

Interactive session: Insights from the Former Vice President of Guatemala

On February 15, 2024, the Integrated Law Course at Delhi University hosted distinguished guests, including the former Vice President of the Republic of Guatemala, H.E. Mr. Cesar Guillermo Castillo Reyes, and the former second lady, Ms. Arriaga Ardon De Castillo.

Professor Anju Vali Tikoo, Dean of the Faculty of Law, extended a warm welcome to the guests, setting the stage for an engaging dialogue. Noteworthy contributions from ICCR Programme Officer Rakesh Kumar ensured the success of the event.

The former vice president provided insights into Guatemala's political landscape, emphasising challenges in governance, human rights, and socio-economic development. He highlighted the importance of the rule of law and the role of legal professionals in ensuring justice and equity.

Cultural anecdotes shared by the former vice president worked as icebreakers, bridging the cultural gap. He talked about exploring Indian monuments and experiencing tuk-tuks in Guatemala. It was followed by a lively Q&A session. The students eagerly posed questions on a wide range of topics. The discussion covered topics such as Guatemala's constitution, judiciary, and participation in regional bodies like CICA and the Inter-American System for Human Rights.

The former vice president also touched upon 50 years of diplomatic relations between the countries, Guatemala's linguistic diversity, and pressing issues like indigenous rights, rights of midwives and climate change. Professor L. Pushpa Kumar wrapped the event with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude for the valuable perspectives shared by all participants and their spirit of collaboration.