

Activities of SCLS

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Throughout this Issue, the fatal Coronavirus pandemic continued to hit the peace-loving people of the world and put restrictions on their movement. The enthusiast members of SCLS did not sit indolently in this pandemic; instead, they reignited their spirit & thrived on adjusting to the ‘new normal’ by sharing their knowledge, consequently bringing achievement and glory for SCLS. For the very first time SCLS celebrated its 4th anniversary through online platform. Besides that, SCLS has initiated several programs and continued to do so with the help of modern science and technology and dedicated enthusiasm. Here are some brief mentions of the activities of SCLS.

SCLS Law Review: Society for Critical Legal Studies amplified the edge of knowledge of the legal enthusiasts with the revelations of the third Issue of Volume 3 of "*SCLS Law Review*", a student edited journal of SCLS in September, 2020. An Editorial Body comprising of a bunch of young researchers who are students and with the guidance of M. Jashim Ali Chowdhury, the ambassador of SCLS, published the Issue after defending mechanisms, conducting several rigorous reviews and plagiarism checking. To uphold the research papers' quality, the Editorial Board arranged virtual Editorial Symposiums coping up with the pandemic situation. This Issue of SCLS Law Review was the furtherance of commitment, rekindling the spirit of SCLS to bring productive developments and create a knowledge sharing atmosphere.

4th Anniversary of SCLS: This year SOCIETY FOR CRITICAL LEGAL STUDIES has completed its four-year journey and stepped towards in its 5th year. On 19th December, 2020, SCLS has celebrated its 4th year anniversary by arranging a webinar. Alumnus, mentors, guests and well-wishers joined in this online program to appreciate and evaluate the journey for last four years. Besides that, Moderator of SCLS, Nirmal Kumar Saha and many of CU Law alumni along with well-wishers of SCLS across the country sent greetings to SCLS's anniversary.

SCLS Online Editorial Symposium: During the ongoing Corona virus pandemic, followed by the international research community's trend, SCLS successfully organized Online Editorial Symposium of the last Issue. The symposium had comprised of four sessions. In the individual sessions, the authors presented their research papers and talked on his/her work before a bunch of audiences and participants. This editorial symposium was held on 20th January, 2021. A particular time was allotted to each presenter to finish his/her presentation, and the participants were asked to implement the recommendations, comments on the paper thereafter. Participants from several universities from home and abroad were present in this version of online symposium.

SCLS Constitution Camp: Constitutional Camp is a unique initiative taken by the Society for Critical Legal Studies. It was three months long intensive study course that focused on the constitutional law of Bangladesh. The study was designed under a rigorous plan of forty classes from October 20, 2020 to December 31, 2020. SCLS' ambassador M. Jashim Ali Chowdhury (Assistant Professor, Department of Law at University of Chittagong, Ph.D. candidate in Constitutional Law (Parliament Studies) at King's College London as Commonwealth Scholar, The UK Commonwealth and Foreign Office at Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the

UK), was the director of this whole course. Around 120 participants including students of law, lawyer, young teacher and professionals from legal arenas were facilitated in this course.

Workshops Arranged by SCLS:

1. To encourage the members of SCLS in research and understand the need of research in academic arena, SCLS Research Wing organized a workshop named 'Legal Research from an academic's Perspective' on 11 December, 2020. The keynote speaker of the workshop was Dr. Zaker Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Chittagong. He talked on that topic and conducted a wonderful research methodology workshop with around 40 participants from different universities.
2. Research Wing of SCLS organized a workshop on, 'Knowledge Production, Knowledge Preservation and Knowledge Distribution' on 27th October, 2020. Professor Dr. Rehman Nasir Uddin, from the Department of Anthropology, University of Chittagong was the keynote speaker discussing on Plagiarism, Language formation, How to 'research', etc. More than 85 participants from different legal arena attended and participated in the session.
3. SCLS Debate Wing Organized a two-day long workshop on 'Morphic Sketch Map of Debate' on 24th and 25th January, 2021. On day one, the speaker was Sadid Jubayer Murshed, an illustrious debater, who is currently enrolled at the Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka (IBA-DU). He talked on Argumentation and Role Fulfillment. Adel Mostaque Ahmed, a dominant figure in adjudicating and competitive debate organizing in Bangladesh and abroad, was the guest of second day; he focused on how to utilize Preparation Time, Rebuttal portion & adjudicating.

SCLS Book Land's "Meet the Author" Program: With the motto of Read-Lead-Succeed, SCLS Book Land community is continuing its journey with the innovative and engaging program, "Meet The Author". Mr. Iftekhar Mahmud, Assistant Professor at Department of Law, Eastern University and Kazi Shariful Islam, Assistant Judge, Noakhali adorned this program by sharing their experience and the books written by them. The programs were hosted by Suriya Tarannum Susan and Swagata Das, members of SCLS Book Land.

Activities of the Wings of SCLS:

1. From October to January, SCLS Research Wing organized five sessions in total. The first session was based on Reference Style. It was a joint session with moot wing taken by Mahjubah Marzan. Next session was focused on how to write paper article which was conducted by Shuvo Sarkar. Then there were two separate sessions on discussing assigned topics to research wing members conducted by Wing body members Marjia Mahazabin Afrahim, Adiba Tahsin Raha, Tafhim Ul Islam, Raspiatur Rashpi and Sumaia Sultana Emu. Lastly, a session on sharing experience of newly emerging researchers was conducted by Suriya Tarannum Susan and Mumtahina Mubarra Sauty.
2. The Moot Court Wing of SCLS organized 9 exclusive sessions from October, 2020 to January, 2021 to facilitate the enthusiastic minds of SCLS Mooters. Throughout these sessions, on 28th November, 2020, Shariful Hoque (Assistant Judge of Sylhet), talked on the ins and outs of oral submission and on 16th January, one of the prominent mooters, Tohfatur Rabbi Piyal (President, Chittagong Speech Master Club, Former General

Secretary of SCLS), discussed about A to Z of moot with the members of SCLS Moot Court Wing.

3. Debate Wing of SCLS arranged 24 regular debate sessions through online meeting during the months of October to January. Beside these sessions, League of Knights Season 5 was organized on October 30, 2020. Three teams, one trainee adjudicator from the members of debate wing took a part at 'Derozio Memorial Debate 2020' held on 18th and 19th December, 2020.

SCLS Study Circle: SCLS always endeavors to maintain balance between Co-Curricular Activities and Academic Studies. With that aim, since 2017 SCLS started its Study Circle where members get an opportunity for academic discussion on their respective subjects. Study circle has been proved to be helpful to the members.