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RGNUL Faculty and Scholars Present Papers at ILO's Regulating for Decent Work Conference in Geneva

A team from Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, Prof. (Dr.) Sharanjit, Vandana Sharma, and Shivika Goyal, co-authored and presented their research at the 9th Regulating for Decent Work (RDW) Conference, hosted by the International Labour Organization (ILO) at its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, from 2–4 July 2025.

Held every two years, the RDW Conference is among the ILO's most prestigious global academic forums. It brings together researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to engage in interdisciplinary dialogue on labour regulation, institutional reform, and social justice.

The paper "Futuristic Approaches to Prison Labour in India: Paving the Way for Rehabilitation and Right to Decent Work Post Release" was presented by Prof. (Dr.) Sharanjit, Professor of Law at RGNUL. It explored challenges in India's prison labour regime and proposed a rehabilitative, rights-based approach grounded in international frameworks such as the Nelson Mandela Rules and ILO conventions.

Vandana Sharma, Junior Research Fellow and PhD scholar, presented the co-authored paper "Empowering the Invisible Workforce: The Role of Labour Institutions in Advancing Decent Work for ASHA Workers in India". Drawing from extensive fieldwork in Punjab, the paper examined systemic gaps in the labour protections offered to ASHA workers and proposed institutional reforms to align with the ILO's decent work framework. Vandana was awarded a fully funded RDW Fellowship to attend the conference.

Although Shivika Goyal, co-author and PhD scholar at RGNUL, could not attend in person, her contributions were instrumental to both papers.

Prof. (Dr.) Jai Shankar Singh, Vice-Chancellor of RGNUL, congratulated the team and stated that their participation reflects the university's commitment to producing socially engaged, globally relevant legal scholarship.

Dr. Ivneet Walia, Registrar, also extended her best wishes and encouraged young scholars to continue pursuing research with international impact.

The participants expressed heartfelt thanks to RGNUL for its constant academic and institutional support.

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