr. G B Reddy**, Professor of Law, Osmania University on Multidisciplinarity in the domain of Law. He talked about the various significant milestones achieved by Law in India and abroad and insisted that multidisciplinarity shall be the order of the day and more academic platforms should be erected for propagating the significance of multidisciplinarity. Mr. R. Radhakrishnan, Asst. Professor proposed the vote of thanks.



Conference Tracks (Sessions)

Day 1(20 October 2016): On the first day, four tracks were running paralelly in 4 different rooms between 2: 00 pm and 5:00 pm

Track 1: INCLUSION & MOVEMENTS FOR DEMOCRACY

Chair: Dr. K. Nagaraju, Associate Professor, Dept of Sociology, Osmania University

Co-Chair: P. Varalakshmi, Associate Professor, Pendekanti Law College, Hyderabad

Track 2: GENDER IDENTITY & RIGHTS

Chair: P Kamala Rao, Professor (Retd), Dept of Sociology, Osmania University

Co-Chair: Dr. Parimala Kulkarni, Asst professor, Dept of English, Osmania University

Track 3: LEGAL REGIMES AND ENVIRONMENTALISM

Chair: Dr. V Hemalatha Devi, Dean-Faculty of Law, ICFAI

Co-Chair: Dr. V L Keshav Reddy, Environmental Engineer & Consultant USA & India

Track 4: MEDICAL MORALITY AND JURISPRUDENCE

Chair: Dr. G B Reddy, Professor, Department of Law, Osmania University

Co-chair: Dr. Y. Pratap Reddy Professor, Department of Law, Osmania University

Day 2 (21 October, 2016): The Second day of the conference began with parallel research tracks running in 4 rooms from 10:00 a.m. to 1: 00 pm followed by lunch.

Track 5 (A) :LEGAL INSTITUTIONS & SOCIAL UPHEAVALS

Chair: Dr. M V Lakshmi Devi, Principal (Retd), Reddy Women's College, Hyderabad

Co-Chair: Dr. B. Jaipal Reddy, Principal KV Ranga Reddy College of Law, Hyderabad

Track 5 (B) : LEGAL INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIAL UPHEAVALS

Chair: Dr. Aseem Prakash, Professor & Chairperson, School of Public Policy & Governance, TISS Hyderabad

Co-Chair: Dr. R. Thirunavakkarasu, Asst. Professor, Dept of Sociology, University of Hyderabad

Track 6: CHALLENGES OF TECHNOLOGY TO LAW AND LEGAL EDUCATION

Chair: Dr. C Raghava Reddy, Associate Professor, Dept of Sociology, University of Hyderabad

Co-Chair: Dr. Mohanakrishna, Vice-Principal, Pendekanti law College, Hyderabad

Track 7: INTERNATIONAL TRADE: ISSUES OF LEGITIMACY AND JURISPRUDENCE

Chair: Dr. SB Dwarakanath, Professor, Dept of Law, Osmania University

Co-Chair: Dr. Vijay G, Dept of Economics, University of Hyderabad

Co-Chair: Dr. Amit Mishra, Centre for Diaspora Studies, University of Hyderabad

VALEDICTORY SESSION

The Valedictory programme of the conference began at 2:00 pm and lasted till 4: 00 pm. Dr. Prageetha G Raju, Associate Professor anchored the programme.



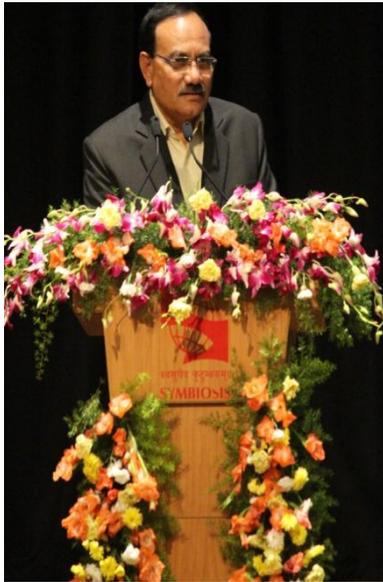
Dr. Prageetha G Raju, anchoring the event

Sri Dileep Reddy, Former RTI Commissioner turned Managing Editor of Saakshi Newspaper was the Chief Guest and Dr. K Purushotham Reddy was the Guest of Honour. The Chief Guests was felicitated by the Director of SLS, Hyderabad, Dr. M I Baig, and the Guest of Honor was felicitated by Dr. Sukhvinder S Dari. The programme began by lighting of the lamp. The programme was anchored by Dr. Prageetha G Raju, Associate Professor, SLSH.



From left: *Dr. Sukhvinder S Dari, Dr. Purushotham Reddy K, Sri Dileep Reddy, Dr. M I Baig*

The valedictory began with the **opening remarks** of Dr. M I Baig, Director, SLSH. He said that the august presence of an eminent environmentalist and a former RTI commissioner turned managing editor of a leading newspaper, SAAKSHI adds value to the multidisciplinary ethos of the conference. He requested the guests of the day to kindly intervene in the academic delivery of law courses at SLS Hyderabad, especially with reference to environmental law and media law.



Dr. M I Baig, delivering the opening remarks



Felicitations of Guests by the Director and Deputy Director

After the felicitation, Dr. K Purushottham K Reddy was invited to deliver the plenary address followed by the Chief Guest's valedictory address. The Deputy Director presented the two day Coherence report followed by vote of thanks by Mr. R Radhakrishnan, Assistant Professor, SLS, Hyderabad

The programme began with a plenary session by Dr. K. Purushotham Reddy wherein he spoke about the challenges faced by the legal domain to address environmental issues pertaining to national sovereignty and institutions of global governance.



Dr. K. Purushotham Reddy delivering the Plenary lecture in the Valedictory Session

The Chief Guest, Sri Dileep Reddy addressed the audience spoke about folk traditions in Law and highlighted the relevance of past on future vis-a-vis historical sources. He highlighted the role of civil society in democracy.

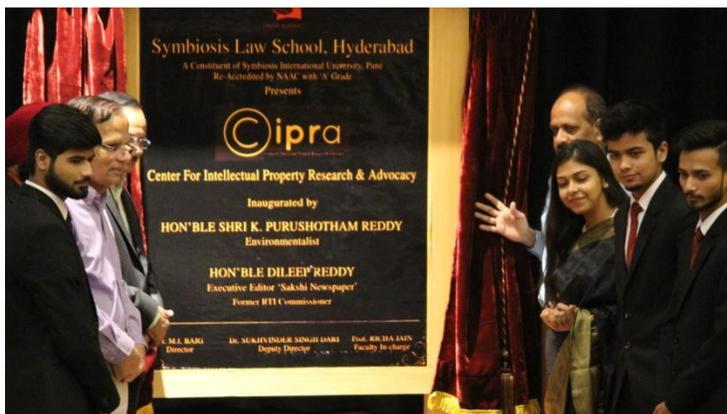


Chief Guest, Sri Dileep Reddy addressing the audience



Dr. Sukhvinder S Dari, Deputy Director presenting the two days Conference Report

The platform of the valedictory session has also been used to inaugurate a new academic cell at SLS, Hyderabad namely Centre for Intellectual Property Research and Advocacy (CIPRA). Miss Richa Jain is declared as Faculty Incharge for the cell.



The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. R. Radhakrishnan, Assistant Professor of Political Science, SLS, Hyderabad.



Mr. R. Radhakrishnan proposing vote of thanks