Two defence lawyers in the 2012 Delhi gang rape have recently drawn attention of everyone by making certain controversial statements in an interview given during the BBC documentary film titled “India’s Daughter”. The Bar Council of India has immediately issued show cause notices to the lawyers for allegedly making derogatory anti-women remarks, which amounts to professional misconduct under the provisions of Advocate’s Act and Bar Council Regulations. Incidents of this nature reiterate the fact that every profession is governed by certain code of conduct which needs to be strictly adhered to by any professional for maintaining integrity in the profession.

In the light of the importance of maintaining an appropriate standard of professional conduct, School of Law organized a special picture on “Professional Ethics” delivered by Prof. Marian Pinheiro, the Principal Director of School of Law, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS), Delhi on March 11, 2015. In his highly motivational deliberation, Prof. Pinheiro demonstrated the importance of ethics in everyday life through various innovative audio visual clips. He stressed on honing the basic skills in human being such as character, competence, perception, time management and attitude for a successful professional career. Occupation would become profession when the key criteria of a profession like crucial social function, specialized knowledge and skills, higher education and training, code of professional ethics, individual and collective autonomy along with high prestige and remuneration. While concluding his lecture, Prof. Pinheiro highlighted the correlation between ethics and law, and encouraged the young aspirants of law to imbibe the basic values to achieve highest quality of professionalism. Prof. Sanoj Rajan, HoD, School of Law expressed his sincere gratitude to Prof. Pinheiro for his visit and lecture.