<u>Charting the Course: Navigating Through Law School</u> <u>- Insights from an Informative Lecture</u>

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A special lecture was organized by the department on December 14, 2023, and Mr. Ribhav Pandey delivered a talk on the topic "Navigating through Law School: a suggestive guide for 1Ls", emphasizing the importance of understanding one's motivation, engaging in writing, participating in co-curricular activities, exploring various career options in law, and gaining insights into the field of litigation. All the students of the BALLB and BBA LLB courses were part of the elucidative program.

The event started with the felicitation of Mr. Ribhav Pandey, a practicing litigator based in Delhi by Prof L. Pushpa Kumar and he was introduced to the students. Afterwards, he delivered the talk and guided the students with a suggestive trajectory through law school. He began by emphasizing the significance of knowing one's motivation to study and get into the field of law. Having a clear sense of purpose lays the foundation of one's journey through law school and law as a career. Law being a writing and debating extensive field he then highlighted the importance of disciplined writing and actively taking part in co-curriculars. Honing one's writing skills would not only help them while writing academic papers but also in developing critical thinking and analyzing skills. He also stressed the fact that activities and societies like mooting, mediation-arbitrations, parliamentary debates, legal aid clinics, etc. would provide students a platform to form networks and would also contribute to one's professional growth. He then shed light on various aspects of legal careers eg, Litigation / Arbitration / ADR, cooperate, policy law, academia, and civil services & politics, which helped the students in gaining a wider aspect in the field of law, further helping them to choose their area of interest. To make their journey through law school simpler he broke down a list of suggestive activities that could be followed yearly. For the first and second years, the students were advised to learn how to read the law including the sociological aspects. He also stressed the fact of having a disciplined writing habit. For the third and fourth years, the students were advised to find their areas of interest and plan their internships aligned with those interests. He coined the fifth year as the "transitional year" which is less on the academics and more on the professional front. He suggested the students actively take part in various co-curricular activities if they further want to pursue their LLM. The lecture also included a brief and detailed insight into the field of litigation giving students a realistic approach. The event concluded with an interactive question and answer session, which further helped students to understand and widen their perspective in the field of law.

Mr. Ribhav Pandey provided a comprehensive roadmap for navigating through law school. The lecture equipped with valuable insights and guidance helped the students to chart their course through law school accordingly. By emphasizing the importance of motivation, writing skills, and co-curricular engagement, Mr. Pandey provided students with all the necessary tools needed to thrive in their journey through the school. The lecture was a very resourceful, interesting, and enriching experience for students.