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### MESSAGE FROM PROF. (DR.) PREETI BAJAJ VICE-CHANCELLOR, GALGOTIAS UNIVERSITY



Entire world due to unforeseen COVID 19 pandemic has undergone changes in social lifestyle, business, economy, education sector and so on. In India education sector has also experienced various changes and adapted with the virtual modes of teaching and learning process. Galgotias University has adopted with very fast space virtual modes of teaching learning process and is devoted to excellence in teaching, research and innovation, and to develop leaders who will make a difference to the world. The 'students-first' philosophy is the dynamic force behind Galgotias University consistent ranking amongst top universities in India. Not many are aware of this fact, but the logo of Galgotias University holds a

symbolic meaning. The red colour in the logo symbolizes enthusiasm and vigour, signifying Galgotias University's quest for excellence and zeal to inspire the next generation of leaders. The Yellow colour stimulates mental process to innovate and encourages openness in communication signifying Galgotias University's endeavour to provide a learning environment facilitating open dialogue between faculty and students. The Blue colour signifies trust, dependability and commitment, the three virtues that act as the source of the credibility earned by Galgotias University over the years. School of Law (SOL), Galgotias University has been working in consonance with the University's objective of combining rigorous academic study and the holistic development to bring about a unique learning experience for the students.

School of Law offers world-class infrastructure including fully-fledged Library, with thousands of books, academic Journals inclusive of online legal databases. SOL has been organizing training sessions for the faculty members and the students to make them familiar with the use of e-databases like **Manupatra** and **SCC Online**. A spacious auditorium serves the need for various seminars, conferences and other events that is organized by SOL which witnesses participation from law colleges and universities all over India. The School has a Moot Court Hall to enable practical court-room lessons for the students. SOL's unique approach is to promote personal attention and mentoring opportunities amongst the students. SOL has strong industry connections, and hosts eminent lawyers, advocates, and Academicians interacting with young law students and helping them understand the intricacies of judicial matters and proceedings. SOL is continuously striving to provide a world-class legal education that is intellectually stimulating and professionally rewarding. Imparting legal education requires a lot of rigour and training to teach human values and ethical standard to the students. I am delighted with the extent of hard work, dedication and enthusiasm, the faculty members and the students are putting in making SOL reach great heights.

I indeed foresee a great future for the School of Law, Galgotias University. I hope you will enjoy reading about the accomplishments of the School of Law in the current issue of Newsletter. Happy Reading!

### MESSAGE FROM PROF. (DR.) AZIMKHAN B. PATHAN DEAN, SCHOOL OF LAW, GALGOTIAS UNIVERSITY



Law and legal education today has become an integral part of every sector of society. Every sector of society and economy required norms and regulations to regulate affairs effectively. In such background the demand of legal education in 21<sup>st</sup> century has grown and every walk of life is full of with legal compliances. School of Law (SOL) Galgotias University (GU) imparts legal education in the emerging areas such as Corporate Law, Criminal Law, Intellectual Property Law, International Trade Law and Commercial Law in Undergraduate and Post Graduate Programs. New disciplines like Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Cyberspace, Information and

Communication Technology have tremendous influence on legal discipline in 21<sup>st</sup> century. University has its vision and mission for achieving the world class research and innovation in interdisciplinary domains. School of Law GU keeps enriching the advocacy skills and prepare the students for providing innovative solutions in the different sectors of society by its innovative and market demand-based curriculum and programs.

School of Law GU has placed and appointed the faculty members from advocacy and academia. Faculty members are specialists in the emerging domains of legal discipline such as Corporate Law, Commercial Law, Intellectual Property Law, Criminal Law, Cyber Law and Information Technology and so on. SOL provides the skill building credit-based courses in Moot Court Preparation, Client Counselling, Mediation and Conciliation, Drafting and Pleading, Debate Competition and so on. These all activities help the students to excel and sharpen their legal acumen. SOL has different committees for outreach and extension such as Legal Aid Committee, Debate Committee, Moot Court Association, Workshops and Seminar Committee, Internships and Placement Committee, Media Committee and so on. Faculty members hone the skills of law students through the organizations of different activities through these committees. SOL GU has flagship National Moot Court Competition every year. Famous and Well-known Justices and Academicians continuously provide the guidance and orientation to the students. In January 2020 Former Chief Justice of India, Justice Mr. Deepak Mishra addressed the Inaugural ceremony of National Moot Court Competition. Many Former and retired Justices and legal luminary keeps visiting the campus and provide orientation to the students.

I wish all success to all faculty members and students in the journey of legal education.

## KNOW YOUR LEGAL LUMINARY MR. ALOK SHARMA HEAD – LEGAL, NOIDA POWER COMPANY LIMITED



Mr. Alok Sharma is working as Head - Legal at Noida Power Company Limited ("NPCL" - a RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group Company), a distribution licensee of Greater Noida Area. Before joining NPCL in 2013, he worked in sugar industry for six (6) years, transport industry for two (2) years and also practiced as an Advocate in Jaipur Courts for more than three (3) years. His last association was with Uttam Sugar Mills Ltd. as Legal and Commercial Manager. He has rich experience in Transport, Sugar (where energy is a byproduct), Energy Sectors and across various segments.

#### What according to you are the skills required for starting a legal career in the field of energy sector?

For any budding lawyer, the essential skill required is command over the core subjects and language. It involves communication skills to gain confidence and depth knowledge of the subject. Since, the laws governing the Energy Sector are very technical in nature, the aspirants need to have a consistent approach towards understanding the technicalities of Energy Sector for a leading personal growth. Further, the lawyers should keep themselves updated with the ongoing cases and leading judgments. It will be a great help for them if they are aware of the existing energy laws and day-to-day updates of the sector.

#### What impact is the current pandemic, Covid-19 likely to have on energy Sector?

The ongoing pandemic initially impacted the Energy Sector; however, the effect was short term. Energy sector, being the essential services, bounced back and has almost returned to Pre-Covid era. The Pandemic has given us various learnings. Due to the Pandemic the working and functioning of almost all the courts in the country shifted from Physical to Virtual Mode. We duly adopted the same and started attending the hearings virtually. This practice will further evolve, and focus will be more on digital hearings and restructuring of the courts & its functionality.

#### How can the students' ace interview for placement? What are the qualities recruiters are looking in them?

Studying law and practicing law or application of law in professional life, in my view, are completely different ball games and therefore requires different skill-sets. Having said so, I do

acknowledge that skills learned in law school definitely compliments the professional life and a strong fundamental helps a lot. At the same time it is very important for the students to do internships, whether under independent lawyer, law firms and/or corporates as per the interests of individuals. Right out of law school a lot of recruiters do not expect candidates to be experts in law, most of the recruiters are out there gauging (a) sincerity of the candidate, (b) strong fundamentals on things learned in law school, (c) strong inter personal skills including communications skills (both spoken and written in the language of practice), (d) honesty, (e) sound research skills, (f) drafting skills (for some recruiters as drafting is something one learns on the job), (g) right attitude towards work and learning and (h) of course knowledge of recent activities in the field of law. In my view if a candidate is able to demonstrate the aforesaid skill-set the recruiters would be bound to consider for an offer. In addition to the aforementioned, for a career in energy law a strong fundamental on Electricity Act and could be a bonus.

#### Could you enlighten us with the latest developments in the energy sector?

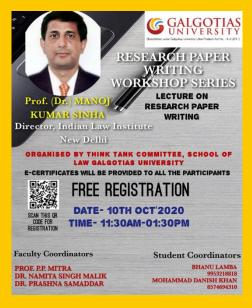
I find energy laws quite interesting. There are various key trends set to impact the power sector like Governments across the world are pushing for renewable power and at the same time setting targets for deployments of Electric Vehicles ('EV') and these policy signals are encouraging industry stakeholders to invest across the Solar Power Generation Sector as well as EV supply chain. Simultaneously, the Government of India is mulling the distribution and supply business consumer friendly by giving them choice of selecting their supplier.

The energy law/sector is ever evolving sector. Cybersecurity is receiving the maximum attention from power companies in order to protect grids from cyber-attacks, microgrids will continue to make inroads in the power sector. Smart Grid Initiatives and Blockchains technology are vastly developing in the power sector.

#### **CAMPUS NEWS**

#### RESEARCH PAPER WRITING WORKSHOP SERIES [10TH OCTOBER 2020]

Think Tank Committee, School of Law, Galgotias University conducted a workshop series on Research Paper through virtual podium (ZOOM) on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 for the students, scholars, academicians, faculties and research enthusiasts. The faculty coordinators, Prof. P. P Mitra, Dr. Namita Singh Malik and Dr. Prashna Samaddar coordinated the event. They were ably assisted by the Student coordinators Ms. Bhanu Lamba and Mohd. Danish Khan. The workshop witnessed more than 250 participants which included faculty, industry experts, research scholars and students from various other institutions.



The event started with the introductory session by Dr. Namita Singh Malik. She introduced the esteem speaker Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi to all the participants in the session. Thereafter, Prof. Azim B Pathan, Associate Dean, SOL delivered the welcome address. Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha presented the keynote address on "RESEARCH PAPER WRITING". He started the lecture with the basic concepts and general ideas of Research. He gave various practical examples from Constitutional law, human rights, Foreign Contribution (regulation) Amendment, International laws and labour laws suitable for better understating and laid down the foundation of multidisciplinary approach. He accentuated on the importance of doing honest exhaustive

research. He distinguished the research-based journal from that of newspaper articles.

He explained why and how it is important to put emphasis on research problem. He encouraged the audience vivaciously on topics such as elements for identification of a research problem, how to find a research problem and contribution of literature reviews in research. He stated that the primary elements of identification of a research are, it should be complete, continuous and exhaustive. He gave apt examples for how to find research problems. For this, he insisted on the process of exploration which included examination, literature reviews and investigation. He projected a clear understating of the importance of literature reviews in research writing. He discussed in depth about contribution of literature reviews in research. He explained what is a literature reviews, and how authentic literature should be read to know and understand the existing literature theories and their authors. He appositely stated that literature reviews helps

in culminating research question as it shows the gap in the field of research of any particular subject. He explained how literature reviews contributes in process of evaluation and development of future law. He convincingly underlined the importance of Action Research as a leading trend in the present scenario when populous researchers are google searchers. He discussed about the primary components of action research i.e. developmental, participating and remedial. He said that law has major role in rendering grievances and action research provides major contribution in the field of laws such as those related to community issues, education, human rights, and vulnerable societies' rights. Prof. Sinha encouraged the audiences to aim at and strived for quality and contents enhancement while doing research writing. He discussed about affirmative relations between efficacy of law and descriptive research with addition of new contents. Last but not the least, he stressed upon teachers to be a good researcher. After he delivered his address, the forum was open to QA session which was moderated by Dr. Prashna Samaddar, Assistant Professor, SOL. The session ended with vote of thanks by Prof. P.P. Mitra.

#### TWO DAYS NATIONAL WEBINAR [12TH - 13TH OCTOBER 2020]



The Center for Intellectual Property Rights Studies (CIPRS) in collaboration with the Think Tank Committee, School of Law, Galgotias University has recently organised a Two Days National Webinar on 12th and 13th of October, 2020 under the aegis of our respected Dean Prof. (Dr.) Azim Bahadur Pathan. The theme of the webinar was Fashion Law Phenomenon: Perspective and

Concerns in Global Legal Arena. The sessions were for two hours on both the days i.e. from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and were conducted online through the Zoom App. The keynote speaker for the event was Ms. Namrata Pahwa who is an Advocate in the Delhi High Court and Founder of Chambers of Namrata Pahwa. It was a great honor to have Ms. Namrata Pahwa among us who in the entire two days webinar has very precisely dealt with the various facets of fashion laws. The Day 1 of the Two days National Webinar begun with our host Ms. Sugandha Chaudhary, introducing all the participants to the Hon'ble speaker Ms. Namrata Pahwa followed by welcome address by our Dean, Prof. (Dr.) Azim Bahadur Pathan, School of Law, Galgotias University. The speaker begun with what all is the legal arenas that protect the fashion designers to safeguard their rights in the fashion industry. In this aspect the speaker enlightened us on the various laws related to fashion industry like, Intellectual Property, Commercial Laws, International Trade, Counterfeiting & Fashion Law litigation, Anti- trust and Competition law and consumer culture how it is part of our day to day life and how it can be protected. Moreover, the speaker

highlighted the landmark case laws related to the fashion law domain with special reference to the IP laws.



Advocate Namrata Pahwa also gave us a clear explanation of all the doubts raised by the participants during the webinar. Lastly, faculty coordinator of this national webinar Ms. Paramita Choudhury presented a vote of thanks to the resource person, participants and the faculty and the student coordinators.

The Day 2 of the National webinar was hosted by Ms. Ashmika Agrawal. She warmly welcomed all the participants, Dean of School of Law, Prof. (Dr.) Azim Bahadur Pathan and our keynote speaker Ms. Namrata Pahwa. The session started with revisiting the important points that were covered in day 1 followed by the relationship between fashion industry and Gl. The keynote speaker also focused on the role of ADR in Fashion Industry and also how fashion domain is related to the commercial laws. She enlightened us with various case laws which all together helped us to grow the knowledge in the specific field. Finally, at the end of this Two Days National Webinar, Prof. P.P Mitra, Program Chair, School of Law Galgotias University proposed the vote of thanks to our Hon'ble guest speaker Ms. Namrata Pahwa, Associate Dean Prof. (Dr.) Azim Bahadur Pathan, our faculty coordinators and the student coordinators.

#### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, 2020 [23RD DECEMBER 2020]

On 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020, the Cultural Committee, School of Law has organized a cultural gathering to celebrate the spirit of Christmas and welcoming the New Year with high spirit and positiveness. The programme chiefly included all the faculties from School of Law & Dean School of Law. The occasion was backed up with gifting surprises and also coupled up with some refreshments.



#### CURRICULUM VITAE DRAFTING WORKSHOP [20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020]



The Placement Committee, School of Law, Galgotias University conducted a session on "Curriculum Vitae Drafting" through virtual podium (MS Teams) on 20th October, 2020 for the final year law students. The faculty coordinators, Dr. Mandeep Kumar, Ms. Puja Kumari and Ms. Ashmika Agrawal coordinated the sessions.

The session started with the welcome address by Dr. Azim B. Pathan, Associate Dean, SoL. The resource person for the session was Mr. Nishant

Nandan, (Regional Legal Head (North & East) ACC Limited. He started the session with the basic concepts of CV, Biodata and Resume. He gave various practical examples from his career. He discussed about the primary components of CV writing. He even discussed the importance of CV from the perspective of an employer. The session was an interactive one, with the students asking so many questions pertaining to CV and its various components.



RESEARCH PAPER WRITING WORKSHOP SERIES: 2ND LECTURE ON RESEARCH ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND ANTI PLAGIARISM RULE [20TH OCTOBER, 2020]

Academic integrity is the heart of Research and Development. Academic integrity is the due acknowledgement of another's work and effort in their research. In order to enhance good



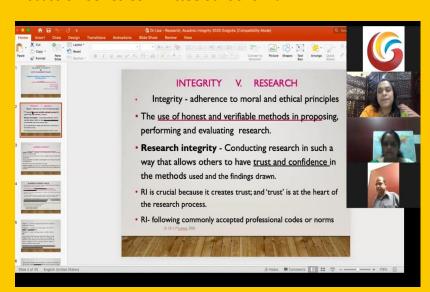
research, the Research Paper Writing Lecture Series and Think Tank Discussion Series have been started by School of Law. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Lisa P. Lukose, Associate Professor, University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU, New Delhi.

More than hundred participants attended this session and have enhanced their knowledge about research ethics Dr. Lisa P. Lukose has very minutely explained about the meaning of Academic Integrity and its rules. She has explained University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulation 2018. Then she articulated about various internal and external norms which are to be adhered by all the research institutions. Then she has also taken different case studies to exemplify the need of research academic integrity, such as D.U. Photocopy Case; The Chancellor Masters and Scholars of the University of Oxford v. Rameshwari Photocopy Services. After session of Dr Lisa, Question and Answer Round was moderated by Ms. Sugandha. Then Vote of Thanks was given by Prof. (Dr.) P.P. Mitra.

**Program Coordinator**: Prof. (Dr.) P.P. Mitra, Professor and Coordinator, Research Paper Writing Lecture Series and Think Tank Discussion Series Committee School of Law

#### **Faculty Coordinator:**

- Dr. Namita Malik
- Dr. Prashna Samddar
- Dr. Shweta Thakur
- Mr. Nishikant BiBhu
- Ms. Abhilasha Sisodia
- Mr. Sayan Das
- Ms.Sugandha Chaoudhary
   Moderator:
- Ms.Sugandha Chaoudhary
- Dr. Shweta Thakur
   Student Coordinators:
- Vibhishek Yadav
- Sumit Singh



RESEARCH PAPER WRITING WORKSHOP SERIES: 3RD LECTURE ON "JURIMETRICS IN LEGAL RESEARCH [31ST OCTOBER, 2020]

Think Tank Committee, School of Law, Galgotias University conducted a workshop series on Research Paper through virtual podium (Google Meet) on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2020 for the students, scholars, academicians, faculties and research enthusiasts. The Faculty Coordinators, Prof. P. P. Mitra, Dr. Shweta Thakur and Ms. Ashmika Agrawal coordinated the event. They were ably assisted by the student coordinators Vibhishek Yadav and Sumit K. Singh. The workshop



witnessed more than 80 participants which included faculty, industry experts, research scholars and students from various other institutions.

The event started with introductory session by Ms. Ashmika Agrawal. She introduced the esteem speaker Prof. (Dr.) Nuzhat Parveen Khan, Professor and Former Dean Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi to all the

participants in the session. Thereafter, Prof. Azim B Pathan, Associate Dean, SOL delivered the welcome address. Prof. Nuzrat started the lecture with the basic concepts and general ideas of Research. She gave various practical examples from Jurimetrics. She accentuated on the importance of doing honest exhaustive research. She explained why and how it is important to put emphasis on research problem. She encouraged the audience vivaciously on topics such as elements for identification of a research problem, how to find a research problem and contribution of literature reviews in research. She stated that the primary elements of identification of a research are, it should be complete, continuous and exhaustive. She gave apt examples for how to use Jurimetrics. She discussed in depth about contribution of literature reviews in research. Last but not the least, she stressed upon teachers to be a good researcher. After she delivered her address, the forum was moderated by Ms. Ashmika Agrawal, Assistant Professor, SOL. The session ended with vote of thanks by Prof. PP Mitra.

Program Coordinator: Prof. (Dr.) P.P. Mitra, Professor and Coordinator Research Paper Writing Lecture Series and Think Tank Discussion Series Committee School of Law.

#### **Faculty Coordinators:**

- Dr. Shweta Thakur
- Mr. Nishikant BiBhu
- Ms. Abhilasha Sisodia
- Mr. Sayan Das
- Ms. Ashmika Agrawal
   Moderator:
- Ms. Ashmika Agrawal
- Dr. Shweta Thakur
   Student Coordinators:
- Vibhishek Yadav
- Sumit Singh



#### EXPERT TALKS ON CONSTITUIONAL GOALS [26TH NOVEMBER 2020]

School of Law, Galgotias University conducted expert talk on constitution day through virtual podium (Zoom) on 26th November, 2020 for the students, scholars, academicians, faculties and research enthusiasts. The faculty coordinators, Prof. P. Mitra, Dr. Shweta Thakur,



Mr. Nishikant, Ms. Sugandha Chaudhary and Ms. Ashmika Agrawal coordinated the event. They were ably assisted by the Student coordinators Vibhishek Yadav and Sumit K. Singh. The program witnessed more than 80 participants which included faculty, industry experts, research scholars and students from various other institutions.

The event started with introductory session by Ms. Sugandha Chaudhary. She welcomed the speaker of the first session of the webinar and the theme of the lecture was "Emerging Constitutional Jurisprudence with reference to weaker section of India". She then introduced the significance of the Constitution Day. She then introduced the said speaker Hon'ble Mr. Justice U.C. Dhyani, chairman of Uttrakhand Public Service Tribunal, former judge Uttrakhand High Court to all the participants in the session. Thereafter, Prof. Azim B Pathan, Dean, SOL delivered the welcome address.

The speaker then started by recollecting the members of the Constituent Assembly and the pivotal role played by Mr. B.R. Ambedkar. The direct impact of restoration of rule of law in strengthening the democracy of a country. The constitutional guarantee to uphold fundamental rights wherein the statutes hindering with any rights provided under Part III of the Constitution can be amended by a competent legislature. At the same time, the speaker emphasized how Part III is sometimes controlled. The speaker stated the significance of Article 21 and how the right provided therein is enjoyed in circumstances "except procedure established by law". The speaker referred to Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India wherein it was held that every law must be just, fair and reasonable, and explained on how arbitrariness is anti-thesis of reasonableness. The speaker commented on the enrooting of Article 14 by framing Article 15-16, and the binding effect of Article 141. How Directive Principles of State Policies have become justiciable through judicial activism in lieu of Article 21. The speaker emphasized on the meticulous and intentional use of language in constitutional provisions such as in article 14 and 15, the words 'person' and 'citizen' are used respectively. The speaker elaborated on this stand with the help of article 17

that provides for abolition of practice of untouchability. The objectives of article 15 to uplift socially-economically disadvantaged citizens were also discussed. The speaker discussed the working of consequential seniority rule being directly proportional to the catch-up rule in relation to OBC/SC/ST promotion cases. The speaker referred to few cases, Youth for Equality v. Union of India (2019) and Janhit Abhiyan v. Union of India (2020). The case was referred in the latter case form a 3-judge bench to a 5-judge bench of Supreme Court. In the end of the session, the speaker discussed the relevance of "Ignorance of law is not an excuse".

After the session, the forum was moderated by Ms. Sugandha Chaudhary, Assistant Professor, SOL. The session ended with vote of thanks by Prof. P.P. Mitra, Professor, SOL and Dr. Azim Khan Pathan, Dean Law, SOL.

### RESEARCH PAPER WRITING WORKSHOP SERIES 4<sup>TH</sup> LECTURE ON OBJECTIVITY, ORIGINALITY & ETHICS IN LEGAL RESEARCH [23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2021]

School of Law, Galgotias University conducted an Research Paper Writing Workshop Series 4th Lecture on Objectivity, Originality and Ethics in Legal Research through virtual podium (Zoom) on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 for the students, scholars, academicians, faculties and research enthusiasts. The faculty coordinators, Prof. P. P Mitra, Dr. Shweta Thakur, Mr. Sayan Das and Ms. Ashmika Agrawal coordinated the event. They were ably assisted by the Student coordinators Vibhishek Yadav and Sumit K.Singh. The program witnessed more than 100 participants which included faculty, industry experts, research scholars and students from various other institutions. The event was started with the introductory session by Ms. Ashmika. She welcomed the speaker of Research Paper Writing Workshop Series 4<sup>th</sup> Lecture on; Objectivity, Originality and Ethics in Legal Research, Prof. Furqan Ahmad. Prof. Ahmad has elaborated basic norms of the research.

Sir has explained about use of neutrality in Legal Research. Prof. He then explained about Principle of Non-Maleficence, Principle Beneficence, of Principle of Autonomy, Principle of Justice. Vote of thanks was given by Prof. P.P. Mitra.



#### WEBINAR ON ADVOCACY SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN TRIAL COURT PROCEEDINGS [16th FEBRUARY 2021]



Skill Webinar Advocacy on Trial Development in Court Proceedings is organized by School of Law in association with A.B. Forex Legal Firm as a collaborative activity under MOU signed between Galgotias University and A.B. Forex Legal Firm. Mr. G.M. Akhtar, Managing Partner A.B. Forex on elaborated various steps involved in Trial Court Proceedings and about various explained

involved in Criminal Trial in a warrant Case i.e. First Information Report under Section 154 of Cr.P.C., Investigation i.e. examination of facts and circumstances and collection of evidences. Conclusion report of investigation is filed to the Magistrate. Then Framing of charges as per the Completion report was explained. He also explained about Plea of Guilty stage under Section 241 of Cr. P.C.Then Advocate Akhtar has explained about skill to take evidence during trial.

This webinar has enhanced the Advocacy Skills of the Students and Mr. Akhtar has also motivated students for internship under him as well as any other fruitful association.

Vote of thanks was given by Prof. Azim Khan B Pathan.

RESEARCH PAPER WRITING WORKSHOP SERIES  $5^{TH}$  LECTURE ON SCOPE OF RESEARCH IN CONTEMPORARY FAMILY LAW [ $20^{TH}$  FEBRUARY 2020]

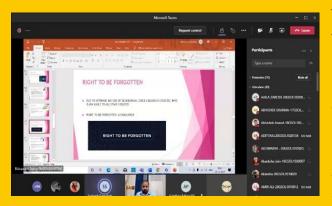


Prof. (Dr.) Kiran Gupta, is a Professor of Law, Law Center-II, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Delhi. She holds an enormous experience of 30 years in teaching in various disciplines in Law, especially in subjects like Family Law-I &, Law of Torts, Property Law; Succession Laws, madam holds an in-depth command and expertise.

Being honoured with Cherry Memorial Award for securing meritorious position in LLB to bag UGC fellowship for higher studies in Law, madam has authored many books of high repute and also published plenty of articles in National and International Journal of repute.

In this session, she enlightened the listeners with her words of wisdom. She explained in detail the shortcoming present in the field of research in Family Law issues. Starting from issues like pitfalls of laws in Living Relations and its effect on succession laws to the widening paradigm of child trafficking in the name of marriage. She elaborately dealt with the dearth of research in these aspects and the requirement of the same to develop the hands-on know-how on the respective domain. Through a very communicative session she delivered a very important message to make us understand the need and paucity of research in the field of family laws.

#### WEBINAR ON BLOCKCHAIN AND ITS LEGAL PERSPECTIVES [20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021]



The webinar started with the introduction of the speaker, Adv Sai Sushanth by the moderator Mr. Bishnanand Dubey, Assistant Professor, SOL. Prof (Dr.) Azim Pathan, Dean SOL, then welcomed the speaker by providing him details of the programs of the School of Law and thanking our Hon'ble Chancellor Mr. Suneel Galgotia, CEO sir Mr. Dhruv Galgotia, and our Hon'ble Vice-chancellor Prof (Dr.)

Preeti Bajaj for supporting the webinar. The speaker Adv. Sai Sushanth then started the session on the topic and effortlessly explained Blockchain to attendees. More than 100 participants (including faculties and students) participated in this webinar. The session ended with a Q&A round, where the students participated enthusiastically. The vote of thanks was given by Prof (Dr.) P.P Mitra, Research coordinator, SOL.

#### VASANT PANCHAMI CELEBRATION [11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021]

The auspicious occasion of worshiping goddesses of knowledge, Ma Saraswati has been organised by Cultural Committee, School of Law on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The occasion was graced by all the faculty members and some students from School of Law. The programme was started by Prof. (Dr.) Partha Pratim Mitra, Professor, School of Law, with his words of wisdom. The occasion was coupled with some fun & innovative activities where students and faculties have participated with full enthusiasm. Some arrangement for light refreshments was also organised for a complete portrayal of the occasion.

### EXPERT TALK BY DR. EDWARD JUCHNIEWICZ, PROFESSOR AT GDANSK UNIVERSITY, POLAND [22ND FEBRUARY 2021]

The expert lecture was organised for the students of corporate honours and those who are studying taxation law. There was total more than 100 students who participated this lecture. The lecture mainly focused on details of taxation law and its various international perspectives. The event was conducted online which was presided over by Dr. Edward Juchniewicz who is a Professor at Gdansk University Poland, as Guest Speaker. The Program Head of the expert lecture was Mr. Nizam Khan & Dr. Niteesh Kumar Upadhyay. The attendees were able to



get knowledge of International Taxation Law and had an enriching interactive session.



#### PATENT FILED & PUBLISHED

Dr. Mandeep Kumar, Assistant Professor and Mrs. Puja Kumari, Assistant Professor at the School of Law, Galgotias University filed a patent with other Academicians from various government and private universities in India and the title of the invention is Deep Learning-Based Robotic Judge for Rash Driving Crime. The patent is currently in the stage of examination.

[Application Number: 202141002082, Publication

Date: 22/01/2021]

### KNOW YOUR FACULTY PROF. (DR.) PARTHA PRATIM MITRA

Prof. (Dr.) Partha Pratim Mitra is a Professor of Law at the School of Law, Galgotias University. He is an experienced Law Professor with a demonstrated history of working in the professional



training industry. His areas of specialization are Business Law, Family Law, Environmental Law and Research Methods. He has written and edited several books related to law. He has published papers in reputed Journals and Law Reviews, including AIR, Cr.LJ, MLJ, Indian Bar Review, Corporate Professionals Today, SEBI and Corporate Laws. He organized various seminars and workshops at the State and National

level with ICSSR, NHRC etc. He has previously been invited to deliver lectures at reputed institutions like the Indian Institute of Management, Ranchi, Jharkhand Judicial Academy and UGC—HRDC, Ranchi University.

What made you chose law as a field of study? Did you always imagine yourself to become a professor?

Law makes life lively. In legal study, every types of laws are being discussed. Being a law student, you need to know cyber law to family law, intellectual property laws to international law, space law to environmental law and so on. As society is being developed so far law is also being developed and enhanced. Sociology, politics, history, natural science and every subject has a legal aspect. These beauties have allured me to study law in detail and more detail.

I always wanted to become a teacher and gradually in course of time I have been teaching law since 2005.

Tell us something about your teaching style and philosophy. Over the years, has there been any change in approach to the way you undertake teaching?

Every teacher has his own style and philosophy and you all know; it is a performing art as per copyright law. I believe the traditional method of classroom teaching has no alternative. Black board has been changed to smart board and white chalk has been converted to fluorescent torch and COVID 19 has made us expert in online classes. But the flood students in campus after lockdown shows that classroom teaching is indispensable mode of education. I prefer discussion

and interactive session (Socratic method) with case law teaching methodology especially for law students.

Could you share some insights on the mandate of CSR activity on the Indian companies?

CSR is a very good initiative of social justice which got legislative mandate by MoCA and subsequently by SEBI. The corporate houses who are taking capital, labour, land and other resources from this country, they have the responsibility to repay the society as well as nation also. The welfare activities should not be limited within the government corporations only. Every company has to come collectively and take responsibility along with government agencies.

Away from your work, how do you prefer to unwind?

Though I get very little time after performing regular official works and classes but whenever I find some space, I spend by reading the works of legal luminaries and writing legal articles.

What advice do you have for the current students at Galgotias University?

These students have tremendous potentials to compete at larger level but they need proper grooming and vision. Moot Court, debate, legal aid, MUN such type of culture need to be developed within them along with writing creativity. My perception is that students are general everywhere. It is up to the institution and teacher who will inculcate zeal among them.

### KNOW YOUR ALUMNA MS. SHILPI SINHA



Ms. Shilpi Sinha is an Alumna of the School of Law, Galgotias University from Batch 2015- 2020. She is currently working as a Junior Associate Advocate at S.S. Rana & Co., a top tier law firm in India. In her college days, Shilpi has been an exceptionally talented student and has been equally good with academics and extra-curricular activities.

Please tell us something about yourself? What made you chose Law as a field of your study?

I have always been a talkative and an extrovert child , but never thought to persuade law as a career choice . While I was

preparing for my competitive exams in the 2015, I came across CLAT and opted to appear for the exam. Earlier it was the aura of dressing up and going to the court that pleased me but as soon I got into law school I realised that law is just not limited to arguing but it's the whole

craftsmanship involved from drafting, researching, arguing and over the 5 years spent in law school I tried to polish my skills learn from my teachers, Seniors and internships.

Please share your experience of securing a job with a top-notch law firm at an early stage in your career.

I graduated in the amid pandemic , none of the law firms were hiring as there was no work and the courts were also not working regularly . I applied for almost all the jobs that I came across on different platforms. Later in the month of September '20 I got an offer from a boutique firm to work as an Legal Associate where I use to work from 9:00am - 9:30pm (Monday - Saturday) which was very hectic and stressful but I kept my calm and waited for the right opportunity . I am more than grateful to work with such an reputed law firm . It's been only couple of months but I have had such great opportunities to learn .

What is your field of practice? Could you enlighten the readers about the job profile as an Associate at the law firm?

I work with the IP Litigations Department as Jr. Associate Advocate. My work mainly entails drafting and research for the upcoming cases of the firm. I appear for both physical and virtual hearings before the District and IPAB and assists my Seniors for High court and Supreme Court hearing.

Please share any success mantra for the budding lawyers studying at the university?

I don't have any such success mantra , but I would I like them to advise and let them know that there is no replacement for hard-work and you need to maintain your patience and perseverance in this field. In my college days I might have bunked lectures but I have never missed any of my internships . I started interning in the year 2015 and have never missed any internship opportunity provided by the University. While I have an opportunity I would like to thank my Parents , Friends, Dean (School of Law ), all the Professors and special mention to Ms. Paramita Choudhury, Ms. Ashmika Agrawal my faculty for Intellectual Property Rights & Mrs. Puja Kumari with whom I was in constant touch even during the pandemic for help . Thank you so much for believing and helping me throughout these years.

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Harsha Agrawal, a B.B.A. LL.B. Semester X student, has been awarded "Human Rights Champion Award" for her outstanding contribution to "humanity in the field of human rights" by Youth for Human Rights International on 5th December 2020.
- Satvik Gupta, a B.B.A. LL.B. Semester IV student, has been a Volunteer in the Short-term Volunteering Program under CRY(N.G.O.) finer nine weeks.
- Shivangi Kumari, a B.B.A. LL.B. Semester IV student, participated in the International Conference of Human Rights: Challenges During Covid-19 organized by Youth for Human Rights International held on 29th November 2020.
- Shivangi Kumari, a School of Law, Galgotias University student, attended the United for Human Rights Summit, 2020 organized by Youth for Human Rights International- India Chapter on 5th December 2020.
- Shivangi Kumari attended the Panel Discussion on Psychology of Mediation organized by ADR HOC, a unit of Knowledge Steez L.L.P., in collaboration with other reputed institutions on 14th December 2020.
- Ritika Sarkar, a final year student of Galgotias University, has published a paper on Consumer Protection in India: An Overview in the International Journal of Law, Management & Humanities, Volume 4, Issue 1 (2021).
- Shellvi Singh, a B.B.A. LL.B., Semester VI student, has completed an online course on "Mediating Violent Conflict" and "Conflict Analysis" from the United States Institute of Peace.
- Wasif Ismail, a 6th Semester student of B.A. LL.B., has participated in the International Symposium on Impact of Covid-19 on Geo-Politics & International Relations: Prospects & Challenges organized by International Research & Collaboration Cell, Galgotias University on 22nd May 2020.
- Aryan Sinha, a 5<sup>th</sup> Semester student of Galgotias University, has published a paper on the Significance of Corporate Governance in the Present Context in International Journal of Law, Management & Humanities, Volume 4, Issue 1 (2021)
- Aryan Sinha, a 5<sup>th</sup> Semester student of Galgotias University student, has published a paper on Consumer Protection & Its Awareness in the International Journal of Advanced Legal Research, ISSN: 2582-7340.
- Shashank Shekhar, a School of Law student, Galgotias University, has completed the Course on Covid-19 Awareness & Prevention by Global Institute of Healthcare Management, Delhi.
- Shashank Shekhar, a School of Law, Galgotias University student, has participated in the Virtual Dialogue Session on Family Law: Issues and the Way Ahead in Covid-19 Times on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020 organized by the Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana.
- Tannu Gupta, a second-year student of B.B.A. L.L.B., has bagged the Third position in the Article Writing Competition organized by Brillopedia.com. She has successfully published her Article on

Topic-: 'GOVERNMENT and OPPOSITION- "Pillars of Healthy Democracy" with ISBN no.- 978-1637451953 with Brillopedia.com.

• Nibin Louis has completed an Online Certificate Course on Criminal Drafting from the International Journal of Advanced Legal Research.

#### LEGAL AID SOCIETY COVID WOMEN WARRIORS: THE REAL HEROES

The National Commission for Women, established on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1992 as a statutory body under National Commission for Women Act, 1990, marked its 29<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021. To commemorate the auspicious day, the Commission organized an even to felicitate WOMEN COVID WARRIORS for their exceptional and commendable work during the pandemic. The event: 'COVID WOMEN WARRIORS: THE REAL HEROES' was attended by 11 members of Legal Aid Society, School of Law, Galgotias University.

- 1. Srishti Agarwal
- 2. Pranshi Agarwal
- 3. Prachi Deo
- 4. Muskan Kashyap
- 5. Ishanvi Jain
- 6. Mitashi Gupta
- 7. Manjari Agarwal
- 8. Arushi Tripathi
- 9. Aradhya Singh
- 10. Nishu Mishra
- 11. Diksha Mishra



#### **FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### Prof. (Dr.) Azim Pathan

- Resource Person and Session Chair in the National Conference on Government Accountability and Transparency: A Global Perspective held on 17th October 2020 organized by Asian Law College, Greater Noida.
- Resource Person in webinar lecture series organized by Law for Justice Forum (LFJ) on the theme
   "Access to Justice for Weaker Sections by Judicial Creativity" on 26th July, 2020.

- Resource Person in Faculty Development Program organized by ICFAI Law School, Tripura on the area "Interdisciplinary Approach in Legal Education" on 29th June, 2020 to 4th July, 2020.
- Delivered talk as a resource person in the webinar organized by Educentric on Environment Day, 5th June, 2020 on the area of "Challenges in Implementing Environmental Law at the Grass root Level".
- Resource Person for Virtual Talk organized by LexAcharya Virtual Summit 2020 on the theme "Role of Indian Judiciary in COVID 19 period: The Way Forward.
- Resource Person for Webinar organized by Aaweg Charitable Trust for the awareness of Public on 18th May, 2020 on the theme "Public Interest Litigation during COVID 19 period".

#### Dr. Namita Singh Malik

- Awarded with Academic Excellence Award 2020-2021 in 4th National Symposium and Awards ceremony organized by Droite Penale Group in collaboration with University of Allahabad on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
- Research Paper titled 'Swinging Pendulums between home and Workplace: Reflections on the life of Women Police Constables in India' accepted for publication in Volume 3, Issue 6 of International Journal of Law Management & Humanities (ISSN 2581-5369) December 2020.
- Presided as a Judge in 3rd Bennett University National Moot Court Competition organized from 5-7 February 2021.
- Resource person & Session Chair for 4th International Conference on Human Rights & Gender
  Justice organized on 13 December 2020 by Knowledge Steez in collaboration with South Ural
  State University, Russia, University of Maribor, Slovenia, Legal Studies Association, United States
  & Youth for Human Rights International, India Chapter.
- Resource Person & Session Chair for Virtual International Seminar on Human Rights, United Nations and International Law organized by Lawman & Centre for International Legal Studies and Training, New Delhi, India on Human Rights Day (10 December 2020).
- Resource Person & Judge for 'Quintessence Conficture' Multi Skill Virtual Event organized by Ryan International Group of Institutions on 23-24 November 2020 at Ryan International School, Greater Noida (UP).
- Participated in GNLU Training Programme on "Law, Religion, Spirituality and Justice" by Dr. K
   Parameswaran, Associate Professor of Law, Trainer and Capacity Builder, Gujarat National Law
   University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. (13-20 February 2021)
- Completed MOOC on International Humanitarian Law offered by HKJCDPRI in collaboration with Oxford University and DMHR, Hongkong.
- Completed Online self -paced course on "Gender inclusivity in Peace Building" from United States Institute of Peace on 5 January 2021.
- Completed MOOC on JUSTICE from Harvard University on 22 February 2021.

• Appointed as **Faculty Advisor** to The Law Communicants (Legal Tech Platform for students and legal professionals) in January 2021.

#### Dr. Niteesh Kumar Upadhyay

- Received Human Rights Champion Award 2020 by Youth For Human Rights, India.
- Published a book chapter on "Artificial Intelligence, Peace and Security: Challenges for International Humanitarian Law" in a book titled Exploration of technology Globally and Its Legal Dimensions by Thomson Reuters ISBN 978-93-90529-40-7.
- Published an article on "Study of Bride Trafficking in India with Special Reference to the State of Haryana" in NIU International Journal of Human Rights A UGC CARE listed Journal, ISSN 2394 0298 Vol. 7, 2020.
- Published an article on "A Study of Female Foeticide as root cause of Bride Trafficking in State
  of Haryana" in The Indian Journal of Law and Justice, A UGC-CARE Listed, peer-reviewed refereed
  journal (ISSN-0976:3570) Volume 11 No 2 September 2020.
- Presented a paper on the Topic "Challenges to Clinical Legal Education during pandemic:
   Designing a Roadmap for future" at International Conference organized by Pedagogical University of Poland held on 5th-6th September 2020.
- Presented a paper on the Topic "International Tribunals and Rule of Law" in the International Conference on Theory, and sociology of law organized by Faculty of Law University of Belgrade held on 3rd-4th December 2020.
- Presented a paper on the Topic "Digital Contact Tracing During Pandemic Vis-À-Vis Right to Privacy" at the 13th CMI Conference on Digital Transformations 26-27 November 2020 organised by Aalborg University Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Presented a paper on "An Assessment on Failure of Dowry Prohibition Laws in India and its Inefficacy on Segregating Crimes against Women" at International Conference on Evolving Trends in Interdisciplinary Research & Practices -November 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>,2020 Manhattan, New York City.
- Presented a paper on "A Study of Development of The Rights of Women in Islam" in the Science and Innovation Congress December 20-21, 2020 Ankara, Turkey.
- Delivered a **Guest Lecture at American Romania University** from 23<sup>rd</sup> November to 28<sup>th</sup>November 2020 on International Humanitarian Law.
- Resource Person in **One-Week Online Faculty Development Programme** on "Intellectual Property Rights" organized by E&ICT Academy IIT Guwahati held from 08 13 February, 2021.
- Appointed as Editorial Board Member of Brazilian Journal of Alternative Dispute Resolution,
   Brazil.
- Appointed as Editorial Board Member of International Journal of Digital Law Published by Lomonosova Moscow State University, Russia.

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