

First Interaction session : Unvelling **Insights and Inspiration**

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A first interaction session was organized by the department on January 15th, 2023. Renowned figures such as Professor Anu Vali Tikoo, Dean Faculty of law; Balram Pani, Dean colleges; Professor Prakash Singh, The south campus director; Professor K Ratnabali; Professor Rajni Abbi, The proctor and Professor L. Pushp Kumar, The director of the integrated law course adorned the occasion with their distinguished presence. These esteemed dignitaries brought their wisdom and insights, enriching the gathering.

The hosts for the evening Ishita Jaitely and Avia Sharma, with their engaging presence seamlessly guided the program. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the enlightenment of knowledge. Prassidhi Sachdeva captivated the audience with a poetic presentation, while Sumit and Aryan serenaded the gathering with a harmonious lamp lighting song, creating a captivating atmosphere that celebrated both literature and music. This was followed by a welcome address by Professor Anu Vali Tikoo, Dean Faculty of Law. In her insightful speech she emphasized on the significance of emotions and how to channel them in a constructive way. She also emphasized the role of law to navigate and resolve one's emotion, guiding students for the future ahead. Following Professor Tikoo's welcome address the event proceeded with a gracious felicitation of the distinguished guests. We were delighted to have someone on stage whose insights not only captivated but also inspired us all, Shri Ballam Pani, Dean colleges talked about the conditioning environment for students and to configure oneself in a productive way. His intellectual speech left an indelible mark, prompting reflection and admiration. The presence of Prof Prakash Singh, Director south campus on stage was a source of delight, as their thoughts not only fascinated but also stirred a collective inspiration among the students. He motivated the students to be law breakers like Mahatma Gandhi, resilient, determined and non-violent; and to be lawmakers like Dr. BR Ambedkar, visionary, reformer, and Transformative thinker. He also asked the students to work hard and challenge the faculty to bring out an inclusive learning platform. The audience buzzed with enthusiasm as the inspirational speech guided the students through new realms of understanding. We were delighted to have The Dean of Academics, Professor K. Ratnabali as our next speaker whose insights not only captivated but also inspired us all. She started her speech by congratulating all the students to be a part of this 5 year program and referred to us as the ambassadors of the program. She draws attention to how this course was specially designed to incorporate a skill-based understanding of the law. In order to help the students comprehend the laws of the old civilization and the wealth of Indian knowledge, she also promoted the usage of Indian philosophies rather than Western ones. In her closing remarks, she referred to us as the program's torchbearers and urged the

students to take the initiative and take it to new heights. Her inspirational speech ignited a sense of motivation in each of us. It was an honor to have The Proctor, Professor Rajni Assi as our next speaker who emphasized on another important skill in law, that of communication. She stressed on the value of communication and how acquiring that ability might help achieve justice. She draws the students in by telling them two morally-rich and inspirational short stories. She uses the tale of the chained baby elephant to teach us that before setting out on any journey, it is important to have a goal and an open mind. She continues by telling us another tale about a donkey that falls into a well to teach us how to take advantage of chances and turn setbacks into learning experiences. Her stage presence not only captivated but also inspired us all. The event came to an end with a vote of thanks by Professor L. Pushpa Kumar, Director of Integrated Law Course followed by a national anthem.

As the first interaction session comes to an end, it leaves a lasting impression on everyone in there. The combination of eminent personalities, deep understanding, and energetic presenters, Ishita Jaitely and Avia Sharma, has produced a symphony of information and motivation. Every moment was an ocean with intellectual depth and inspirational fervor, from the ceremonial lighting of the lamp symbolizing enlightenment to the riveting speeches of distinguished guests like Professors Anu Vali Tikoo, Balram Pani, Prakash Singh, K. Ratnabali, and Rajni Abbi. Students respond well to the challenge to be lawbreakers like Gandhi and legislators like Ambedkar, who model persistence, tenacity, and inclusion. As Professor L. Pushpa Kumar concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, the echoes of this event continue to reverberate, guiding students on a transformative journey through the corridors of law and wisdom. This marks not just an end but the beginning of an enriching academic odyssey for all those present.