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## Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur Organized Workshop

On

## "PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION".

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur organized a workshop on "Public Interest Litigation (PIL) Drafting". The workshop was conducted by Ms. Pallavi Pratap, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India.

**Prof.** Ahmar Afaq, Assistant Professor at SLS, Nagpur welcomed the Guest Ms. Pallavi Pratap and highlighted the importance of the PIL and how it has helped the socio-economic backward and marginalized groups. He has also emphasized on the point that this innovation of judiciary is weapon in the hand of every justice loving citizen and it can be you used for social justice. **Prof.** Ahmar Afaq introduced the Speaker and moderated the session.

Ms. Pallavi opined that preparing PILs without any ground-level information or knowledge while sitting in an air-conditioned office is not 'public service'. She quoted that, "sticking around litigation for a first generation lawyer is very difficult but one must never give up, and keep doing the job with the best of the ability". She also discussed the importance of the Public Interest Litigation by highlighting that how PIL provides a wider scope to promoting the right to equality. Not only does it promote equality, but it also ensures right to life and personality. PIL is solely responsible for providing relief and remedies of the writ jurisdiction. The public interest litigation practice functions as an effective instrument for changing society and ensuring welfare. Also, with the help of the public interest litigation, anyone can seek remedy on behalf of the under-privileged class by introducing the public interest litigation.

The Workshop covered the following zones such as Overview of how PIL came into being and how it has evolved over decades. What is a good subject matter for PIL and what is not: Learning to think like a lawyer Who can pursue a PIL and whether a person can represent himself/herself in

a PIL. What preparation is required before filing a PIL. Drafting a PIL. Filing a PIL. Pursuing the case for a long time and what timelines to brace yourself for Funding PIL. Frivolous PILs and why not to file them. Impact of PIL and PIL as an instrument of social and legal change.

The enlightening lecture on PIL concluded with a Thank You Note delivered by **Dr. Sukhvinder** Singh Dari, Director of SLS, Nagpur, wherein he conveyed his heartfelt thanks to Ms. Pallavi Pratap for sharing her wide experience and knowledge with the students. The session was really inspiring and the students tremendously benefited from it. Speaker proved to be an excellent learning platform for Law students across the country with a participation of more than 100 attendees. The session was followed by the Question & Answer session.



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Ms. Pallavi Pratap, Advocate, Supreme Court of India addressing the participants.

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