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**Academic Session 2022-23 commences at RGNUL**  
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The new academic session (2022-23) at the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab commenced with inaugural of Orientation Programme for BA.LL.B. (Hons.) (FYIC). Prof. Ranbir Singh, Chairman-Search cum Selection Committee IIIDEM, Election Commission of India and Former Vice-Chancellor National Law University, Delhi and Prof. Shashikala Gурpur, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune graced the inaugural of Orientation Programme. Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, welcomed students, parents and guests on this occasion. He congratulated students on qualifying CLAT and thanked parents for reposing faith in the institute. Prof. Bajpai observed, "Education is not preparation of life but life itself." While expanding on challenges that students might confront on entering a new ecosystem, Prof. Bajpai exhorted students to equip themselves with sufficient cognitive skills. He advised students to work diligently. "RGNUL responds to changes in legal education with immense focus on Law Practicum. The university provides ample opportunities to students for their holistic development. Success of students is success of the university," said Prof. Bajpai.

Dr. Shashikala Gурpur outlined a roadmap of legal career. Speaking on the *Deeksharamb*, Dr. Gурpur emphasized the need to imbibe virtues of truthfulness, honesty and gratitude. "Students must connect to New Education Policy. While interning in the days to come, every student must take up internship dedicated to upliftment of poor," she said. Dr. Gурpur elaborated on Berkeley's guide to professional competencies. "Skills are the building blocks of success. Critical reasoning, creativity, communication skills, research and entrepreneurial abilities have to be developed for becoming an effective lawyer," she said. She emphasized on critical thinking abilities, the application of knowledge and public service commitment. "Students must align skills create footprint, be open to learning, swim against the currents as everything begins with thought and vision. Valuing the supremacy of human skills, Dr. Gурpur said, "In technologically driven times robots/ digital lawyers do not approach with spirit of service. They function as mere performance." She explained the new global

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developments in profession of law, especially US Innocence Project. She also exhorted parents to have faith in the skills of their wards.

Prof. Ranbir advised students to work hard and avoid distractions. “Hard work can transform ordinary to extraordinary,” he said. “Lawyers have a special role to play in times of Artificial Intelligence. Though the discourse on artificial intelligence dates back to 1980s, emulation of human capabilities by robots reignites an exploration of the interface,” remarked Prof. Ranbir Singh.

Parents and students interacted with the Prof. G.S. Bajpai and the dignitaries. Prof. Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL proposed a vote of thanks.