

## **Academic Visit to ADR Centre, Rohtak for attending 4<sup>th</sup> National LokAdalat**

On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023, the Faculty of Law at Baba Mastnath University organized an academic visit to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Centre, Rohtak, to attend the 4th National Lok Adalat. The training session was organized under the guidance of Dr. Parmila, Assistant Professor and Convener, and Dr. Neha, Assistant Professor and Co-Convener. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Sh. Anil Kaushik, Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM), Rohtak, and Sh. Rajbir Kashyap, Senior Panel Advocate, DLSA, Rohtak.



The visit provided an opportunity for law students to gain practical exposure to the functioning of the National Lok Adalat, a crucial initiative aimed at providing alternative dispute resolution methods. The program began with a detailed orientation session by Sh. Anil Kaushik, who highlighted the importance of Lok Adalats in resolving disputes amicably, swiftly, and at minimal cost. He also explained how the ADR system reduces the burden on traditional courts and promotes the principles of justice and equity.

Sh. Rajbir Kashyap delivered an insightful talk on the legal framework governing Lok Adalats under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. Students had the opportunity to witness live proceedings, where disputes were resolved through mediation and mutual agreement. The interactive nature of the session allowed participants to engage with the panelists and gain clarity

on practical aspects of ADR mechanisms. The visit concluded with an interactive feedback session, where students shared their learnings and expressed gratitude for the enriching experience.



The Academic Visit to ADR Centre emphasized the significance of Lok Adalats as a cost-effective and inclusive tool for delivering justice. By offering students firsthand exposure to alternative dispute resolution, the session fostered a deeper understanding of the legal system's societal impact. The program aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) by promoting access to justice for all and building effective legal institutions.

The event reinforced the importance of ADR systems in creating a harmonious society by resolving disputes without unnecessary litigation. It also inspired students to contribute actively toward strengthening the rule of law and ensuring justice reaches the most vulnerable sections of society.

The event saw active participation from the Department of Law, with students and faculty members benefiting from a blend of theoretical insights and practical exposure. By engaging with seasoned legal professionals, participants were equipped with valuable skills and knowledge to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world application.



The academic visit to the ADR Centre for the 4<sup>th</sup> National Lok Adalat was a highly impactful initiative by the Faculty of Law at Baba Mastnath University. The event not only enriched the students' understanding of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms but also reaffirmed the university's commitment to legal education that aligns with societal needs and global goals. Such initiatives play a vital role in preparing socially conscious legal professionals dedicated to upholding justice and equity.