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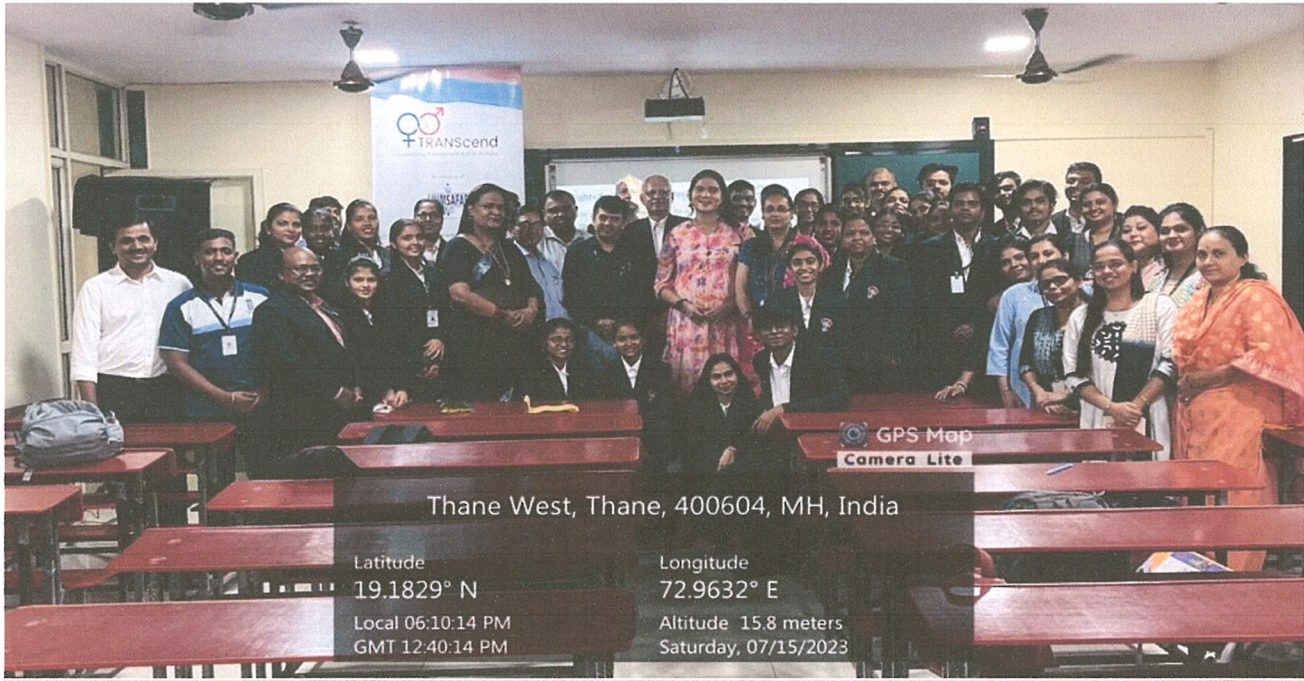
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## **REPORT ON RIGHTS OF TRANSGENDERS**

On behalf of Sharda Education Society's Anand Vishwa Gurukul College of Law, Thane in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Thane the Seminar was organized on the topic 'Rights of Transgender and Analysis of Supreme Court Judgement on Transgenders' on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Saturday.

The Guests were welcomed by Coordinator Dr Sushama Satpute. The Chief guests were Adv. Deepak Patil, Adv. Swapnil Satam, Nilofer Muskin (Transgender), Arohi (Transgender) and Principal Suyash Pradhan. All the faculties Nisha Gaikwad, Krishna Iyer, Pragati Suryawanshi, Priyanka Khakdia, Sadichhha Patkar, Sohini Chattopadhyay, Jueelee Bahadare, and Librarian Mrs. Ujjwala More were present.

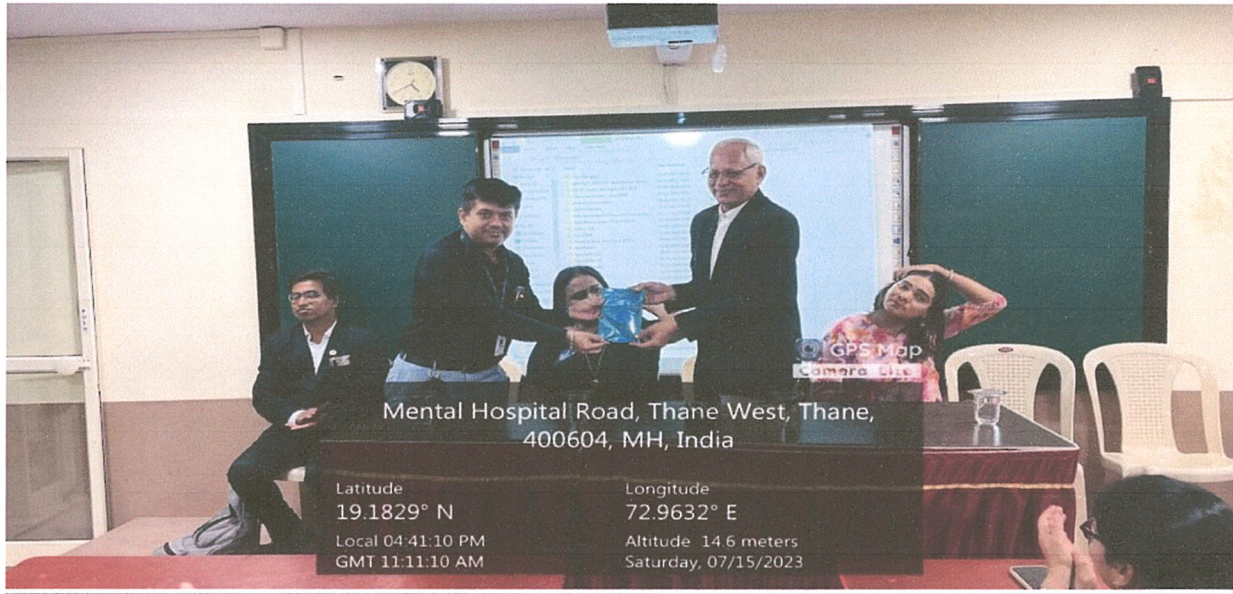
Students of BLS, LLB and LLM of Anand Vishwa Gurukul College of Law, Thane attended the programme.



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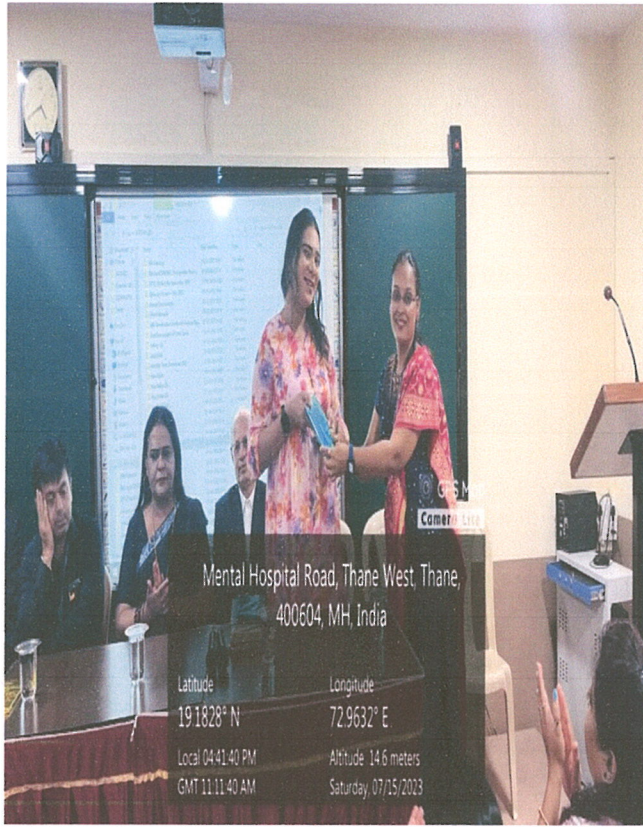
In the beginning of the session, **Nilofer Muskin**, Transgender from 'Humsafar Trust' Thane explained various problems of Transgender people in many ways like economic, social, educational etc. She described the concept of Transgender in India. She further discussed on LGBTQAI+ persons and their problems.



**Felicitation by Principal Suyash Pradhan of Chief Guest Adv. Deepak Patil**



  
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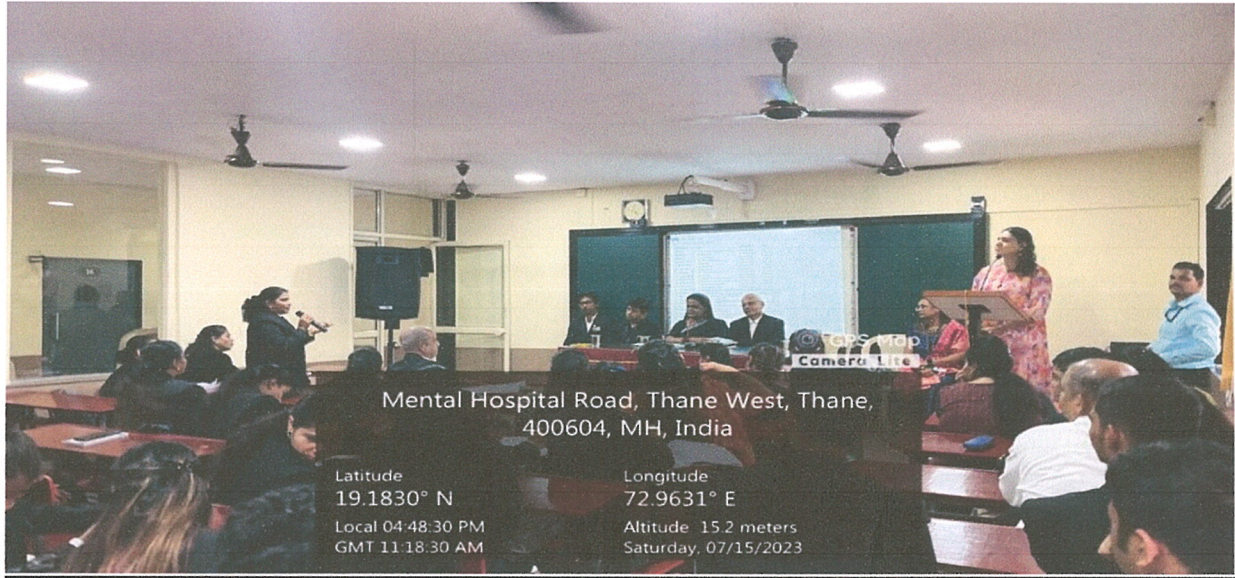
**Felicitation by Coordinator Dr. Sushama Satpute of Nilopher Muskin (Transgender)& by Pragati Suryawanshi of Arohi (Transgender)**

Further it was stated that in simple words, they are known as Hijras and the persons who follow Hijra culture for their financial earnings (begging in trains, signals, child birth, marriage, dancing etc.). The speaker discussed 'Transcend' organisation's functions and aim in Maharashtra. This organisation supports Transgender's rights in India.



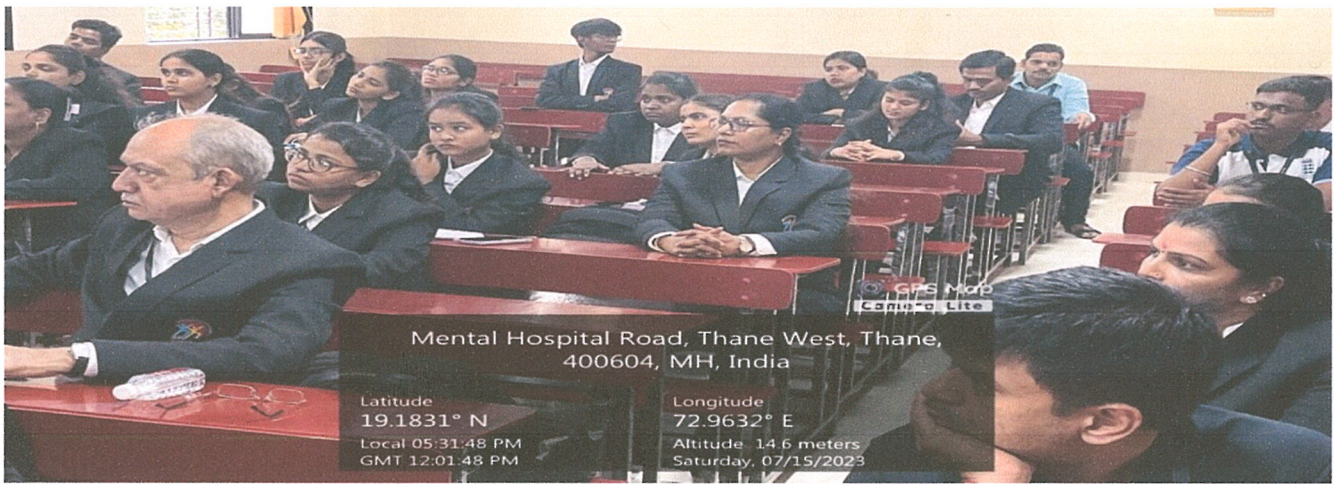
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### Interactive session with the students

Then, **Sr. Advocate Deepak Patil** addressed the audience, he shared his experiences from his childhood to retirement and they used to encourage all the Transgender persons not to hide their gender status. It was discussed that there is still discrimination about the Transgender's status. He insisted to consider them as human being and he promoted their existence lawfully.



Humsafar Trust is a CBO (Community based organisation) and it was founded by journalist **Ashok Row Kavi**. Adv. Deepak Patil and Adv. Swapnil Satam work for transgender's rights in District Legal Services Authority (under National Legal Services Authority NALSA).

**Aarohi**, the other member from Humsafar Trust also discussed many topics related to history of transgenders in India, for example, in India's mythological scriptures, there is a mention of



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*Shikhandi* and *Vrihannala*. Aarohi discussed many traditions of Hijra culture in India. Also, discussion about *Devdasi* custom in India. “Hijra” word is an Arabic word which means departure or exodus.

**Adv. Swapnil Satam** discussed about atrocities faced during childhood to adulthood. Many times, she thought of committing suicide but made her mind not to commit suicide and live in this world gracefully, despite of transgender status. She also discussed about various problems faced while studying law. Supreme Court upheld the rights of transgenders to decide their gender and directed the Centre and State Governments to grant legal recognition to their gender identity. Students gained knowledge regarding atrocities faced by transgenders and it helped in gender sensitization. The Seminar was concluded by vote of thanks delivered by Asst. Professor **Nisha Gaikwad**.



  
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