

SELF STUDY REPORT

History of Legal Education in Pondicherry

The need for legal education in Pondicherry was felt as early in the year, 1838 and by *Arrete*, dated 15th June 1838, the Governor authorized the Procureur Generale to start courses in law relating to the Five Codes, viz., Civil Code, Penal Code, Commercial Code, Code of Civil Procedure and Code of Criminal Procedure. The duration of the course was 4 years and entirely free and open to all without any prescribed minimum qualification. The Professors were drawn from amongst the judicial officers. The course was in the nature of an evening college. At the end of each term, there was a *viva-voice* examination before a jury, who indicate their opinion on the candidate's performance. The candidate who passed the four examinations successfully, received a Certificate of Proficiency which made them eligible to become member of the BAR or to occupy post in administration of Judicial department for which the degree of "*License en Droit*" was not required. They were also entitled to perform temporarily certain judicial functions.

But the course did not continue for long. It was revived by *Arrete*, dated 20th march 1867, with some modification, the most important of which being the reduction of the course period from four to two years and the local legislations and Hindu Law were included in the syllabus.

The Law course program was upgraded and a School of Law was created by *Arête*, dated 24th February 1876. The duration of the course was raised to 3 years as in France with an examination at the end of each year. Roman law and Administrative Law were added as subjects of study. The examination consisted of written test in addition to oral test. Steps were taken immediately to have the course recognized by the Universities in France. The degree, dated 1st July 1880 later modified in 17th May 1891 provided that the students who completed the full course of studies in the School of Law at Pondicherry were entitled to get from any faculty of

Law in France the Degree of “*License en Droit*”, with all the rights and prerogatives attached to such a title on fulfillment of the following three conditions:-

1. Profession of *Degree of Baccalaureate* {Art or Science}.
2. Payment of the entire fee prescribed in France for the Degree of “*License en Droit*”.
3. Passing a special examination consisting of *viva voce* test before any faculty of Law in France.

On account of such facilities given to the students of the School of Law at Pondicherry, it was decided to follow the same syllabus as in France and accordingly Economics was added as a subject of study. The Hindu Law continued to be taught as an additional subject.

The migration of student from Pondicherry to France was recognized by the degree dated 14th May 1920 which made it possible for a student to migrate during the course. A student having completed the first year of study in the School of Law in Pondicherry was allowed to continue his second year in any faculty of Law in France without any examination. Those who completed two years of study were allowed to take the degree of *Baccalaureate en Droit* after a special examination consisting of Oral test.

French Legal Education

The Law School was re-organized in the year 1918 by *Arrete*, dated 8th April 1918. The following measures were taken:

- The course ceased to be free. It was decided to pay honorarium to the professors.
- In examinations the system of allocation of marks was introduced.
- For being declared to have passed the examination, the candidate should score 50% of marks in aggregate.
- Mohammadan Law was introduced as an additional subject.
- Students of French settlements and natives of French-Indians were allowed to get registered in the School of Law and sit for the examination.
- *Baccalaureate* was prescribed as the minimum qualification for getting registered for the course of *License en Droit*.

- To allow those who did not possess the *baccalaureate* to get some education in law, a course of *Capacite en Droit*, was created.
- The course was reduced to 2 years duration with an examination at the end of each year.
- The minimum qualification of the course was the *Brevet Elementaire*.
- The subjects taught were Civil Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Public Administrative Law, Hindu law and Colonial legislations.

Later the *Arrête*, dated 4th October 1923 allowed the law officials especially the lawyers having five years of experience to be associated in the teaching work. All the preceding provisions relating to the School of Law were recast in a single head with detailed regulations by *Arrête*, dated 21st July 1935. This *Arrete* with some minor modifications was in force till the time of the DE FACTO transfer of the territory to the Indian Union. But at the time of De facto Transfer it was decided to close the School of Law at Pondicherry. But the students who had already started there course of study were allowed to complete. Attempts were made immediately thereafter to start a full-fledged Law College providing instruction, the pattern existing in the rest of the country and leading to be B.L. degree. As the minimum qualification for the study of Law was a degree of an Indian University, it was found necessary to open first Arts and Science College in Pondicherry in the Indian Pattern Distinct from the former French traditions. This was soon done, when those institutions started training out graduate in sufficient number, a Law College affiliated to the University of Madras was inaugurated on 17th August 1972 on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Indian independence. Later when the Pondicherry University was established the college was affiliated to Pondicherry University since 1986.

Legal Education- Today

LL.B Course: The College is now instruction imparting 5 years B.A, LL.B (Integrated) and 3 Years LL.B course. 5 years course was introduced in the year 1983 and 3 years course was introduced in the year 2007.

LL.M. Course: The institutions are now imparting instructions not only at undergraduate level but also at the post graduate level in four branches, i.e.

Branch-1: Labor and Administrative Law,

Branch-2: Criminal Law and Torts,

Branch-3: International Law and Constitution Law and Human Right law,

Branch-4: Business Law,

PGDFL Course: The institution is also imparting instruction leading to one year Post Graduate Diploma in French Law.

Ph.D. Course: Full time part time Ph.D. course has been started from the academic year 1997-98

The Institution developed an excellent Law library with more than 33,683 books and journal. The library is partly computerized for effective administration.

The Institution is attracting students from all over India, Introduction of new Job oriented Diploma courses in Law, establishment of Comparative Law Institute and developing exchange programs with some of the Universities in France are the plans of the institution to be implemented during the coming years. The institution is planning to publish an Annual Research Journal from this year onwards.

The institution has been making rapid progress in various fields of teaching and research. It is expected that with the renovative content and course curriculum in legal education, the institution would progress further and render significant contribution in the study of Law and research.

LIST OF GOVERNING COUNCIL/ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Members	Designation
01.	Mr. G. Ragesh Chandra, I.A.S. CHAIRMAN	Secretary to Government (Education), Government of Puducherry
02.	Y.L.N.REDDY	DIRECTOR, Directorate of Higher & Technical Education, Government of Puducherry
03. & 04.	Two Senior teachers of Dr. Ambedkar Govt. Law College, Pondicherry.	1. Dr. N. Ravi, Associate Professor 2. Dr. S. Ambika Kumari, Associate Professor
05.	Two teachers nominated by the Executive Council of Pondicherry University	Yet to be nominated by the University
06.&7.	Two teachers of Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai	1. Dr. Maha Lakshmi, Assistant Professor 2. Dr. Balaji , Assistant Professor
08.	Dr. A. Vincent Aruputham MEMBER SECRETARY	PRINCIPAL, Dr. Ambedkar Govt. Law College, Kalapet, Puducherry

COURSES & SUBJECTS

Details of Existing Courses with Subjects					
Sl.No.	Name of the Course	Approved Intake	N.O.C. of State Government	Bar Council of India Approval	Pondicherry University Affiliation
01.	B.A., LL.B. (Five year Integrated course)	60	N.O.C. obtained	Approval obtained	Affiliation obtained
02.	LL.B. (Three year course)	60	N.O.C. obtained	Approval obtained	Affiliation obtained
03.	<u>LL.M. (Two year Course)</u> Branch-1: Labor and Administrative Law Branch-2: Criminal Law and Torts Branch-3: International Law, Constitutional Law and Human Right Law Branch-4: Business Law	10 10 10 10	N.O.C. obtained	Approval not required	Affiliation obtained
04.	<u>P.G. Diploma Course</u> Post Graduate Diploma in French Law (PGDFL)	15	N.O.C. obtained	Approval not required	Affiliation obtained
05	<u>Ph.D Programme</u> Ph.D. in Law /Full time/Part time(Internal/External)	15	N.O.C. obtained	Approval not required	Affiliation obtained

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF TEACHING STAFF

Sl.No	Name of the Faculty and Designation	Date of the Birth	Date of Joining	Qualification	Teaching experience
1.	Dr. A. Vincent Arputham PRINCIPAL	26-07-1957	22-01-1990	B. Sc., LL. M., Ph.D.	30 Years
2.	Dr. N. Ravi Associate Professor	22-01-1957	09-07-1992	M. A., M.L., PGDFL., Ph. D.	27 Years
3.	Dr. S. Ambikakumari Associate Professor	01-12-1954	15-07-1992	B. Sc., LL.M., Ph. D.	27 Years
4.	Dr. K. Chandrasegaran Associate Professor	26-08-1955	10-02-1988	B. Com., M.L., Ph.D.	28 Years
5.	Dr. S. Srinivasan Assistant Professor	17-09-1963	06-12-1991	B. Com., M. L., PGDFL., Ph.D.	24 Years
6.	Miss R.Sri Lalaitha Thirupura Sundari Assistant Professor	28.06.1964	21.02.1994	M.A,M.Phil,PGDHRM,B.Ed (On Service placement)	22 years

Consolidate teaching Staff

1.	Dr. V. Prabha	26-7-1977	24-11-2008	B.A., LL.M., Ph. D.	8 Years
2.	Dr. Ambika R. Nair	15-4-1977	24-11-2008	B.A. LL.M., PGDFL., Ph. D.	8 Years
3.	Mr. B. Hariraman	16-4-1978	24-11-2008	B.A., LL.M., PGDHRM	8 Years
4.	Mr. Kamban Socrates	11-5-1979	24-11-2008	LL.M., PGDFL	8 Years
5.	Dr. M. S. Sharmila	18.02.1978	12-12-2008	B.A., LL.M., Ph. D.	8 Years
6.	Dr. P. Angayarkanni	14-4-1975	15-12-2008	B.A., M.L., Ph. D., PGDFL	8 Years
7.	Mrs. V. Amutha Kaveri	02.08.1978	01.03.2011	LL.M., PGDFL	5 Years

Hourly Paid Teaching Staff (Non-LAW)

1	Mrs. Devasena	12.11.1975	25.11.2010	M.A. M.Phil(English)	5 Years
2	Mr. S. Anandan	25.05.1982	08.10. 2010	M.A. M.Phil (Economics)	5 Years

List of Guest Faculty (Law)

Every year more than 10 Leading Advocates and Retired Judges are invited as Guest Faculty to share their Practical Experience in the Court and teach some specific areas in various subjects

List of Guest Faculty for PGDFL(French Law)

1. **Mohandooss** Retd. District Judge, Public Prosecutor of Puducherry, District Court, Pondicherry.
2. **Cyril Vincent**, Government Pleader for Puducherry at High Court of Madras, Chennai.
3. **Dr.N.Ravi** , Associate Professor , Dr.Ambedkar Government Law College, puducherry
4. **Krishnamoorthy** Advocate, Pondicherry

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NAMES OF NON-TEACHING STAFF

Designation	No.of Sanctioned post	Name of Incumbent
Librarian	1	Vacant (Recruitment in process)
Director of Physical Education	1	Vacant (Recruitment in process)
Asst.Librarian	2	1. S. Vengateswaran 2. A. Djivanandane
Office Superintendent	1	Karunakaran. N
Stenographer Gr.I	1	Vacant
U.D.C.	1	Jayaraj. G
L.D.C.	2	1.Boopathy. K 2.Vacant
Store-Keeper Gr-III	1	A.Agilan
Record Keeper/Clerk	2	1.Batmanabane 2. Vacant
Driver – Gr. - I	1	Moorthy.S
Book Binder	1	D. Jayakumar

Attender	2	1. M. Rajagopal 2. Y. Sagayamari
Peon	2	1.S. Arumugam 2.Vacant
Sanitary Assistant	1	Vacant
Multi Tasking Staff (House Keeping)	2	1.R. Vasantha 2.K. Santhanalakshmi
Multi Tasking Staff (Security)	3	1.S. Suresh 2.Vacant 3.Vacant
Driver	1	A. Murugasamy (Service placement from P.W.D)
Daily Rated Bus Cleaner	1	Vacant
Daily Rated Common Category	3	1.Vasantha 2.Suseela 3.D. Balakrishnan
Consolidated Pay MTS (Contract Basis)	20	All the 20 are employed and their contract is renewed from time to time.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Subjects	No. of books
Law & Non Law	33,683

Infrastructure



Administrative Block



New campus at Kalapet with scenic background of 28 acres has been developed and the institution is functioning at present at the new campus at Mathur Road, Kalapet since 2005. The new building is vast and spacious enough to accommodate even a University with separate Administrative Block and Academic blocks. The Administrative block consist of Principal

Chamber, office room, individual faculty cabin, Computer room, Seminar Hall and Legal Aid Clinic.

Academic Block



The Academic Block consists of 17 class rooms Apart from this there are two Blocks for Examination and Library. The Campus has got a huge sports ground at the center.

Libary



Hostel



Two separate buildings for hostel, Boys hostel and Girls hostel in addition student's utility blocks is being constructed. Both the hostels are located at the end of the campus, both hostels are two storied with adequate and separate rooms for students with neat and clean bathrooms in proportion to the rooms, dining hall, and special rooms for handicapped students along with room for warden. The hostels are at considerable distance from each other with enough connectivity facility outside the campus at all time and adequate staff to address the needs of students around the clock. The campus has got garden and green vicinity in and around it.

Transport Facility



The college owns one bus and three buses are running on contract for the exclusive use of college students. The college buses are available at sharp 9.am on all working days at the Pondicherry Central Bus stand. The Buses departs from the Campus after the completion of classes. In Addition the college is having one Swaraj Mazada for the use of Office.

Annual Programs

All India Moot Court Competition

Every year All India Moot Court Competition is organized by the college. Students from All Over India participate in the Competition. It is considered as one of the most reputed Moot Court Competition in India. So far the institution has conducted 37 All India Moot Court Competition. For more than 10 years the college was the Regional Administrator for selecting the Indian team to represent India in the JESEUEEP International Moot Court Competition in USA.

Dr.Ambedkar Memorial Lecture

The Lecture is conducted every year. Eminent persons in the field of Law are invited every year to address on legal issues and to keep the students on up to date development in law. Eminent Jurist like Dr. N.R Madhav Menon, Prof. Raghavan, Prof. Laxminath, Justice Chandru and many Vice –Chancellors from various Universities delivered the Ambedkar Memorial Lecturer.

Silver Jubilee Endowment Lecture on Environmental Law

With the advent of environment as a pivotal subject of law, due to growing threat and need to conserve the environment our college has taken initiative not only teach Environmental Law as a subject but to pay special and some elevated attention to it, luminaire are invited every year to highlight certain areas related to Environment from the legal perspectives. Eminent Jurist and Environmentalist like Dr. Santha Kumar Prof. Naga Bhushan, Justice Venkat Raman and many Vice –Chancellors from various parts of India delivered the Lecturer on Environmental issue and challenge

Sanctioned Strength of Students

UG Courses					
B.A.LL.B.(5 Years integrated Course)			LL.B. (Three Year course)		Total
I Year	–	60	I Year	– 60	120
II Year	–	60	II Year	– 60	120
III Year	–	60	III Year	– 60	120
IV Year	–	60			60
V Year	–	60			60
PG Courses					
I Year LL.M.					
Branch-1: Labor and Administrative Law	-10		}	40	
Branch-2: Criminal Law and Torts	-10				
Branch-3: International Law, Constitutional Law and Human Right Law	-10				
Branch-4: Business Law	-10				
II Year LL.M.					
Branch-1: Labor and Administrative Law	-10		}	40	
Branch-2: Criminal Law and Torts	-10				
Branch-3: International Law, Constitutional Law and Human Right Law	-10				
Branch-4: Business Law	-10				
PG Diploma Course					
Post graduate Diploma in French Law (PGDFL)				15	
Doctoral Programme					
Ph.D. (Law)				15	
Total Students				590	