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Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai inaugurating new Faculty Offices

EDITORIAL

Academic session 2022-2023 was vibrant, dynamic and marked with great achievements: the team comprising Chhavi Singla, Wamic Wasim, Shagnik Mujherjea, Mudhumita and Jugaad Singh won the Richard R. Baxter Award for Best Respondent Memorial and Alona E. Evans Award for 2nd Best Overall Memorial, the team qualified for World Rounds at Washington BC with overall rank one in the national round Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition; Prof. Bajpai, Prof. Pawar and Justice Paramjit Singh Dhaliwal appointed as members of the Committee working on Statutory Status of 'Right to Repair'; panel discussion with the five Vice-Chancellors of the region on new paradigm of teaching and learning, faculty discourses; faculty development programmes; quality enhancing workshops, kept learning centre stage. The RGNUL corridors were alive with numerous students activities from screening movies, open mikes to art exhibition, poetry recitations and dramatic performances. The RGNUL invests resources in carefully curated and designed curricular and extra curricular activities so as to offer students a holistic experience.

Panel Discussion on New Vision for Higher Education Research and Pedagogy 4 July 2022

Bajpai, reflected on the challenges to the learning environment of universities in the context of National Educational Policy (NEP), alluding to John Henry Newman's The Idea of a University,



Prof. (Dr.) Arvind, Prof. (Dr.) Karamjeet Singh with Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai

The Vice-Chancellors of five universities from Punjab deliberated on “Vision for Higher Education” under on Panel discussion on “New Vision of Higher Education, Research and Pedagogy”. Prof. Arvind, Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala; Lt.Gen. Jagbir Singh Cheema, Vice-Chancellor, Maharaja Bhupinder Singh Punjab Sports University, Patiala; Prof. Karamjeet Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala and Prof. Archana Mantri, Vice-Chancellor, Chitkara University, Banur were the panelists. Prof. G.S.

Prof. Bajpai focused on the need to balance accessible higher education with aspirations of educational excellence. Prof. Arvind, Lt. Gen. Jagbir Singh Cheema, Prof. Karamjeet Singh, Prof. Archana Mantri talked about multi disciplinary and interdisciplinary initiatives that not only enhance skills of the learners but also connect them with the cultures. Dr. Tanya Mander, moderator for the panel discussion offered the concluding remarks by highlighting dialectics between critical thinking and technology, and underlined some paradigm shifts that can be

discerned in pedagogy due to the pandemic. The reality of 'multiversity' cannot be put on the side; Universities now have multiple functions and therefore the need to re-design, re-think and re-imagine. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL.

Appointment of Prof. G.S. Bajpai and Prof. Anand Pawar as Committee Members by Department of Consumer Affairs, GOI



RGNUL faculty with Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai

The Ministry of Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Consumer Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi has appointed Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, Prof. Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL, Punjab and Justice Paramjeet Singh Dhaliwal, Former Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and former President of State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, Punjab as members of Committee for conferring Statutory Status to the 'Right to Repair' under the statutory framework of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. This newly constituted committee shall examine and undertake measures to develop a policy, meet various stakeholders in different parts of India to develop a policy framework, recommend legislative framework and research international best practices. The

committee shall submit its recommendations within six weeks.

Consumer Ministry Committee features RGNUL to develop Framework on Right to Repair

Three members of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab feature in the newly constituted Committee by Department of Consumer Affairs for development of framework on 'Right to Repair'. Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, Prof. Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL, Punjab and Justice Paramjeet Singh Dhaliwal, Former Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and LL.D candidate at RGNUL have been selected as members of the Committee. Notably, an article titled 'Upholding Right to Repair' in Indian Express penned by Prof. G.S. Bajpai attracted the attention of policy makers. This Committee is to submit its recommendations within six weeks. It will examine and undertake measures to develop a policy, meet various stakeholders in different parts of India to develop a policy framework, recommend legislative framework and research international best practices. The Ministry through effective legislation and framework aims to harmonise trade between the original equipment manufacturers and the third party buyers & sellers.

Advocacy Pilot Project on Wrongful Prosecution Launched 18 July 2022

A Panel Discussion to launch a Pilot Advocacy Project on Wrongful Prosecution was organized on 18th July 2022. Dr. K.P. Singh, Former DGP, Haryana; Dr. G.K. Goswami, ADGP, U.P.; Ms. Malvika Singh, Advocate Punjab & Haryana High Court, Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab and RGNUL Faculty discussed

crucial issues, objectives, role of stakeholders, point of intervention and working of the Pilot Project of Advocacy on Wrongful Prosecution. Dr. Goswami observed that transparency in evidence collection is integral to fair investigation. “Fair investigation is precursor to free trial,” he said. Dr. K.P. Singh deliberated on the importance of intervention of police for proper investigation of cases, “The Criminal Justice Professionals and policy makers should learn lessons from research on Wrongful convictions and apply findings to right the wrongs of erroneous convictions” Prof. Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL opined, “RGNUL's Pilot Project on Advocacy for Wrongful Prosecution is an attempt to address miscarriage of justice. This project aims to facilitate the development of holistic policy for the innocent victims.”

Orientation Programme for Students of BA.LL.B. (Hons.) 23 July 2022

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, Former Vice-Chancellor National Law University, Delhi and Prof. Shashikala Gurbur, 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. 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 Gurbur outlined a roadmap of legal



*Prof. Ranbir Singh and Prof. Shashikala Gurbur
with Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai*

career. Speaking on the Deeksharamb, Dr. Gurbur 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. Gurbur 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. Gurbur 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 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.

Orientation Programme for students of LL.M. (OYC) 3 August 2022



Prof. G.S. Bajpai addressing the students

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab organised LL.M. (OYC) Orientation Program. Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor congratulated the new cohort on joining the university. He spoke about the pedagogical shift and remarkable departure in curriculum of one year PG course at RGNUL. “LL.M. is research-intensive program that provides impetus to explore new studies and enhances critical analytical skills of students,” said Prof. G.S. Bajpai. He exhorted students to adopt alternative modes of enquiry, develop researching & writing skill and actively participate in the learning process. Prof. G.S. Bajpai said, “Students must read voraciously for new intellectual formations, standard conceptualizations and ready application of knowledge.” Students were introduced to the scheme of study and examination pattern of the university.

MoU between RGNUL Punjab, Patiala and Foundation Futuristic Technologies (FFT), New Delhi



Prof. G.S. Bajpai, signing Memorandum of Understanding with Foundation Futuristic Technology

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab has signed Memorandum of Understanding with Foundation Futuristic Technology (FFT) P Ltd, New Delhi for the purpose of several online/offline certificate/diploma programs in the core area of digital forensics, students' internships, joint Seminar /conference/workshop and research and development activities. Futuristic Technologies Foundation Futuristic Technology, established in 1999, is a global leader in the computer forensics and digital investigation solutions space. Its proven in-depth domain expertise has been developed over decades of working with law enforcement organizations on numerous complex crime investigations. FFT provides a broad spectrum of standalone and turnkey solutions that enable digital investigations of any kind including computer forensics, mobile forensics, and incident response, eDiscovery and information assurance.

Training Programme on Cyber Crime Investigation and Evidencing 6-7 August 2022

Two-day Training Programme on Cyber Crime Investigation and Evidencing was organised for



Dignitaries and participants at the Two Day Training Programme

NIA Law Officers. The objective of the programme was to introduce Law Officers of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to “Cyber Crime Investigation and Evidencing”. Prof. (Dr.) G. S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL deliberated on cyber-crime investigation and evidencing in the larger context of criminal justice during the inaugural session. Dr. Pavan Duggal, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, spoke about the scope, implementation and controversies in cyber laws and case laws. Dr. Duggal provided an overview of changing nature of cyber laws. In the technical sessions Dr. Jagdeep Singh, Assistant Professor at SLIET, Longowal talked about the basics of digital forensics. Dr. Ivneet Walia, Associate Professor, RGNUL spoke about Cyber Crime. She alluded to a wide gamut of pertinent issues ranging from psychology of cyber criminals/ victims and challenges in digitalised world. Mr. Nato Singh, Assistant Director and HOD of Digital Forensic, CFSL Guwahati elaborated on process of communication (accused/suspect over various apps using virtual numbers). Mr. Nisheeth Dixit, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, and Cyber Consultant expanded on various facets of cyber laws and cyber-crimes in India. Mr. Samir Datt, CEO and Founder of Foundation Futuristic Technologies Pvt. Ltd. explained the basics of CDR/IPDR and Tower Dumps. He focussed on the usages of social media for gathering intelligence and evidence, significance of imaging/hashing/

write block in forensics and investigation of cases over voice internet protocols.

Induction Program for Post Graduate Diploma on Prison Administration 6 August 2022

An Induction program was organized by the Centre for Advanced Studies in Criminal Law (CASCL), RGNUL, Punjab to introduce the Post Graduate Diploma Course on Prison Administration. This course is a collaborative venture of RGNUL and Punjab Jail Training School, Patiala. Mr. R.K. Arora, IG Prisons, Punjab was the Guest of Honour for this program. He elaborated upon the practical problems faced in the sphere of correctional administration, conditions of Jail in India. Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, addressed participants during the inaugural program. He spoke about the relevance of this course, role of important Supreme Court of India's rulings on Prison administration and best practices in prisons. This program was co-ordinated by Prof. (Dr.) Sharanjit, Coordinator of CASCL and Mr Mukesh Kumar Sharma, Vice Principal, Punjab Jail Training School, Patiala.

Tiranga March Marks 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

A Tiranga March was organized to mark Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, 75th Indian Independence iconic week. In the words of Sh. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav means elixir of energy of independence; elixir of inspirations of the warriors of freedom struggle; elixir of new ideas and pledges; and elixir of Aatmanirbharta. Therefore, this Mahotsav is a festival of awakening of the nation; festival of fulfilling the dream of good governance; and the festival of global peace and development.” Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL reminisced the sacrifices of freedom fighters. He paid tributes

to unsung heroes. He focussed on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Panchpran for fulfilling dreams of freedom fighters. Prof. Bajpai offered, "We must work with cooperative spirit for development of the nation," He emphasized on the 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat' vision of the Prime Minister to make the country and citizens self-reliant. Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL; Dr. Sidharth Dahiya, Deputy Registrar; Prof. Naresh Kumar Vats, Dean Academics; Prof. Rakesh Mohan Sharma, Advisor, Forensic Division; Dr. Arjun, Coordinator NCC; Faculty members, Non-teaching staff and students participated in Tiranga March at RGNUL campus.

73rd Anniversary of Geneva Conventions Commemorated 12 August 2022

The Center for Advanced Study in International Humanitarian Law (CASH), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab organised Colloquium to commemorate 73rd Anniversary of Geneva Conventions. Dr. Prabhas Ranjan, Professor of Law, Jindal Global Law School, Dr. Sunod Jacob, Director, The Peninsula Foundation, Dr. Garima Tiwari, Bennett University, discussed the relationship between IHL and International Investment Law, conflicts and wars lead to sharp decline in international investments; They focussed on the challenges to IHL and non-state armed groups, elaborated on emergence of war and religious conflicts leading to intentional harm to monuments and misuse of monuments for storing arms; discussed multilateralism and universal application of the Geneva Convention, delved into various treaties based on the rights of prisoners of war, the situation of women, cyber war, blockades, civilian conflicts and political movements along with the application of IHL and artificial intelligence.

MoU between RGNUL, Punjab and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi

Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL and Prof. Anu Singh Lather, Vice-Chancellor, AUD signed MoU between Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi (AUD). In order to implement NEP 2020, collaborative efforts to conduct courses and programs have been initiated through this MoU. RGNUL and AUD shall run advanced Master's Programme in Criminology. Furthermore, this MoU aims to develop joint training and research programmes. Both RGNUL and AUD shall also render expert advice to government bodies, statutory authorities and other stakeholders. The institutes shall offer exchange programs researchers and faculty members to explore new avenues in the field of legal studies.

Certificate Program on Decoding Aviation & Defence Opportunities- A Lawyer's Toolkit 19-20 August 2022

Two-day Certificate Program on Decoding Aviation & Defence Opportunities- A Lawyer's Toolkit was conducted by Centre for Air, Space and Defence Laws, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Laws, Punjab. The resource persons were Ms. Lubinisha Saha Ganguly, the General Counsel



Students and participants with Dignitaries

(Head of Legal and Compliance) for Airbus in India and South Asia. They deliberated the topics: Regulatory Bodies, Regulations for Airbus and Boeing in India and discussed the Reforms and Future of Aviation Sector. Dr. Akhil Prasad, Member of the Board of Directors, Group General Counsel and Company Secretary for Boeing India. He elaborated on Global Leaders in Defense, Boeing and Airbus as a supplier, Defence regulatory framework in India, Defence Acquisition Procedures, FDI and Licensing Foreign Trade, Corruption in Defence sector. Dr. Gurmanpreet Kaur, Associate Professor of Law and Dr. Wazida Rahman, Assistant Professor of Law coordinated the program

International Capacity Building Program on Poetry, Pedagogy and Profession 20 -25 August 2022

Public Relations and Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (RGNUL), Punjab in collaboration with Mary Immaculate College (MIC), University of Limerick, Ireland, Intercultural Poetry and Performance Library (IPPL), Kolkata, State Bank of India, Patiala and Manipal University, Jaipur organised Five day International Capacity Building Program (CBP) on "Poetry, Pedagogy and Profession: Understanding Rhyme and Reason across Cultures". Mr Sudeep Sen, internationally acclaimed poet and contemporary voice of Indian Poetry, was Chief Guest for the Inaugural Session. Prof. Bajpai said that the knack of interpreting poetry and understanding complex issues can fortify competencies. In a conversation with Dr Navleen Multani, Assistant Professor in English and Public Relation Officer, RGNUL and Dr Jhilam Chattaraj, Assistant Professor, RBVRR Women's College Hyderabad, poet Sudeep Sen spoke about creative process, artistic defamiliarization and language usage in poetry.



Participants at the Capacity Building Program

Prof Eugene O' Brien, Director, Mary Immaculate Institute of Irish Studies; Prof. Sanjukta Dasgupta, Convenor, Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi; Dr Anjana Neira Dev, Gargi College, Delhi and Dr Basudhara Roy, Karim City College, Jamshedpur; Dr Jaydeep Sarangi, Vice-President IPPL; Dr Nishi Pulugurtha, Secretary, IPPL; Dr Nabanita Sengupta, University of Calcutta; Prof Desmond L Kharmawphlang, NEHU, Shillong; Dr Manju, CU; Dr Sunaina Jain, MCM Chandigarh; Prof Prasannanshu, NLU Delhi, Prof Pramod Kumar, IGNOU and Prof Bootheina Majoul, University of Carthage were resource persons for the technical sessions. Prof. Eugene O' Brien spoke the conceptualizations of Martin Heidegger, Jacques Derrida, Deleuze and Guattari,.Dr Jaydeep Sarangi expanded on new poets in Indian English poetry.

Distinguished Poet, Dinesh Devghariya, presented poems on freedom fighters and epics during the RGNUL and SBI Poetry session on the third day. RGNUL students, faculty and staff presented self composed poems. Dr Sunaina Jain delineated pathway of holistic growth through reading and understanding of poetry. Poetry workshop was conducted by Prof Prasannanshu. Multilingual poetry session in collaboration with P3 group was also held on the fourth day of the program. Prof Parmod Kumar dwelled on poetry as world literature. Prof Majoul talked about the paramount importance of poetry in the digital era. Prof Eugene

O' Brien made observations on bog bodies and The Northern Irish Troubles with reference to the poetry of Seamus Heaney. Dr S Chitra, Assistant Professor, Sherubtse College, Royal University of Bhutan, presented concluding remarks during the last session of the event. She eulogised the significant academic endeavour of RGNUL to promote study of poetry for the holistic development of teachers and learners. A total of 60 participants from Adamas University; Hansraj College, University of Delhi; Hislop College Nagpur; B.N.P.G.College, Udaipur; Panjab University, Chandigarh; Delhi University; MCM DAV College for Women, Chandigarh; IASE, Pune, Maharashtra; Department of English, University of Delhi; Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning; National Law University, Delhi; Govt. Degree College for Women, Pulwama; Symbiosis Law School, Pune; Xavier Business School Sxuk Kolkata; IGNOU; Sherubtse College, Bhutan; St. Stephens' College, DU and RGNUL, Punjab attended the Five day program.

Reflections on Criminal Justice in Numbers 27 - 28 August 2022

Two day Colloquium spread across various technical sessions witnessed presentations by eminent speakers, Ms. Maja Daruwala, Chief Editor, India Justice Report, Ms. Sakshi Sawhney,



Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai and Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar with the Distinguished Guests



Ms. Maja Daruwala and Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai with participants

IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Patiala, Mr. Sanjay Vashishtha, Member, Indian Police Foundation; Dr. Sunil Chauhan, Former Director National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and Session Judge, Haryana; Ms. Apoorva, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy; Shri N Ramachandran IPS (Retd.) Founder & President Indian Police Foundation; Ms. Neha Sinha, Deputy Director & Associate Fellow Artha Global; Ms. Maitreyi Mishra, Head Mental Health & Criminal Justice Project 39A; Ms. Radhika Jha, Lead Researcher, Common Cause; Samita Research Associate, Daksh. Representatives from Vidhi, NALSA, DAKSH participated in the discussion. Ms. Sawhney observed, “Data related to crime enables governance to respond better.” As a policymaker, she expressed her concern regarding systemic deficiencies that obstructed deliverance of justice. Eulogising the efforts of Government of Punjab, Ms Sawhney remarked that the government had hired qualified persons in different wings to analyse data, mapped the details of parameters adopted to assess States for their efficiency in providing justice to the citizens. Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL scrutinized data utilisation system in the present times and observed, “In order to address inadequacies in the justice system, scientific temper must be developed.” “Criminal Justice system institutions are one of the least measured systems in the country,” he observed. Prof. G.S. Bajpai said, “In the name of data only crime rate is available. The

survey on various parameters and gathering of data related to profile of victims, evidence, offender and offence can greatly address inadequacies prevailing in the justice system.” While dwelling on planning, management, execution and implementation of data, Prof Bajpai spoke about the need to improve data literacy. Prof Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL extended a vote of thanks. Participants from India and abroad attended the session.

Workshop/Seminar on Youth Conflict Management 27 August, 2022

The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR), RGNUL Punjab in collaboration with Youth Conflict Management team (YCM)



Ms. Kudrat Dev addressing the students

organized one day workshop/Seminar on Youth Conflict Management. Ms. Kudrat Dev, Founder and Director YCM, New Delhi was the resource person. She elaborated on developing skills to address dispute resolution.

A One-Day Workshop on Oscola Mode of Citation 29 August 2022

A one-day workshop on OSCOLA Mode of citation for LL.M (OYC) students. The resource person for the workshop was Mr. Saurabh Sharma, Assistant Professor of Legal Research, RGNUL. The event was attended by RGNUL faculty and students of

LL.M (OYC) 2022 RGNUL. The workshop was coordinated by Pro. (Dr.) Kamaljit Kaur, Professor of Law, Dr. Wazida Rahman, Assistant Professor of Law.

Establishment of Dr. P.C. Markanda Chair on ADR 30 August 2022

Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, and Mr. Naresh Markanda Senior Advocate, Punjab and Haryana High Court signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 30th August, 2022. The MoU was signed between RGNUL and Markanda Advocates for establishing Dr. P.C. Markanda Chair on ADR in the Centre for Alternative Dispute



Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai and Mr. Naresh Markanda Senior Advocate with faculty members

Resolution. Academic activities, collaborative training and research programme shall also be developed in the due course. The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab has set up Dr. P. C. Markanda Chair on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). Justice Arun Palli, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh inaugurated Dr. PC Markanda Chair at RGNUL. While speaking on the occasion, Justice Arun Palli remembered Late Dr. P C Markanda as a renowned authority on Arbitration Law. Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL observed, “Arbitration conducted by responsible organisations provide a safe, speedy and

inexpensive method of settlement. It saves time not only of the disputants but also allows courts congestion-free calendar.” Prof. Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL, spoke about Mediation: Step by Step (2021) authored by Late PC Markanda. Mrs. P C Markanda, Mr. Naresh Markanda, Senior Advocate, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh and faculty members of RGNUL were present during the inauguration of the Chair.

Colloquium on Regulatory Impact Assessment 30 August 2022

The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR), RGNUL Punjab, conducted colloquium on “Regulatory Impact Assessment”. The event



*Mr. Ashim Chaudhary and
Mr. M.P. Mall with the students*

was organized in collaboration with the Replenish Foundation, New Delhi. Mr Ashim Chaudhary, President of Replenish Foundation, New Delhi, and Mr. M.P. Mall, Chairman and MD of IRCTC were the Guests of Honour. They focused on the regulatory mechanism and its resolution with different suggestions. Notably, RGNUL students under the supervision of Dr. Gurmanpreet Kaur, Associate Professor of Law and Coordinator CADR, RGNUL had worked on a Research Project on the Indian Regulatory Framework in collaboration with Replenish Foundation, New Delhi. Kaustubh Dighe, student of 5th year of B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) made presentation on the

project. Student members of the project team were felicitated by the guests. Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL, Dr. Sidharth Dahiya, Deputy Registrar, RGNUL, faculty members and students were present during the programme.

Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration 31 August 2022

The RGNUL Cultural Committee organised a Ganesh Chaturthi celebration through Traditional Day. The students attended classes in ethnic wear. Students and faculty attired in traditional outfits showcasing unique cultural features of different States to celebrate diversity within the campus. RGNUL Community dressed up in traditional outfits created a 'Mini India' on campus.

Celebration of Teachers' Day 3 September 2022

A cricket match between the faculty and students of RGNUL Punjab was organized to witness and celebrate the occasion of Teachers' Day. The match began at 4:30 pm with the students batting first. The Students scored a mammoth total of 134 runs in 12 overs. In response, after dedicated efforts, the faculty could only score 49 runs and the match was won by the students comprehensively. More than



Teacher's Day celebration at RGNUL



5 September 2022

**International Faculty Development
Program on Law and Social Sciences
12 – 17 September 2022**

Zoom: Video and Audio Conferencing

Some recent developments...

- Celebrities to be held liable and face action for appearing in misleading promotions
- Surrogate advertising banned
 - Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), Consumer Affairs Ministry, "Guidelines for Prevention of Misleading Advertisements and Endorsements for Misleading Advertisements, 2022"
 - FTC sues Celebrity Endorsers over their role in alleged deceptive advertising campaign, "Guide concerning the use of endorsements and testimonials in advertising"

Participants (6/2)

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discussed about Interrelation between Law and History, Decolonizing Jurisprudence and narratives of Law, Evolution of Nyay in Indian Context, Insolvency Laws and Economic Analysis, Law and Economics, how application of the Laws for Production to Democracy: Law and Political Science focussing on relation between jurisprudence and constitutionalism, importance of ethics in fees of Arbitrator, proceedings of Arbitration and award by the Arbitral Tribunal, Human Rights perspective, Ads and Law: An uneasy co-existence, Concept of Law referring to the body of rules for conduct in the society which binds legal force and effect, correlation between Law and Politics. He examined some basic characteristics of the relationship between national and international law and politics, theme Law and Sociology, laws are commercialized in the present times.

MCC Orientation Session for the Batch of 2027 | 22 - 27 September

Mooting is an integral part of a law student's life and to further the moot culture at RGNUL, the Moot Court Committee organised the fresher's orientation week. The orientation was organised to acquaint the Batch of 2027 with the indispensable advocacy and drafting skills required to compete in a moot court competition.

The first-year students were apprised of the strategies and techniques involved at the various stages of a moot court competition. The first session equipped students with the prerequisites for conducting legal research on a moot proposition. The basics of drafting written submissions along with the substantive process of argument formulation was discussed in detail through the second session. This was followed by a session on the basic rules and the technical aspects of formatting of written submissions on the third day. The first-year students engaged in a discourse with seasoned orators on the skills required by speakers

and their demeanour while presenting oral arguments in the last leg of the orientation week.

Gender Sensitisation Workshop 24 September 2022

Gender sensitization workshop on “Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment at Work Place” was organised by CASCL and IQAC, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. Prof. (Dr.) Archana Chaudhary, Associate Professor of Kurukshetra University spoke about the prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace



*Prof. (Dr.) Archana Chaudhary
addressing the participants*

and Remedies. Ms. Aparna Jain, Advocate and Founding Partner Knowledgentia Consultants dealt with Gender Sensitization for Prevention of Sexual Harassment at workplace. She said, “Sexual harassment at the workplace and educational institutions is mired in complex power dynamics that often silence women. In order to regulate forces that hamper the effectiveness of the internal committees and civil redressal mechanisms, it is necessary to reassess the available remedies to prevent sexual harassment at workplace.”

Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL and Prof. Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL were present during the program. Vote of thanks was extended by Dr. Manoj Kumar Sharma, Associate Professor of Law, RGNUL.

Bisexual Awareness Week at RGNUL 24 September 2022

Legal Aid Clinic of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab organised activities in observance of Bisexual Day (23rd September 2022). In order to raise awareness about the disparities, distress and injustice to bisexual community, RLAC conducted art and craft activities. Posters, origami depicting self-affirmation and notes beyond the binary disrupting traditional views, were displayed in the Multipurpose Hall of RGNUL on 24th September 2022. Faces and hand painting bearing the Bisexual symbol was also undertaken by the participants. Faculty members and students attended the event.

Certificate Course on Relevance of International Humanitarian Law in the Contemporary World: Issues and Challenges 26-28 September 2022

The Center for Advanced Study in International Humanitarian Law (CASH), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law organised a Three-day International Certificate Course on the, 'Relevance of International Humanitarian Law in the contemporary world: Issues and Challenges'. 350 participants including academicians, scholars and students from various law universities from across the country. The course covered the triumphs, substantive obstacles, and the development of new, more appropriate norms and methods with respect to International Humanitarian law, in the chronological order.

Professor Sassòli went on to discuss the significance of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, geographical aspect in IHL and its application function of non-state actors in an armed conflict, role of IHL is prohibition of unnecessary suffering.

The Birth Anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh observed 27 and 28 September 2022

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab celebrated the birth anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh. The university organised different events on the occasion. RGNUL Cultural Committee organized a Nukkad Natak, titled "A Tribute to Shaheed Bhagat Singh", it showcased the glorious struggle and sacrifice of the courageous legendary nationalist.

The Centre for Advanced Studies in Human Rights (CASIHR), RGNUL organised special lecture titled "Exploring the thoughts of Shaheed Bhagat Singh in Contemporary Context." This lecture was delivered by Dr. Ronki Ram, Visiting Professor at University of Ladakh, Member of the State Higher Education Council, UT Chandigarh. He delved into the ideology and alternative agenda for governance given by Shaheed Bhagat Singh. Dr. Ronki Ram said, "Shaheed Bhagat Singh raised valid issues in the 1920s that can still guide us to resolve several conflicts. The supreme martyr, Bhagat Singh, should be remembered as one of the first rationalists in the galaxy of Indian freedom fighters. Candle March to honour the indomitable spirit of Shaheed Bhagat Singh was organised by Pro Bono Club, RGNUL.

16th National Youth Parliament Competition 28 September 2022

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab organized group rounds of 16th National Youth Parliament Competition under the aegis of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India. Dr. Dharamvir Gandhi, former Member of Parliament; Prof. (Dr.) Rattan Singh, Chairperson, University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh and Dr. Shalini Sharma, Group Coordinator of the 16th National Youth

Parliament Competition adjudged the event. With an objective to know about practices and procedures of the Parliament, students of B.A.LL.B



Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar with Dr. Dharamvir Gandhi and Dr. Manoj Kumar at the Inauguration of the National Youth Parliament Competition

(Hons.) participated in the Youth Parliament Competition. The participants carried out the functioning of a normal working day of Lower House of the Parliament. The proceedings commenced with administering oath or affirmation to the newly elected members of the Youth Parliament. The House paid obituary reference to deceased Queen Elizabeth II. Among the business transacted in the Youth Parliament was introduction of new ministers in the Council of Ministers, Question Hour, Breach of Privilege motion, Laying down of papers on the floor of the House, Calling Attention Motion and Legislative Business. In the question hour, members of opposition raised queries about Indian Policy on



Participants and Distinguished Guests at National Youth Parliament Competition

the aggressive attitude of its neighbors. Economic conditions of the country, increasing unemployment, women representation in the legislature, new education policy were also focussed on.

5th Surana & Surana and RGNUL International Moot Court Competition 29 September-1 October 2022

5th Surana & Surana and RGNUL International Moot Court Competition was organised on the premises of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. Mr. Preetam Surana, Head, Litigation & Arbitration Practice and Academic Initiatives, Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai



Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar and RGNUL faculty at the Inauguration of International Moot Court Competition

elaborated on the need to reskill and upgrade competencies through participation in moot competitions. He said “Moots provide opportunities to develop research and advocacy skills as well as enable budding lawyers to confront challenges to effect policy changes.”

27 teams from all over India competed for prizes worth Rs. 52000/- Moot proposition for the event was International Criminal Law with focus on war crimes and genocide. Justice Paramjeet Singh Dhaliwal, Former Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court; Mr. Kapil Sankhla, Advocate Supreme Court of India and Founder Sankhla & Associates; Prof. Sanoj Rajan, Human Rights and Education

Management; Dr. Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi and Mr. Preetam Surana, Head, Academic Initiatives Surana & Surana graced the Valedictory session of the 3-day event. University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS), Panjab University, Chandigarh, won the first prize. National Law University Odisha was declared Runner-up. The Best Memorial prize was won by University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS), Panjab University, Chandigarh. Ms. Lakshita Mehta from Army Institute of Law, Mohali was adjudged as the best student advocate. RGNUL team won the spirit of Surana award.

Prof. G.S. Bajpai nominated as Member to Punjab State Higher Education Council

Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Punjab has been nominated as Member of the Punjab State Higher Education Council for a period of five years. The Council plans and coordinates development of Higher Education in the state. The Punjab State Higher Education Council is committed to promotion of quality initiatives. It raises educational standards in the State to meet the global requirements.

2nd RGNUL-Luthra and Luthra National Agreement Drafting Competition organised by CASEL September-October 2022

The Centre for Advanced Studies in Energy Laws (CASEL) in its significant effort to promote deliberations on the pivotal topics of energy laws, sustainability and energy efficiency, organised the “2nd RGNUL-L&L Partners Energy Law Agreement Drafting Agreement Competition, 2020”, The competition was organised in collaboration with; Luthra Law Offices, a coveted full-service law firm in India offering top-notch legal advises on diverse matters including Projects

and Infrastructure & Energy.

The organisation of the competition was under the able guidance of the Faculty Coordinator for CASEL, Dr. Shiva Satish Sharda (Assistant Professor of Law) the problem statement was drafted by Dr Raagya Zadu.

As per the format of the Competition and to engage the community of law students in India to promote the art of modern legal drafting, a Problem Statement based on a fictional deal for solar electrification between two corporate entities was released. The participants were expected to draft a Solar Power Purchase Agreements on the basis of the facts and suggestions provided in the Problem Statement. The competition was aimed, particularly, at encouraging and judging the legal drafting and legal research skills of the participants. The legal research involved PPAs, termination clause, quantum of damages clause, Corporate Social Responsibility along with Goods and Services laws, in relation with the niche legal areas governing the Energy sector. Being the first of its kind, the competition witnessed enthusiastic participation with over 160 teams (all across India) registering for the same of which 110 teams submitted their agreements. These submissions were meticulously adjudged by a RGNUL faculty, combination of industry experts from Luthra and Luthra Law Offices, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) along with noted academicians from National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore and Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla. The participants were marked on their comprehensive understanding of the applicable law, the problem as well as position and interests of the client; creativity; use of language and grammar; coherence and structure in framing of the agreement and formatting.

The winners of the competition were as - First Position- Ashutosh Rajput, Anand Singh, Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur
Second Position - K.M. Thomas , Gokul Sunoj,

National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi

Third Position- Ayush Raj, National Law University, Nagpur

The competition also received commendable agreements from teams of various universities including West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR), National Law University, Jodhpur, National Law University, Delhi, O.P. Jindal Global University, Symbiosis Law School, Pune amongst others.

To congratulate the participants for their contribution, a cash prize of Rs. 32,000 was accorded to the winners and Certificates of Merit, Appreciation and Participation were dispensed to all participating teams for their performance.

RGNUL Conducts Awareness Program on NRI Marriages: Do's & Don'ts – A Way Forward 9 October 2022

The National Commission for Women (NCW) has launched a series of programmes on “NRI Marriages: Do's & Don'ts – A Way Forward” across various districts of Punjab to inform, educate and create awareness about legal remedies available for victims. An Awareness program in this series was hosted by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab. The objective of the programme was to familiarize victims of NRI marriages of their rights, reflect on the challenges faced by aggrieved women in procuring substantial relief through remedies available in Indian legal system and to seek possible solutions to considerably reduce the number of such cases. Eminent experts from the judiciary, administration and the academia informed the participants about the role of different machineries in providing relief to aggrieved women. This event was a collaborative venture of National Commission for Women, Panjab University, Chandigarh, Punjab State Legal Service Authority, Shiromani



Distinguished Guests and participants at the Awareness Programme on NRI Marriages

Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Panchayats, Punjab Police, NGOs & RGNUL. Dr. Jyoti Rattan, Professor, Panjab University; Advocate Gurveer Singh and Sh. Balwinder Singh, P.P.S, A.I.G. addressed the gathering. Prof. Jyoti Rattan, Coordinator, highlighted the problems faced by various families in NRI marriages.

Inspector Puneet Garg discussed about the significant role of verification and provided steps for a perfect NRI marriage. Mr. Navneet Gupta from Block Development and Panchayat Office also contributed to the deliberations. The victims and their parents also shared their experiences during the event. The programme was coordinated by RGNUL Pro Bono Club, RGNUL Legal Aid Clinic and Centre for Constitutional Law & Governance, on behalf of RGNUL, Punjab. RGNUL students enacted Nukkad Natak (Skit)



Distinguished Guests and participants at the Awareness Programme on NRI Marriages

during the awareness program. 180 participants were present during the program. Vote of thanks was extended by Prof. Kamaljit Kaur, Coordinator of the program.

RGNUL RLAC 1st Pride March 10 October 2022

On 10th October 2022, the RGNUL Legal Aid Clinic (RLAC) in collaboration with RGNUL Pride and IDIA Punjab initiated first ever Pride March in the campus. The event was organised in the light of LGBT History Month highlighting the past achievements and development in context with LGBTQ rights. The event was graced by the presence of RLAC faculty coordinator, Dr. Abhinandan Bassi, other faculty members such as Dr. Tanya Mander, Dr. Jasleen Kewlani and students from all the batches.

A fundraiser was also organized where posters, cake and cupcakes were sold. Tattoo and Mehndi stalls were also arranged for fundraising. The Pride March with rainbow flags and music were conducted with a lot of flair. The event also helped to increase gender sensitivity and raise awareness about LGBTQIA+ Community on campus.

RGNUL and Think India discuss India's G20 Presidency 18 October 2022

Centre for Constitutional Law and Governance, RGNUL in association with Think India and India's Y20 Delegation 2022 conducted discussion on "India's G20 Presidency: A Historic Responsibility". Dr Sreeram Chaulia, Professor and Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs, JGU Sonipat and Mr. Falit Sijariya, India's Youth Representative G20, elaborated on India's forthcoming Group of 20/G20 Presidency. Prof. Chaulia discussed India's stance in leading G20, from 1st December to 30th November 2023, in the midst of global setbacks, Russia- Ukraine crisis and pandemic. Professor Chaulia talked about the

prospective role and responsibilities of India while assuming Presidency of the G20 in the upcoming months. "India is presently coordinating with the current G20 chair Indonesia, which reflects the nation's continuous commitment towards leading the global world. India wants to bring peace to the world through the cessation of the Russia-Ukraine war. Climate Finance is also another agenda to be taken up. India has its own concept of "LIFE" (Lifestyle for the Environment), which is promoting a less consumerist approach through our traditional knowledge. The nation intends to prioritize Digital Public Infrastructure. Disaster Resilient Reform will be contemplated on," he added. He also focused on 'Multi-stakeholder Multilateralism'. Mr. Falit Sijariya apprised the students about the priority areas of Y20 i.e., Youth as Equal Partners in the Development Agenda: Global Policies and Programmes. He gave a clarion call for increasing the engagement of youth at international level.

International Conference on Securing Justice to Victims of Crime at RGNUL 3-5 November 2022

Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Punjab, presided over the International Conference on "Securing Justice to Victims of Crime" organised by the Centre for Criminology, Criminal Justice and Victimology (CCV), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab in collaboration with Indian Society of Victimology (ISV) and World Society of Victimology (WSV). It won The Eighth International and Twelfth Biennial Conference of the Indian Society of Victimology on "Securing Justice to Victims of Crime"

Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Punjab, deliberated on the Indian justice system. He elaborated on relationship between accused and the state in liberal democracies. Shri Purohit said, "Victimology is a language of empathy. It is high time that the victimological foundations must find a



*Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai with
Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Punjab*

place in our criminal justice administration.” Mr. Purohit cited the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India while alluding to the case of Jagjeet Singh v. Ashish Mishra. He exhorted lawyers to reserve time for providing legal aid to the poor and underprivileged. He emphasized that cognitive training of functionaries and appropriate framework for empirical investigation of victimization of vulnerables could be plausible alternatives to avoid delay in justice. Trial delays thwart the safety of victims deprived of justice. He narrated instances from the court of King Vikramaditya and Jahangir. He congratulated CCV, RGNUL for organising conference on pertinent issue related to the rights of victims of justice. “I am sure that deliberations of the conference in form of paper would aid the processes of justice,” Shri Purohit said.



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presided over International Conference on
Securing Justice to Victims of Crime*

On this occasion Hand Book of Laws and Case Laws for Victims of Crime authored by Prof. G. S. Bajpai and Journal for Victimology and Victim Justice were released. Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) New Delhi, Prof. B. B. Pande, Distinguished Professor, National Law University, Delhi, Prof. (Dr.) Peter Schafer, Treasurer, World Society of Victimology & Professor, Faculty of Applied Social Sciences, Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences and officials of district administration were present during the inaugural session.

Prof. K. Chockalingam, Founding and Former President, Indian Society of Victimology, He delivered the valedictory address. While reminiscing the international conference held by ISV in the last four decades, Prof. Chockalingam spoke about the developments in victimology. “Relevance of victimology was unknown to academicians. They were quite scared to set questions on this sensitive discipline in the earlier times but in the recent years the phenomena of pain of victims has gained attention of epistemological cosmos,” he said. Prof. Chockalingam remarked, “The penury of victimological studies has now been replaced by advanced research in this area. Victimology is all about power differentials. The concept of victim dates back to ancient times. During the last few years the term is



Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai addressing the guests



Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai with Distinguished Guests

indiscriminately used for those who suffer injury and harm by forces beyond their control.” He congratulated the Centre for Criminal Justice, Criminology and Victimology for organising conference on this neglected cause which called for attention of the academicians, researchers and policy makers. Prof. Jeeva Niriella, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo & Dean, Sir General John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka, delivered special address on “Securing Justice to Victims of Crime through Legal Initiatives”. She spoke about judicial prospects and challenges in the context of Sri Lanka. “State, Judicial and Public officers must ensure protection and promotion of rights and entitlements of victims,” she added.

Clouds of Mind: A Mental Health Workshop in Collaboration with Dauntless Project 7 November 2022

RGNUL Cosmos organized a unique mental health workshop in collaboration with the Dauntless Project headed by Ms. Arshpreet Kaur Sahota, RGNUL's esteemed alumnus. The workshop aimed to provide students at RGNUL with a platform to express themselves through their art. The workshop was held at the amphitheatre, academic block of RGNUL and began around 4:00 pm.

It was a fun-filled evening with many captivating performances, a spectacular display of artworks,

engaging activities like Colour Therapy, Mind Maps, Jars of Happiness, a Human Library, a Doodle Exchange and a D.I.Y. Station. The art exhibition was on display throughout the visual and performing arts and it showcased artists' talent that expressed their emotions and thoughts. The activities were followed up by musical performances, monologues and shayaris. In the performing arts, resource persons and mental health professionals spoke about the importance of mental well-being.

Art Exhibition Hum Sab Sahmat 9-11 November 2022

RGNUL Centre for Advanced Studies in Human Rights, RGNUL Literary and Debating Society and RGNUL Cultural Committee, in collaboration with Safdar Hashmi Memorial Trust (SAHMAT) organised an art exhibition-Silsilla 1.0-at its campus. The Three day art exhibition, 'Hum Sab Sahmat: Defending Values of Freedom Struggle'. focused on 75 years of independence. Mr. Sohail Hashmi and Ms. Ashok introduced students to the renowned art works by Geetanjali Shre, Vivan Sundaram, Veer Munshi and Ram Rahman. Postcards, books and posters from SAHMAT alongwith creative work by students were put up for sale. Screening of documentary films, cultural performance, open-air discussion on art and politics, law and art as well as role of young



Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar with Guests and Coordinators of the Art Exhibition



Students at the Art Exhibition

enterprising lawyers in the field of art marked the event.

International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law 11-12 November 2022

The Centre for Business Laws and Taxation (CBLT) Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab organized two-day international conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law (November 11-12, 2022). Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL delivered the Presidential address during the inaugural session held at the university campus. He foregrounded the positive impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare, education and law. Prof. Pawar also underlined the need to evolve



Distinguished Guests and participants at the International Conference



Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Prof. (Dr.) Bharat H. Desai and Dr. Manoj Sharma

national strategy for dealing with Artificial Intelligence. Prof. (Dr.) Bharat H. Desai, Jawaharlal Nehru University, remarked, “Rapid development of technology, strategic AI and digital warfare necessitate vital changes in International Humanitarian Law.”

The Two day conference witnessed deliberations on various issues including Artificial intelligence in modern warfare like Russia-Ukraine conflict; Regulation of Big Data; use and regulation of artificial intelligence in health sector; interface of artificial intelligence with intellectual property rights; and use of Artificial intelligence vis-à-vis Forensic Criminalistics and Criminal Justice System. Adv. Prashant Roy and Adv. Roop Loomba also provided new insights on artificial intelligence and law. While unravelling the multilayers of risk permeating in various sectors due to AI, they underscored implementation of effective rules to check the cataclysmic consequences. 50 papers were presented by participants from different institutes.

National Negotiation Competition 12-14 November 2022

2ND RGNUL National Negotiation Competition (RGNUL-Neg Comp) was organized by the Centre for Alternative Dispute resolution (CADR) and Dr. P.C. Markanda Chair on ADR, Rajiv Gandhi

National University of Law, Punjab (RGNUL) from 12th to 14th November 2022. The Competition was held in association with



Participants at the National Negotiation Competition

knowledge partners and sponsors including Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, Justice Kuldip Prakash Bhandari, Indian Dispute Resolution Centre; Live Law, Lawctopus, and Latest Laws as the Media Partners; Young Negotiators Club (YNC) India and Probono Club RGNUL as the Supporting partners. The propositions for the competition included extradition, expropriation and nuclear tensions. Diplomatic negotiation between representatives of Mohawk and Wakanda to resolve an emergent protest that threatened to derail their diplomatic summit, the Patiala Accords, 2022 was the issue in the final rounds.

The final rounds were assessed by Mr. Shambhu



Participants at the National Negotiation Competition

Sharan, Partner at Singhanian and Partners LLP, Mr. Jeevan Ballav Panda, Partner at Khaitan and Co., Ms. Pooja Sinha, Registrar, Guwahati High Court, Ms. Varuna Bhandari, Sr. Adv., Supreme Court of India, and Mr. Pradip Bhandari, Sr. Adv., Punjab and Haryana Court.

National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR), Hyderabad was adjudged the Best Negotiating Team. Kirit P. Mehta School of Law, (NMIMS-KPSOL) Mumbai was Runners-up Negotiating Team. Sainishtha Gupta, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi won the Best Negotiator prize. Best Negotiation Plan award was bagged by National Law University, Jodhpur. 26 teams from all over India participated in the competition adjudged by assessors comprising of professionals and academicians.

Cognoscenti: A Discourse on Liberty and Justice 16 November 2022

'Cognoscenti: A Discourse on Liberty and Justice' was organised by the Department of Political Science in collaboration with the School of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies at the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. This was the maiden edition of the event and was held under the aegis of the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, as part of the celebrations of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav – 75 Years of Independence'. A total of thirty first-year students



Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar and Prof. (Dr.) Mohammed Khalid

from ten law schools across the country participated in the event. The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab and Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL, Punjab.

The event was conducted in the form of a discourse through role-playing of philosophical thinkers of different schools of thought and discussing their views on the ideas of Liberty and Justice. The judges for the conference were Prof. (Dr.) Mohammed Khalid, Professor, Panjab University, Chandigarh, Dr. Jasleen Kewlani, Assistant Professor, RGNUL, Punjab and Mr. Shashvat Jain, an experienced Model United Nations (MUN) adjudicator from IP University, Delhi. Teams represented one thinker each ranging from Karl Marx, who discussed the ideas of justice and liberty from the lens of economics and class struggle, to Michel Foucault, who focused on power of the masses as a determinant of liberty and justice.

A myriad of opinions and ideas were brought to the fore and the discourse also touched contemporary issues, with the mentions of war of ideologies in the contemporary world, such as between the United States and the former USSR, caste-based discrimination in India, inequality among economic classes in the developing world, etc. A crisis problem was introduced in the during the discourse, which in turn sparked a debate on liberty and the freedom of speech and expression, leading

the philosophers to interpret the Constitution of India in their own ways. As the discourse proceedings came to a close, debate was concluded on the note that justice and liberty are inter-linked concepts and have been so since time immemorial. The winners of the event were Army Institute of Law, Mohali, representing Michel Foucault, with RGNUL, Punjab, representing Friedrich Nietzsche as the runner up. These teams were felicitated during the closing ceremony that was graced by the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL, Punjab. The vote of thanks was delivered by the faculty coordinators, Mr. Sourav Kumar and Ms. Aditi Dubey, Assistant Professors of Political Science, RGNUL, Punjab, marking the end of the event.

National Conference on Right to Information: Law, Policy and Governance 19 November 2022

The Centre for Advanced Studies in Labour Welfare (CASLW), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law in collaboration with Punjab State Information Commission organised National Conference on Right to Information: Law, Policy and Governance. Mr. Shailesh Gandhi, Former Central Information Commissioner, RTI Activist was the Chief Guest for the inaugural Session. Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL; Prof.



Participants at the Cognoscenti



Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai with Distinguished Guests

Anand Pawar, Registrar, Prof. Naresh Kumar Vats, Dean Academics and Dr. Varun Chhachhar, Associate Professor, University of Lucknow were present on the occasion. Prof. G.S. Bajpai emphasized on the importance of RTI in improving accountability of the administration in his welcome address. “There is significant connection between people's right to know and the quality of administration,” he said.

Mr. Shailesh Gandhi deliberated on the role of RTI in empowering the citizens. He said, “Proper flow of information is essential for formulating sound policies. Governance becomes more effective with public participation. Awareness about the right to know relevant information about government prevents system from degeneration.” Book titled Changing Paradigm of Right to Information Law was released during The Conference-cum-Workshop on RTI.

Constitution Day Commemorated 26th November 2022

The Centre for Constitutional Law and Governance (CCLG), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab commemorated the adoption of Constitution of India on 26 th November 2022. Faculty, students and staff of the university recited the Preamble of Constitution to reiterate the resolve of sovereign democratic republic envisioned by Indian leaders. Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL said, “The Constitution provides guidelines for good governance, enjoins state to promote peace, envisions social order based on justice and empowers the citizens of India.” Prof. Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL said, “Pledging allegiance to the democratic ideologies engendered constitutional values.” Mr. Banerjee said, “The interaction between people and virtual environment raises concerns for transparent data policies laws to regulate digital rights and digital citizenship.” While reminding the participants of ancient Indian history characterised by rule of law, Mr. Banerjee spoke about rules for the metaverse.



RGNUL faculty at the Constitution Day

He deliberated on drastic shift in governance heralded by technology. “Metaverse-related issues and advancements in augmented/virtual reality could greatly harm human interest,” he added.

Prof. Simon Bronitt interacts with RGNUL Faculty 11 -12 January 2023

Prof. Simon Bronitt, Dean, School of Law, the University of Sydney, Australia, Mr. Peter Finneran, and Ms. Vered, visited the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab on 11th-12th January, 2023. Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL welcomed distinguished academicians from the University of Sydney. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Bajpai highlighted the vision and accomplishments of RGNUL. “The Rajiv Gandhi



Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai with Distinguished academicians from the University of Sydney

National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab proffers exceptional and effective pedagogy to empower learners. In order to meet the dynamic demands of legal services, RGNUL has been introducing new initiatives not only to empower students but also to equip faculty with opportunities for professional development,” he said.

Professor Bronitt, an expert in Criminal Law, interacted with faculty members and introduced Sydney Law School. He proposed to collaborate with Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab for conducting various programs including Faculty and Student Exchange Program, workshops and other activities to explore the methodologies and teaching pedagogies of both the countries. “Such exchange programs infuse international experience. The integration of intercultural aspects facilitates understanding and encourages people to broaden their experience as well as knowledge,” said Prof. Bonitt. He encouraged the faculty to collaborate in the areas of Jurisprudence, Criminal Law, Literature, Economics, Victimology, International Humanitarian Law, Sociology, Taxation and Business Law, Intellectual Property Laws and Consumer Laws for research.

Celebration of 74th Republic Day **26 January 2023**

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab celebrated 74th Republic Day with great zeal and fervour. The event commenced with the hoisting of National Flag by Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, followed by the singing of National Anthem. While addressing the gathering, he highlighted the significance of constitution and stated that we as Indians are fortunate to have one of the largest constitutions of the world. He emphasized that knowledge and awareness regarding our fundamental rights and duties is significant for preventing injustice. He further talked about promoting equality, justice and liberty for the unity and integrity of the nation.



Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai hoisting the flag on Republic Day

Take Charge of Your Life – A Mental Health Workshop 30 January 2023

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab organised a one-day mental health workshop on 'Take Charge of Your Life' for the faculty members on 30th January 2023. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Jaismeen Kaur, Counselor, RGNUL, Punjab. The workshop aimed at increasing the awareness regarding the significance of mental health and reducing stigma related to mental health issues. The counselor emphasized that now-a-days stress levels have been significantly increasing due to work related problems, health and personal issues. She further

discussed effective coping mechanisms for achieving good mental fitness amongst the employees.

Academic Quality Enhancement Workshop 4 February 2023

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab organized a one-day Academic Quality Enhancement Workshop on the basis of NAAC criteria for the faculty members. The objective of the workshop was to build and ensure a quality culture at RGNUL. The faculty members gave presentations on Curriculum Design and Improvement, Class Engagement and Teaching Pedagogy, Research and Innovations and Assessment of the Working of Research Centres. The workshop was presided by Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL. Prof. Bajpai said, "The quest of excellence must never end. We need to join hands to share challenges and lessons on strengthening teaching methods". He further pointed out the importance of workshops and training programmes for the faculty members. These workshops should be in line with the requisites of contemporary education. He gave a detailed explanation of the vision of the University. He added that advanced Information and Communication Technology is required to achieve the goal of academic excellence.

The measures related to alignment of learning outcomes with the vision of University, upgradation of course curriculum, improvement of technology support and upgradation of toolkit for faculty members were discussed in the workshop.

Virtual Inspection of RGNUL by Bar Council of India 10 February 2023

An inspection was carried out by the Bar Council of India conducted virtual inspection of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi National

University of Law, Punjab Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai introduced the University and presented an overview of the Academic and Physical Infrastructure of the University. Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai briefed the team of experts from BCI regarding the vision and mission of the University and the future plan of the University.

The team consisting of five experts from Bar Council of India conducted the virtual inspection of the physical infrastructure at RGNUL, i.e., Classrooms, Moot Court Room, Lecture Halls, Auditorium, Administrative Block, University Entrance, Common Rooms, Seminar Hall etc. The team conducted inspection of the University infrastructure and asked relevant questions from the RGNUL team. Team of the Bar Council of India also conducted virtual interaction with the faculty members of the RGNUL.

After faculty interaction, Vice Chancellor, Professor (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai gave the concluding remarks and answered the queries of the BCI team to their full satisfaction. Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Registrar and Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Vats, Dean Academic Affairs steered the BCI inspection process.

Financial Awareness Camp 15 February 2023

The State Bank of India, Sidhuwal branch conducted a one day Financial Awareness Camp at RGNUL on 15th February 2023 for the students and staff members. The objective of this camp was to educate them about various financial services and tools made available to them through the banking infrastructure. The main idea was to promote financial literacy and to disseminate information relating to the latest technological advancements in the field of banking sector.

The SBI staff gave presentations on Corporate Salary Package, Bank's Core Products such as Saving, Current, PPF, Fixed Deposits Accounts, Digital Products such as SBI Yono, SBI Collect and

SBI Internet Banking. The representatives of subsidiaries of SBI such as SBI Life, SBI General, SBI Mutual Fund also briefed the students and staff members about the products and services and discussed ways and measures to prevent cyber-crime.

The SBI team emphasized on continuing such efforts to achieve its goal of enhancing financial empowerment.

Mental Health Workshop on Understanding and Managing Mental Health 16 February 2023

A mental health workshop on 'Understanding and Managing Mental Health' was organised by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab for the protection of emotional and mental well-being of the staff members of the university. An interactive session was conducted by Dr. Amandeep Singh, Community Psychologist. Singh asserted that stigma, discrimination and human rights violation against people with mental health conditions are widespread and he encouraged people to seek assistance when and where they need it. The workshop aimed at extending support to the staff members in dealing with anxiety disorders, depression, and suicidal thoughts. Singh emphasised upon the understanding relating to the warning signals and risk factors associated with mental health. Furthermore, gatekeeper training was provided as a preventative intervention for mental health issues.

NHRC-RGNUL Human Rights National Moot Court Competition 24-26 February 2023

The 2023 NHRC-RGNUL Human Rights National Moot Court Competition was organised. The moot court competition was conducted in collaboration with National Human Rights Commission, New

Delhi. A total of 33 teams from all over India participated in the competition. The teams participated in two intellectually demanding and



Distinguished Guests at the Moot Court Competition

gruelling preliminary rounds which were adjudged by an eminent panel of academicians and practising advocates on 25th February. These rounds were then followed by the quarter-final and semi-finals rounds. The teams were thoroughly tested on their knowledge of law and facts. The two teams which sustained the semi-finals were Christ University, Bangalore and National Law Institute University, Bhopal.

The final rounds were conducted on 26th February and were presided over by a three Judge Bench consisting of Hon'ble (Mr.) Justice Darshan Singh, Former Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Dr.



Final round of Moot Court Competition

Upneet Lalli, Deputy Director, Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh and Prof. Kamaljit Kaur, Professor of Law, RGNUL.

National Law Institute University, Bhopal won the first prize. They were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 40,000. Christ University, Bangalore was declared as runner-up. They were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 30,000. The Best Speaker (Male) and (Female) was awarded to Mr. Farhaan Khan from Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi and Ms. Sharanya Chowdhury from Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow. The Best Memorial (Applicant) prize was won by Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad and the Best Memorial (Respondent) prize was won by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow. Mr. Joseph Antony from Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad was adjudged as the best researcher and he was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000.

During the valedictory ceremony, a book titled 'Socio-economic Transformation in India: Prospects and Strategies in Post Pandemic Era' was released by Hon'ble (Mr.) Justice Darshan Singh, Dr. Upneet Lalli, Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Prof. Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL, Prof. Kamaljit Kaur and Dr. Geetika Walia, Associate Professor of Law, RGNUL.

RGNUL Faculty and Administration bid farewell to Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai



Dr. Anand Pawar, Vice-Chancellor (Officiating) 28 February 2023



Appointment of Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar as Vice-Chancellor (Officiating) 28th Feb 2023

Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL has been appointed as the officiating Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. He assumed charge following an order by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ravi Shanker Jha, Chief Justice, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh and Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab. His appointment as officiating Vice-Chancellor is followed by the selection of Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai as Vice-Chancellor of National Law University, Delhi.

Zelus Sports Fest-2023 | 2 - 5 March, 2023

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab organised the fourth edition of its annual sports fest



Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar at the Inauguration of ZELUS

'ZELUS'. More than 600 students participated in the event from all across the nation. Competitions were held in 32 sports and athletic events which included volleyball, football, basketball, cricket, table tennis, lawn tennis, badminton, weightlifting, arm wrestling, track races, shot put, electronic sports, etc. The inaugural ceremony of the fest was graced by Mr. Mir Ranjan Negi, Former Field Hockey Player and National Coach. He had trained the women's hockey team which won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games-2002. While sharing his personal and professional experiences, Mr. Negi said, "Sports teaches us invaluable life lessons. From persistence to teamwork, there are numerous perks of playing sports. Nothing good ever comes easy and the road to success is a long one. You should develop courage and self-



Weight-lifting Competition at ZELUS



Student participants at ZELUS

confidence to fight with your challenges and should never give up".

National Law University, Jodhpur bagged the award for the best contingent with highest medals. Army Institute of Law, Mohali and School of Law, UPES, Dehradun bagged the second and third best contingent awards respectively. Dr. Sidharth Dahiya, Deputy Registrar, RGNUL awarded winners with respective medals and trophies.

FDP on Law and Economics **10–16 March 2023**

RGNUL, Punjab and School of Law, Pondicherry University, Puducherry organized Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Law and Economics. The aim of this Faculty Development Programme was to familiarise the participants with the contemporary developments in the field of Law and Economics from multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspective. This programme provided the participants with the opportunity to upgrade their skills to meet the contemporary challenges in their respective fields. The Resource Persons deliberated on the following themes in the FDP: Law and Finance, Consumer Law and Policy, Economics and Business Laws, Economics and Competition Law, Economics and International Trade Law, Economics and Rule of Law, Law and Management, Behavioural Economics and Law, etc. The resource persons were invited from varied

backgrounds to discuss the interface between Law and Economics.

Workshop on ADR Mechanism in International Dispute Settlement: A Practical Approach 30 March 2023

Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution and Dr. PC. Markanda Chair on ADR, RGNUL, Punjab organized a Workshop on ADR Mechanism and International Dispute Settlements: A Practical Approach on 30th March 2023. The resource person for the Workshop: Dr. David Ambrose, Professor and Former Head of Department, Department of Legal Studies, Madras University, Chennai. He discussed various ADR mechanisms for International Dispute Settlements and highlighted different aspects of the customary international law, law of Seas, including the concept of jurisdiction, enforcement of foreign judgements and arbitral awards. Around 175 students availed the opportunity and gained a holistic understanding of the topics by not only learning the theoretical basis of the topics, but also hearing Prof. Ambrose's his practical experiences. The event was attended by faculties and all the students of RGNUL.

National Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition 31 March-2nd April, 2023

5th RGNUL National Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition was organized by the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) and Dr. P.C. Markanda Chair on ADR, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. The event spanned over a period of three days, from 31st March to 2nd April 2023, consisting of the preliminary rounds, quarter-final round, semi-final round, and the final round. The competition witnessed the participation of 32 teams

representing the top universities from all over the nation. The competition was judged by about 40 assessors comprising of professional experts and academicians. The propositions for the competition



Student participants at the National Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition

covered various nuances of sports and entertainment law. The problem for the final round was centered on a dispute between an established tennis player and the Board of Tennis Control, India over the constitutionality of code of conduct rules. The Competition was held in association with Indus Law, Principal Knowledge Partner, Sama ODR Platform, Advisory Partner, Markanda Advocates, Expert Partner, Mediator Academy, Education Partner, Pepperdine School of Law, and Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Indian Dispute Resolution Centre (IDRC), and Centre for Mediation & Conciliation as our Knowledge



Student participants at the National Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition



Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar with Distinguished Guests and RGNUL faculty



Students at the National Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition



Distinguish guests at the National Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition

Partners, Latest Laws as Media Partner. Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur won the best negotiating pair. The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata was declared as runner-up in negotiation. The Best Mediator team was awarded to National Law

School India University, Bangalore. Army Institute of Law, Mohali was declared as runner-up mediator. The prize of best mediation plan was awarded to Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur.



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Live Screening of the India vs. Pakistan Asia Cup Cricket Match 28 August 2022

Every India vs. Pakistan match invokes an intense feeling of competition; the India vs. Pakistan Asia Cup Match on 28th of September, 2022 was a match worthy of the hype. The RGNUL Sports Committee in collaboration with Centre for Excellence in Sports and Entertainment Law, (CESEL) RGNUL organized a first of its kind screening of the India vs. Pakistan Asia Cup Match in the Seminar Hall. The initiative was met with great enthusiasm by the students who flocked to the venue in large groups. Besides the students, Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Dr. Siddharth Dahiya, Mr. Siddhartha Fuller, Mr. Aashish Gaur and Mr. Sourav Kumar turned up as well to show support to the national men's cricket team.

The event undeniably left a deep imprint on the memories of the viewers. The celebration at every six and boundary that happened, the collective cries of disappointment every time an Indian wicket fell, the electrifying atmosphere and the feeling of patriotism coursing through everyone while singing the national anthem are only some of the cherished memories that the students took with themselves.

RGNUL Sports Committee & Centre for Excellence in Sports and Entertainment Law 28 August 2022

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Students Win Moot Achievements

Team comprising of Jubin Malawat, Bhavya Kala, Rachit Somani, Harshit Bhimrajika and Rohan Gajendra Pratap Singh, BA.LL.B (Hons.) 4th year, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, was adjudged Runners-up of the South Asian Regional Rounds of the Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot, 2022 organized by the Center for International Legal Studies held online from 26th to 28th August 2022. The team will represent RGNUL at the World Rounds of the FDI International Arbitration Moot, 2022 scheduled to be held at King's College, London. 26 teams across the South Asian Region and the top four teams qualified to the FDI Global Rounds (In-Person) scheduled to be held at King's College, London in the first week of November 2022. The moot problem centered on cannabis sector investment in a host state which was devastated due to armed conflict and civil war within the country. This included an investor-State arbitration under the ICSID Convention and raised issues of Res Judicata, Exhaustion of Local Remedies (ELR), Full Protection and Security (FPS), Extended War Clause and Moral Damages.

Another team comprising of Xenia Dhar, Samiksha Agarwal and Muskan Garg (3rd year) was Quarter-Finalists in Jurisprudence 2022 National Space law moot organized by Quantum University, Roorkee, from 25th to 27th August 2022. Muskan Garg won the Best Researcher Award.

Prof G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab extolled the extraordinary efforts of the teams. Prof Anand Pawar, Registrar, congratulated the winners.

RGNUL wins 7th Herbert Smith Freehills-NLUD International Negotiation Competition 9-11 September 2022

RGNUL team comprising of Wamic Wasim and



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Chhavi Singla, students of BA.LL.B(Hons.), won the 7th International Negotiation Competition (9-11 September, 2022) organized by National Law University, Delhi in collaboration with Herbert Smith Freehills LLP. The competition was held in New Delhi. A total of 26 national and international teams participated in the competition. Teams from seven different countries including Australia, United Kingdom, Japan, Nigeria, Singapore, Sri Lanka and India participated in the competition. RGNUL is the second Indian institute to emerge victorious in this prestigious competition. RGNUL competed with University College London and Seinan Gakuin University, Japan in the preliminary rounds and the University of Oxford & National Law University, Odisha in the final rounds. In the preliminary rounds of the competition, the negotiation revolved around Drapery Inc.'s (a luxury fashion conglomerate) bid to acquire Jack Gardener Homewares Pvt. Ltd. (an established designer and cloth retailer). The second round addressed violations of shareholding agreement between Maple Tech Limited, a Canadian technology company, and Rafflesia Sdn Bhd, a supermarket chain based in Malaysia. This was followed by conflicts, deadlock clauses and negotiations between Langat Hotel Group and Mordon Gamsey (world renowned chef). Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL while congratulating the winners observed, "Negotiation is an amicable method to settle international disputes. Students of law must develop skills of negotiation to evolve an agreeable formula that advances the notion of justice". Prof Anand Pawar, Registrar, RGNUL said, "The alternative frameworks of negotiation resolve disputes between two parties. Participation in such competitions fortify communication skills of students."

#AIRNxt Talent Hunt at RGNUL 27 September 2022

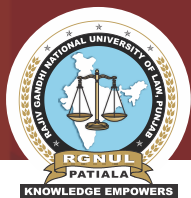
All India Radio Patiala conducted #AIRNxt Talent Hunt at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. This program was organised as part of the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. The objective of the program was to encourage youth to speak about the achievements of the country during last 75 years of Independence with a special focus on law and justice. RGNUL students presented poems, stories, narrated experiences, talked about unsung heroes of freedom, social evils and mental well-being.

Mrs Shahnaz Jolly Kaura, Program Officer, AIR Patiala observed, "The voices which were never heard before on Radio will be brought for the first time on All India Radio through #AIRNxt. About 20,000 youth from 1,000 educational institutions will be participating in this distinct talent hunt through 167 AIR stations. AIR opened up its studios for the voices that represent Young India from November 28, 2021 through this new programme."

Pranav Aggarwal and Vani Gupta from BA.LL.B (Hons.) were declared winners of #AIRNxt Talent Hunt. Students from RGNUL Punjab, selected as Guest RJ for upcoming shows on AIR include Kavya Shukla, Riddhi Agarwal, Darshana Jain, Revathi Nayaka, Aryan Jalali, Prashant, Kavya Budhiraja, Namah Bose, Shagun, Richa Maria, Harsheen Kaur, Yashovardhan Bairagi, Kashish Thakur, Vani Gupta and Pranav Aggarwal.

Mehfil-e-Cinema: Haider 3 October 2022

LDC conducted the first of its major events, namely, "Mehfil-e-Cinema". A Movie Screening for the movie 'Haider' in Seminar Hall, Academic Block. Haider's screening, a cinematic adaptation of Shakespeare's Hamlet, saw a fun discussion where everyone poured their thoughts about both the film and the drama. The event was filled with



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starry thoughts and discussion where over 120 students came together and celebrated the joy of free cinema. Following the movie screening, an informal discussion was held comparing the analogies of the book Hamlet and the movie and the differences of each form of literature.

RGNUL Intra Client Counselling Competition 3, 4, 6 and 7 October 2022

RGNUL Intra Client Counselling Competition 2022 was organised online by the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (CADR-RGNUL).

Over 130 teams from all the batches at the University competed in the event. Three days comprising six sessions in total. Each round consisted of a 25-minute Consultation session with the client and a 5-minute post-Consultation session between the counsels. Students participated in teams of two, wherein both participants were the co-counsels and had to aid a client regarding the General Information given to them.

All the rounds were assessed by LL.M, PhD scholars and the Faculties of RGNUL. The results for the competition were released on October 12 and included a team rank as well as individual counsel ranks. Rank 1 was secured by Team CC26 comprising Srishti Kaushal and Jessica Kaur.

Fresher's Party 6 and 7 October 2022

The Batch of 2025 under the Cultural Committee organized a Freshers for the batch of 2026 as a welcome to the college, upholding the tradition of our University. The event was conducted on 6th and 7th October 2022.

The event on 6th October was a traditional theme based event with the name as "Shaam Shaandaar". The event was an open mic event for the batch of 2026 and the batch of 2025, allowing them to showcase their talent in whichever way they wish

to. The event was conducted in the Amphitheatre wherein students of various batches joined as the batch of 2025 and 2026 showcased their talent. There were various performances including poetry, dances, singing coupled with fun banter. The event was hosted by the students of the batch of 2025. Since the event was based on a traditional theme, the décor represented the regality and royalty of the Indian culture. The dress code was also thus kept as traditional Indian clothes.

The event on 7th October was based on the ball theme with the name as "Summer High". The event took place in the auditorium and included various performances by the batches of 2025 and 2026 including singing, dancing, live art performances as well as a poetry on this college and its experience. The event also included a Fresher's competition for various titles including best walk, Freshers of the Year etc. The students of the batch of 2026 did a ramp walk, followed by an impromptu one-minute skit and concluded with a Question/Answer round. After every round, few students were shortlisted who would then proceed to the subsequent round. Based on these, the final titles were given to the students. The event was graced by various faculty members as well as the respected Registrar sir, Prof. Dr. Anand Pawar as well as respected Deputy Registrar sir, Prof. Dr. Siddharth Dahiya. The faculty members as well as respected Deputy Registrar sir, Prof. Dr. Siddharth Dahiya presented the winning students with the titles and the hampers. The entire event was a huge success and was followed by a dinner as well as the DJ party. The entire student community again got together to have a gala time.

InQUIZitive 4.0 - A Quiz Competition organised by CASIHR 14 October 2022

The Centre for Advanced Studies in Human Rights organized InQUIZitive 4.0, a Human Rights quiz, A total of thirty-two teams registered for the quiz. Four rounds were conducted, preliminary, audio-



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visual, buzzer and rapid-fire round.

The 1st Winners of the Quiz Competition were Nilabro Bhattacharya and Kameshwar Sharma, The 2nd Winners were Tarpan Soni and Shivi and the 3rd Winners were Riddhima Singhal and Shivam.

The winners were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 3000, first runner ups were awarded Rs. 2000 and the second runner-ups were awarded Rs. 1000. The participants and audience, alike, left with a heightened understanding of human rights. The 4th edition of in QUIZitive came to an end successfully. This would not have been possible without the help and support of our Hon'ble faculty coordinators, Dr. Jaswinder Kaur, Dr. Sukhwinder Kaur Virk and Dr. Rachna Sharma.

Career Counselling Seminar Series Achievers Speak 15 October 2022

Public Relations, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab has initiated career counselling seminar series Achievers Speak. The series commenced with judiciary special session. Mrs. Supreet Kaur, Additional Civil Judge Senior Division cum Judicial Magistrate First Class cum Principal Magistrate Juvenile Justice Board, Kapurthala delivered a talk on “How to Prepare for Judicial Service Examination?”.

While addressing the students, Judge Supreet Kaur said, “Judiciary is one of the best career options for law graduates. Hard work, commitment and discipline play a great role in shaping one's career.” She elaborated on the examination pattern. She emphasized on the importance of regular self-study and role of good guidance in providing the right direction. Judge Supreet Kaur accentuated the importance of proficiency in language for judicial services examination. She also took up the queries from aspirants of judiciary.

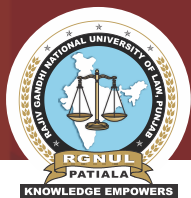
RGNUL Legal Aid Clinic initiative Neki Ki Deewar/Wall of Kindness 15 October 2022

RGNUL Legal Aid Clinic (RLAC) has started a new initiative, "Neki ki Deewar/Wall of Kindness" that was conceptualized by Associate Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sharma. It aimed at collecting usable household stuff like clothes, books, footwear, etc. donated by the Teaching Staff and students of RGNUL and distributing the same to those among the RGNUL staff and employees who may have need it.

RLAC invited people to make their contribution by giving any items lying with them that they may not need and were in a decent and appropriate condition. Posters were put up across the campus and the non-teaching staff was personally intimated about the initiative by the members of RLAC. Numerous items were deposited at the Legal Aid Clinic office by the staff and students. On 15th October 2022, these items were distributed to whoever came asking for them, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Clinic. Those who benefitted from this initiative included the employees of the Hostels' Mess, cleaners, security guards, and other support staff at RGNUL who took these useful household items for themselves and their family members.

Shubh- Labh a diya lighting event by RGNUL Legal Aid Clinic 18 October 2022

The Legal Aid Clinic at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, successfully executed the 'Diya Lighting Initiative - Shubhlabh.' The event was organized to celebrate the auspicious festival of Diwali, before the students left for their Diwali vacations. The aim was to light up the campus and spread the message of peace and tranquility with the hope to muster the strength and zeal to carry on with our goodwill for the rest of the



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year.

On 18th November all the members of the Legal Aid Clinic and other students gathered around the Auditorium to light up the five-hundred diyas that were purchased from the local vendors.

The day commemorated joy, harmony and victory, a perfect way to celebrate the festival of lights and it symbolized the spiritual 'victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance'. Being in the auspicious land of Punjab, the festival held a lot of significance and importance, being a commemorator of the harvest season.

The Human Library 18 October 2022

The 5th edition of "The Human Library", RLDC's flagship event was conducted in the Academic Block. By organizing Human Library every year, RLDC has tried to create a safe space for dialogue within the student community where topics are discussed openly between our human books and their readers. All of our human books are students with personal experience with their topic. For RLDC, the Human Library is an event where difficult questions are expected, appreciated and answered. This year, Human Library was designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue. The event sparked numerous enthralling and exciting conversations between so many people and helped become an ice-breaker for people from different batches by helping them interact more openly and freely.

Master Class on How to Build Personal Brand in Legal Profession 31 October 2022

Master Class on How to Build Personal Brand in Legal Profession was conducted by the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR), RGNUL Punjab. The resource person for the day was Mrs.

Khushboo Luthra, Associate Partner, Marketing, Practice development and Human Resource, Singhania & Partners New Delhi. In her deliberation, she mainly focused on how to build a personal brand in the legal profession with different suggestions.

Screening of Bram Stoker's Dracula 1 November 2022

After a long Diwali break, with Halloween just around the corner, LDC organized a second movie night screening of Bram Stoker's Dracula on 1st November in the seminar hall. People from all the batches joined in a huge number for a fun filled evening with vibrant autumn shades, appreciating the expression of mystic rituals of Halloween through the movie.

RGNUL Career Counselling Seminar Achievers Speak 2 November 2022

Public Relations, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab conducted online international seminar "How to Apply for Masters in UK European Countries" on 2nd November 2022. Mr Sahajveer Baweja, RGNUL alumnus and research scholar MPhil Criminology, University of Cambridge, elaborated on procedure of applying for LL.M in European countries. He provided comprehensive guidelines for writing an effective statement of purpose (SOP).

RGNUL Student Pravertna Sulakshya wins 1st Prize in The Third Shamnad Basheer Essay Competition 2022

Pravertna Sulakshya, BA.LL.B (Hons.) 3rd year, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab won the First Prize for essay titled "An IPR-Kajal for Dupes' Evil Eye? Exploring the "Space" for Makeup Dupes in the Indian IP Framework" in The Third Shamnad Basheer Essay Competition



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2022 on Intellectual Property Law. The essay entries were adjudged by Prof. Shubha Ghosh, Crandall Melvin Professor of Law and Director of the Technology Commercialization Law Program and the Syracuse Intellectual Property Law Institute at Syracuse University College of Law in Syracuse, New York, United States and Prof Srividhya Ragavan, Professor of Law at the Texas A&M School of Law and the Faculty Director of the School's International Legal Studies Program.

Career Redo: Study Abroad and Scholarship (Master's Program in the UK) 5 November 2022

Lecture on Career Redo: Study Abroad and Scholarship (Master's Program in the UK) was conducted online by the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR), RGNUL Punjab. The resource person for the day was Mr. AKM Gulzar, Chevening Fellow 2021 at the Department of Management, London School of Economics and Political Science. In his deliberation, he guided the step-by-step process to apply for different fellowships to study abroad, especially in the UK. He also shared some effective tips for a successful application fellowship.

CCLG Constitutional Law Quiz 14 November 2022

Quiz competition was organized by Centre for Constitutional Law and Governance, RGNUL for the students of 3rd, 4th and 5th year students. The quiz was based on Indian Constitution and landmark judgments of Supreme Court on constitutional matters. The top three teams from final year shall be representing the university in Nani Palkhiwala Quiz competition to be organized in February, 2023.

The Fresher's Intra Moot Court Competition, 2022-23 14, 15 & 17 November 2022

The RGNUL Moot Court Committee organized the RGNUL Freshers Intra-Moot Court Competition 2022-23 for students of the 1st year on 15th -17th November 2022. The subject matter of the moot proposition for this year was Constitutional Law, and revolved around the EWS and Anti-Defection Law. The purpose behind the Freshers Intra-Moot is to allow students to introduce them to the rich moot culture of the University. 40 teams participated in the moot court competition. The judges for the moot were the 5th Year Students students of RGNUL (Batch of 2023). Pranav Aggarwal (Best Speaker), Richa Maria (Best Researcher), the team comprising Jaipreet Singh Alag, Pranav Aggarwal, and Khushi Vasu (Best Team), and the team comprising Vijjwal, Utkarsh Kumar, and Sanskriti Bishnoi (Best Memorial) for their achievement at the competition.

Career Counselling Seminar on Legal Journalism 15 November 2022

Public Relations, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab organised Career Counselling Seminar on Legal Journalism. Mr. Saurabh Malik, Deputy Legal Editor, The Tribune, Chandigarh and Mr. Tanuj Kalia, CEO, Lawctopus (Website for Students of Law) addressed various dimensions and scope of legal journalism in the print and online media.

Mr. Saurabh Malik delivered a talk on "Legal Journalism: Not Just Telling the Court Story". He acquainted the students with reporting on courts and media coverage of court cases. Mr Saurabh Malik observed, "Generally, media coverage of court cases is episodic. Articles by legal journalists are enterprising as these enable readers to understand complex issues implicated or



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foregrounded by the episodic stories." "Good researching and writing skills are imperative for legal journalists," said Mr. Malik. Elaborating on the requirements of the profession, Mr. Malik said, "Legal journalists must provide clarity to readers. Diploma or degree in journalism prepares a law graduate to meet the demands of the profession." He added that legal journalists have a responsibility to report with veracity. He also deliberated on the expanding scope of legal journalism in technologically advanced times. Mr. Malik cautioned the students that verbal observations, arguments and judgments should be reported with utmost diligence by legal journalists.

Mr. Tanuj Kalia deliberated on "Careers in Legal Media and Journalism". He accentuated the role of media in raising legal awareness and making laws comprehensible to common man. He said that research, writing, editing, formatting and proof reading skills were necessary for career in legal journalism. "Any law graduate with good researching and writing skills can move to legal journalism. In order to climb up the career ladder, one must merge two disciplines/fields of knowledge for efficacy," said Mr. Kalia. He spoke about new trends in legal media due to emergence of artificial intelligence. Mr. Kalia elaborated on the avenues available for internship in legal journalism. He also apprised the students about the growth of his website and new initiatives of Lawctopus, viz., Notice Bard and Lawctopus Law School.

Debate Competition to Mark Constitution Day 17 November 2022

CENTRE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND GOVERNANCE also organized a debate competition on the motion titled 'This house believes that the collegium system in appointment of judges is against the spirit of the Indian Constitution'. Around 25 students participated in the competitions.

NCC Achievements 17–24 November 2022

Cdt. Avinash Kumar, Cdt. Divya Tiwari, Cdt. Tanu Kapoor, Cdt. Charvi, Cdt. Dikshant Johar, Cdt. Dewang Shrivastava of the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab participated in NCC Annual Training Camp (ATC)-121. The camp was held in the premises of Asian college, Patiala. This camp was organised by 5 PB BN NCC, Patiala (Army Wing). RGNUL team was supervised by Dr. Arjun, NCC Coordinator.

The RGNUL Cadets undertook adventurous activities, PT, long distance athletics, drill and firing (0.22 mm rifle). Several activities were conducted during the camp. These included educational, motivational lectures and recreational activities. Cdt Charvi won bravery award on showcasing the CPR method under first aid and Health Mission. She also won Special appreciation prize for poetry recitation during cultural events of the camp. Cdt. Avinash Kumar won special appreciation for Guest performance under the category of Instrumental event during the cultural night. Cdt. Divya Tiwari won special appreciation for speech on fundamental duties of the citizens of India. Cdt. Tanu Kapoor was selected for Super 30 SSB Capsule Camp to be held at NCC Academy, Ropar, Punjab.

Labyrinth: Intra Pop Quiz 22 November 2022

RLDC concluded the last event for the session with "Labyrinth: Intra Pop Quiz", which was conducted with Quiz Master Nidhi Ngaihoi (member of RLDC). The structure of the quiz consisted of two rounds, a preliminary and final round. The final round featured themes such as Sports, Art and literature, General Knowledge, Pop culture etc. A total of forty-three teams participated in the quiz with Mayank Advani and Mohammad Mishal from the 5th year coming out as winners with flying



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Super 30 SSB Camp 23 November – 7 December

Cdt. Tanu Kapoor, student of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab was selected for “Super 30 SSB Coaching Capsule Camp” during ongoing NCC Annual Training Camp -121, Asian Institute, Sirhind Road, Patiala. She was the one among 400 cadets who got selected at SSB coaching capsule organized for top 30 cdts from all Groups of NCC directorate PB.HP&C Chandigarh, conducted from 23 Nov to 7 December 2022 (14 day camp) at NCC Academy, Ropar.

The super 30 SSB Camp was a unique opportunity for the cdts to reap maximum benefits for SSB Selection into Armed forces. The 14 day camp was organized in a manner to cover all aspects of SSB exam such as Psychological classes, Involvement in Ground activities, Group discussion, Extensive group, Planning activity, GTO test, Interviews etc.

The aim of the camp was to show the real self, to excel in becoming an officer. The training team of the Impact academy, Mohali conducted several mock SSB tests & interviews and various SSB related anecdotes are cleared through intriguing sessions.

The cadets were supervised under the guidance of Lt.Col Piyush Bahuguna(Retd), Col.HS Chauhan(Retd), Brig. Sandeep Rawat (Retd). SSB Camp, is an amazing opportunity for cadets seeking to become an officer to serve in armed forces of India.

An Interactive Session on Mental Health and Psychological First Aid Kit 25 November 2022

An interactive session on "Mental health and Psychological first aid kit" was held on 25th November 2022 for the protection of emotional and mental well-being of the first year students of the

university. The session aimed at extending support to the students in dealing with stress and anxiety.

Workshop on Exploring LL.M. Opportunity in University of Birmingham 29 November 2022

The workshop titled “Exploring LLM Opportunities in the University of Birmingham” was organised by the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR). The resource person for the day was Mr Paul McConnell, an Associate Professor of Law and the Law School's Head of Global Engagement at the University of Birmingham (UoB). Mr Paul initiated his deliberation by introducing the city of Birmingham and the location of the said University. He also shared fascinating facts about the given location with the young and energetic audience. Thereafter, he apprised us about the LLM programme offered by the UoB and the various specialization available within the same. He also introduced the audience to the Dubai branch of UoB which was launched quite recently. Queries regarding the prospect and application process in applying for the aforesaid courses were discussed and answered Mr Paul reflected upon those queries and guided the students about complying with certain requisites while applying for the LLM programme in the UK. He also touched upon the striking similarities between India's legal system and the UK, accentuating their post-graduate programme & its relevance. He ended his deliberations on the note that keen students can approach him with their queries on the given subject and to that end, he shared his email address.

Rehnuma- Song Releasing Ceremony 15 February 2023

Cultural Committee, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab organised a song releasing ceremony of Mr. Chandan Bhati, a fifth

year student of RGNUL on 15th February 2023. Mr. Chandan is a singer, composer and lyricist of the song 'Rehnuma'. The song was released in the auditorium before the students and faculty members. The event also included musical performances by other students who mesmerized the audience with their immense talent. The event was a huge success as the entire RGNUL community came together to celebrate and support his work.

Webinar on Scholarships to Study Abroad 16 February 2023

The Centre for Advanced Study in International Humanitarian Law, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab organised a webinar on 'Scholarships to Study Abroad'. The session was conducted by Mr. Sachin Kala, RGNUL Alumnus and Rajiv Gandhi Academic Excellence Scholarship Awardee. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in law at Queen Mary University of London. The webinar aimed at guiding and providing insights to the students who are interested in studying abroad. Mr. Kala asserted that many students are unaware of how to get a scholarship to study abroad and thus many deserving candidates miss out on studying at premier institutions across the world. Through this webinar, he guided the students about the application process for the scholarships. He further mentioned different types of scholarships provided by the state and central governments. These included Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship for Academic Excellence by Rajasthan Government, National Overseas Scholarship by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Madhya Pradesh Foreign Study Scholarships by Madhya Pradesh Government and many more. The eligibility criteria, number of seats and benefits of the scholarships were also discussed by him. There were various queries from the participants regarding the benefits of pursuing L.L.M. degree

from a foreign university, ways of earning while studying abroad and nature of internships that law students should focus upon. The session concluded on a positive note from his side where he wished luck to the participants and assured them help for availing scholarships.

The Play titled 'The Silent Cries' by the Dramatics Society of RGNUL in collaboration with the Centre for Advanced Studies in Criminal Law 21 February 2023



RGNUL students win laurels at International Moot Court Competitions 1 March, 2023

Moot team from Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab comprising of Wamic Wasim Nargal, Chhavi Singla, Madhumita J, Jugaad Singh and Shagnik Mukherjea has qualified for the World Rounds of Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2023 to be held in Washington DC for the first time in the University's history. During the National Rounds of Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, RGNUL team won the 4th Best Memorial Award



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and Wamic Wasim Nargal, B.A.LL.B. 4th year student at RGNUL was adjudged as the Best Speaker of the Competition.

Additionally, a team comprising of Niharika Rai, Shreya Singhal and Anshika Srivastava were adjudged as winners of 5th National Moot Court Competition organized by LJ School of Law, Ahmedabad from 24th to 26th February, 2023. The team was awarded a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh. Prof. Anand Pawar, Officiating Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab congratulated the teams for bringing laurels to the university.

Haywired 1.0 An Open Mic Event by LDC 10 March 2023

The Literary and Debating Committee of the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab organised 'Haywired 1.0', the first iteration of an annual open mic event for the students of the college. The audience drove in with swathes as performers from all the various batches came to grace the stage with their artful and mesmerizing performances. The night started off with bouts of stand-up comedy, entailing roaring laughter and cross-batch references to past events and interactions. This was followed by many diverse recitations of poetry, all with differing themes, feelings, and even languages. Verse in English, Hindi, and even the native Punjabi were floated and received with widespread applause. This was followed by musical niches, as hip-hop performances, instrumental melodies on the flute, and meticulously choreographed dances took the fore with the brimming crowd. Towards the end of the event came a series of passionate musical performances with top charting songs in English, Hindi, and Malyalam being performed to the rhyme of guitars and keyboards. The evening came to a close with fervent applause and acclaim. Haywired was able to bring together a community of artists and sensitive viewers, who

were able to engage with creative expression to stitch together a soulful and resolute environment, prime towards progress and innovation.

RGNUL student to pursue higher studies from University of Oxford, United Kingdom 28 March, 2023

Ms. Seerat Gill, BA.LL.B. (Hons.) fifth year student at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab has been offered a place to pursue Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom. Bachelor of Civil Law is a graduate course in law designed for students from common law background, which is equivalent to Master of Laws (LL.M.) programme. The admission process is highly competitive and only applicants with an outstanding first law degree as well as proven and potential academic excellence are offered a place to pursue this course.

Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Vice-Chancellor and the faculty members of RGNUL congratulated Ms. Seerat on her accomplishment.

The RGNUL Student Awarded Oxford and Cambridge Society of India (OCSI) Scholarship

Mr. Sahajveer Baweja, RGNUL B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) batch of 2017-2022, has been awarded OCSI Nirmal Luthra Memorial Scholarship for pursuing Master of Philosophy in Criminology at University of Cambridge. The Oxford and Cambridge Society of India Scholarships (OCSI) offers support to students admitted to the University of Cambridge or the University of Oxford through institute's academic procedure. The organisation is a not-for-profit alumni based in New Delhi. OCSI Scholarships are part-cost awards for study and research in any subject at the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford UK. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of candidate's academic excellence, a good fit between the scholar and the



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university, evidence of leadership potential and a commitment to improving the lives of others, particularly in India.

Students Secure Placement Offer

Simran Sabharwal, Ish Chopra and Umang Chaturvedi, B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Batch of 2023, of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab have recently secured job opportunities through pre-placement offers (PPO) initiated by the university Placement Cell. Simran Sabharwal has been selected by Khaitan & Co., reputed Indian law firm. Ish Chopra and Umang Chaturvedi have been chosen by Trilegal. Trilegal has consistently been recognised as the best Indian Law firm for quality services and client satisfaction. Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL eulogised hard work of students and efforts of Placement Cell in identifying potential arenas best suited for recruitment. Placement Cell of the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab assists students in developing professional skills. It creates awareness about multiple career opportunities.

13 RGNUL Students secure Placements

Thirteen students of BA.LL.B. (Hons.), (2018-2023 batch), from the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab have secured job

opportunities through university Placement Cell. These students have been placed with Trilegal Law firm, Khaitan & Co., Law Firm, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. and Ernst & Young India. The selected students include: Ish Chopra, Umang Chaturvedi, Simran Sabharwal, Gunjan Singh, Talin Bhardwaj, Ridhima Bhardwaj, Amogh Mittal, Anirudh Vats, Pulkit Gera, Siddharth Jain, Faiz Uddin Ahmad, Aditi Dubey & Vatsal Srivastava.

RGNUL NCC Cadet wins Silver Medal

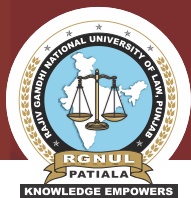
Cdt. Radhika Aggarwal, Cdt. Yuvraj Yadav, Cdt. Anjali Kumari from Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab participated in Combined Annual Training Camp (CAT)-131. This camp was held in the premises of NCC Academy, Rupnagar from 15th – 22nd December 2022. The camp was organised by 5 PB BN NCC, Patiala (Army Wing). The cadets participated in volleyball, weapon handling, firing and drill practice. Cdt. Radhika Aggarwal won silver medal in Girls Volleyball Competition.

Earlier, Cadet Charvi won medal for bravery and Cdt Tanu Kapur was selected for **Super 30 SSB Coaching Capsule Camp**. Cadets in Super SSB camp were supervised by Lt.Col Piyush Bahuguna(Retd), Col.HS Chauhan(Retd) and Brig. Sandeep Rawat(Retd).



RGNUL *Lectures / Practicum Series*

- Discourse on 'Otherization' in Disability-Sexuality Law at RGNUL by Dr. Sachin Sharma, Assistant Professor of Law, RGNUL, Punjab.
- Short Course on Criminal Law in Action under Criminal Law Practicum Series by Ms. Shriya Maini Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India.
- Talk on 'Dynamics of National Food Security Act, 2013' by Dr. Ashwani Kumar Gaur, Additional Director (Retd.), Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Government of Haryana.
- A Talk on “Contemporary Challenges to WTO” by Ms. R.V. Anuradha, Partner at Clarus Law Associates, New Delhi.
- Third-Funding: Genesis and Contemporary Manifestation by Dr. Sai Ramani Garimella, Associate Professor of Law, South Asian University, New Delhi.
- Law Practicum on Arbitration and IBC by Mr. Swarnendu Chatterjee, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
- Law Practicum on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law by Mr. Swarnendu Chatterjee, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India.
- Law Practicum on Derivative Contracts, Future & Forwards by Dr. Ravi Singla, Assistant Professor of Applied Management, Punjab University, Patiala
- Special Lecture on “RTI as a Tool for Electoral Transparency and Accountability” on 11th October 2022 by Ms. Pankti Jog, RTI Activist and Coordinator, ADR Gujarat and Mr. Siddhartha Fuller, Assistant Professor of Law, RGNUL, Punjab
- Law Practicum Series: “Strategic Human Rights Litigation and Advocacy with Respect to Refugees in India in absence of a Domestic Law” by Ms. Sugandha Sawhney, Advocate, Jammu & Kashmir High Court.
- Special Lecture on LGBTQI+ Identity and Hate Crimes by Prof. Robert Peacock, Former President, World Society of Victimology and Academic Head of the Department of Criminology at the University of the Free State, South Africa.
- Special Lecture on “How to attain absolute perfection in the legal profession” by Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.R. Midha, Former Judge, Delhi High Court
- Guest Lecture under Law Practicum on the topic “Value and Manner of Supply under GST” by Ms. Anishka Gupta, Associate at Lumiere Law Partners
- Lecture on the topic “Role of Administrative Discretion under Administrative Law” by Prof. Devendra Singh, Professor of Law, Department of Laws, Punjab University
- Law Practicum Lecture on "Patent Filing and PCT" by Dr. Kishan S. Kardam, Former Sr. Joint Controller for Patents and Designs, Indian Patent Office, New Delhi
- Law Practicum Lecture on “Writ Jurisdiction of Supreme Court under Article 32” by Advocate Vivek Salathia of Punjab and Haryana High Court
- Special Lecture on “Challenges of Legal Studies: Some Reflections” by Professor (Dr.) Bharat H. Desai, Chairman, Centre for International Legal Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Lecture on “Eighty Sixth Constitutional



Amendment, 2022: A Critical Survey of its Social, Economic and Political Context” by Dr. Ayaz Ahmad, Associate Professor, Karnavati University, Gujarat

- Law Practicum on Legal Leadership as an In-House Counsel and Women in Law by Ms. Roop Loomba, Ex- General Counsel and Head of Ethics, Rolls Royce India Private Limited
- Law Practicum on “Tenth Schedule of the Constitution: Need and Efficacy by Mr. Vijay Kumar Tyagi, Advocate, Supreme Court of India
- Law Practicum Lecture on Role of Judges in Mediation by Dr. Pooja Sinha, Registrar, Gauhati High Court
- Law Practicum Lecture on “Constitutional Amendments and Protective Discrimination in India” by Mr. Abhishek Chauhan, Advocate, Supreme Court of India
- Law Practicum for Environment Law on the topic National Green Tribunal by Mr. Sambhav Sogani, Senior Advocate and Managing Partner, Lex Vid Advocates
- Special Lecture on 'Constitutional Framework in Metaverse' by Mr. Vikramjit Banerjee, Additional Solicitor General of India & Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India
- Law Practicum on Family Law by Mr. Piyush Bhartiya, Judicial Magistrate First Class, Lucknow
- Law Practicum for Human Rights Law & Practice on the topic Litigating Queer Rights in

India by Mr. Rohin Bhatt, a Graduate of Harvard Medical School and Advocate at the chambers of Ms. Indira Jaisingh

- Guest Lecture on “Interface of Universal Human Values and Law” by Mr. Balraj Singh Malik, Advocate, Supreme Court of India
- Law Practicum Series on Taxation Law by Ms. Nikky Jhamtani, C.A., Managing Associate at BMR Legal Advocates
- Law Practicum Series on Conflict of Laws by Prof. David Ambrose, Professor and Former Head of Department, Department of Legal Studies, Madras University, Chennai
- Discourse on Stubble Burning and Air Pollution at RGNUL by Dr. Jasleen Kewlani, Assistant Professor of Sociology, RGNUL, Punjab
- Discourse on the theme "Evaluating Prospects of Voluntary Withdrawal from the United Nations" by Mr Anubhav Kumar, Assistant Professor of Law, RGNUL, Punjab
- Discourse on 'India's Soft Power in Kenya: A Ground Evaluation' at RGNUL by Mr. Sourav Kumar, Assistant Professor of Political Science, RGNUL, Punjab
- Discourse - 'Rhetoric of Radicalization in India: Examining Islamic Extremist Frames' by Mr. Ankit Kaushik, Assistant Professor in Legal Research, RGNUL, Punjab
- Special lecture on 'Language: Bridge between Literature and Law', by Prof. Prasannashu, National Law University, Delhi.









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