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TOWARDS EXCELLENCE IN LEGAL EDUCATION

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, is now three years old. Within a short span of three years, the University has developed necessary infrastructure congenial for serious academic work matching to any other well established institution. The present campus at Mohindra Kothi, now provides a well stocked library with more than 25000 titles, Hi-tech Computer Labs with leased line internet connectivity, web access to national and international legal, journals periodical and source material and Wi-Fi facilities extended to hostels, too. Our new campus is coming up at Sidhuwal, Bhadson Road, Patiala with all modern amenities and facilities to cater administrative, academic and residential needs of a National University of Law.

Legal education at the National Law Schools has special bearing and orientation towards overall excellence in different spheres of legal profession. Hence RGNUL has specially designed its curriculum for graduation and post-graduation courses to produce competent lawyers, judicial officers, researchers and above all responsible citizens. Accordingly, the scheme of the five year law course aims at providing sound knowledge of social science subjects, excellent command over language and comprehensive knowledge of law.

The course also includes classroom assignments, seminars and project work relating to each subject in the first three years of study. The students take up study of specialized branches of law according to their professional choice. Hence, fourth and fifth year curriculum of the course offers four distinct streams of specializations viz., Business and Intellectual Property Law; Criminal Law; Consumer Protection Law Policy and Procedure; and Human Rights Law and Practice. In addition to two compulsory subjects in each semester of the fourth and fifth year, there are three specialized papers specifically designed for each stream alongwith the project work and moot court presentations. The whole scheme conforms to the Bar Council of India's newly developed course curriculum the allows conferring of the Honours Degree with mention of respective area of study in the degree.

The faculty is available in the form of completely dedicated whole time teachers, guest teachers taking regular classes and visiting Professors. The teaching methodology includes extensive and intensive class room teaching aiming at participative learning. The thrust is not only towards teaching but also towards professional training. The guided research work through projects provides the students an opportunity to make indepth study of the important issues of law. The study as such is supplemented by moot court work and incourse interships at various places and levels.

By now, the RGNUL students have developed high competitive acumen and their hard work has started yielding results that is evident from their performances at the prestigious academic events within and outside the country. These students shall certainly make their presence felt in the next couple of years when first batch of law graduates shall pass out in June 2011.

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Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law conducted the **XXIV Bar Council of India All India Moot Court Competition** sponsored by the Bar Council of India Trust, New Delhi from 11-13th January 2008. Thirty Two (32) teams from various Law Colleges / Universities participated in this competition. Prof. (Dr.) Mool Chand Sharma, Vice-Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi inaugurated the competition and Mr. S. Gopakumaran Nair, Chairman Bar Council of India was the Guest of Honor. On this occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Mool Chand Sharma released the Inaugural Issues of the RGNUL Times. The Valedictory Session was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijender Jain, Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Chancellor, RGNUL. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajive Bhalla, Member General Council, RGNUL and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kanwaljit Singh Ahluwalia, Judges, Punjab and Haryana High Court, were the Guests of Honour. The results of the competition were announced by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijender Jain.

RGNUL organized **One Day Workshop on Learning Effective Teaching Skills** on its campus on 20th January, 2008. Professor (Dr.) N.L. Mitra, Former Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU, Bangalore and NLU, Jodhpur was the Chief Resource Person-cum-Facilitator at this workshop. Teachers from the fields of Law and all Social Sciences from the neighbouring universities and colleges having teaching



OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AT THE XXIV BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2008



FINAL ROUNDS OF THE XXIV THE BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2008



PROFESSOR (DR.) N.L. MITRA AND (DR.) GURJEET SINGH VICE-CHANCELLOR AT THE ONE DAY WORKSHOP



RGNUL FACULTY AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS AT THE ONE DAY WORKSHOP

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THE VICE-CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR (DR.) GURJEET SINGH LIGHTNING THE LAMP ALONG WITH THE PROFESSOR (DR.) G.I.S. SANDHU, REGISTRAR, RGNUL



HASANDEEP BAJWA BEING AWARDED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



TANUSHREE DAS BEING AWARDED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

experience of up to five (5) years, had been invited to attend this workshop, which re-oriented them for effective classroom teaching as well as interactive teaching and learning strategies. Professor Mitra gave valuable training to all the teachers attending the

University Grants Commission. Team of Four (4) members: Professor (Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR, Hyderabad; Professor (Dr.) Satish Sashri, Professor of Law, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur; Professor (Dr.) Thrity Patel, Dean Faculty of



PRATISTHA SINGH BEING AWARDED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



SAKSHI BEING AWARDED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



PUBALI BEING AWARDED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Workshop. He laid special stress on developing a 'Research Based' and a 'Career Oriented' Curriculum for the students of law.

The University hosted the **Second Annual Prize Distribution Function** on April 4, 2008.

The prizes were given away by Professor (Dr.) Gurjeet Singh, Vice-Chancellor. Hasandeep S. Bajwa was adjudged 'Overall First' followed by Tanushree Das.

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, has been given **12(b) recognition by the**

Law, University of Nagpur; and Dr. Chander Shekhar Meena, Joint Secretary, UGC, New Delhi visited the University for evaluation of its academic achievements and infrastructural development.

Our Chancellor Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tirath Singh Thakur visited Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala for the First time after taking over as the Chancellor of the University. He was accompanied by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M. Kumar and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajive Bhalla, Judges

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respectively of Punjab and Haryana High Court and Members of RGNUL General Council alongwith Professor G. Mohan Gopal, Director, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal. He took appraisal of the academic and the administrative affairs of the University along with the status of the construction work of the New Campus. The Chancellor took keen interest in developmental work and expressed his concern for the construction of the campus within the fixed time period. He also

emphasised on making provision for the state-of-the-art infrastructure conducive to the present day requirements of teaching and training in legal profession. The Chancellor addressed the Faculty and the Students of RGNUL as well.

He emphasized on imparting quality legal education keeping in view the present day requirements of the profession. He specifically endorsed the requirement of practical training and also offered internship

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TIRATH SINGH THAKUR BEING OFFERED BANQUET BY RGNUL STUDENTS



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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TIRATH SINGH THAKUR AND MR. JUSTICE M.M. KUMAR WITH THE RGNUL FAMILY

with Hon'ble Judges of the High Court to the Students of the RGNUL.

Professor G. Mohan Gopal also addressed the Faculty and the Students of RGNUL. He stressed out that lawyers and law students are sentinels of Constitutional

boundaries and democracy and hence have more responsibilities on their shoulders than other enlightened minds. The Hon'ble Chancellor also visited the Construction site, alongwith Professor (Dr.) Gurjeet Singh, Vice Chancellor and Professor (Dr.) G.I.S. Sandhu, Registrar,

of the new campus to take stock of the on the spot progress of the construction work, where the boundary wall work is almost near completion and the earthwork on the roads was going on. The Chancellor was appraised about the phases of construction and also of the location of various blocks of the building at the site.



HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIVE BHALLA AND PROFESSOR G. MOHAN GOPAL

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PROFESSOR (DR.) GURJEET SINGH, VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PROFESSOR (DR.) G.I.S. SANDHU, REGISTRAR ATTENDING THE TOT PROGRAMME

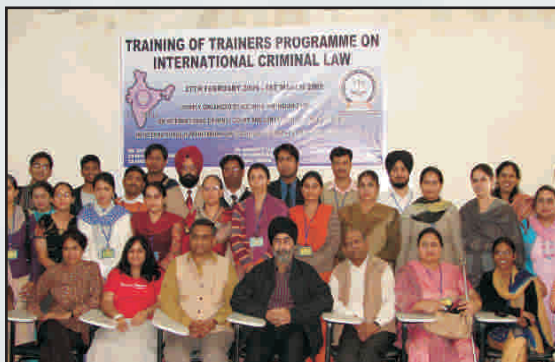
The Centre for Advanced Study in International Humanitarian Law (CASH) at RGNUL, Punjab, in collaboration with the ICC-Inida: The Indian Campaign on International Criminal Court, organized a **Training of the Trainers Programme (TOT)** on International Criminal Law (ICL), primarily for the educators and advocates working in the fields of International Law, International Humanitarian Law, International Relations, Human

Rights, Political Science and Social Work.

The Resource Persons were Professor (Dr.) Gurjeet Singh, worthy Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Professor (Dr.) G.I.S. Sandhu, Registrar, RGNUL, Ms. Saumya Uma, Ms. Vahida Nainer, and Dr. Sitharamam Kakrala.

The purpose of this Three Day Training Programme was to share the perspectives and to strengthen the capacity of the educators on the issues pertaining to the International Criminal Law. This Programme was held from 27 February 2009 - 1 March 2009 at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. Around 50 participants from All Over India were selected for the Programme.

The Programme was conducted by the experts working on the issues relating to International Criminal Law.



PROFESSOR (DR.) GURJEET SINGH WITH THE DELEGATES OF THE TOT

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The International Workshop on Human Rights Advocacy: Thinking Globally, Acting Locally, was held at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, from 3-4 May 2009. The Workshop was organized in collaboration with the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, New Delhi. This event was clubbed with a National Level Photography Exhibition on the themes of Street Children and Human Rights. The workshop was attended by teachers from social sciences and legal streams, Human Rights

Activists and students. The Workshop received a number of papers and articles from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, China, etc. The Resource persons for the workshop were Ms. Heather Collister, U.K. Ms. Marisa Doswell, Canada, Mr. Iniyan Illango, Sri Lanka and Mr. Nimesh from Amity Law School, India. The workshop was an effort to crystalise one of the visions of RGNUL, which

is to promote human rights education and awareness at all level.

A Project Proposal on **Environmental Awareness Campaign** was sanctioned and approved by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. The Punjab

State Council for Science and Technology sanctioned the requires to money for the project.

The students of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law under the guidance Ms.

Renuka Salathia Lecturer in Law, organized a Mass Awareness Rally regarding the harmful effects of climate change. The rally was organized on 10.02.2009. The main aim of the rally was to create awareness in Patiala with regards to the harmful effects of climate change. The rally was attended by all the students of the university and it received wide media coverage. As part of the campaign, presentations were made by the students in



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND THE REGISTRAR ADDRESSING THE PRESS CONFERENCE HELD ON 2 MAY FOR THE CURTAIN RAISER OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, SENIOR LAW FACULTY AND THE CONVENOR OF THE TWO DAY INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY: THINKING GLOBALLY ACTING LOCALLY, ALONGWITH THE PARTICIPANTS AND VOLUNTEERS



STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY TAKING OUT 'CLIMATE CHANGE' RALLY UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF MRS. RENUKA SALATHIA, AS PART OF NEAC - 2008-2009

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various schools of Patiala. Details of some of the schools are as Saint Peters Academy, Baba Buddha Dal Public School, DAV Public School, Modern Senior Secondary School and Government Girls Senior Secondary School, New Power House Colony.

As part of the project, drawing competitions on environment awareness and climate change were organized at various schools in Patiala. Students participated in the rally with a lot of enthusiasm and zeal. The students with best drawings were presented with trophies.

Professor (Dr.) Gurdeep Singh Bahri of the Faculty of Laws, Delhi University who is an expert on environmental laws and has

written books on the subject was kind enough to be the part of the campaign and he delivered lectures in the university campus on multi dimensional issues related to environment and climate change.

In a bold initiative, few students of the University made small video footages on the poor municipal wastes management in Patiala.

The funds allocated for the programme were very less, still plantation activities were carried out not on a large scale but on a small scale. The best part of the plantation activity was that some of the plants were handed on door to door basis which is another effective way of plantation.



THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY

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OUR NEW CAMPUS PROJECT

The village Panchayat Sidhuwal has donated 50 acres of land at Patiala-Bhadson Road about 8 kilometers from the Patiala city. The University is to build a state of the art modern campus providing the best educational facilities conforming to the established international standards. The campus of this National Law University is being designed by the renowned Architects Messrs Kothari Associates, New Delhi. The main features of the campus shall be the Administrative Block, Academic Block with modern teaching and learning aids, a spacious separate Library Building, state of the art Auditorium, Boys and Girls Hostels providing comforts of the home, residential accommodation for teaching and non-teaching staff, world class sports facilities and various other facilities. The

campus is being designed in a pollution free and green environment, congenial for imparting professional education and conducting advanced level research, which we hope would be a model for the other National Law Universities established in the country.

As a matter of pride, RGNUL hosted the 'Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony' on 12th June, 2008. The foundation stone was laid by: Sardar Parkash Singh Badal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijender Jain, Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Chancellor, RGNUL and Professor Mool Chand Sharma, Vice-Chairman, University Grants Commission. Our distinguished guests congratulated the University on the occasion.

SARDAR PARKASH SINGH BADAL HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER PUNJAB AND HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJENDER JAIN, CHIEF JUSTICE PUNJAB & HARYANA HIGH COURT LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE



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OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AT THE SITE

MR. KOTHARI AND KAVITA VIJ EXPLAINING THE MODEL TO OUR GUEST

OUR GUESTS AT TREE PLANTATION TO MARK THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY



THE MODEL OF STATE OF THE ART UPCOMING CAMPUS OF RGNUL



OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AT THE AUDITORIUM



SARPANCH OF VILLAGE SIDHUWAL BEING HONoured BY SARDAR PARKASH SINGH BADAL HON'BLE CM PUNJAB

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important rulings of the supreme Court and the High Courts related to arrest, bail, search and seizure, hostile witness; procedures to be followed when arresting a person outside the state; procedures to be followed in the event of arrest of MLAs or MPs; procedure regarding protection of privacy of victims of rape and other offences; provisions regarding medical examination of accused/victim; main faults/ shortcomings in the process of investigation of criminal cases; court rulings related to the use of forensic science in investigation of cases with special reference to polygraph, narco-analysis, DNA, cyber forensic, etc.; Acts and latest ruling relating to acquisition of land; and Acts and latest ruling relating to environmental laws.

The programme comprised of Training Sessions on the themes like, important criminal laws enacted since 2000; focus on penal provisions and the role of police;



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The Training Programme was Inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.S. Mongia, Chairman, Punjab State Human Rights Commission. The Guest of Honour for the Session was Mr. S.K. Sharma, IPS, ADGP (Training) Punjab. The Inaugural Session was presided over by Mr. R.K. Gupta, IPS (Retd.). As a National Law University, RGNUL has a wider role to play in the society. This opportunity to collaborate with Bureau of Police Research

and Development offered RGNUL a new threshold to cross whereby legal scholarship is not just confined to books but is liberally circulated so as to be easily accessible to the general police. It was a structured programme and the main thrust was on the new enactments of law and significant aspects of Criminal Law. He explained that themes had been taken up with special focus on changing crime scene.

MR. S.K. SHARMA, IPS, ADGP (TRAINING) PUNJAB, MR. R.K. GUPTA, IPS (RETD.), PROFESSOR (DR.) GURJEET SINGH AND PROFESSOR (DR.) G.I.S. SANDHU LIGHTING THE LAMP





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