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Mr. Vaagish B.V from 2nd year, Ms. Bhavani Balaji from 3rd year and Ms. Sonali Tiwari from 5th year bagged the winners title in the RILS National Moot Court Competition held from 8th to 10th February 2024.

Mr. Richard William from 5th year, Mr. Muheeb from 4th year and Ms. Aditi Agya from 5th year bagged the runner's title at the 32nd All India Moot Court Competition conducted by Kerala Law Academy Law College, Trivandrum.



Mr. Muheeb from 4th year won the Best Student Advocate title at the 32nd All India Moot Court Competition conducted by Kerala Law Academy Law College, Trivandrum.

Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies (BILS) was established in 1993 under the umbrella of BHS Higher Education Society as the brain child of Shri N.B. Bhat, former IPS officer & Advocate, Secretary BHS HES, and Dean, BILS, having the vision of "Achieving Academic Excellence in Law". The college has produced more than 2660 Lawyers, secured 55 ranks and more than 10 gold medals in the University, achieved many trophies in National and International Moot Court Competitions, Debate, Essay, Sports and Cultural Competitions, thus making its mark as a standing testimony to the vision with which this Institute was started.

- 1) CSR - GHRDC LAW SCHOOLS SURVEY 2023 conducted by "Competition Success Review" has ranked as follows:
 - 4th in the category of Outstanding Excellence,
 - 8th category in the Southern Region.
- 2) The ALL-INDIA SURVEY OF BEST LAW COLLEGES conducted by "India Today" magazine issue dated 03-07-2023 has Ranked as follows
 - 31st Position in Law Colleges All India Category,
 - 22nd Position in Private Law Colleges All India,
 - 6th Position in Private Law Colleges South Zone.
- 3) Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies has been presented with the Certificate of Excellence for being one of the premium legal education institutes of India and for shaping legal minds of the future by LAW SCHOOL RANKING 2023.
- 4) ALL INDIA SURVEY OF LAW COLLEGES conducted by "India Today" (Published on 3rd July, 2023)
 - 8th Position in Top Ten Colleges with Best Value for Money,
 - 38th Position in Best Law Colleges in India.



Mr. Sai Prashanth of 4th year got selected for university at the KSLU Intercollegiate Men and Women cross country competition cum selection trials- 2023-2024 at KVG law college.

Mr. Richard Henry William from 5th year and Mr. Pranesh Prabhakar from 4th year secured 3rd position in the Inter College Debate Competition 2023, organized by NA Global Law School, Bengaluru held on 16th December. 2023



Mr. Farhan Khan from 1st year received a Samadhanakara Bahumana at the One day National Symposium on the topic "The Relevance Of Mankutimmanakagga" conducted by Vijaya College R.V Road and Vijaya Evening College R.V Road in association with D.V.G Balaga.



Ms. Vishrutha from 4th year is selected to represent the University in Karate competitions.

BHS HES Scholarship 2022-23



COLLEGE DAY AND PURASKARA DAY



The 28th College Day took place on August 24, 2023, which was followed by Puraskaara Day and the awarding of the BHS HES scholarships. The event featured notable speakers, including Dr. Arathi V.B., Founder and Chairperson of the Vibhu Academy, and Dr. K.S. Sameera Sinha, Joint Secretary of BHS HES. The event was presided over by Shri N. B. Bhat, Dean of BILS, and Prof. Preeti S. Desai, Principal of BILS. The Chief Guest felicitated the Subject toppers and Semester toppers and also winners of the year's cultural and literary events, respectively, and presented them with their honors.

FAREWELL SYMPHONY 2018-2023



The farewell for the batch of 2018-2023 was conducted on 26th of August, 2023 in the Auditorium of Vijaya College Campus. Shri N B Bhat, IPS (Retd.) secretary B.H.S H.E.S and Dean, BILS, Principal Professor Preeti S. Desai and all the teaching and non-teaching staff shared their respective messages for the batch, followed by a concluding Vote of Thanks given by Asst. Prof. Ambika Bhat K.S.

FORMAL WELCOME TO THE FIRST YEARS INTO BILS FAMILY: BATCH 2023-2028

We had the privilege to welcome the students to our BILS family on 15th of November 2023 from states all over India to the 1st year B.A., LL.B. course. The event commenced in the presence of Shri N.B. Bhat, IPS (Retd) Secretary BHS HES & Dean BILS & Prof. Preeti S. Desai, Principal, BILS. Shri N B Bhat, IPS (Retd.) Secretary, BHS HES addressed the gathering regarding the importance of studying law and said Legal education is a broad concept which not only includes Advocacy but also includes law teaching, law research and administration in different branches where law plays a pivotal role. The formal welcome came to an end with vote of thanks by Asst. Prof. Ms. Aysha Fida.

NEW HORIZONS: The batch of 2023-2028



Fresher's Day was held to assist first-year students to overcome their inhibitions and feel more at ease with their seniors and professors. The second years greeted first-year students by arranging it on December 16, 2023, at the BILS Indoor Auditorium. Asst. Prof. Ambika Bhat K. S & Asst. Prof. Soumya Srijana served as judges for the event. Ms. & Mr. Fresher were declared to be Ms. Neha & Mr. Prakash Tripathi respectively. Prof. Preeti S. Desai, Principal, the teaching and non-teaching members, attended the event.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR THE 1st YEAR



The orientation program was conducted on 21st November 2023 for the students of 1st Year. The proud alumni of BILS Adv. Samartha Srinivasa, CEO and founder of JK Legal was invited as the Guest Speaker. He enlightened the students of the importance of internships and practical exposure before

graduating. Adv. Thomas George, Legal Manager of Zolostays Pvt. Ltd., began his oration by recounting his early days as a law student and his internship in a litigation office. He also provided a brief overview of how the court operates, protocol, and communication requirements with Hon'ble Judges and shared his experience with his senior colleagues.

Ms. Mishal Ann James, Assistant Professor BILS welcomed the speakers for the orientation and introduced the guest to the students and the speaker for this session was Adv. Varun S. The engaging session allowed the students to gain insight into the world of litigation and discussed court procedures and jurisdictional categories. Adv. Vikram Varada Kumar advised pupils to read daily newspapers, learn time management skills, and have a good grasp of the English language. He instructed that the "Legal Profession is the Thinking Profession" and that imagining the worst-case scenario in any situation will produce many good advocates.

INAUGURATION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND RELEASING OF BILS CHRONICLE



The Inaugural Ceremony of Student Activities for the Academic Year 2023-24 was held on 9th December 2023. The Chief Guest of the function was Hon'ble Justice Ashok G Nijagannavar, High Court of Karnataka and other Dignitaries present were Shri N.B. Bhat, IPS (Retd), Secretary BHS HES, Dean, BILS, and Prof. Preeti S. Desai, Principal, BILS. Shri N.B. Bhat, Secretary BHS HES, Dean, BILS presented a bouquet to the chief guest as a moment of welcome. BILS Chronicle 2022-23 was released the esteemed guest and he addressed the gathering, noting that "Law is a noble profession" and underlined the importance of having the required emotional, social, and intellectual capacity to handle situations. Although our current legal culture does not actively support or encourage the development of emotional quotient, as attorneys, we have a unique opportunity to improve our own emotional quotient by focusing our curiosity and critical thinking talents on the inner workings of ourselves and others.

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMES ON POCSO



Every year on November 9th, India celebrates National Legal Services Day to honor the passage of the Legal Services Authorities Act of 1987. The objective of Legal Services Day is to raise awareness about the importance of legal services, advocate free legal aid, and underline the need to ensure that justice is available to all. On November 9th and 10th 2023, the Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies marked National Legal Services Day by educating students on “The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012” and launched the Legal Services Awareness Programme for various High School Students on POCSO. The objective was to teach students about their rights, empower them with knowledge, and create a safer environment in school communities.

SPEECH COMPETITION FOR THE 1ST YEAR



The event was held for the First Year's batch of 2023-2028. Students turned out in great numbers, making the event an immense hit.

9TH INTER INSTITUTIONAL DEBATE COMPETITION



On December 15, 2023, BILS held the 9th BHS HES Inter-institutional Debate Competition for the students of BILS & BHS HES institutions. Shri. G.V Vishwanath, IAS (Retd.), President of BHS HES, was invited as the event's Chief Guest. The Guest of Honour was Shri Dr. A.K. Atre, Treasurer of the BHS HES. Dr. Sumana, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, Vijaya College, Jayanagar, Mrs. Jyothi V, Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics, Vijaya College R.V Road and Ms. Divyashree K S, Assistant Professor of Law, Presidency University's School of Law, comprised the jury.

Speakers argued for and against the idea that 'Artificial Intelligence is not a bane or threat, but a boon or gift'. The individuals worked hard to demonstrate their skills. Ms. Deepika Melgode from Vijaya Degree College R.V Road and Mr. Vaagish B.V from BILS won first prize, each receiving Rs. 3000/- and Rs. 1500/-. Ms. Sharmada Kaushik from Vijaya College Jayanagar and Mr. Priyansha Pincha from BILS were given second place, each receiving Rs. 2000/- and Rs. 1000/-. Mr. Rahul Nayak of Vijaya College Jayanagar and Mr. Pranesh Prabhakar of BILS received the third prize of Rs. 1000/- and Rs. 500/-, respectively.

The Valedictory Function's Chief Guest was Shri Dr. K. Sameera Simha, Joint Secretary, BHS HES. Shri N.B. Bhat, IPS (Retd.), Secretary, BHS HES, and Dean, BILS, presided over the gathering. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Asst. Prof. Ms. Anwasha Anindita.

संविधान दिवस



India's Constitution was adopted on November 26th, 1949. On November 27, 2023, students of BILS examined the importance of the Constitution and how it is pertinent to the democratic functioning of India today. They further spoke about several aspects of the Constitution, such as Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties, how the Constituent Assembly drafted the Constitution, and the Constitution's many sources. At the end, Prof. Preeti S. Desai, Principal of BILS, addressed the students and led the reading of the Constitution's Preamble.

ETHNIC DAY



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: An insightful lecture



On December 22, 2023, Ms. Hannah Divyanka Doss delivered a talk on AI (Artificial Intelligence) in the presence of Prof. Preeti S. Desai, Principal of BILS, and faculty. Prof. Preeti S. Desai, Principal BILS, welcomed Ms. Hannah Divyanka Doss with a bouquet. Ms. Hannah Divyanka Doss kept the lecture interesting by keeping the sessions very interactive as she asked questions about AI (Artificial Intelligence) and defining intelligence as the ability to understand, learn, think, and respond. Students interacted with the orator, asking questions.

MENTAL HEALTH: Introducing mind notes from NIMHANS



On January 5, 2024, students attended an orientation session by Mr. Abhishek Karishiddinath, psychologist and program manager at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuroscience (NIMHANS). He spoke on "MENTAL HEALTH" during the program. Mr. Abhishek made the students take a quiz. He went on to address the situation of mental health in India as well as self-care and the elements that influence mental health.

NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

From January 12th to January 18th, 2024, the Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies celebrated National Youth Day with great passion and devotion in honor of the famous philosopher and spiritual leader Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary.

The festivities were opened by BILS Principal Prof. Preeti S. Desai. With a platform to exhibit their skills, share their thoughts, and explore the visionary concepts that still impact India's youth, the event aimed to inspire and engage the youth.

A Special Talk on Importance of National Youth Day

The event began with a series of lectures by the faculty members. The special presentation delves into Swami Vivekananda's life and philosophy, highlighting his lessons on self-realization, fearlessness, and the role of youth in molding the nation's fate, as well as commemorating their auspicious day.



Swami Vivekananda And His Message To The Youth of India

The talk was held on January 18, 2024, on the topic of Swami Vivekananda and His Message to India's Youth by DR. RAGHU.V chief editor Viveka Hamsa and director of V R academy. Dr.Raghu.V made the talk interesting by explaining "Swami Vivekananda and his message to the youth of India." He began his oration by highlighting Vivekananda's speech to the youth and how young people must actively participate in the country's social and economic prosperity. It was also claimed that the objective is not crucial, but the process and satisfaction of achieving it is and he believed that young people should be brave and unselfish in their service to humanity, because service to humanity is service to God.



VOTERS AWARENESS

On January 2, 2024, BILS students participated in numerous activities for the Voters awareness program, as the 2024 Lok Sabha elections are around the corner.



The events organized:

1st Year - Poster Making Competition:

A poster-making competition allowed students to show off their creativity and grasp of voters' rights. The artwork highlighted several facets of the election process, encouraging peers to vote wisely.



2nd Year - Mock Election:

Students conducted a mock election to familiarize participants with voting processes. This session gave students first hand experience with voting and understanding the electoral system.



3rd Year - Campaign:

Third-year students launched an aggressive campaign to raise awareness about the necessity of voter registration, electoral reforms, and informed voting. They taught about electoral laws and urged them to participate in the political process through workshops and seminars.



4th Year - Skit:

The students enthralled the audience with thought-provoking performance stressing voters' challenges and the need of ethical voting. The performance shed light on several legal aspects of elections, underlining the importance of transparency and accountability in the democratic system.



5th Year - Mock Parliament:

The last segment saw students conducting a mock parliament session to replicate legislative operations. Participants engaged in debates about electoral reforms, voter rights, and democratic governance, instilling a sense of critical thinking and collaborative learning.



BLOOD DONATION CAMP CONDUCTED BY RED CROSS UNIT, BILS



REPUBLIC DAY

To celebrate the occasion of the Republic Day, various activities were organized for all the students.

- Essay Writing Competition
- Elocution Competition
- Quiz Competition



FLAVOUR FUSION FIESTA



One of the most successful events of Bangalore institute of legal studies, BILS fiesta organized on 3rd February 2024. The students had stalls of food, accessories and posters which were setup in the class rooms. The students showcased their talents by cooking and marketing their stalls. There were also games like treasure hunt, cup stacking, ballon and darts, ring in the bottle and can u feel it. Overall, a fun and enthusiastic day where everyone made wonderful memories and had a great experience.

7th ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET



The 7th Annual Athletic Meet was held on 16th February 2024 at Kittur Rani Chennamma Stadium Ground. The Dignitaries for the event were Shri Balakrishan Avalakki (athletic coach sports authority of Karnataka) Chief Guest, Shri. N. B. Bhat, IPS (Retd), Secretary BHS HES, Dean BILS as the Guest of Honour and Prof. Preeti. S Desai, Principle. The event was inaugurated by flag hoisting and lighting of the meet lamp. The events organized were 100m race, 200m race, 400m race, 800m race, 1500m race, 4×100 Relay.

VISIT TO VIDHANA SOUDHA



The students of 2nd year had the privilege to visit Vidhana Soudha and witnessed the ongoing Budget Session of the Karnataka State Legislative Assembly.



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