

## Corruption Free India

On 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024, the Faculty of Law at Baba Mastnath University hosted a guest lecture titled “*Corruption Free India*”. The event aimed to raise awareness about the pervasive issue of corruption and its impact on society, while also promoting the importance of a corruption-free India. The lecture was graced by Sh. Hari Kishan Beniwal, Ex-Director of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), who shared his expert insights on tackling corruption in both government and private sectors. The event was convened by Dr. Neha, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, and co-convened by Dr. Parmila, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, with a total of 34 participants in attendance, including students and faculty members.



The session began with a warm welcome by Dr. Neha, who introduced the speaker and highlighted the significance of the topic in the context of India's ongoing fight against corruption. Sh. Hari Kishan Beniwal, with his vast experience at the Central Vigilance Commission, delivered a thought-provoking lecture on the various dimensions of corruption, its detrimental effects on the nation, and the mechanisms that have been put in place to fight it.

He also discussed the importance of transparency, accountability, and the role of the public and private sectors in curbing corrupt practices. Sh. Beniwal stressed that while legal reforms are essential, the active participation of citizens and society at large is crucial to building a corruption-free nation. Interactive discussions followed, allowing participants to engage in dialogue with the speaker, raising queries and sharing perspectives on how corruption impacts governance, the economy, and social equity.

The co-conveners, Dr. Parmila and Dr. Neha, ensured the smooth flow of the event, encouraging students to think critically about the causes and solutions to corruption, and to play an active role in promoting ethical practices.



The lecture on “*Corruption Free India*” holds immense relevance in today’s socio-political climate, where corruption continues to hinder the progress of the nation. By educating students and faculty on how corruption undermines economic and social systems, the event underscored the importance of collective action to bring about systemic change. Such discussions are essential in creating a society that is informed, vigilant, and committed to upholding integrity and justice.



This event aligns directly with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16: *Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions*. SDG 16 emphasizes the importance of promoting peace, reducing corruption, and ensuring accountable and transparent institutions. By raising awareness

about the impact of corruption and highlighting practical solutions, the lecture reinforced the idea that a corruption-free society is key to achieving equitable and sustainable development.

The event saw active participation from 34 attendees, who benefited from the invaluable insights shared by Sh. Hari Kishan Beniwal. The discussion not only helped the participants understand the multifaceted nature of corruption but also inspired them to contribute towards building a transparent and accountable India. The lecture served as an eye-opener for many students, providing them with the knowledge and tools to take a stand against corruption in their respective spheres of influence.

The “*Corruption Free India*” guest lecture was an impactful and timely event that highlighted the need for a corruption-free society. By engaging the university community in meaningful discussions on integrity, transparency, and accountability, the event reaffirmed Baba Mastnath University’s commitment to fostering a generation of students who are not only academically proficient but also socially responsible. Through such initiatives, the university continues to contribute to the realization of global goals, particularly SDG 16, which seeks to promote justice, equality, and institutions that serve all citizens fairly and honestly.