

Orientation Session of School of Law

Session- 2022-2027

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DAY 1

The new students of the SOL family were welcomed with an opening speech and a ceremonial lighting of the lamp at the beginning of the orientation session with Saraswati Vandana. Then the NMIMS University Anthem was performed. The students were then briefed on SOL's organisational structure, including the numerous committees and the Student Council. Dr. P. N. Mukherjee, the Campus Director, was then introduced to the students and gave them an overview of the campus of NMIMS Navi Mumbai and what it is like to be a student here. He also emphasised the need of paying close attention to detail, particularly when interpreting the law.

The anchors introduced honourable Chief Guest Advocate Hasit Seth (Counsel at Bombay High Court), who was then welcomed on the stage to address the students. He addressed his personal experiences in the subject of law, his professional transition from science to law, and the absence of conclusive answers in the latter. He spoke about his law school experiences and inspired the students to explore fearlessly by encouraging them to leave their comfort zone. In addition, he discussed the essential tools and abilities for law school, such as research and analysis. He emphasised the significance of constant reading to increase knowledge of various laws.

After he concluded, Adv Khushboo Jain (Advocate at Supreme Court and founding partner ARK Legal) was introduced and invited on the stage to share her experiences with the newcomers. She shared her law school life with the students and spoke about ambition and purpose in one's life. She educated the kids on the significance of both knowledge and soft skills. She maintained an interactive session and fielded many questions from the audience. She concluded her presentation by discussing the lessons she learned while working for K petitioners. S. Puttaswamy judgement.

Later, Professor Megha Ojha presented mementos to the guests and the first day of the Orientation Session for the new batch (2022-2027) came to end with Professor Manisha Band giving a vote of thanks.



DAY-2

17th August 2022

Second day of the orientation started with the anchors welcoming the students and making them aware of the line-up for the events of the day.

Faculties of School of Law were introduced to the students and all of them were asked to share their knowledge with the students individually starting with Professor Rima Hore. She is the coordinator of the Centre for Excellence, the Placement Committee, and the Debate Committee. She provided a concise summary of the work and mission of the committees.

Students were informed of the chances and support they will receive from their various committees. Prof. Aashima Sharma, coordinator of the Moot and Dispute Resolution Committee, and Dr. Arun PA were the next two professors to address the students. After concluding on an encouraging note, the presenters introduced Prof. Manisha Band, who welcomed the students and provided an overview of the academic disciplines and curriculum. She then elaborated on the institute's environment, amenities, and campus infrastructure. She spoke to the incoming students on the significance of abiding by rules and regulations inside and outside the college campus, especially when away from home for the first time, and then explained the examination requirements.

After that, Professors Megha Ojha and Keshab Nandy addressed the students and provided them with an overview of academic achievement and any obstacles they may encounter throughout their graduation course. They presented students to the prospects where they can self-evaluate their aptitude level by partaking in seminars, pursuing online courses and certifications, and attending discussion sessions that would allow them to establish vital connections with the college environment, academic studies, peers, and campus community.

This concludes the introduction of the faculty. The Student Council of School of Law presented themselves to the students and sponsored a student engagement. It began with Jai Mishra, the then president of the student council, addressing the students, answering all of their questions, and directing them through some of the activities included in these orientation sessions. Following his remarks, Sarthak Rajabhoj (Current President), Poojan Makani (Vice President), and Amisha Upadhyay (General Secretary) introduced themselves and provided an outline of the Student Council's activities. It was then followed by the introduction of the Student Council's executive members, including the Class Representatives of all classes.

Following this, the members of the Dispute Resolution Committee introduced themselves and provided an overview of the committee and its duties. In our country, they explored the significance of alternative dispute resolution. Next, Centre of Excellence members introduced themselves. Its members presented on the committee's experiences and accomplishments. After the Centre of Excellence's presentation, the members of the Legal Aid Committee and Public Relations Committee presented their respective speeches. The pupils were also made aware of the committees' many extracurricular activities and webinars.

Following lunch, the students were given a campus tour to familiarise them with the school environment. The second day of orientation concluded with games planned for the incoming batch by the Student Council and members of the Centre for Excellence. The games, which included Bollywood trivia, MCQs, etc., allowed the kids to mingle and become acquainted with one another.





DAY- 3

The third day of orientation began with a quick introduction of the hosts, after which the members of the Publication and Seminar Committee presented themselves and provided a brief description of the committee's workings, vision, and the significance of publication in the life of a law student.

The Debate and Diplomacy Committee was then given the opportunity to introduce itself. The committee members emphasised the significance of effective communication and debating skills. They informed the audience about the committee and the events they had organised.

After the Debate and Diplomacy Committee's presentation, the Moot Court Committee was

invited to speak. Before describing the committee's duties, the leader of the committee described the notion of a moot court and the significance of mooting for law students and aspiring attorneys. In addition, the committee's organisation and historical activity were discussed. The students were also instructed on the fundamentals of mooting and the function of the committee in assisting the students throughout their law school mooting careers.

After a short break, the students were presented to Ms. Anupriya, the Registrar of the NMIMS, Navi Mumbai, and Ms. Upasana, who then informed the students about the basic laws and regulations of this campus. They were also provided with an overview of the various recourse processes available in the event of harassment or hazing. Ms. Upasana then emphasised the NMIMS attendance requirement and discussed the pertinent rules and regulations.

Following this, the Placement Committee was introduced prior to their presentation. Ms. Vaishali Raut, the committee's chair, then described the Placement Committee and internship placements to date. The significance of co-curricular and extracurricular activities in the life of a law student was then emphasised while explaining the committee's rules and procedures. She also emphasised the significance of networking and meeting with individuals from diverse fields in order to broaden one's perspective.

After introducing the Cultural Committee, the committee's leaders described the committee's mission and presented its members. The internal departments and organisational structure were discussed, along with an introduction to the committee's three clubs: Dance, Drama, and Fashion. This was followed by a presentation from the Sports Committee, which included a discussion on the need for increasing female student engagement and encouragement. In addition, they provided a brief explanation of their internal structure and operations and discussed the many events that they oversee. The members of the Rotaract committee then described the concept of Rotaract Clubs before explaining what the Rotaract Club at NMIMS accomplishes and its organisation and urging students to consider joining this committee. The Music Committee concluded their presentation by introducing themselves and their organisation. They discussed the significance of recreation and music in one's life, as well as the committee's vision for the institution.

After the lunch break, the Debate and Diplomacy Committee of the School of Law at NMIMS Navi Mumbai hosted a debate tournament for freshmen. The theme of the discussion was "Can Artificial Intelligence fully replace humans?" This debate competition was designed to polish the students' public speaking skills and encourage them to be articulate while expressing their views and opinions. The session was a kaleidoscope of viewpoints, thoughts, and perspectives that increased law school students' knowledge and comprehension of the significance of debating skills.

Soumili Gupta, a third-year BA LLB student and secretary of the debate committee, addressed the participants and informed them of the debate's regulations. After multiple rounds of vigorous debate, the debate's winners were revealed. Ms. Niharika Purohit occupied the first spot, while Ms. Archa Menon occupied the second position.

This concludes the third day of the orientation session.



Day 4:

The fifth day of orientation began with the Student Council greeting Prof. Keshab Nandy to the podium, who then presented Mr. V.P. Raja with a bouquet of flowers.

Mr. V.P. Raja was thereafter asked to address the group. He spoke about the technological boom and the difficulties that have arisen alongside it. He then discussed the abilities necessary to make the most of the resources supplied by colleges and universities. The first ability he discussed was the significance of learning numerous study strategies and determining the ideal one for each individual learner. Mr. V.P. Raja also suggested enticing books, such as *Use your head* by Tony Buzan, *Mind Maps* by Tony Buzan, and *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* by Paulo Freire. At the conclusion of his address, Mr. V.P. Raja instructed the pupils on how deductive reasoning might aid in reaching a goal. He described how syllogisms might make life easier and the significance of inductive logic in one's everyday existence. This was followed by questions from kids, which he gladly addressed. The Student Council then offered him with a token of their appreciation.

After the intermission, Ms. Amisha Upadhyay, a fourth-year BBA LLB student, was asked to discuss the significance of cyber security. She described her reasoning for publishing a book on this topic and how she came up with the idea to write about cyber security. She examined cyber security from three angles: social networking, financial crimes, and online shopping.

A brief film addressing the dangers of social media was aired. The training also emphasised how cybercrimes occur and how stolen information may be exploited. The students were then cautioned against phoney shopping sites and e-commerce on Instagram and WhatsApp. Following this came a question-and-answer session.

The gathering progressed to include a variety of cultural performances, including poetry recitals, impromptu speeches, dance, and music. An interaction between the SOL batches that came before was also arranged. The week-long orientation concluded at this point.