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PREFACE

SPIL Snapshot is a curated chronicle of the Government Law-International Law Summit 2025, SPIL Mumbai's flagship initiative and a premier forum for discourse, scholarship, and engagement in international law.

The **SPIL Snapshot, 2025** captures the intellectual spirit and collaborative energy that shaped this year's **15th Government Law College-International Law Summit, MMXXV**.

Through panel discussion, expert sessions, competitions, and interactive engagements, the Summit provided a dynamic space for critical dialogue on pressing global legal issues. In doing so, SPIL Mumbai reaffirmed its role as a bridge between academic inquiry and practical legal understanding.

Enriched with reflections and visual highlights, SPIL Snapshot, 2025 stands as a testament to the scale, depth, and impact of the Summit, and to the dedication of those who brought it to life.

We invite you to explore these pages as a reflection of our commitment to fostering meaningful engagement with the evolving landscape of International Law.

AT A GLANCE



170+

Years of Legacy of the GLC, Mumbai

16+

Years of Promotion of International Law through SPIL, Mumbai

15+

Years of Gathering of Brilliant Minds through the Summit

7+

Distinct Segments Organised in this Summit.

300+

Participants and Attendees in this Summit.

15+

Distinct Dignitaries Part of this Summit.



ABOUT THE GLC, MUMBAI



Government Law College enjoys the distinction of being the oldest law school in Asia and has, since its inception in 1855, essayed a seminal role in the evolution of India's legal and judicial landscape. Any discussion of India's legal system and culture today is incomplete, in fact, meaningless without a mention of Government Law College, Mumbai. Looking back over the years, one realises the immeasurable role this pioneering law institution has played in India's judicial, political, and historical life. Government Law College, with its illustrious history and a heritage spanning over a century and a half, has nurtured some of the greatest minds of today, not only in the field of law but in various other walks of life.

Esteemed personalities like Sir Dinshaw Mulla, Sir Bomanji Wadia, and Shri. A.A.A. Fyzee have served as Principals of GLC, Mumbai. Free India's first Law Minister and one of the principal architects of India's Constitution – Dr. B.R. Ambedkar has also served as Principal of this historic institution. The College boasts a history of an illustrious faculty, including the First Chief Justice of the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay-Shri. M.C. Chagla. Shri. Badruddin Tyebji, Shri. G.S. Rao, Shri. V.F. Taraporwala, Shri. B.G. Gokhale, Shri. S.G. Patwardhan, Shri. N.A. Palkhivala, and Shri. Tehemtani Daruwala are among others.

The alumni of Government Law College have been pivotal in placing India on the globe even before she became independent. The great freedom fighter Shri. Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak was an alumnus of this institution.

Other distinguished alumni include Justice Harilal Kania, Former Chief Justice of India (CJI); Justice P.N. Bhagwati, Former CJI; Justice M.H. Kania, Former CJI; Justice S.P. Bharucha, Former CJI; Justice S.H. Kapadia, Former CJI; Justice B.N. Srikrishna, Former Judge, Supreme Court (SC); Justice S.N. Variava, Former Judge, SC; Justice A.P. Shah, Former Chief Justice, Delhi High Court; Mr. M.C. Setalvad, Former Attorney General of India; Soli Sorabjee, Former Attorney General of India; Fali S. Nariman, Former Additional Solicitor General of India; Ram Jethmalani, Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court; M.G. Ranade, Social Reformer and Economist; L.K. Advani, Former Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha & Former President; Dilip Walse-Patil, Speaker, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly; and Rahul Bajaj, Chairman of Bajaj Auto.

The former First Female President of India, Her Excellency Smt. Pratibha Patil, also received her legal education from Government Law College.

Government Law College, Mumbai, in its 170th year of existence, continues to uphold its tradition of producing meritorious legal scholars dedicated to public service and reform. Generations of distinguished legal luminaries who have been nurtured by this unique institution have made a seminal contribution globally to the evolution of the legal fraternity.

With the strength of its glorious past, Government Law College, Mumbai strives incessantly and unrelentingly towards a grand future.



ABOUT THE SPIL, MUMBAI



In an increasingly integrated world, with ever growing transnational interactions, the significance of international law has never been greater. International events have come to dominate the domestic landscape. In order to understand the tumultuous nature of international relations and to promote a greater awareness and understanding of international law, the students at Government Law College, Mumbai formed Students for the Promotion of International Law, Mumbai (SPIL, Mumbai) in the year 2009.

SPIL, Mumbai strives towards taking legal studies to an empirical level and promoting law as an area of enquiry and study far beyond the realms of classrooms. This student-based organisation, seek to encourage communication and cooperation among students and lawyers internationally. SPIL Mumbai relentlessly endeavors to provide greater opportunities for comprehensive studies of international cultures and legal systems, to facilitate global interactions, and to publicise educational and career opportunities in international law.

SPIL, Mumbai has successfully organised several events, including a lecture on the 'Importance of International Law' by the Consulate General of Malaysia, His Excellency, Mr. Ahmad Zuwairi Yusoff; a webinar on 'Anti-Corruption Day' by Ms. Katja Gloor, Managing Director, Transparency International, Switzerland; a lecture on the working of the International Criminal Court by Professor William Burke White of the University of Pennsylvania; a Model United Nations - Student Exchange Program with students at the School of International Relations, Tehran; and the Government Law

College International Law Summit, which is held annually. SPIL, Mumbai also regularly organises workshops, academic discussions, and guest lectures on the basics of international law, which have an overwhelming response from law students across colleges and holds various debates, legal paper presentations and intra-college international law competitions.

Their annual flagship event - International Law Summit comprises Keynote addresses, Unveiling of the SPIL Annual Souvenir, two novel and unique competitions - the Judgment Deliberation Competition (JDC)© and the Treaty Appreciation Competition©, Unveiling of the GLC-SPIL International Law Journal, Paper Presentations, and a Panel Discussion.

Their past association with International Law Student Association, Washington DC, Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi, Informa Law, United Kingdoms and Indian National Association of Legal Professionals, New Delhi have bolstered their reputation and attracted participation from renowned law schools worldwide.

Their legacy and credibility is further exemplified by their association with organisations and sponsors inter alia like, the Bombay Bar Association; World Trade Organisation (WTO); Reliance Industries Ltd.; Baker Mckenzie (USA); AZB & Partners; Udwardia Udeshi & Argus Partners; Wadia Ghandy & Co.; Mulla & Mulla and Craigie Blunt & Caroe; Nishith Desai Associates; J. Sagar Associates; Khaitan & Co.; Economic Law Practice; ALMT Legal; D.M. Legal; Lex Witness; and Mr. Arvind P. Datar, Senior Advocate.



MISSION

To enable like-minded individuals to widen their horizons through meaningful deliberations; to create an awareness of and an interest in International Law among students through the organisation of various stimulating events and activities; to spearhead a movement for the promotion of International Law; to hone the abilities of the students; and to create a forum to engage in debate about matters of international significance.

VISION

SPIL, Mumbai seeks to promote international law; encourage communication and cooperation among students and lawyers internationally; contribute to legal education, promote social responsibility in the field of law; increase opportunities for students to learn about other cultures and legal systems worldwide; and publicise educational and career opportunities in international law.

OUR EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

At SPIIL Mumbai, we organise a comprehensive range of events and initiatives tailored to support the multifaceted needs of students, legal professionals, and institutions in today's dynamic legal environment. We are dedicated to promote academic excellence, encourage innovative thinking, and strengthen the global reach of international law.

> Government Law
College
International Law
Summit

> Judgment
Deliberation
Competition©
(JDC)

> Treaty
Appreciation
Competition©
(TAC)

> GLC-SPIIL
International Law
Journal

> National Legal
Article Writing
Competition
(NLAWC)

> Guest Lectures,
Workshops,
Webinars,
Documentary &
Film Screenings,
Blogs, and much
more



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Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL), Mumbai

MESSAGES



MESSAGE FROM DR. SMT. ASMITA ADWAIT VAIDYA

Principal and Organising Secretary, Government Law College, Mumbai



The intricacies of International Environmental Law resonate deeply in today's dynamic global scenario. As environmental concerns transcend borders and their impacts become more complex, the implications of International Environmental Law span across jurisdictions and impact countless lives. The 15th Government Law College International Law Summit provided an exceptional platform to unravel these complexities, discuss the challenges, and envision the future of Environmental Law.

The Summit is a testament to our commitment to fostering a deep understanding of the legal frameworks that govern the protection of the environment in the race of development. The Summit aimed to cultivate an inquisitive spirit and offer fresh perspectives on the interpretation and application of International Environmental Law.

It provided an exceptional platform for students to engage with experts, discuss pressing issues, and explore innovative solutions to foster the cause of Climate Action.

The successful organisation of the event is a result of collective efforts, and sincere appreciation is extended to the Faculty in-charges of SPIL, Mumbai, Prof. Rooprekha Chhabria and Asst. Prof. Rohit Bokil, for their invaluable guidance and support.

I also take this opportunity to congratulate the Senior Core Members, Mr. Shoaib Shaikh, Ms. Anuja Adukathil, Ms. Sanika Bhoys, and Ms. Mahek Mulani for the successful organisation of this event.

Further, the Core Committee members comprising Ms. Aditi Dubey, Mr. Aditya Kumar, Ms. Tejal Sawant, Ms. Vaishnavi Nachankar, Ms. Vishwaja Shinde and Mr. Yash Pratap Singh, along with dedicated volunteers, have exhibited commendable teamwork, significantly contributing to the success of the Summit.

Heartfelt gratitude is also expressed to all sponsors, speakers, moderators, and participants for their unwavering encouragement and support throughout the organisation of the Summit. Their contributions have been pivotal in fostering meaningful discussions on pressing environmental concerns and its profound impact on the world.

Lastly, congratulations are extended to all the deserving winners of the 15th GLC Judgment Deliberation Competition MMXXV for their remarkable achievements in the field of International Environmental Law.

MESSAGE FROM PROF. ROOPREKHA CHHABRIA

Faculty-in-Charge, SPIL, Mumbai



We live in a world rigorously dedicated to improving and moving forward. Our visions of progress are manifesting into jungles of concrete, and we're searching for alternative lands in case the place we live in, eventually, becomes insufficient to contain our ambitions. Although this quest is focused on advancing our civilisation, its consequences threaten the very foundations of our world. The human pursuit of material development often comes at the expense of the natural world around us.

Climate change is one of the most pressing global challenges of our time, with floods, droughts, and forest fires serving as subtle hints of the environmental disruption caused by our actions. As we move towards a more interconnected world and as boundaries become increasingly blurred, shared responsibility for environmental causes might be a crucial guiding principle for us. This calls for the international community to remain committed to protecting our natural world.

Building on this imperative, the 15th Government Law College International Law Summit leaves an indelible mark on the discourse on international environmental law by bringing together experts, academics, and students on a platform to deliberate on this cause.

The Summit is a testament to our commitment to fostering a deep understanding of the legal frameworks that govern the protection of the environment and promote its conservation.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the Speakers, Judges, Panellists, and Sponsors who had graced this event with their wisdom and insights. Their contributions have undoubtedly enriched the discussions and inspired the participants to delve deeper into the realm of International Environmental Law.

To the participants - the lifeblood of this Summit - your dedication, enthusiasm, and passion for learning are truly commendable.

A special note of appreciation goes to our respected Principal Dr. Asmita Vaidya for wholeheartedly supporting this initiative and fostering an environment where intellectual pursuits thrive. Prof. Kishu Daswani deserves special appreciation for his continuous support and guidance to the Committee throughout the year.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the entire core-committee of Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL), Mumbai, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to meticulously plan and execute every facet of the Summit.

MESSAGE FROM ASST. PROF. ROHIT BOKIL

Faculty-in-Charge, SPIL, Mumbai



It gives me immense pleasure to convey the successful conclusion of the 15th Government Law College International Law Summit, 2025. The theme of this year's Law Summit touched upon global concerns related to environment law. International environmental law is central to climate action. International Environmental Law controls the actions of states relating to the environment and thereby seeks to protect the environment.

The theme of International Environmental law is, in many ways, related with the problems faced by the current world order. As we navigate the need to integrate progress with environmental conservation, we're inevitably faced with the question of objectivity in compromising developmental and national interests for the cause of the environment. In such times, International Environmental Law (IEL) becomes a gold standard parameter in determining the limits of progress that may compromise the environment.

This Summit served as a catalyst for greater understanding and collaboration in the realm of International Environmental Law. It is my fervent hope that the knowledge gained during these deliberations will resonate far beyond these walls, shaping the future of legal thought and practice.

The Summit included a Keynote address by Ms. Rujuta Bankar who shared her invaluable insights on environmental regulations and corporate governance, followed by the unveiling of the SPIL Annual Souvenir 2025, Final Level of the Judgment Deliberation Competition MMXXV, unveiling of GLC SPIL ILJ Vol. V, a Panel Discussion on the recognition of Ecocide as an international crime, and paper presentations. I express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all the dignitaries as well as the participants for their valuable contribution to the success of the Summit.

It gives me joy to put it on record that the credit for the successful conclusion of this event goes to the Senior, Junior Core and members of SPIL, Mumbai. I wish them all the best for many such future events !

MESSAGE FROM MR. SHOAIB SHAIKH

President, SPIL, Mumbai



As we turn the pages of the SPIL Snapshot, 2025, we do more than recount a series of events. We retrace a shared journey shaped by inquiry, conviction, and purpose.

The Government Law College International Law Summit, now in its 15th Edition, has once again stood as a beacon for critical thought and academic exchange in the field of international law.

This year's theme, International Environmental Law, could not be more timely. As the world confronts the climate crisis with growing urgency, the Summit invited participants to reflect, challenge, and contribute meaningfully to one of the most pressing legal frontiers of our time.

The dialogues we fostered, the ideas we exchanged, and the friendships we formed, each now preserved in these pages, bear testimony to our collective pursuit of justice beyond borders.

SPIL Snapshot, 2025 is not merely a record; it is a tribute, to the dedication of the organising team, the wisdom of our speakers and mentors, and the enthusiasm of every participant who breathed life into the Summit. To document it is to honour it, and in doing so, we carry forward a tradition that began in 2009, rooted in aspiration and elevated by effort.

I remain deeply grateful to those who made this year's Summit possible: our Principal and Organising Secretary, Mrs. Asmita Vaidya, our Faculty-in-Charges, Prof. Rooprekha Chhabria and Asst. Prof. Rohit Bokil and our mentor, Prof. Kishu Daswani for their forever steadfast support.

Our guests, our alumni, and, every member of the SPIL Mumbai team whose commitment and excellence continue to inspire. To them, and to every reader of this Edition, I offer my heartfelt thanks.

May this publication not only commemorate what we have achieved, but also awaken within us the resolve to engage more deeply, think more boldly, and act more justly in the world we inhabit.



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GLIMPSSES OF THE PAST



Glimpses of the

14th Bombay Bar Association Government Law College International Law Summit, 2024



Dr. Smt. Asmita Adwait Vaidya, Principal, GLC, Mumbai, addressing the gathering during the 14th BBA-GLC International Law Summit, 2024



Hon'ble Justice Shri. Abhay Ahuja, Judge, High Court of Judicature at Bombay being felicitated by Dr. Smt. Asmita Adwait Vaidya, Principal, GLC, Mumbai



Hon'ble Justice Shri. Abhay Ahuja, Judge, High Court of Judicature at Bombay delivering Keynote Address during the 14th BBA-GLC International Law Summit, 2024



Shri. Farhan Dubash, Hon'ble Honorary Secretary of the Bombay Bar Association being felicitated by Dr. Smt. Asmita Adwait Vaidya, Principal, GLC, Mumbai



Shri. Nitin G. Thakker, Hon'ble President of the Bombay Bar Association delivering Keynote Address during the 14th BBA-GLC International Law Summit, 2024



Mr. Advait Sethna, Senior Counsel (Now Hon'ble Judge, High Court of Judicature at Bombay), judging the Deliberation Rounds during the Judgment Deliberation Competition© 2024 during the 14th BBA-GLC International Law Summit, 2024



Final Deliberation Round of the Judgment Deliberation Competition© 2024 during the 14th BBA-GLC International Law Summit, 2024



Sr. Adv. Vikram Nankani addressing the winners of the Judgment Deliberation Competition© 2024 during the 14th BBA-GLC International Law Summit, 2024

GLC-SPIL INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL VOL IV | 2024

Student for the Promotion International Law (SPIL), Mumbai, unveiled the GLC-SPIL International Law Journal, Volume IV on 14th September 2024. The Journal featured academic articles, essays and legislative commentaries addressing developments in public and private international law and foreign relations.

The Editorial Board consisted of Mr. Chandril Chattopadhyay, Ms. Dhriti Kapadia, Ms. Shivani Chimnani, Dr. Sudhir Verma, and Ms. Tanya Vatsa.

The Editorial Board has been instrumental in conducting a meticulous and an extensive editorial process. The success of the Journal also reverberates with the dedication and prowess that have been exhibited by all authors who poured in their notable submissions this year. With the unveiling of the Journal, SPIL, Mumbai hopes to further promote an area of enquiry and study far beyond the realms of classrooms.

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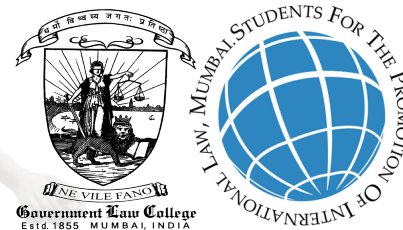


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THE 15TH GLC INTERNATIONAL LAW SUMMIT, MMXXV



THEME OF THE SUMMIT



INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

In an era where the world is increasingly interconnected, the challenges we face are no longer confined by borders. One of the most pressing concerns that transcend national boundaries is the environmental harm. From the devastating impacts of climate change to the rapid depletion of natural resources, the urgency of safeguarding our planet is undeniable. As global citizens, we are called to rise above the confines of our individual nations and confront the environmental crises that threaten the very fabric of our future and existence.

In response to this call, SPIL, Mumbai has chosen **International Environmental Law** as the theme for the 15th Government Law College International Law Summit, 2025. This theme is not just a reflection of the pressing need for collective global action, but also an exploration of the intricate legal frameworks that govern how nations interact with, and protect, the environment.

International Environmental Law offers a robust platform to examine the balance between development and environmental protection, where treaties and conventions become the guiding force in shaping sustainable futures. By engaging with this theme, participants will be asked to critically analyse the role of international treaties in addressing urgent global challenges like climate change, biodiversity conservation, transboundary pollution, and the regulation of hazardous waste. These issues, complex as they are, demand cooperation beyond borders, innovation in legal frameworks, and a steadfast commitment to preserving our planet for future generations.

The chosen theme not only underscores the urgency of environmental action but also emphasises the role of law in achieving meaningful progress. Participants will explore the role of international treaties, the responsibilities of states, and the balance between development and environmental protection, fostering a deeper understanding of the legal tools necessary to confront one of humanity's greatest challenges.

Through this prestigious gathering of like-minded individuals, SPIL Mumbai aims to inspire young legal minds to engage in the global discourse on sustainability, armed with the understanding that the Law holds the power to not only shape policies but also ensure that the environmental challenges of our time are met with action.

SEGMENTS OF THE SUMMIT

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

The Keynote Addresses are a prominent feature integrated into the opening ceremony of the Summit, setting the tone for the entire event. This significant segment of the Summit is marked by compelling speeches delivered by legal luminaries, aligning with the overarching theme of the Summit.

JUDGMENT DELIBERATION COMPETITION©

The Judgment Deliberation Competition© (JDC) is an innovative event conceptualised within the halls of Government Law College, Mumbai. This unique competition is exclusive to SPIL, Mumbai, and is solely organised by us. Inspired by the procedures of various judicial bodies and tribunals across the field of international law, JDC is crafted to introduce a novel approach to problem analysis and judgment formulation.

UNVEILING OF SPIL SOUVENIR

The SPIL Souvenir is an essential highlight of the Summit, showcasing the year-round activities of SPIL Mumbai. This publication highlights the organisation's key events and initiatives, celebrating its achievements and commitment to promoting international legal education. The Souvenir also acknowledges the sponsors of the Summit, enhancing their visibility before a distinguished audience.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Panel Discussion is a prominent feature of the Summit through which esteemed panellists, renowned for their expertise, share profound insights into the chosen theme, offering nuanced analyses and potential solutions. It is an interactive session that encourages audience participation, allowing attendees to pose questions and actively contribute to the conversation.

SEGMENTS OF THE SUMMIT

UNVEILING OF GLC-SPIL ILJ VOL. V

GLC-SPIL International Law Journal features academic articles, essays and legislative commentaries addressing developments in public and private international law and foreign relations law. As part of the Summit, the ILJ serves as a platform for disseminating knowledge and fostering intellectual exchange.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

A cornerstone of the Summit, the Paper Presentations segment invites authors of the top entries from the International Law Journal (ILJ) to present their research and findings. This segment serves as a platform for scholars, practitioners, and students to share pioneering ideas and analyses on the Summit's chosen theme, fostering an environment of academic exchange and debate.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY MS. RUJUTA BANKAR

(Asst. Director of the Regional Directorate (Western Region), MCA, GOI)



Ms. Rujuta Bankar

The inaugural ceremony of the Summit commenced with the Keynote Address that was delivered by **Ms. Rujuta Bankar**, Assistant Director of the Regional Directorate (Western Region), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.

Her address delved into the nuances of International Environmental Law in c-

orporate governance, sustainability and regulatory compliance.

Ms. Bankar's profound insights on the interplay between environmental regulation and corporate governance left a lasting impact on the attendees, encouraging them to reflect on the globally pressing environmental issues.

The Keynote Address is a pivotal part of the Summit, providing attendees with the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and perspectives from distinguished individuals who have made significant contributions to their respective fields.

This Segment continues to offer an unparalleled opportunity to hear from thought leaders and visionaries whose contributions to the legal and academic spheres are widely celebrated.

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UNVEILING OF THE SPIL ANNUAL SOUVENIR 2025

The SPIL Annual Souvenir, 2025, was unveiled during the inaugural ceremony in the presence of distinguished guests, including Ms. Rujuta Bankar, Guest Speaker for the Keynote Address 2025; Prof. Rooprekha Chhabria and Asst. Prof. Rohit Bokil, Faculty In-Charges of SPIL, Mumbai; and Mr. Shoaib Shaikh, President of SPIL, Mumbai.



The SPIL Souvenir is a distinguished feature of the Summit, serving as a comprehensive chronicle of SPIL Mumbai's year-round activities. This publication captures the essence of the organisation's endeavours, highlighting major events, initiatives, and accomplishments that reflect its dedication to advancing international legal education and discourse.

Beyond showcasing SPIL Mumbai's achievements, the Souvenir serves as a valuable platform for recognising the contributions of the Summit's sponsors. By featuring their support prominently, it enhances their visibility and reinforces their association with an event that attract

a distinguished audience of legal professionals, academics, and students.

The SPIL Souvenir stands as a testament to the organisation's commitment to fostering global legal awareness while celebrating the collaborative efforts that make the Summit a resounding success.

It serves as both a keepsake and a source of inspiration for its readers, capturing the spirit and legacy of the event.

THE 15TH JUDGMENT DELIBERATION COMPETITION©(JDC) MMXXV



The Judgment Deliberation Competition[©] (JDC) is a pivotal part of the Summit. JDC brings a fresh approach to problem analysis and judgment making, requiring participants to, upon analysis of facts presented and arguments advanced, arrive at a unique judgment that is infallible in law, rational in thought, and innovative in its essence.

The 15th Judgment Deliberation Competition, MMXXV, was organised in hybrid mode, enabling law students from across the country to participate with ease.

The Preliminary and Semi-Final Levels were conducted online on 21st and 22nd February 2025, respectively. The Final Level of the Competition was held offline during the Summit on 8th March 2025, at Government Law College, Mumbai.

THE MODULE OF THE JDC, MMXXV



The Competition Module for the 15th Judgment Deliberation Competition[©] JDC, MMXXV, was centered on most pressing and urgent matters in the International Environmental Law (IEL), including the implementation of IEL frameworks.

Key issues in the Module included accountability for transboundary environmental harm, state responsibility in preventing environmental degradation, and protecting indigenous communities reliant on native lands.

The Module also explored whether the international legal framework should recognise ecocide as the fifth international crime under the Rome Statute of ICC to strengthen environmental action, accountability, initiatives and frameworks.

This nuanced approach encouraged participants to think critically about the strengths and limitations of existing legal structures in addressing pressing environmental challenges.

The Module was drafted by Mr. Shoaib Shaikh, the President of SPIL, Mumbai, under the able assistance of Ms. Anuja Adukathil, Vice President of SPIL, Mumbai and Mr. Aditya Kumar, Core Member of SPIL, Mumbai.

The Module was meticulously reviewed by Dr. Amal Sethi, Lecturer (Asst. Prof.) of Public Law, University of Leicester and Mr. Rohit Bokil, Faculty in-charge of SPIL, Mumbai, thereby ensuring its coherence and academic rigour.

The Written Judgment Round was judged by the following Marking Judges:

- Mr. Advait Gokhale, L.L.M, GLC, Mumbai;
- Dr. Jiya Matharani, Assistant Professor of Law, NLU, Delhi;
- Mr. Koudinya Somayaji, Legal Counsel at Sasken Technologies;
- Mr. Samridh Kahsyap Shastry, Policy Analyst, CUTS International;
- Ms. Shambhavi T, Assistant Professor of International Environmental Law, Vinayaka Mission's Law School;
- Ms. Shyama Kuriakose, Researcher and Professor;
- Ms. Umam H. Immigration Lawyer, LL.M, International Law, Ascend.
- Dr. Amrisha Pandey, Associate Partner, Quadrant Legal;
- Dr. Katiyani Juneja, Associate Professor, ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad;
- Ms. Manasi Bhushan, Advocate, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Founder of Chamber Manasi Bhushan;
- Ms. Nidhi Hanji, Environmental Lawyer;
- Ms. Sumana Roychowdhury, Associate, W.S. Kane and Co.

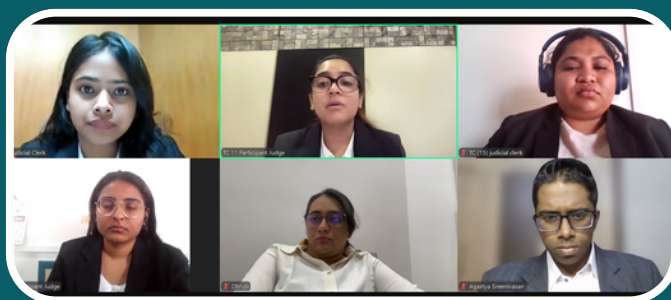
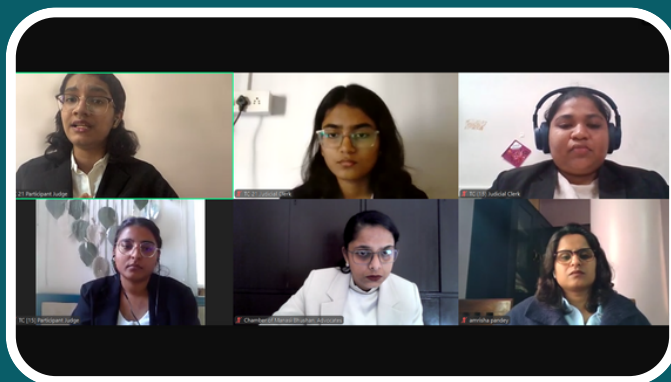
The Preliminary Level was presided over by the following Marking Judges:

- Ms. Alessandra Shroff, Jr. Counsel at Chambers of Sr. Adv. Cyrus Ardeshir, Hon'ble Bombay High Court;

The Semi-Final Level was presided over by the following Marking Judges:

- Mr. Agastya Sreenivasan, Associate, Solomon and Co.;
- Ms. Aarika Raina, Lawyer and Founder, Auritron Tech Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd.;
- Ms. Aarti Sathe, Independent Counsel, Hon'ble Bombay High Court
- Ms. Dhruti Kapadia, International Arbitrator, Mediator, Solicitor, Advocate-on-Record at the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;

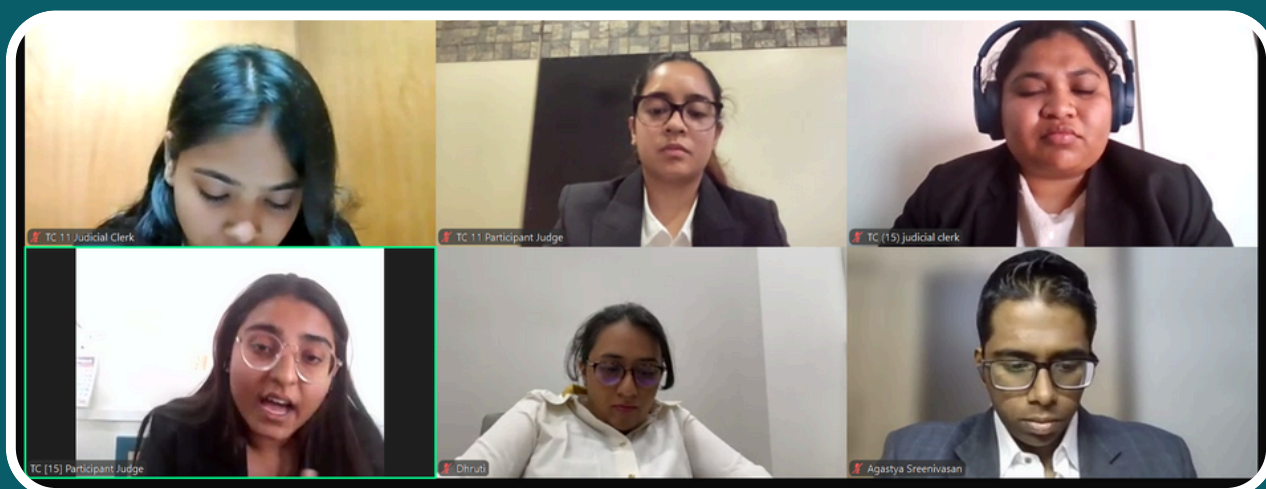
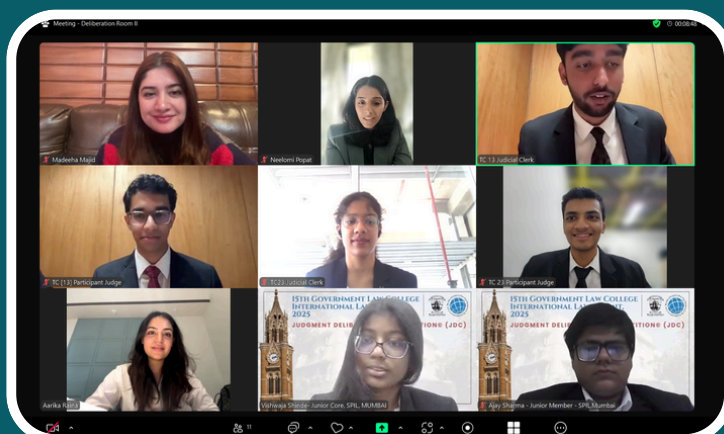
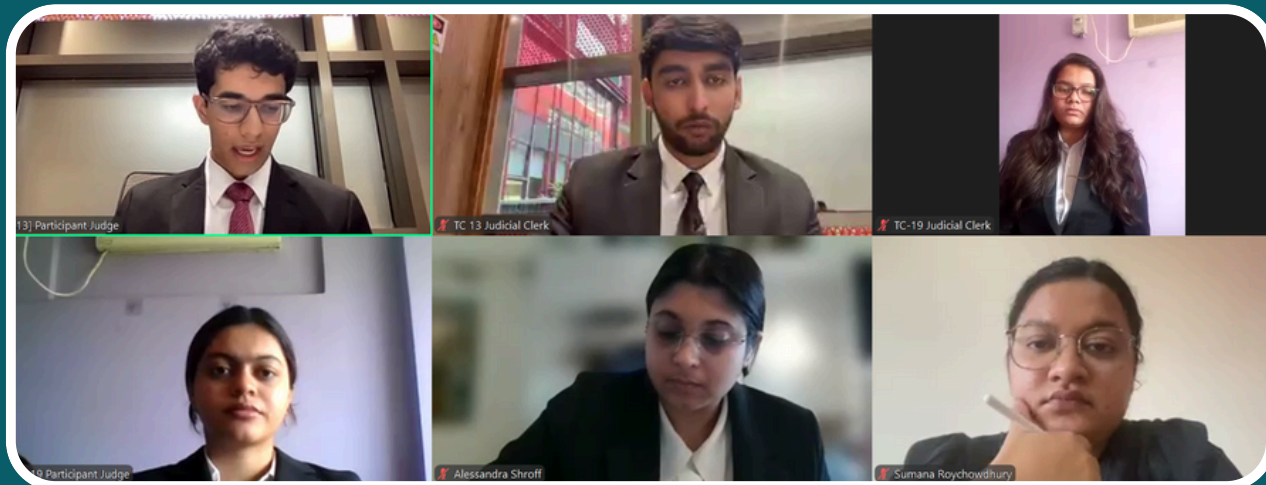
- Ms. Jane Cox, Legal Counsel, Hon'ble Bombay High Court;
- Mr. Koundinya Somayaji, Legal Counsel, Sasken Technologies;
- Ms. Madeeha Majid, Lawyer and Human Rights Advocate;
- Ms. Neelomi Popat, Lawyer, Hon'ble Bombay High Court;
- Ms. Shreya Jha, Advocate, Hon'ble Bombay High Court.



THE SEMI-FINALIST (In Alphabetical Order)

- Ms. Faaria Shaikh & Ms. Pranjal Bhokare, Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai;
- Ms. Lavanya Hajare & Ms. Anushka More, Government Law College, Mumbai;
- Mr. Parth Kapoor & Mr. Aryan Milind Jadhav, O.P. Jindal Global University;
- Mr. Prithvi Rindhe & Mr. Akhil Namboodiri, Government Law College, Mumbai;
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Mr. Sancheti is a designated Senior Counsel at the Bombay High Court, a title he has held since 2010. Additionally, he is listed on the panels of respected institutions such as the Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration (MCIA), the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), and LCIA, further cementing his status as a leading expert in the field of arbitration and commercial law.

Ms. Gayatri Singh is a distinguished Senior Advocate at the Bombay High Court and Co-founder of the Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), widely recognised for her dedication to human rights, labour rights, and social justice. Ms. Singh has tirelessly advocated for the rights of women and children, persons with disabilities, undertrials, migrant workers, and the rural poor.



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PROFESSOR, GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE

Prof. Daswani has been teaching Law at Government Law College, Mumbai for the past 35 years. He has been a Faculty Advisor and is responsible for the continuous publication of the Law Review, academic journal of the college. He is a Global Peace Index Ambassador and a Resource person for the Harvard College in Asia Program. He has conducted several workshops with national and international participants on Peace and Conflict Resolution.



THE FINALIST **(In Alphabetical Order)**

Out of the teams competing in the Semi-Final Level of the Competition, the following teams qualified for the Final Level:

- Aryan Milind Jadhav & Parth Kapoor, O.P Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat;
- Lavanya Hajare & Anushka More, Government Law College, Mumbai;
- Prithvi Rindhe & Akhil Namboodiri, Government Law College, Mumbai.

THE WINNERS

BEST TEAM

Ms. Lavanya Hajare & Ms. Anushka More from Government Law College, Mumbai

RUNNER-UP TEAM

Mr. Aryan Milind Jadhav & Mr. Parth Kapoor from O.P. Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat

BEST WRITTEN JUDGMENT

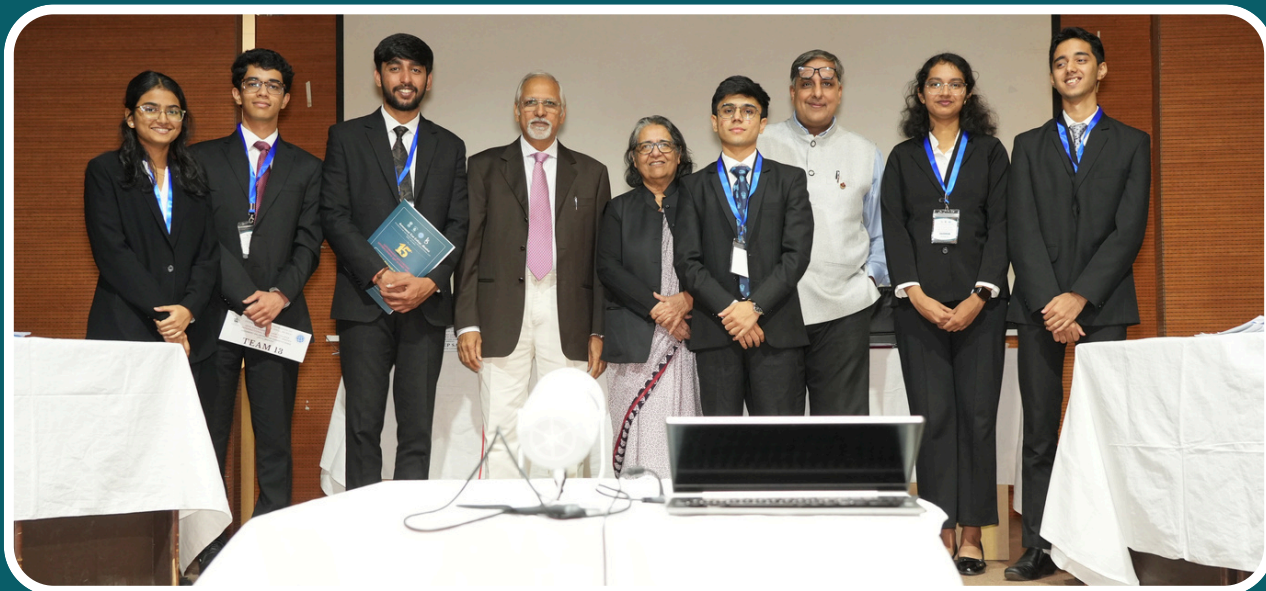
Ms. Lavanya Hajare & Ms. Anushka More from Government Law College, Mumbai

BEST SPEAKER

Mr. Prithvi Rindhe from Government Law College, Mumbai



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UNVEILING OF GLC-SPIL INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 2025



The 15th GLC-International Law Summit, MMXXV, marked the unveiling of Volume V of the GLC-SPIL International Law Journal, 2025.

This Edition of the Journal is dedicated to exploring the theme of International Environmental Law, a domain of ever-growing importance as global communities confront unprecedented environmental challenges.

This Edition seeks to spotlight critical issues that shape environmental policies, legal frameworks, and cross-border cooperation efforts, providing a platform for innovative ideas and forward-looking solutions.

The Journal was unveiled before the auspicious panel comprising of the following:

- Mr. Aditya Raut, Associate Partner at M/s Desai Desai Carrimjee & Mulla;
- Prof. Kishu Daswani, Professor at GLC, Mumbai;
- Ms. Jojo Mehta, Co-founder and CEO of Stop Ecocide International;
- Ms. Nidhi Jamwal, Environmental Journalist;
- Mr. Rohit Bokil, Faculty In-Charge of SPIL, Mumbai;
- Ms. Anuja Adukatil, Vice President and Chief Managing Editor, GLC-SPIL ILJ Vol V.

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OVERVIEW OF THE PANEL DISCUSSION MMXXV



Panel Discussion is a prominent Segment of the Summit where esteemed panellists, celebrated for their expertise, share valuable insights into the chosen theme, offering in-depth analyses and actionable solutions.

This Panel Discussion, organised by SPIL, Mumbai, at Government Law College, Mumbai, seeks to explore the evolving jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC) with a focus on recognising ecocide as the fifth international crime under the Rome Statute.

The Topic for Panel Discussion MMXXV was **“Redefining the Scope of The ICC’s Jurisdiction: Should Ecocide be Recognised as the Fifth International Crime.”**

It was Moderated by **Mr. Rohit Bokil** and panelled by **Mr. Aditya Raut, Prof. Kishu Daswani, Ms. Jojo Mehta, and Ms. Nidhi Jamwal.**

MODERATOR & PANELLISTS



MR. ROHIT BOKIL
MODERATOR

Mr. Rohit Bokil graduated from ILS Law College in 2014. Mr. Bokil completed his LL.M from Savitribai Phule University in 2017 with a specialisation in International Law and Human Rights. Before joining GLC as an Assistant Professor, he taught Public International Law and its other branches at ILS Law College, Pune from 2018 to 2024. He is currently pursuing his PhD from Symbiosis International University on the topic of Autonomous Weapons and IHL.

Mr. Aditya N. Raut is a Partner with M/s. Desai Desai Carrimjee & Mulla and heads the litigation and dispute resolution practice at the Firm. He has over 15 years of experience specialising in complex litigation matters, inter alia, in the domain of corporate and company related litigations, family disputes, financial services and property related disputes amongst others.



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Jojo Mehta co-founded Stop Ecocide in 2017, alongside barrister and legal pioneer the late Polly Higgins, to support the establishment of ecocide as a crime at the International Criminal Court. As CEO and key spokesperson, she has overseen the remarkable growth of the movement while coordinating between legal developments, diplomatic traction and public narrative.



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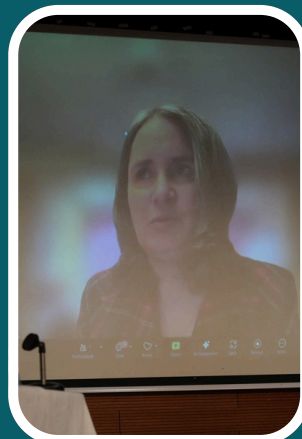


MS. NIDHI JAMWAL
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Nidhi Jamwal is a Mumbai-based journalist who reports on environment, climate, and rural issues. She has over 25 years of experience in environmental, developmental and rural journalism. Her reporting work has taken her to some of the remotest corners of the country to document stories of marginalised and vulnerable communities. She has completed various media fellowship and won awards.



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PAPER PRESENTATION

The Paper Presentations Segment is a pivotal feature of the Summit, offering invited authors of the top submissions from the **GLC-SPIL International Law Journal (ILJ) Volume V** an esteemed platform to present their research and insights.

This Segment provides a unique opportunity for scholars, practitioners, and students to showcase their innovative ideas and analyses, contributing to the intellectual richness of the event.

The Segment not only highlights cutting-edge research but also encourages meaningful debate, fostering a collaborative environment that bridges theoretical perspectives with practical applications.

Mr. Vaibhav Nagpal (below left) from UIILS, Panjab University, Chandigarh published and presented his paper titled: *Integrating Environmental Rights Into Human Rights : A New Paradigm For Environmental Law in India*.



Mr. Upmanyu Sinha (below right) from Anand Vishwa Gurukul Law College, Thane, published and presented his paper titled: *Addressing Loss and Damage: Legal Challenges and Opportunities in International Environment Law*.



VALEDICTORY CEREMONY



The Valedictory Ceremony, although not an independent Segment, was a significant part of the Summit, acknowledging and celebrating the participants' outstanding performances across various segments.

Paper presenters received certificates of merit and trophies for their valuable contributions to the discourse on International Environmental Law.

The Winners of the Judgment Deliberation Competition (JDC) were announced and awarded during the ceremony by distinguished guests including **Mr. Rohit Bokil**, **Mr. Aditya Raut**, **Prof. Kishu Daswani**, and **Ms. Nidhi Jamwal**.

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Paper Presenter Mr. Vaibhav Nagpal (Left) and Ms. Anuja Adukathil, Chief Managing Editor, GLC-SPIIL ILJ Vol. V (Right)



Paper Presenter Mr. Upmanyu Sinha (Left) and Mr. Rohit Bokil, Faculty in-charge, SPIIL, Mumbai (Right)



Winners (Best Team) of JDC, MMXXV (Right) with Mr. Aditya Raut and Ms. Nidhi Jamwal (Left)



Runner-Ups of JDC, MMXXV (Right) with Mr. Rohit Bokil and Ms. Nidhi Jamwal (Left)



Winners of Best Written Judgment, JDC MMXXV (Right) with Prof. Kishu Daswani (Left)



Winner of Best Speaker Award, JDC MMXXV (Right) with Mr. Rohit Bokil (Left)

CLOSING CEREMONY

The 15th GLC-International Law Summit concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** delivered by **Mr. Shoaib Shaikh, President of SPIL, Mumbai**, bringing the event to a meaningful close.



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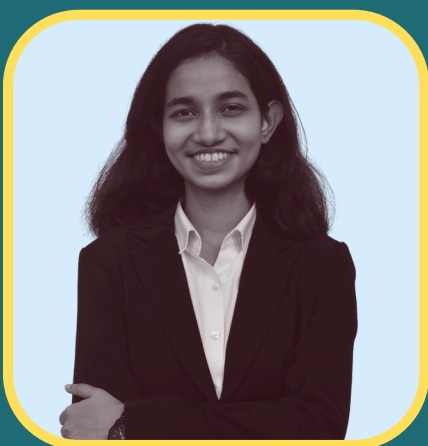
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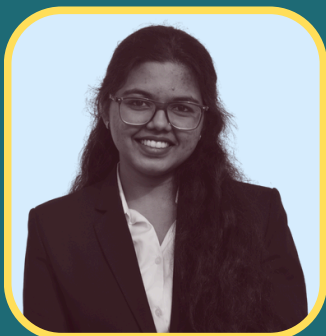
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