

**Faculty: Law**  
**Department: Law**

**Name of the Supervisor:**

**Dr. Apurva Bhilare**

**Designation:**

Assistant Professor

**Department:**

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**Faculty:**

Law

**Research Area**

Criminal Law, Criminology, Jurisprudence, Health

**Keywords:**

Law, Drug Laws, Access to Justice, Human Rights, Governance, Laws relating to women and children



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**Research Summary:**

Dr. Apurva Bhilare is engaged in socio-legal research with a strong focus on identifying and addressing grassroots challenges faced by vulnerable populations. Her work spans legal awareness, policy recommendations, and research aimed at enhancing access to justice for women, children, the elderly, and socio-economically marginalized communities.

Their doctoral research critically examines India's anti-drug regime in India in light of evolving global paradigms. The study explores the inconsistencies between the NDPS Act and the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, particularly regarding the right to treatment for individuals with substance use disorders. A key focus is the impact of criminalization on people who use drugs (PWUDs) and the structural barriers that hinder their access to healthcare and legal aid. By adopting a comparative approach, her research evaluates international best practices, harm reduction strategies, and decriminalization models, to assess their applicability in the Indian context. Her research actively contributes to policy discussions and legal reforms, advocating for a shift from punitive drug laws to a health and rights-based approach.

Her commitment to social justice drives ongoing research efforts aimed at formulating evidence-based legal and policy interventions that promote inclusivity and equitable access to justice



**Name of the Faculty:** Dr. Sarika Sagar  
**Designation:** Assistant Professor  
**Department:** Law  
**Research Area** International Law, Human Rights, Intellectual  
**Keywords:** Property Laws, Environmental Laws, Cyber Laws



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**Research Summary:** Have completed her Ph.D. from Savitribai Phule Pune University on the topic of “Role of IMO in Prevention and Preservation of Marine Environment – A Critical Study”. She has published her papers in peer-reviewed and conference proceedings on the topics related to environmental issues, human rights and Law of the Sea.

**Name of the Faculty:** Dr. Padmaja Kathikar  
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**Research Summary:** Total 9 years of experience in teaching and research. Total 11 research papers and 1 book chapter has been published. Currently 4 research students are pursuing doctoral research under my guidance.

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**Research Summary:** Ph.D. thesis title: "Protection And Rehabilitation Of Victims Of Crime : Emerging Judicial And Legislative Paradigms In India" from Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. Published quality research papers in various Law Journals, Conferences and Seminar Proceedings. Presented papers at various State, National and International Conferences, Seminars and Workshops. Participated in various International, National & State Level Conferences/Seminars/Workshops Invited as a Resource Person for Guest Lecture Sessions, Seminars/Conferences/Workshops, Moot Court, Elocution, Debate, etc. Competitions Former Co-editor of Law Mantra for Academic year 2014-15 and 2015-16. Former member of Editorial Boards of Swades (College Magazine) and Fiat Justitia for academic year 2013-14 (Law Journal of DES's Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune) Former Editor of Greener Journal of Law and Legislature published at Geneva, Switzerland.

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**Research**

**Summary:**

With an aim to bridge the gap between theoretical methods & industry implementation, Dr. Deepshikha is a vocal advocate of interactive teaching who encourages open communication & discussion in her classrooms.

Dr. Deepshikha has transitioned from the role of a Legal Executive, to an Academician with efficiency & grace. She has supported & mentored 50+ students as part of her career journey in this domain.