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“Empowering Students, Enriching Minds, and Serving Society”

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Sir Surendranath Banerjea (November 10, 1848 – August 6, 1925) needs no introduction as a great patriot, political leader, orator, teacher, educationist and journalist. ‘Rastraguru’ Surendranath Banerjea established Surendranath Law College at the heart of Kolkata city, near Sealdah Station in 1884-85. This is a reflection of his illuminating vision to make quality education accessible to all, by strategically establishing the campus at a distance that is easily commutable by train. As the founder of this prestigious institution, his noble idea of bringing higher education within the reach of the widest possible sections of the society continues to remain the guiding motto of the college. His profound thought of encouraging more students, especially those belonging to the down-trodden community, to partake of quality education speaks volumes about his commitment as a fine educationist and a personification of the guardian of human values and social justice.

The Establishment - A Brief Historical Account

In 1882, the Presidency School, which formed the nucleus of the present Institution, was handed over to Sir Surendranath Banerjea on 1st January 1884. He raised it to the status of a college affiliated to the F.A. standard and named it “THE PRESIDENCY INSTITUTION”. Within a year the institution was converted into a full-fledged, first grade college under the name “RIPON COLLEGE”. Its activity was further extended through the opening of the Post-Graduate Department of Law in 1884, which was later affiliated to the Calcutta University in the year 1885, as an independent professional college. Since then, as long as he lived, Sir Surendranath not only remained at the helm of affairs, but was also active as a teacher, in the college. Sir Surendranath attached the name of Lord Ripon to his Institution as a tribute to the enlightened policies of the Viceroy. But after the attainment of independence, the golden cause to which Sir Surendranath dedicated his entire life, the name of the college was altered to Surendranath College. This was done to commemorate Sir Surendranath who had established this pioneering institution and nurtured it with utmost love and dedication. Surendranath Banerjea was the absolute owner of Ripon College (now Surendranath College) and Ripon Law College including the Collegiate School up to 1908. With the aim of placing the Ripon Group of Institutions on a permanent footing and affiliating them to public institutions, Surendranath Banerjea, the proprietor, thought it desirable to divest himself of all private rights of property that he had over the said institutions and vesting them with a Public Charitable Trust in the year 1909. The first signatory of the Trust deed was Surendranath Banerjea himself. Other prominently notable personalities and educationists among the signatories were, Satyendra Nath Mukherjee, Upendra Nath Mukherjee, Jogesh Chandra Choudhury, Rashbehari Ghosh, Ashutosh Chaudhuri, Baikuntanath Sen, Baron Sinha of Raipur, Bhupendranath Basu and Ramendra Sundar Trivedi. After 1948, at instance of the Hon’ble Chief Justice of the High Court at Calcutta, the Ripon Group of Institutions was renamed after Rashtraguru Surendranath Banerjea; and came to be known as Surendranath Law College.

Surendranath Law College has stood the test of time and contributed to nation-building by responding to the needs of time and society in all its earnestness. During the Partition Movement in 1905 and 1942, many teachers and students from the college actively protested against the wrongful act of partition and willingly sacrificed their lives for the noble cause. Many students were arrested by the British Police from Ripon Hostel attached to the college. In fact, the sense of nationalism and patriotism were genuinely inculcated amongst the students by their teachers. The college has moulded distinguished luminaries such as Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first president of India; Harendra Kumar Mukherjee, the first Governor of West Bengal, Justice Bijan Kumar Mukherjee, the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India and many other eminent personalities.

Upholding the Legacy of Academic Excellence and Noble Sacrifice

Surendranath Law college offers a 5-year B.A. LLB, B.A. LLB (Honours) and LL.M. The 5-year LL.B. Course was introduced since 1987 with renewed vigour and infrastructural change. Presently there are approximately 800 students studying under different programs. The college has been maintaining a trend of high rate of success in the university examinations for a considerable period of time. Students of this college have been serving successfully in fields of legal calling ranging from Judicial Service, Legal Service, Academics, Banking and Corporate jobs and advocacy. It is also one of the oldest law colleges in India.

The college organizes various programmes with a balanced and holistic approach to mould students with the spirit and ideals of the founder and other nationally acclaimed personalities that have graced the college. Students from our college have made the institution proud through academic brilliance by securing gold medals in their respective course of study. Not just in academics, students have made holistic progress through brilliance in sports and all extra-curricular activities at both the state and national level. Our students have participated in and excelled in All India Moot Court competitions held in different parts of the country. As part of its commitment to social justice and responsibility, students and teachers jointly organize awareness generating camps in the locality to help people to fight social maladies and evils. With the help of the Directorate, various NGOs, and the Government of West Bengal, the students have successfully organized Consumer awareness campaigns, anti-pollution campaigns, Legal-aid Campaigns, Social Outreach activities and AIDS, Drug-abuse prevention campaign in the city. Keeping in view the philosophy that change is the only constant in the world, the college is always open to modulating Value added courses to empower students with the skills needed to face the challenges of an ever-changing system of the present times.

Surendranath Law College, as a family together, celebrates dynamism and relentlessly strives to carry forward the rich legacy of quality education and excellence.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings to all readers as we present the second issue of the *Surendranath Law College Newsletter* for 2023. This publication is not just a collection of events and achievements; it is a reflection of our collective spirit, dedication, and commitment to academic and institutional excellence.

The resounding success of the inaugural issue of our newsletter in 2022 was a testament to the vibrant community we nurture here at Surendranath Law College. The enthusiastic response from students, faculty, and alumni reaffirmed the importance of documenting our journey and celebrating the milestones we achieve together. I congratulate the editorial team for their outstanding effort and meticulous dedication that made the first issue a grand success.

Building on that momentum, this second issue brings you highlights of the past year—academic seminars, legal workshops, cultural events, and community initiatives that reflect the dynamic spirit of our college. Our students continue to excel not only in academics but also in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, showcasing their talent and commitment to the ideals of law and justice.

At Surendranath Law College, our mission remains steadfast: to provide an environment that fosters critical thinking, ethical responsibility, and professional growth. Our dedicated faculty members strive to guide students not just towards academic success, but also towards becoming conscientious members of society.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the editorial team for their unwavering dedication in bringing this issue to life. Their commitment to documenting our achievements ensures that the legacy of Surendranath Law College is both preserved and celebrated.

I hope this newsletter inspires you to engage actively with our college community and continue striving for excellence in all your endeavors.

Wishing you all success and growth in the journey ahead.



Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum

Vice Principal

Surendranath Law College

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we present the second issue of the *Surendranath Law College Newsletter* for 2023. Building upon the success of our inaugural edition last year, this issue represents not just the milestones and achievements of our college community, but also the resilience and dedication that make these accomplishments possible.

The journey of curating this newsletter has been both rewarding and challenging. One of the key challenges we faced was capturing the vast array of events and initiatives that took place over the past year. With so many vibrant activities—from academic seminars and legal awareness programs to cultural festivals and community outreach projects—selecting and organizing content that truly represents the spirit of our institution was a demanding yet gratifying task. Ensuring timely collection of articles, photographs, and event summaries while maintaining accuracy and coherence required meticulous coordination and teamwork.

Yet, these challenges were met with equal measures of enthusiasm and commitment. The support from our faculty, students, and administrative team was instrumental in overcoming obstacles, ensuring that every significant moment was documented with clarity and care. The collaborative spirit within the editorial team allowed us to craft this edition with a sense of purpose and pride.

Among our achievements, the most notable has been the deepened engagement of our college community with the newsletter. The overwhelming response to the first edition encouraged more contributions and active participation from students and faculty alike. This collective ownership of our narrative has enriched the content of this issue, making it a true reflection of our community's vibrancy and unity.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed their time, effort, and creativity to this edition. Special thanks to the editorial team, whose tireless work behind the scenes ensured that this issue came to life.

We hope that this newsletter serves as both a record of our collective accomplishments and an inspiration for continued growth and collaboration. Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome as we strive to improve with each edition.

Happy Reading!



Dr. Caesar Roy
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Editor, Surendranath Law College Newsletter*

SURENDRANATH LAW COLLEGE – EVENT HIGHLIGHTS NEWSLETTER (2023)

Celebrating Knowledge, Justice & Social Impact

Empowering Through Law

A MARCH 2023

Seven-Day Certificate Course on Value Education Organised by IQAC in Collaboration with Ramakrishna Mission Residential College

Nurturing Values, Enriching Education

:Date: April 3–12, 2023

Venue: Seminar Hall, Surendranath Law College

In its continuing pursuit of holistic and value-based legal education, **Surendranath Law College** organized a **Seven-Day Certificate Course on Value Education** from **3rd April to 12th April 2023**, under the aegis of its **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**. This initiative was held in collaboration with the **IQAC of Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Narendrapur**, one of Kolkata's most esteemed institutions for higher learning and character development.

The programme took place daily from **10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon** at the **Seminar Hall** of Surendranath Law College and featured a distinguished panel of **faculty members and resource persons** from Ramakrishna Mission Residential College. These speakers shared profound insights into the importance of values in personal, professional, and societal spheres, drawing upon the rich philosophical heritage of Indian thought as well as contemporary ethical frameworks.

The certificate course attracted active participation from students who had registered via an online link circulated in advance. As stated in the notification, only those who attended all seven days of the course were eligible to receive a **Certificate of Participation**. The schedule of the sessions was made available on the college website to ensure transparency and structured engagement.

This collaborative programme exemplified Surendranath Law College's dedication to **integrating moral and ethical learning with academic excellence**, and marked a successful step in fostering socially responsible future legal professionals.

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Jointly Organising

Certificate Course on Value Education

03.04.2023 to 12.04.2023
10.00 A.M. to 12.00 NOON

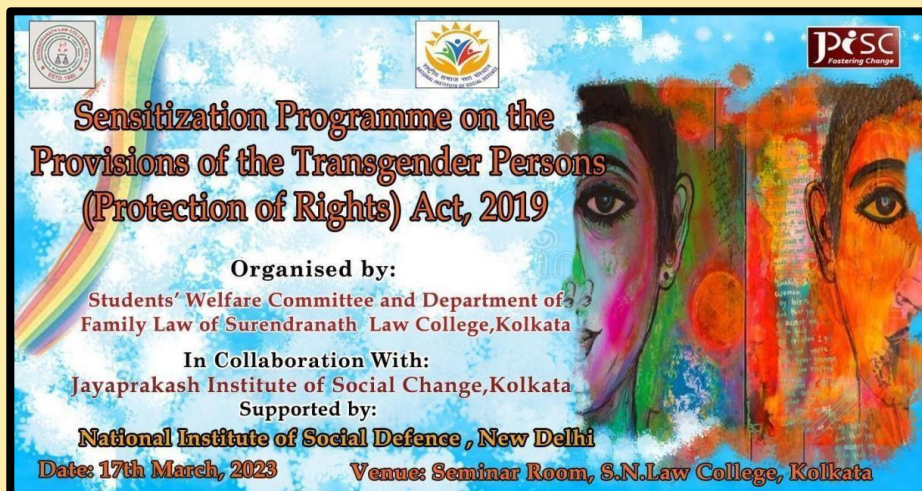
Venue : Seminar Hall (Surendranath Law College)
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(Register before 12 Noon, 30th March)



Sensitization Programme on Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019

17th March 2023

In an effort to promote inclusivity and legal awareness, Surendranath Law College hosted a sensitization programme on the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. The objective was to sensitize future legal professionals to the legal and societal challenges faced by the transgender community and to encourage advocacy for their constitutional rights. The seminar provided a platform for in-depth discussions on protective legal provisions, gender identity, and equality. The presence of individuals from the transgender community made the event both inclusive and impactful. By enabling students to engage with real-life narratives and legal mechanisms, the programme served as a step toward building an equitable society grounded in dignity and justice for all.



Greening the Future Together!

International Day of Forests Celebration

... 21st March 2023 🌳

To mark the International Day of Forests, the Eco Club of Surendranath Law College organized a series of educational and participatory events centered on the theme “Forests & Sustainable Production and Consumption.” With the aim of fostering environmental consciousness among students, the event included awareness talks, poster exhibitions, and a vibrant street play performed at the college entrance. These activities emphasized the ecological, legal, and constitutional frameworks related to forest conservation. Students gained insights into India’s environmental protection laws, the role of forests in combating climate change, and the critical need for sustainable development. This initiative, supervised by Prof. Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum, reinforced the college’s commitment to cultivating environmentally responsible citizens and legal advocates.

The poster features the college's logo on the top left and the United Nations logo on the top right. The text reads: "ECO CLUB of SURENDRANATH LAW COLLEGE Celebrates: 21 March International Day of Forests 2023 By organizing Street Play 'FOREST AND HEALTH' and Dance-Drama 'HEALTHY FOREST FOR HEALTHY PEOPLE' Programme Organizer DEBIANI OJHA Asst. Professor, Convenor of ECO CLUB Surendranath Law College Programme Chairperson Dr. MOHAMMADI TARANNUM Vice Principal Surendranath Law College 09:00 am Onwards". The central graphic shows a row of stylized trees with heart-shaped canopies in various colors.

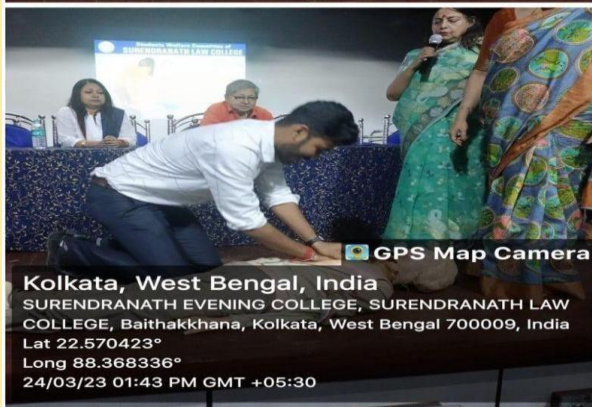
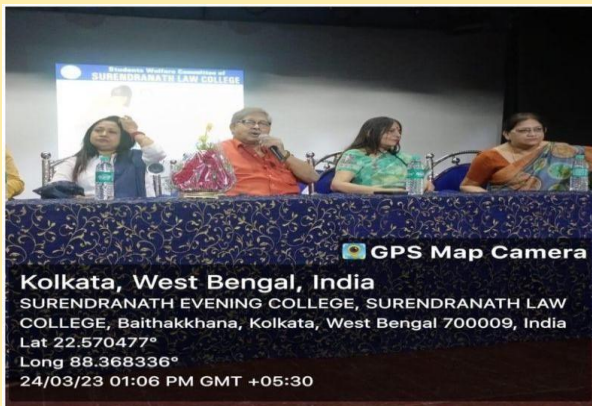


Saving Lives, One Beat at a Time

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training Programme

📅 24th March 2023 🇮🇳

Recognizing the importance of emergency preparedness, the Student Welfare Committee, in collaboration with the Rotary Club (East Calcutta), organized a CPR training programme for students. This hands-on workshop aimed to equip attendees with vital life-saving skills such as chest compressions and rescue breathing. As future legal professionals, students may find themselves in public roles where first response can be critical. The training served not only as a health education module but also as an empowerment exercise, reinforcing the value of proactive action in emergency situations. Certificates were awarded upon completion, ensuring participants are recognized for their competence in basic life support.

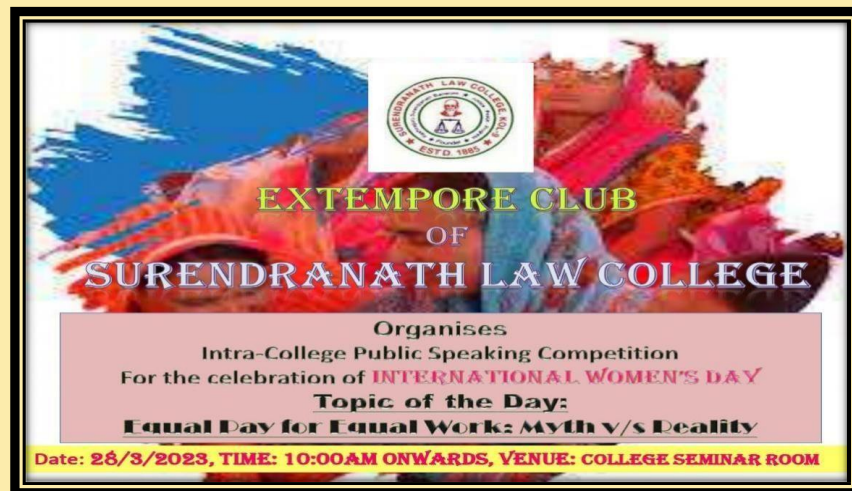


Voices for Equality

Intra-College Public Speaking Competition – Equal Pay: Myth vs Reality

: 28th March 2023 🏆

To commemorate International Women’s Day, the Debate and Extempore Club of Surendranath Law College organized a Public Speaking Competition on the critical theme “Equal Pay for Equal Work: Myth vs Reality.” The event aimed to educate students about gender-based wage disparity and empower them to analyze and advocate for economic justice through legal lenses. Participants debated historical trends, current legal frameworks, and international conventions addressing gender pay gaps. The session fostered confidence, argumentative clarity, and stage presence among students—skills crucial for their future legal careers. Guided by Prof. Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum, the event also encouraged students to critically examine the societal myths and realities that continue to affect women’s economic participation.



ANNUAL SPORTS – 2023

“Building Strength, Skills, and Sportsmanship”

30–31 March 2023 | 08:00 AM onward | College Campus

Sports are an essential part of student development, contributing to physical fitness, mental well-being, self-confidence, discipline, time management, leadership, and teamwork. In this spirit, Surendranath Law College organized its Annual Sports 2023 on 30 and 31 March 2023 at the college campus, chaired by Hon’ble Vice Principal **Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum** and coordinated by Assistant Professor **Angshu Roy** as Convener and Professor **Shibasis Banerjee** as Joint Convener. The event featured a vibrant mix of **outdoor games** including Football (3+1 side), Cricket (6+1 side) for boys and girls, Volleyball (6+1 side), Tug of War (5+1 side) for boys and girls, Hit the Wicket, Break the Jar, and Score the Goal as individual events for girls. The **indoor events** drew equal enthusiasm with Carom (doubles and mixed doubles for boys and girls), Chess (individual for boys and girls), Ludo (doubles and mixed doubles for boys and girls), and Table Tennis singles (boys and girls). Adding a unique touch, the **special event** “Passing the Ball” was organized for teachers and non-teaching staff, fostering inclusivity and camaraderie beyond the student body. With energetic participation, competitive spirit, and an atmosphere of celebration, Annual Sports 2023 became a memorable occasion that truly showcased the talent, enthusiasm, and unity of the Surendranath Law College community.

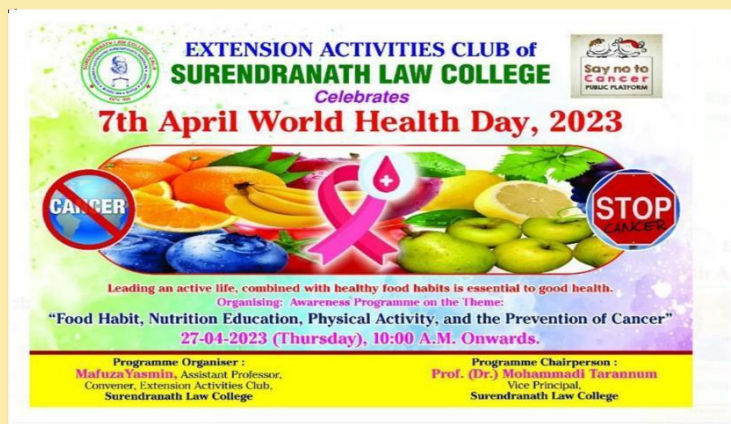


Healing Through Nutrition & Knowledge

World Health Day – Cancer Awareness Programme

27th April 2023

On the occasion of World Health Day, the Extension Activities Committee hosted a Cancer Awareness Programme focused on the theme: “Food Habit, Nutrition Education, Physical Activity, and the Prevention of Cancer.” Dr. Shankar Kumar Nath, a noted Consultant Oncologist, delivered an enlightening talk on the preventive and restorative role of nutrition in cancer. The programme highlighted how dietary habits, physical activity, and medical guidance play a crucial role not just in prevention but also in post-treatment recovery. The session aligned with the broader goal of instilling health consciousness and informed lifestyle choices in students. It underscored the connection between health and law, especially in terms of patients’ rights and access to healthcare.

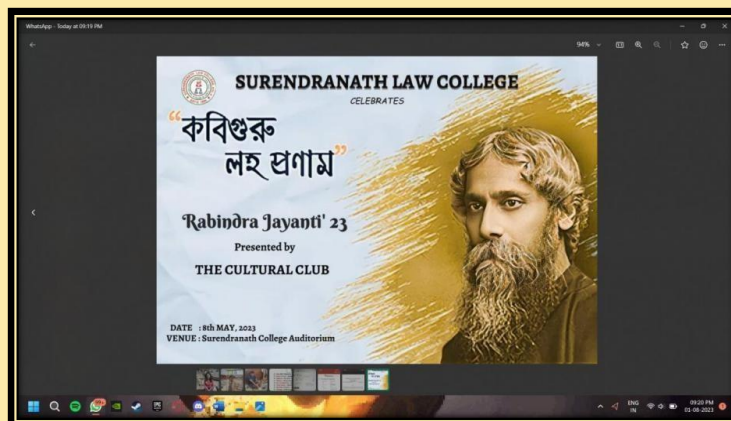
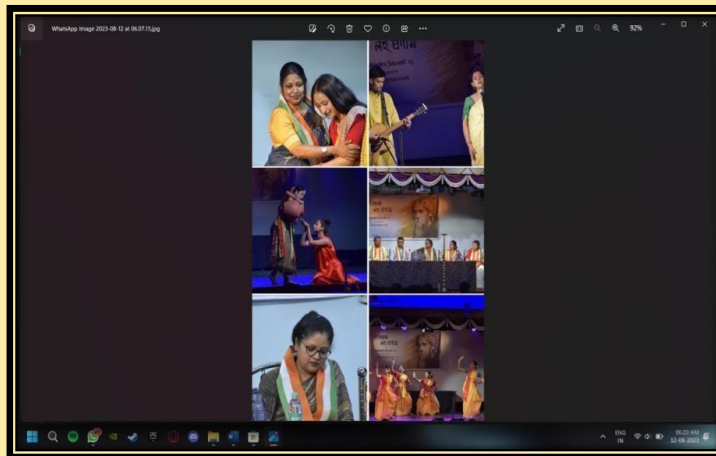


Celebrating the Spirit of Gurudev

Rabindra Jayanti Cultural Celebration

8th May 2023

The Cultural Club of Surendranath Law College organized a grand celebration to honor the legacy of Rabindranath Tagore on the occasion of Rabindra Jayanti. The event, held in the college auditorium, began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and garlanding of Tagore's portrait by Vice Principal Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum. Students and faculty presented soulful performances of Tagore's music, poetry, and the dance drama *Chandalika*, evoking the themes of humanism, cosmopolitanism, and spiritual unity. The programme aimed to nurture the cultural sensibilities of students, while also connecting them with the timeless philosophical and ethical dimensions of Tagore's works—values deeply relevant to legal and social thought.

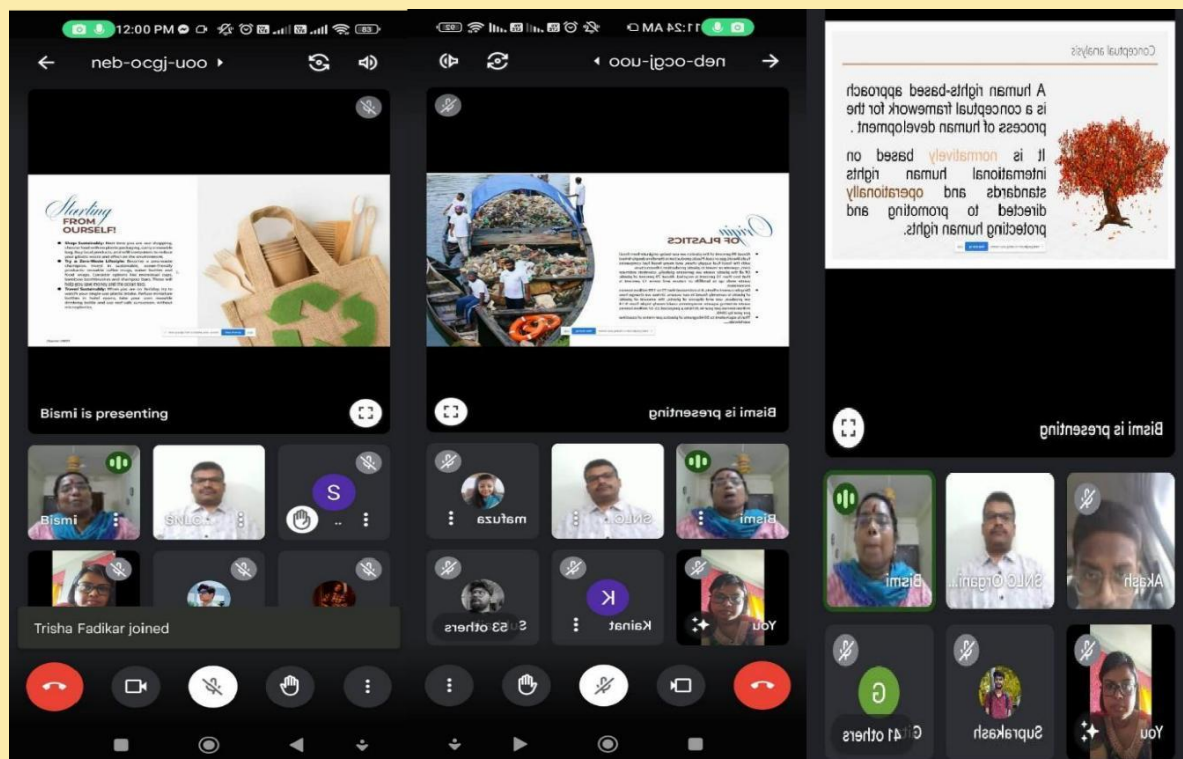


Legal Lens on Environmental Challenges

World Environment Day Webinar – “Solutions to Plastic Pollution”

5th June 2023

In observance of World Environment Day, Surendranath Law College hosted a virtual webinar on the theme “Solutions to Plastic Pollution.” The event featured Prof. (Dr.) Bismi Gopalakrishnan, an eminent authority in environmental law, who traced the evolution of India’s environmental legal frameworks, from early legislation to the Plastic Waste Management Rules of 2016. The objective was to explore how legal mechanisms can be used to combat environmental degradation, particularly plastic waste. Students learned about the intersection of environmental law, policy, and social justice. The event inspired many to consider careers in environmental advocacy and reinforced the responsibility of legal professionals in promoting sustainability.



One-Day Workshop on Consumer Awareness Conducted in Collaboration with Government and Sister Institutions

Empowering Citizens Through Legal Awareness

Date: July 12, 2023

Venue: Seminar Hall, Surendranath Law College

Surendranath Law College, a pioneer in legal education and social consciousness, successfully hosted a **One-Day Workshop on Consumer Awareness** on **12th July 2023**, in collaboration with the **Directorate of Consumer Affairs, Government of West Bengal, Surendranath Women's College, and Surendranath Evening College.**

Held at the **Seminar Hall** of the college, the event witnessed an enthusiastic gathering of students and faculty. Officials from the **Department of Consumer Affairs** addressed the session, highlighting crucial issues related to **consumer rights, grievance redressal mechanisms**, and the legal remedies available to consumers under the **Consumer Protection Act, 2019.**

The presence of dignitaries from the Directorate, along with the Heads of the collaborating institutions, added depth to the discussions. The speakers emphasized the importance of **consumer education** in the age of e-commerce and digital transactions, and encouraged students to act as informed and responsible consumers in their communities.

The workshop was open to all students, who registered through an online form prior to the event. Certificates of Participation were awarded to students who attended and actively participated in the full-day session. The initiative reflected Surendranath Law College's continued commitment to public legal education and civic engagement.

Through this programme, the college reinforced its role in building legal awareness beyond classrooms, ensuring that the **rights and responsibilities of consumers** are not only understood but also exercised effectively in everyday life.



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**SURENDRANATH
EVENING COLLEGE**

-: Jointly Organizing :-

ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON CONSUMER AWARENESS

Date : 12.07.2023 Time : 10:00 A.M. Onwards Venue: Seminar Hall (Surentranath Law College)

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/2GJBRMYaeef14PFX9>

Speakers:
SRI GOPAL RAY
(Registrar, SCDRC, Govt. of WB)
MR. MODASSAR ALAM
(Law Officer, Dept. of CA, WB)
SRI ARUN KAR
(Asst. Directorate, CA & FBP Directorate)

Honourable Guest :
DR. JAFOR ALI AKHAN
DR. PURNIMA BISWAS MOOKHERJEE

Convenor:
NILOY BAGCHI,
IQAC Coordinator

Chairperson:
DR. MOHAMMADI TARANNUM,
Vice Principal

A AUGUST 2023

Legal Aid for the People, By the People

Legal Aid Camp in Collaboration with DLSA

11th September 2023 -

Demonstrating a commitment to social justice, Surentranath Law College, in partnership with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), organized a Legal Aid Camp at Ripon Square, Kolkata. The event was designed to extend free legal services to underprivileged citizens who often face barriers in accessing justice. Law students, under expert supervision, participated in advising the public on civil, criminal, and family law matters. The camp served as a real-world classroom, offering experiential learning in client interaction and legal counselling. It emphasized the role of legal education in empowering communities and promoting access to justice for all.



A NOVEMBER 2023

Honoring India's Democratic Ethos

Special Lecture on Constitution Day

: 28th November 2023 [H](#)

To commemorate Constitution Day, also known as Samvidhan Divas, the Legal Aid Club organized a special lecture in collaboration with DLSA, Kolkata. The lecture was delivered by a former District Judge and Secretary of DLSA and focused on the enduring relevance of India's Constitution in upholding democracy and the rule of law. The event emphasized the evolution of constitutional jurisprudence and the judiciary's vital role in maintaining balance among the three pillars of governance. Coordinated by Vice Principal Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum and Ms. Debjani Ojha, the programme aimed to deepen students' understanding of their rights, duties, and the foundational principles of the Indian republic.



Hands Up for HIV Protection

World AIDS Day Awareness Programme

: 1st December 2023 🇮🇳

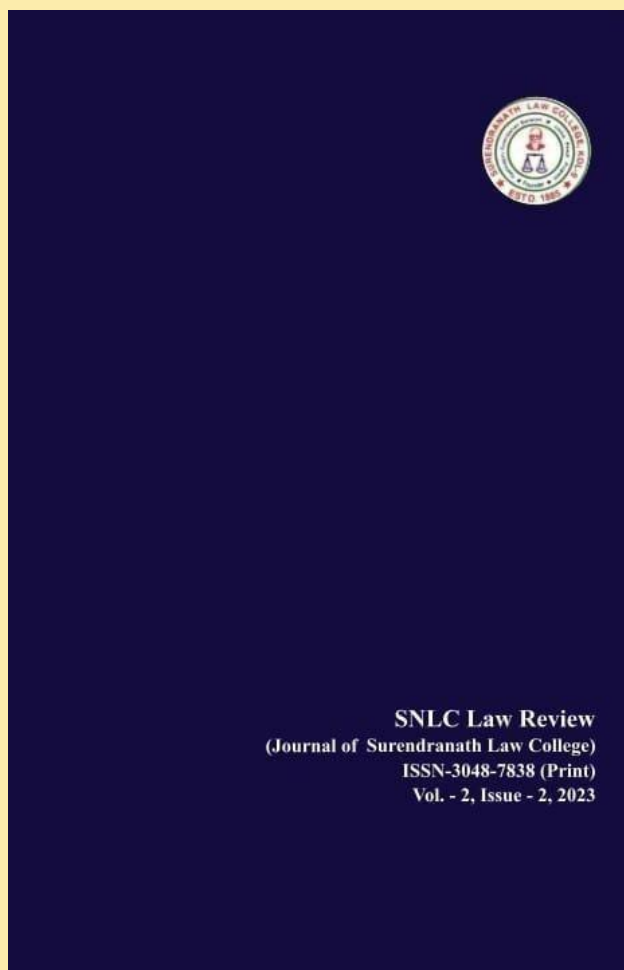
On World AIDS Day, the IQAC and Extension Activities Committee hosted a comprehensive awareness programme titled “Hands Up for HIV Protection: Access Equity Right Now.” Held under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Mohammadi Tarannum, the programme featured prominent speakers Prof. (Dr.) Bishnupada Nanda and Dr. Soumyadeep Mahapatra. The objectives were to dispel myths, reduce stigma, and raise awareness about HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention. Students gained valuable insights into the social, medical, and legal dimensions of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The use of vernacular language, statistical overviews, and government strategies provided a holistic understanding and reinforced the message of compassion, equity, and public health awareness.



SNLC Law Review: Making New Heights in Legal Scholarship

Now Globally Recognized with ISSN Accreditation

.In 2023, the **SNLC Law Review** reached another significant milestone by obtaining its **ISSN number 3048-7838 (Print)**, further solidifying its status as a recognized academic journal in the field of legal studies. This achievement not only marks the journal's growing influence and credibility but also facilitates its accessibility and citation in global legal research platforms. With the ISSN accreditation, the *SNLC Law Review* is now part of an international network of scholarly publications, ensuring its contributions to legal discourse are preserved and acknowledged in academic and professional circles worldwide. This accomplishment reflects Surendranath Law College's commitment to fostering rigorous legal scholarship and its vision of contributing meaningfully to the broader legal community.



Upcoming Events Plan

Focus on Skill Development

The college remains committed to nurturing well-rounded legal professionals through activities that enhance both academic and practical skills. The following initiatives are planned for the upcoming year:

1. **Workshops on Legal Research & Drafting** – Hands-on sessions to strengthen research methodology, case analysis, and legal documentation skills.
2. **Public Speaking & Advocacy Training** – Programmes aimed at improving articulation, courtroom presentation, and persuasive argumentation.
3. **Negotiation & Mediation Skills Camp** – Interactive modules to develop conflict resolution techniques and client-handling abilities.
4. **Technology in Law Awareness Series** – Sessions introducing students to e-filing, legal databases, and AI tools in legal practice.
5. **Professional Etiquette & Soft Skills Programme** – Guidance on communication, teamwork, and professional ethics in legal careers.
6. **Career Counselling & Internship Orientation** – Support for navigating internships, placements, and higher study opportunities.