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Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

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Galgotias University is committed to the principle that peace, justice, and strong institutions form the foundation of a fair and thriving society. Aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, the University fosters awareness, accountability, and civic engagement through education and community action.

Legal literacy programs, digital safety initiatives, national conferences, and awareness drives empower students to become informed, ethical, and responsible citizens. Each initiative reflects the University's enduring commitment to building inclusive systems that uphold human rights, ensure access to justice, and strengthen the values of democracy and peace.

Through collaborations with government bodies, NGOs, and global institutions, Galgotias continues to promote transparency, ethical leadership, and participatory governance. The University remains dedicated to nurturing future leaders who champion integrity, equity, and harmony—laying the groundwork for a peaceful and just world.



Webinar on “Drug Abuse and Mental Health: A Dual Crisis”

The Legal Aid Clinic and Pro Bono Club, School of Law, Galgotias University, conducted an insightful webinar on 26th June 2025 to observe the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The session, themed “Drug Abuse and Mental Health: A Dual Crisis,” aimed to raise awareness among law students, faculty members, and legal aid volunteers about the interconnection between substance abuse and mental health—an aspect often overlooked in legal and social discourse.

The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Pankaj Kumar, a certified psychologist and Founder & CEO of P&V Healing Pathways, who has vast experience in addiction recovery and trauma healing. Mr. Kumar highlighted that addiction should not be viewed merely as a criminal act but as a manifestation of deeper psychological, emotional, and societal distress. He stressed the need for empathy and a holistic understanding while addressing addiction, encouraging legal professionals to look beyond punitive measures.



Mr. Kumar elaborated on the emotional isolation, unresolved trauma, and chronic stress that often underlie substance abuse, explaining how conventional legal systems fail to recognize these root causes. He introduced practical strategies for mental well-being, including the Mental Health First Aid Kit for responding to psychological crises, mindfulness and meditation practices to enhance emotional resilience, and body-healing methods based on somatic therapy and breathwork to release trauma stored in the body.

These tools, he emphasized, are essential for both individuals recovering from addiction and legal professionals managing stress and secondary trauma.

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The session also shed light on the gaps in existing policies that emphasize criminalization over rehabilitation. Mr. Kumar advocated for adopting an integrated legal-psychosocial model combining restorative justice, community involvement, and trauma-informed care to support recovery and reintegration.

Reclaiming Values: Integrating Spirituality into Modern Education

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Galgotias Polytechnic, in collaboration with the Heartfulness Institute, Hyderabad, organized a 3-day workshop from April 23–25, 2025, titled “Reclaiming Values: Integrating Spirituality into Modern Education – A Timely Imperative.” Guided by Mr. Jas Kamal Jit Singh Bhuie, a certified Heartfulness Trainer, the sessions included meditation, mindfulness practices, and discussions on ethical living. Coordinated by Dr. Rajeev Sharma and convened by Dr. Mohit Gaharwar, the event emphasized value-driven education for holistic growth. Participants reported improved focus, inner peace, and commitment to sustainability, making the workshop a transformative step toward integrating spirituality with academics.



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Launch of Digital Shakti Phase 5 by National Commission for Women and Cyberpeace Foundation

On 5th July 2024, faculty and students from the School of Liberal Education, Galgotias University, attended the launch of Digital Shakti Phase 5.0 by the National Commission for Women at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

The event aimed to empower women and girls with cyber skills and awareness of emerging technologies like AI and Blockchain.

Engaging discussions on cyber wellness and women’s safety online provided valuable insights. The experience enriched students’ understanding and inspired active contribution toward creating a safer digital ecosystem.



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Empowering Voices: BAL UDAY Legal Awareness Workshop for Children and Women

On December 7, 2024, a Legal Awareness Workshop was conducted at Palika Vihar, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, jointly organized by Bal-Uday and the Legal Aid Clinic, School of Law, Galgotias University. Guided by Prof. Kumar Kunal and Prof. Ajay Pratap, the workshop focused on educating children and women about their rights under the Juvenile Justice (J.J.) Act and the POCSO Act.

Through engaging activities like skits, legal sessions, meditation, and the distribution of informative materials, participants gained practical knowledge on avoiding unsafe situations and accessing help through helpline 1098.

The workshop successfully promoted legal empowerment and emotional well-being.



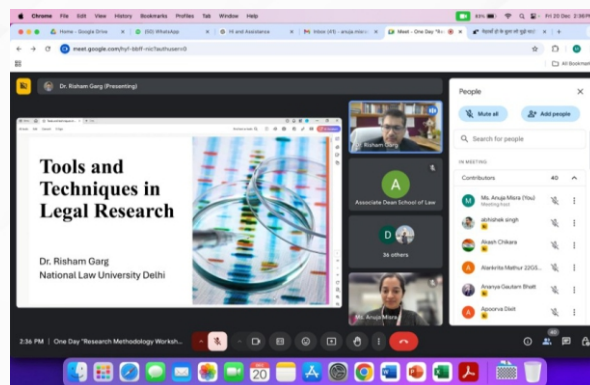
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Research Excellence Unveiled: Workshop on Tools and Techniques in Legal Research

On December 20, 2024, the Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies, School of Law, Galgotias University, conducted a one-day online "Research Methodology Workshop on Tools and Techniques in Legal Research." Attended by 70 LL.M and PhD scholars and faculty members, the workshop featured insightful sessions by eminent experts Prof. Mehrajuddin Mir, Prof. Z.M. Noomani, and Dr. Risham Garg.

Participants explored research design, literature review, legal databases, citation styles, plagiarism checks, and data analysis techniques. The event provided in-depth guidance on originality, academic integrity, and effective publication strategies, significantly enhancing participants' legal research skills and academic competence.



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Justice Made Accessible: Inauguration of National Lok Adalat at Surajpur

The School of Law, Galgotias University, actively participated in the inaugural session of the National Lok Adalat organized by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) on 28th February 2025 at Surajpur.

The event was graced by Additional District Judge Mrs. Richa Upadhyay, who emphasized the role of Lok Adalats in ensuring swift, affordable, and amicable dispute resolution while reducing the burden on traditional courts.

Law students gained valuable real-world exposure by observing live proceedings and interacting with legal experts. The session successfully resolved numerous cases, reinforcing Lok Adalats as a powerful tool for accessible and efficient justice.



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International Conference on Comparative Law (ICCL 2025)

The Valedictory Session of the event at Galgotias University's School of Law was a remarkable finale, featuring esteemed members of the judiciary who inspired students to pursue excellence in advocacy and legal research. Highlighting the dynamic platforms of moot courts, mediation, and negotiation competitions, speakers underscored their importance for skill-building and career growth in law. Discussions addressed emerging legal challenges, including AI governance and judicial innovations, while encouraging students to contribute to the evolving legal system.

The event successfully facilitated academic exchange, comparative legal understanding, and scholarly presentations by young researchers. Reaffirming its dedication, the university committed to global engagement and fostering excellence in legal education and practice.



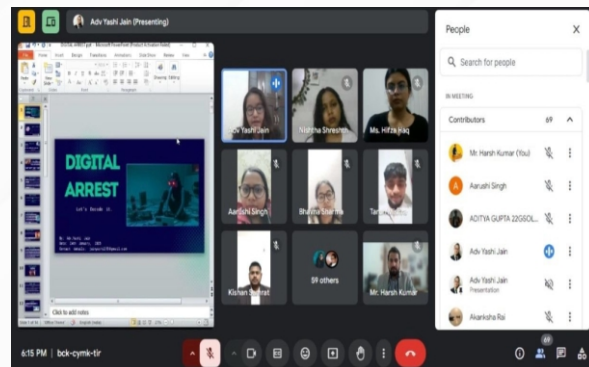
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Webinar Report: Decoding the Digital Arrest in the Age of Cyber Crime

On 24th January 2025, the Cyber Cell of the Legal Aid Clinic, School of Law, Galgotias University, hosted a webinar titled "Digital Arrest with Technological Tools and Management." Advocate Yashi Jain from the Rajasthan High Court addressed the rising importance of technology in law enforcement and cybercrime management.

She elaborated on legal provisions, digital tools like AI and blockchain, and their integration with constitutional safeguards. The session saw active participation and insightful discussions, enhancing awareness on ethical use of digital tools in policing and justice delivery.



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Participants received e-certificates for their involvement.

Celebrating Indian Army Day with a Blood Donation Camp

To honor the courage and sacrifice of the Indian Army, Galgotias University organized a blood donation camp on 15th January 2025 in collaboration with the NCC unit, Legal Aid Clinic, and Pro Bono Club.

The event began with a tribute to soldiers, followed by an impactful camp that saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and NCC cadets.

Under expert medical supervision, donors underwent health checks and contributed selflessly to save lives. The event fostered a spirit of patriotism, service, and social responsibility, reinforcing the value of collective action in honoring national heroes through meaningful community service.



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Inner Peace Unlocked: Sahaja Yoga Session at Galgotias University

As part of Yoga Week celebrations, the School of Computer Application and Technology at Galgotias University organized a special session on Sahaja Yoga on 14th June 2025. Conducted by experts from the Sahaja Yoga Foundation, the session guided students and faculty through simple yet profound meditation techniques to awaken inner energy (Kundalini) and achieve thoughtless awareness.

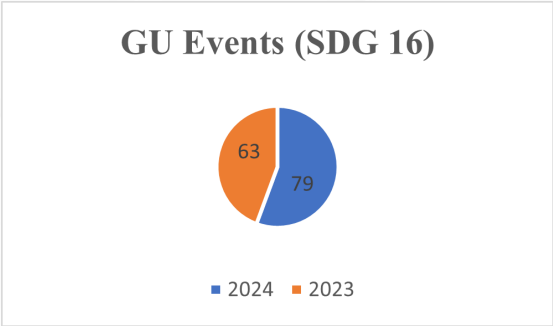
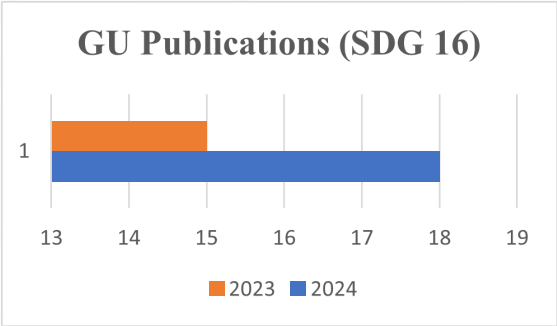
The interactive workshop emphasized mindfulness, stress management, and emotional balance, leaving participants with a sense of calm and clarity. With enthusiastic participation, the event fostered holistic well-being, aligning with the university's commitment to mental health and overall student development.



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Research, Awareness & Innovation Improvements



Workshop on Constitutionalism and the Environment: A Legal Exploration

On 25th January 2025, CRELS, School of Law, Galgotias University, hosted an insightful online workshop titled "Constitutionalism and the Environment: A Legal Exploration". The event brought together eminent legal scholars and professionals, including experts from UPES, Lucknow University, BHU, and the Supreme Court of India, to explore the intersection of constitutional principles and environmental protection.

Discussions focused on indigenous wisdom, environmental rights under Articles 14, 19, and 21, and landmark cases. The workshop fostered awareness, critical thinking, and commitment to legal reforms for environmental sustainability among participants from academic and legal backgrounds.



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