





अकारणं रूपमकारणं कुलम्  
महस्तु नीचेषु कर्मैव शोभते

**“Beauty is of no bearing, lineage is non-instrumental**

**Be it the mighty or the insignificant, their deeds are that which shine”**

**The Council of Education's**

**SHAHAJI LAW COLLEGE**

**KOLHAPUR**

**Celebrating a Journey of 90 Years...**



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# From The Management

The outlook of higher education in Indian society has changed drastically today. No longer is it only focused on and limited to classroom lectures and standardised testing. We recognise it is essential that education not only enrich young, curious minds with knowledge, but that ideas stemming from these minds too find a place of nurture. We recognise our role in nurturing these ideas that will bloom into a better tomorrow.

We at Shahaji Law College aim to create a class of aspiring lawyers who would stand at par with those educated at world-renowned institutions.

And to see our objectives come to fruition, we constantly enforce innovative approaches to pedagogy, provision of infrastructural facilities and expert guidance to those venturing into research and legal practice.

As we approach our centenary year, we look back on our 90 years of history rather proudly, and hope to trudge a steady path to a brighter future.



# From The Principal's Desk

Shahaji Law College is a premier institution dedicated to impart legal education in this region of the State. This institution has the rich heritage of producing young lawyers many of whom have flourished as seasoned lawyers, great judges on the Benches of lower Courts and High Courts, politicians of image, activists, social workers, and justice dispensing agents both in India and abroad.

Since its inception, the college has seen many changes in terms of infrastructure, curriculum, and personnel. With the passage of time, the college has imbibed the emerging values without losing the traditional roots of 'Justice to All' and 'Justice for All'. The tiny beginning of the college in a thatched hut has now culminated into an independent sprawling campus of two acres. The college is catering to the needs of poor, downtrodden and all needy. The three year and five-year law courses coupled with diplomas and certificate courses are watering the legal thirst of the community since 1933.

The college has a rich heritage of producing meritorious students at university level. It is not an exaggeration to mention that every year the students of this institution make it into top ten students declared by the University. The college has won the



Best College Certificate among the urban colleges in DIT and DLL courses.

The articles published in the college magazines have also been adjudged as best articles for which various prizes have been bagged by this institution.

This institution is blessed with the selfless trustees, talented teachers and committed non-teaching staff. There is a well-maintained library with collection of classic books which are rarely available in any of the libraries in western part of Maharashtra.

The college has entered the 90<sup>th</sup> year of legal education and legal service. It is for the first time that, the alumni meet of such magnitude is happening in the college. I am privileged and blessed in the capacity of Principal, to be part of, witness and testimony this Mega event.



# VISION

Shahaji Law College is a premiere legal institution committed to ensure quality legal education & legal awareness in society. The college is a constructive platform for the aspirations of the students to become Exemplary lawyers future judges, legislators and administrators.

# MISSION

- To inculcate the principles of Justice, Equality, Liberty, Fraternity, Dignity amongst the pupils and people.
- To be a centre of excellence by blending traditional teaching with modern technology.
- To make its law graduates capable of pursuing a competitive career at Bar, Judicial and Civil services and so on.
- To imbibe a high sense of legal, social, and moral values among students and harness the talent of students.
- To empower the weaker sections of the society by providing free legal services .

# Laying the Foundation

Kolhapur is a city that had the fortune of being moulded at the hands of progressive reformists like Chh. Shahu Maharaj, Chh. Rajaram Maharaj III and Chh. Shahaji Maharaj II among many others.

Education is a vital aspect of social reform, and all these great leaders recognised it as such. All their lives, they took great efforts to revolutionise the scenery of education of this blessed land.

Chh. Shahu Maharaj, the King of the Masses, worked for the underprivileged classes of people like no other. And among his prized contributions to the culture and society of Kolhapur, is his devotion to the educational upliftment.

Following in his father's footsteps, Chh. Rajaram Maharaj III paved the way for provision of free primary education as well as extending education to women. Amongst many of his contributions to the society of Kolhapur, like the establishment of the Kolhapur High Court, another instrumental contribution is the establishment of one of the oldest Law Colleges in the present-day State of Maharashtra.



*Rajarshi Chh. Shahu Maharaj*



*Rajarshi Chh. Rajaram III Maharaj*



*Deshbhakt Ratnappa Kumbhar*





Rajaram III Maharaj felt the dire need for a Law College in the State of Kolhapur, which led him to establish a committee in 1932 to formulate a plan to establish a law college in Kolhapur.

The dream of Chh. Rajaram Maharaj was realised with the establishment of Sykes Law College in the State of Kolhapur, named after the then Governor of Bombay, Sir Frederic Hugh Sykes. After Kolhapur state was merged with the Government, the Bombay government ran the college for two years before deciding to shut it down.

Shri Deshbhakta Ratnappa Kumbhar arose to shoulder the responsibility of this College instead. Thus, the previous council was renamed “The Council of Education, Kolhapur,” and it overtook the responsibility of the Law College, along with two other institutions. The “Sykes Law College” became “Shahaji Law College,” and to this day, the institution and its stakeholders work hard to honour the great legacy of this institution and to add to its glory.



# “Anna”



Our beloved founding father, Padmashri Deshbhakta Ratnappanna Kumbhar, “Anna,” was a freedom fighter, social activist, pioneer of cooperative movements and a progressive educationist. He was born in Nimshirgaon in Kolhapur district on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1909. From this humble background, he rose to become one of the most respected public figures in India. During British rule he was agitated by the atrocities committed on his people and thus jumped into the freedom struggle. He also played a pivotal role in the dissolution of Princely States and the agitations regarding the same. During the development of the Indian Constitution, Deshbhakta Ratnappanna Kumbhar represented the Bombay Province in the Constituent Assembly. He is a signatory of the Indian Constitution, a fact which kindles in us a spirit of public service and social responsibility





A doyen in the field of education, it was his sheer will and vision that kept Sykes Law College (later named Shahaji Law College) running even when the Government of the day had given up. It is due to Anna that Shahaji Law College has produced a galaxy of illustrious alumni who have contributed to a wide range of fields. The establishment of College of Commerce and Night College of Arts and Commerce after Shahaji Law College was to make higher education accessible to youth of Kolhapur and nearby districts. His tireless and determined dedication has made The Council of Education an esteemed and distinguished name to be reckoned with in the country. Walking towards our centenary year, we at Shahaji Law College aspire to take it to greater heights.



Deshbhakta Ratnappanna Kumbhar being awarded the Padmashri by President Giani Zail Singh

Inauguration of Boys Hostel at the hands of Hon'ble. B. D. Jatti, Vice-President of India



# Reaching

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Shahaji Law College has stood its ground, bearing the changing winds of the ninety years of its history.

Since its inception, this institution has produced great stalwarts and luminaries, who have occupied positions of great honour both in the Judiciary as well as Legislature.

Today, there are 1500 students enrolled into the various courses the College offers. The College has 20 teaching faculty members as well as an administrative staff of 13.

Where it offered only the Three Year Law Course in the earlier years, today Shahaji Law College offers everything from Five Year Law Course and LL.M, to Diploma Courses in Labour Law, Income Tax and Cyber Law as well as certificate courses in ADR, Advocacy Skills, and Human Rights.

Currently, our library has a collection of over 26134 books, 5,000 reference books and subscriptions to over 20 journals. It hosts a collection of rare books and journals including early-20<sup>th</sup> Century editions

like Wheaton's Elements of International Law, Berriedale Keith, 1929, Democracy and Socialism: A Rosenberg, 1939, the Harvard Law Review Journals, as well as all the volumes of Indian Law Reports since 1876.

The library is currently under renovation to include a larger study room and extensive computer facilities. We have constructed a new Moot Court Hall complete with all modern infrastructural amenities.

Shahaji Law College does not limit itself to academics. It is essential that our students grow as individuals too.

We host a variety of lectures and seminars that focus on both academic and personal growth, events to channel the creativity of our students, and activities to boost their skills as well. We have held Moot Court Competitions in English as well as Marathi, Youth Parliaments, and individual competitions. Furthermore, we have Elocutions and speeches and other creative competitions all year round.

# THE ALUMNI A

## Illustrious Alumni

- Late His Highness Chhatrapati Shahaji Maharaja of Kolhapur
- Hon'ble Padmashri Deshbhakta Dr. Ratnappa Anna Kumbhar
- Hon'ble B. D. Jatti, Former Vice-President of India
- Padmashri. Dr.. D. Y. Patil
- Dr. Yashwant Thorat
- Shri S. R. Kanthi
- Shri. Rajaram Bapu Patil
- Shri. Baba Kadam
- Shri. Umesh V. Kadam
- Hon'ble Justice Tanajirao Nalawade
- Hon'ble Justice Chandrakant Rane
- Hon. Justice Ravindra Ghuge
- Hon. Justice Amit Borkar

The Alumni Association of Shahaji Law College (registered: 1978-79) is our most prestigious stakeholder. They have been keen about fostering a lifelong spirit of belonging—a well-knit community of students and professionals at this institution.

The motivation of the association remains their desire to stay bonded to the institution that shaped their younger years as well as to contribute their knowledge and expertise towards the development of the institution.

The newly formed Executive Committee of the Alumni Association (formed in 2022) carries forward this task with renewed enthusiasm. It shares the vision of the Management to create an environment that would help Shahaji Law College attain its highest potential.

This Alumni Association aims to create a better support system for our students who are only just venturing into the field of legal practice and research. Their valuable contributions help us devise innovative methods of teaching and choose a variety of co-curricular programs to help develop the skills of our students as well. Their valuable feedback on the implementation of our programs and curricula has helped us improve our approach to teaching. They guide our students, mentor them or direct them towards other mentors, and aid in placements and job opportunities as well.

# SSOCIATION



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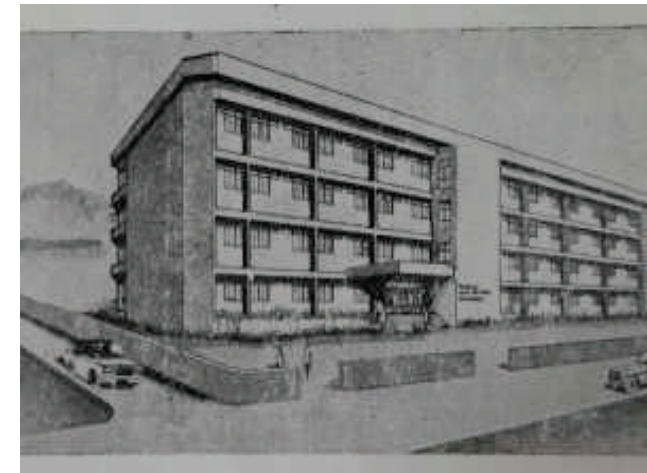




Sykes Law College, 1933



Annual Social, 1943-44



Proposed building, 1979

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Tennis Prize Winners, 1937-38



Staff and Members of College Parliament, 1963-64



Annual Play, 1974







Legal Literacy Campaign, 1992



Republic Day, 2008



NAAC Peer Team Visit, 2017

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inauguration of Shahaji Law College Building, 1985



First batch of 5 year course, 1987-88



On 90th Anniversary of Shahaji Law College





# LEGAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS



Inauguration of NALSA - sponsored activities, 2014.  
Justice S. Ahmed



Skit in Free Legal Aid Campaign, 2014



Legal Awareness Rally



Electoral Literacy Campaign



Legal Awareness Street Play



Spreading Legal Awareness amongst Locals

# QUALITATIVE

# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



Participation of SLC Students in Lok Adalat



Participation of SLC Students in DLSA Activity



Tree Plantation, 2005



Donation to Blind School



Cleanliness Drive, 2014



Blood donation camp, 2017

# INITIATIVES



# GUEST LECTURES & SEMINARS



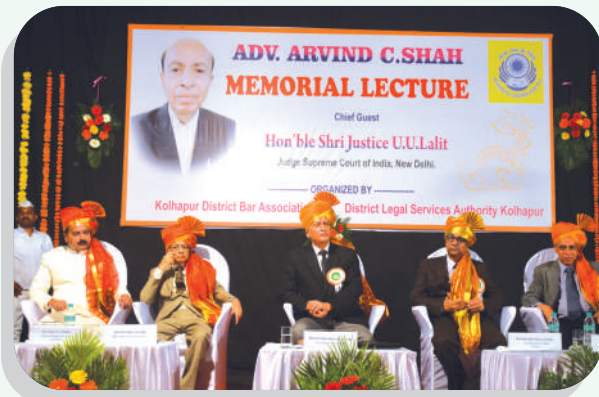
Dr. Santosh Shah after a session on Importance of Will



Workshop on ADR, Justice N. J. Jamadar



Lecture by Mark Brown, 2017



Adv. Arvind Shah Memorial Lecture  
Hon'ble U. U. Lalit, Chief Guest



Self-defence camp



Environmental study tour

# ACADEMIC



# INTERNSHIP ACTIVITIES & LEAD-COLLEGE ACTIVITIES



Visit to Ichalkaranji Municipal Hospital



Workshop at Family Court



Visit to I.T. Cell, Kolhapur, 2015



Visit to Morewadi Gram Panchayat



Demo by Department of Fire in College Premises



IPR Lead College Activity

# ACTIVITIES

# CO-CURRICULARS



Moot Court, 2005-06



Moot Court in Marathi, 2021



SLC Winners of 2022 Kashibai Navale 8th National Moot Court Competition



Youth Parliament, 2016



Cricket Trophy, 1999-2000



Volley ball

# CO - CURRIC





Annual Sport Day



Karan Jadhav,  
Badminton Championship Trophies



Weightlifting Championship Medalist



Convocation Ceremony



Republic day 2019



Poster-Making Competition



Hadga Celebrations, 2022



Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Jayanti, 2022



Republic Day Celebration 2019





# Centenary Road Map

At our 90<sup>th</sup> year, we at Shahaji Law College are proud that the vision and foresight of Deshbhakta Ratnappa Kumbhar and the management members thereafter have made Shahaji Law College one of the most prestigious Legal Institutions in the Country. Even so legal educational institutions need to be dynamic as far its strategic planning is concerned. While we move towards our centenary year, the institution has made effective plans to move ahead on the path of excellence.

We aim to provide a more stimulating environment to student by way of innovative and collaborative approach. With new developments in pedagogy like blended teaching, teachers have moved from the role of teaching to mentoring. Naturally, raising the bar of professionalism and expertise in teachers in this new format of curriculum delivery requires ICT infrastructural augmentation that the institution has already taken up. We aim to fulfill and add on to it soon. In continuation with ICT development the college aims to develop a UID system which will strengthen the academic, evaluative, and administrative functioning.

The college aims to better equip the students for their practical professional life by shrinking the gap between class and courts. For this we plan to conduct competitions that we organise like Moot Court, Judgement writing at a higher level. This will be supplemented by various certificate and diploma courses. We plan to undertake 100% digitisation of the library. Today it stands partially digitised. The preservation of the rare collection in our library is a social responsibility that the college will undertake. With these aspirations of Institutional excellence, we begin our exhilarating journey towards the Centenary year 2033.



With Best Wishes From



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Hon'ble Vice-Chairman,  
Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa.



**Adv. Sangram Desai**

Member and Ex-President,  
Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa