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### **RGNU Hosts Colloquium on Indian Knowledge Systems**

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (RGNU), organized a colloquium titled "Bhartiya Nyaya Drishti: Rethinking Jurisprudence through Indian Knowledge Traditions" on April 3, 2025. The event aimed to integrate India's ancient legal wisdom with modern jurisprudence.

The colloquium brought together distinguished speakers to explore indigenous perspectives:

Prof. (Dr.) Anurag Deep, Professor, Faculty of Law, Delhi University, addressed "Teaching & Research in Indian Knowledge Systems in Legal Education: Challenges & Possibilities."

Prof. (Dr.) Pradeep Kulshreshtha, Dean, Bennett School of Law, Bennett University spoke on "Decolonizing Legal Thought: Integrating Indigenous Jurisprudence."

Prof. (Dr.) Shruti Bedi, Professor and Director, University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, discussed "Dharma as a Legal and Ethical Concept: Bridging Ancient Wisdom and Modern Jurisprudence."

Prof. (Dr.) Sujata Bali, Dean, IILM Law School, Gurugram, presented on "Simplifying Indian Knowledge Systems."

Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats, Dean Academics, RGNU, delivered the keynote lecture on "Inventions and Indian Knowledge Systems."

The event witnessed vibrant discussions on topics such as the legal recognition of natural and living entities like the divine rivers Ganga and Yamuna, as recognized by the Uttarakhand High Court in 2017: simplification of Indian philosophical concepts: preservation of India's cultural and intellectual heritage within legal education, drawing from traditions like Dharmashastra, Nyaya, Mimamsa, Arthashastra, and Buddhist and Jain philosophies:

Focusing at the students of law, philosophy, political science, and history, the colloquium encouraged active participation through a Q&A session. The 'Best Engaged Audience Award' for the most critical questions asked, which was bagged by Vani Gupta (3<sup>rd</sup> year), Khyatee Ahuja (4<sup>th</sup> year) and Rudraksh Sisodia (2<sup>nd</sup> year). The Dean Academics also announced the establishment of the *Centre for Indigenous Knowledge Systems* at RGNU.

Convened by faculty coordinators Dr. Renuka Soni and Dr. Ishita Sharma, under the guidance of academic advisors Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Vats and Prof. (Dr.) Kamaljit Kaur, and supported by student coordinators Vandana Sharma, Kunal Yadav, Kavya Shukla, and Kartikey Shukla, the colloquium marked a significant step toward reimagining inculcation of legal education in India.

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