

## **The Role of Clinical Legal Education in Developing Legal Professionals**

On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Baba Mastnath University's Faculty of Law organized a Guest Lecture titled "The Role of Clinical Legal Education in Developing Legal Professionals." The event, convened by Dr. Neha and co-convened by Dr. Parmila, brought together students and faculty members for an insightful session on the significance of clinical legal education in preparing future legal practitioners. The keynote speaker, Dr. Raj Kumar, Assistant Professor at the Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Punjab, Bhatinda, shared his expertise with an audience of 67 participants, comprising students and faculty from the Department of Law.



The program began with an opening address by Dr. Neha, who emphasized the importance of clinical legal education as a bridge between academic learning and professional practice. The esteemed guest, Dr. Raj Kumar, provided an engaging lecture that highlighted how clinical legal education fosters practical skills, critical thinking, and a sense of responsibility among law students. The session explored various methodologies, such as mock trials, legal aid clinics, and internships that enhance experiential learning and prepare students to navigate real-world legal challenges.

Interactive discussions were a key highlight of the event, with participants actively engaging with Dr. Raj Kumar on topics such as ethical practice, access to justice, and the role of legal education in fostering societal change. The co-conveners, Dr. Parmila and other faculty

members, ensured the smooth execution of the event, creating a platform for meaningful dialogue and knowledge sharing.



The guest lecture underlined the pivotal role of clinical legal education in nurturing competent and socially conscious legal professionals. This initiative holds immense societal relevance as it equips law students with the practical skills and ethical values needed to address pressing legal and social issues. Moreover, the event aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions), by promoting access to justice and the rule of law. By encouraging students to engage with marginalized communities through legal aid and pro bono activities, clinical legal education contributes to reducing inequalities and fostering a fair and inclusive society, supporting SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities).



The event witnessed the active participation of 67 attendees, including students and faculty members. The insights shared by Dr. Raj Kumar enriched participants' understanding of the

transformative potential of clinical legal education. The program inspired students to embrace experiential learning opportunities, reaffirming their commitment to professional excellence and social responsibility.

The guest lecture on “The Role of Clinical Legal Education in Developing Legal Professionals” was a resounding success, showcasing Baba Mastnath University’s dedication to academic excellence and societal impact. By emphasizing practical legal training and fostering dialogue on critical issues, the event reinforced the university’s commitment to producing competent legal professionals who are well-equipped to contribute to the achievement of global sustainability goals.