

## **National Legal Services Day Celebration in collaboration with District**

On 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the Faculty of Law, Baba Mastnath University, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Rohtak, organized a department-level event to commemorate National Legal Services Day. The program aimed to promote awareness of legal rights and access to justice, ensuring that individuals from all walks of life are empowered to seek legal assistance. Convened by Dr. Parmila and co-convened by Dr. Seema Devi, the event featured an enlightening session by Sh. Rajbir Kashyap, Advocate, DLSA, Rohtak.



The celebration began with an inaugural address by Dr. Parmila, who highlighted the critical role of legal awareness in empowering citizens and fostering a just society. Sh. Rajbir Kashyap, the keynote speaker, delivered an insightful lecture on the objectives of National Legal Services Day and the initiatives taken by the DLSA to provide free legal aid to marginalized sections of society.

During his address, Sh. Kashyap shed light on various schemes under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, including provisions for women, children, senior citizens, and economically weaker sections. He emphasized the importance of community participation in bridging the gap between the legal system and the public.

Interactive discussions were held, allowing participants to share their concerns and ask questions about accessing legal aid. The co-conveners ensured the smooth conduct of the event, encouraging active engagement from students and faculty members.



The celebration of National Legal Services Day underscored the importance of ensuring equal access to justice as a cornerstone of a democratic society. By spreading awareness of legal rights and free legal services, the event aimed to empower individuals, particularly the underprivileged, to assert their rights and seek redressal for grievances.



This initiative aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions), which advocates for the promotion of inclusive societies, access to justice for all, and accountable institutions. By fostering legal literacy and access to justice, the event contributed to strengthening the rule of law and reducing inequalities in society.

The event witnessed active participation from students, faculty members, and legal professionals, creating a vibrant platform for dialogue and learning. Attendees gained valuable insights into the significance of legal aid and the mechanisms available for resolving disputes effectively. The program inspired participants to take proactive steps in promoting legal literacy within their communities, reinforcing their commitment to justice and equality.

The National Legal Services Day celebration at Baba Mastnath University was a meaningful initiative that highlighted the vital role of legal awareness in building an equitable and inclusive society. By fostering dialogue and educating participants on access to justice, the event reaffirmed the university's dedication to promoting social justice and aligning its efforts with global sustainability goals.