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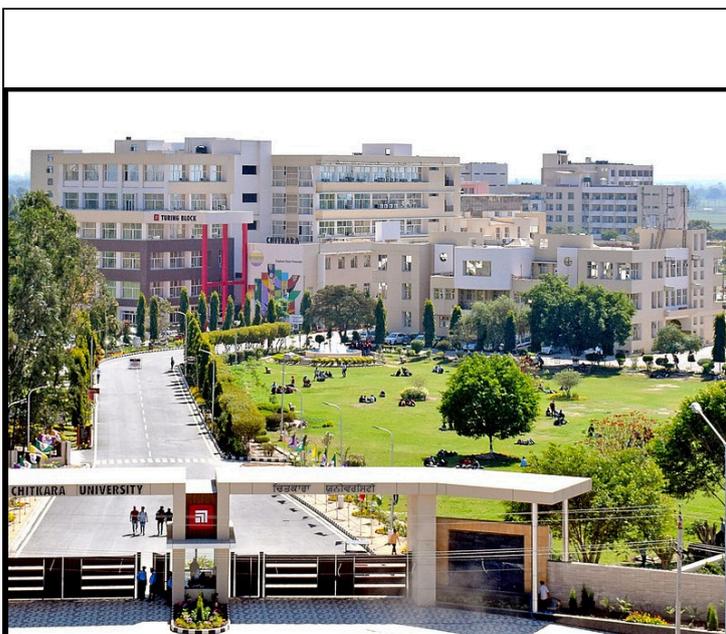
- To carry out the academic processes in accordance with global standards through active teacher-student-industry participation.
- To promote research, innovation and entrepreneurship in collaboration with industry, research laboratories and academic institutions of global repute.
- To inculcate high moral, ethical and professional values amongst our students, faculty & staff.
- To contribute in building skilful society.

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## From the Chancellor's Desk



“Your selection of a University and a study program starts an exciting phase of your life journey. You will embark upon a journey that will lead to building your careers and life. Students from around the country are attracted to Chitkara University because of our commitment to teaching excellence, focus on research, tailored courses that make our education relevant to changing career dynamics, and our formidable industry partners who believe in our academic excellence.”

### **Dr. Ashok K Chitkara**

Chancellor

Chitkara University - Punjab

## From the Pro Chancellor's Desk



“Chitkara University education brings with it a reputation that has been earned through years of serving the career-needs of the student community. At Chitkara University, we have a single point agenda – which is to impart the most sought after and important skill sets to our graduates. There are numerous reasons to choose Chitkara University, such as, a great infrastructure, stellar faculty, extensive international partnerships, etc. but it is the focus on academic rigour and critical thinking that has kept us and our students ahead of the curve.”

### **Dr. Madhu Chitkara**

Pro-Chancellor

Chitkara University - Punjab

## From the Vice Chancellor's Desk



It is with immense pride and satisfaction that I address you in this edition of the Chitkara Law School Newsletter. This quarter has been a period of significant milestones, reflecting our unwavering commitment to legal education and the holistic development of our students. We have continued to uphold the highest standards of legal education, ensuring our students are well-prepared to meet the challenges of the legal profession. I encourage all our stakeholders – faculty, students, staff – to continue to strive for excellence and contribute to the growth and development of our esteemed institution.

Prof (Dr.) Sandhir Sharma Vice Chancellor Chitkara University

### **Prof (Dr.) Sandhir Sharma**

Vice Chancellor

Chitkara University - Punjab

## From the Desk of the Dean



Dear Readers,

This newsletter is a testament to the dynamic and enriching environment we cultivate at Chitkara Law School. Our mission is to not only impart legal knowledge but also to foster an atmosphere where critical thinking, ethical practice, and a deep sense of social responsibility are paramount.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each member of our Chitkara Law School for their dedication and hardwork. Together, we will continue to uphold the highest standards of legal education and drive positive change within our community and beyond.

With warm regards and best wishes for a successful year ahead.

### **Prof.(Dr.) Ajay Ranga**

Dean

Chitkara Law School

## A Three-Day Master Class led by

## Dr. Ashok K Chitkara, the Hon'ble Chancellor, Chitkara University

A three-day Master Class on *The Rudiments of Artificial Intelligence, ChatGPT, Deepseek, Grok, and the Metaverse* was expertly led by Dr. Ashok K Chitkara, the Hon'ble Chancellor, Chitkara University from April 21-23, 2025. This distinguished session was attended by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, faculty, and students of Chitkara Law School, all of whom actively engaged in the comprehensive learning experience.

Throughout the Master Class, the Hon'ble Chancellor provided an insightful exploration of Artificial Intelligence, guiding students through the transformative technological advancements shaping modern society. Dr. Chitkara emphasized the critical importance of AI knowledge in today's world, highlighting its impact on career prospects and professional growth. His clear and engaging explanations of complex concepts such as ChatGPT, Deepseek, Grok, and the Metaverse captured the attention of all attendees, allowing them to grasp these pivotal technologies with ease. To enhance understanding, the Master Class also incorporated relevant videos that illustrated the practical applications of these technologies, providing visual context to the complex ideas discussed.

Dr. Ashok K Chitkara's distinctive teaching style—characterized by intellectual rigor, discipline, and a sense of humour, fostered an engaging and stimulating learning environment. This dynamic approach ensured full participation and kept both students and faculty captivated throughout the three-day session.

The Master Class culminated with a written examination on April 24, 2025, where students demonstrated their thorough understanding of the topics covered. Successful participants were awarded digital certificates in recognition of their achievements, further underscoring the high standard of academic excellence achieved during the sessions.



**Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. Ashok K Chitkara, addressing the audience comprising of Deans, Faculty and Students.**



**Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. Ashok K Chitkara, delivering the lecture on**

**“ The Rudiments of Artificial Intelligence, ChatGPT, Deepseek, Grok, and the Metaverse”**



**Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. Ashok K Chitkara, Col. Rakesh Sharma, Registrar, Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, Faculty Members, and Students from Chitkara Law School during the felicitation ceremony.**



**Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. Ashok K Chitkara, sharing joyous moments with the students of Chitkara Law School.**

## **Celebrating 15th National Voters' Day**

Chitkara Law School organized an event- Celebrating 15th National Voters' Day on January 27, 2025. The event aimed at raising awareness about the significance of voting, electoral processes, and democratic participation in India among the youth. The one-day event was organised to emphasize the pivotal role of youth in strengthening the democracy of our country.

The event commenced with a warm and thought-provoking welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS. He emphasized the critical importance of voting for nation-building and called upon the youth to fulfil their civic duties as responsible citizens. The key-note address, delivered by the chief guest of the event, Shri Harish Nayar (IAS), Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab, offered insights on key aspects of the voting process, electoral system in India and the critical role of the election commission, at the state and national levels, in ensuring free and fair elections.

His addresses raised awareness on the intricacies of the electoral processes in India, the challenges involved and the redressal mechanisms. He reminded and encouraged the students and faculty of the power of active voter participation for strengthening of the democratic institutions and ensuring the nation's development. The session was followed by an interactive question and answer session, where the students raised important issues and concerns around voting, elections, and democracy in India. The event included a voters' pledge, reaffirming the collective commitment of exercising the right to vote responsibly, and a vote of thanks by Shri V.N. Mohan, Director, CAS.



**Shri Harish Nayar (IAS), Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab during his address and interaction with the audience.**



**Shri Harish Nayar (IAS), Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab; Prof (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS; Shri V.N. Mohan, Director, CAS, Dr. Akshiptika Rattan, Faculty Coordinator, Faculty, Staff, and Students of Chitkara Law School.**

## **Debate Event in collaboration with Chitkara Toastmasters Club**

Chitkara Law School organized a debate competition 'Case Closed' in association with Chitkara Toastmasters Club on January 30, 2025 in Moot Court Hall, Chitkara Law School. Debate events are essential for law students, offering valuable learning experiences beyond traditional studying. They improve legal reasoning, public speaking, critical thinking, research skills, and ethical judgment, which are necessary for a successful legal career. Participation in debates hones courtroom advocacy and prepares students to become effective lawyers, judges, and policymakers.

The event 'Case Closed' – a simulated court session featuring three rounds of legal debates, where participants assumed roles as both clients and lawyers. The event served as a platform for participants to showcase their legal reasoning, public speaking, and argumentative abilities in a courtroom-style setting. Three winners were granted the best speakers award.



**Prof (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, and Prof. Sovia Rj Singh, Dean, CULC, adjudging the debate competition.**



**Prof (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS and the student participants at the event.**

## **Interactive Session with Advocate Amarendra Gogoi, Legacy Law Offices LLP Chandigarh**

Career Advancement Services and Chitkara Law School, to attain Quality Education aligned with SDG 4, Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8), Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure (SDG 9) and to bring Peace, Justice and Strong Institution (SDG 16) organized an interactive session with Sh. Amarendra Gogoi, Partner–Corporate Practice and Capital Market Team (In-charge) at Legacy Law Offices LLP Chandigarh, on dated 31st January, 2025. The main aim behind the interactive session is to make students of Chitkara Law School aware about the contemporary demands of law firms in diversified sectors of the society in general and corporate sector in particular.

Mr. Amarendra Gogoi, during his interactive session highlighted the multifarious role played by lawyers in the society. He further explained the legitimate expectation of a law firm from a newly engaged budding law graduate. He succinctly makes students aware about the work culture of a law firm. Sh. Amarendra Gogoi, very exhaustively touched upon the concept of corporate governance. He also stressed the students of Chitkara Law School to develop a requisite skill sets that will be their Unique Selling Point (USP). He shared valuable experiences of his life with the law students. During the session students asked vivid form of questions from the learned speaker.



**Adv. Amarendra Gogoi addressing the students during the event**

## **Workshop on Moot Court Training**

Chitkara Law School, successfully organized a two-day Moot Court Training Workshop which equip law students with practical advocacy skills and familiarize them with the nuances of moot court competitions. The event was conducted by Dr. Anant Vijay Maria, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India on February 3-4, 2025. Dr. Anant spoke about the importance of enhancing legal research and writing skills. He asked the students to learn about analysing legal issues, draft well-reasoned arguments, and cite authorities accurately. He also spoke about oral advocacy and asked the students to develop confidence in public speaking, articulation of legal arguments, and courtroom decorum.

The speaker emphasized on understanding of Courtroom Procedures and said that the students need to be familiar with procedural aspects such as filing petitions, presenting arguments, and responding to judicial queries. In the context of moot court competition, he stressed on the importance of developing critical thinking and analytical abilities. In moot court challenges, he added, the students need to think on their feet, anticipate counterarguments, and present logical conclusions. Moot court competitions are about teamwork and collaboration. Since the moot courts often involve team-based advocacy, students learn to work collaboratively, divide responsibilities, and strategize effectively. He also added that exposure to moot courts enhances students' prospects in legal careers by providing practical experience and opportunities to interact with professionals from the legal field.



**Dr. Ankita Sangwan, Coordinator of Moot Court Committee, welcoming the guest**

**Dr. Anant Vijay Maria, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India during the interaction with students.**



**Dr. Anant Vijay Maria, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India addressing the students during the workshop**

## **Participation at the Regional Law Consultation (Northwest Region of India) on Laws Relating to Women in Prisons**

The National Commission for Women, in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, Punjab organized a one-day 'Regional Law Consultation (Northwest Region of India) on Laws Relating to Women in Prisons' focusing on the five states of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir. Ten students from the Chitkara Law School (CLS), B.A.L.L.B (Five Years Integrated Program), Batches 2022, 2023, 2024, along with Dr. Akshiptika Rattan, Faculty of Sociology, participated in the consultation program which featured prominent personalities from different fields with an expert opinion on the theme of the program.

Prominent guests from a variety of fields like academia, judiciary, jail training schools, bureaucrats, advocates, gynaecologists', and NGO representatives presented and deliberated on the state of prisons in the northwest region of India, with reference to women prisoners. The program stressed the significance of 'institutional collaborations and

collective brain-storming needed for bringing in reforms and functional ameliorations in laws related to women prisoners in prisons across the different states. The program discussed and emphasized on the amendments required and suggestions for reforming the prison systems, with a specific focus on women prisoners and their gender-specific challenges and needs. The program offered a great learning opportunity and exposure for the participant students from the Chitkara Law School. The students learnt about the important issues and questions concerning the state of prisons in India, the challenges and barriers for women prisoners and the reforms that are urgently needed.



**Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, Dr. Akshiptika Rattan, Faculty Coordinator, and Students of Chitkara Law School at RGNUL, Patiala.**



**Dr. Akshiptika Rattan, Faculty Coordinator, and Students of Chitkara Law School at RGNUL, Patiala.**

## **Interactive Session by Ms. Zakia Soman on Championing Gender Justice and Human Rights for an Equitable World**

The Office of University in association with Chitkara Law School organized an Interactive Session with distinguished personality Ms. Zakia Soman, a well-known gender justice advocate and co-founder of The Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan (BMMA), on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

During the interaction, she spoke on the important relationship between human rights, gender justice, and the development of an egalitarian society. Zakia Soman offered priceless insights into the transformative potential of gender justice for social change because of her vast experience fighting for women's rights in India and her profound awareness of the cultural and socio-political obstacles that women encounter. With a focus on how gender equality can result in more inclusive and just systems for all people, especially marginalized groups, Zakia Soman described her vision of a society where gender justice is a basic pillar of societal growth.



**Ms. Zakia Soman addressing the students and audience.**

## Interactive Session with Advocate Rinnypal Cheema

Career Advancement Services, Chitkara Law School, organized an interactive session on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025, with an esteemed advocate to provide students with valuable insights into the legal profession. The session aimed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, thereby equipping students with the necessary skills and understanding to address pressing legal and social challenges.

The primary objective of the session was to foster a deeper understanding of the legal profession, enhance the students' practical skills, and emphasize the role of law in achieving sustainable development. The event was organized to inspire and better equip the students to contribute to the legal profession and the broader goals of sustainable development.



**Adv. Rinnypal Cheema alongwith Dean Chitkara  
Law School & Faculty Members**



**Adv. Rinnypal Cheema during the interaction with  
the students.**

## Debate Event: 'TURNCOAT'

CUP Toastmasters International Club in collaboration with Chitkara Law School organized the event, 'TURNCOAT' on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The students from all the batches (Batches 2022-23-24) of the B.A.L.L.B (Five Years Integrated Program) of Chitkara Law School participated in the event. The event, based on the concept of the activity 'Flip', involved the students volunteering to speak and debate on a topic that is given on the spot. The activity required the participants to present arguments either in defence or against the specific theme/topic and respond to impromptu questions, and flip the arguments when asked by the moderator.

The program primarily focused on encouraging and developing communication and public speaking skills amongst the students. Students, in the form of pairs, spoke extempore, on the given topics, one in defence and the other against it. The speakers were required to flip their perspective as and when indicated by the moderator of the event. The event was moderated by the President of the Club who successfully involved the audience and kept them engaged throughout the event. Based on their participation and performances, the selected students were presented with the first, second and third prizes.



**Prof (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS; Prof. Sovia Rj Singh, Dean, CULC, along with the Faculty Coordinators, Winners and Students.**

## **Legal Awareness Drive**

Chitkara Law School in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Patiala conducted a Legal Awareness Drive at the Community Centre, near Gurudwara Sahib, Village Jhansla, Tehsil Rajpura on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025. This Event was presided over by the Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, Chitkara Law School. The Resource persons of the event were Advocate Prateek Kumar and Adv Manan Mehta. The drive emphasized the importance of legal literacy and access to justice, reinforcing the commitment of the institution toward social responsibility. The presence of experienced legal professionals provided much-needed guidance to the attendees, ensuring that legal aid reached those who needed it the most. The students of 2nd Semester actively participated in the event, engaged with villagers, helped in legal counselling sessions, and assisted in spreading awareness about key legal issues.

This Event was significant because students came to know about the legal difficulties faced by rural communities, including lack of awareness about basic rights, procedural hurdles in accessing justice, and socio-economic challenges that often prevent people from seeking legal help. They also learned how legal aid bridges the gap between legal provisions and their implementation on the ground. Additionally, students gained insights into the importance of pro bono legal work, the practical aspects of client counselling, and the significance of clear and simple legal communication. Witnessing real-life cases helped them understand how laws function beyond textbooks, preparing them for their future roles in the legal profession.



**Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS; Shri V.N. Mohan, Director, CAS; Mr. Arun Vatsyayan, Faculty Coordinator, with Faculty, Staff and Students of Chitkara Law School before proceeding for the Legal Awareness Drive.**



**Chief Guest Sh. Manjinder Singh, Hon'ble Member Secretary- Punjab State Legal Services Authority, Mohali,  
Prof (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, along with residents of Jhansla Village**



**Students addressing and interacting with the residents of Jhansla village at the Legal Awareness Drive**



**Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, and Shri V.N. Mohan, Director, CAS, Mr. Arun Vatsyayan, Faculty Coordinator,  
Faculty Members, Staff and Students of Chitkara Law School**

## **International Women's Day Celebration**

Career Advancement Services, Chitkara University in collaboration with Chitkara Law School celebrated International Women's Day (IWD) on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025, to call for necessary change, and to honour the courageous acts of determination and resilience demonstrated by women across the globe. The theme of the event conducted at Martin Luther Hall, Chitkara University was "Achieving for ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality & Empowerment" aimed to highlight the importance of ensuring equal rights, gender parity, and empowerment for all women and girls, across all walks of life. As part of the celebration, a comprehensive event was organized by Chitkara Law School, Chitkara University with discussions that focused on the challenges women face in various sectors, their achievements, and the opportunities for positive change.

The event included a panel discussion on a range of critical topics aimed at exploring the successes, challenges, and experiences of women across different sectors. The esteemed panelists of the session were: Ms. Deepti Bhatia, Banking and Financial Services, Ms. Jahnvi Upadhyay, Vice President Global Legal, Ms. Radhika Sharma, Partner SBA Strategy

Consulting, Ms. Ruchi Shanker, CEO Amicus Services, Ms. Simar Suri, Associate Partner, Suria and Company. Panelists shared personal stories, strategies for overcoming obstacles, and advice for advancing women's rights in their respective fields. A student driven Fashion Show entitled 'Empowered Humanity, Historical Perspectives of Women through Ages', prepared and coordinated by Dr. Kirat Grewal and Dr. Polaki, Chitkara Law School, along with the students of B.A. L.L. B was also conducted. The event ended with a Q & A session on a positive note.



**Prof (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, Shri V.N. Mohan, Director, CAS, along with Guests**



**Prof (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, Shri V.N. Mohan, Director, CAS, along with Guests, Faculty and Students of Chitkara Law School**

## **Special Lecture on Digital Evidence and Cyber Security**

This Event was organized by Centre for Forensic Studies and Investigation (CFSI) under the aegis of Chitkara Law School, Chitkara University on March 11, 2025. Cyber Safety and Cyber World are the important components of today's world. This Event focused on discussing the major challenges of the Digital Evidence emanating from Cybercrimes. The Law students need to know the dynamics of the cyber-crimes and digital forensics in the world that presents cyber interactions and its complexities every day. The event was presided over by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean and Dr. Kanika Gaur, Faculty Coordinator, Chitkara Law School.

The Resource person was Government Officer and President Police Medal Awardee, Mr. Gurcharan Singh, Cyber Expert, Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI), Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI. The expert started with the Digital Evidence and its current scenario in the New Criminal Laws and discussed the Four Pillars of Criminal Law i.e. the Police, the prosecution, the Judiciary and the Forensic Science. The Expert discussed the Role of Police where in New Criminal Laws they are the first respondents. The expert also discussed some of the practical cases of cyber-crimes which he came across at his work and in the process informed the students how the digital footprints of cyber criminals can help to nab criminals. He also spoke about various hurdles in the cyber investigation such as multiple data sources, the problem of intermediaries and the problems posed by Artificial Intelligence. He informed the students the various ways in which digital evidence is going to be used in courts in future and the lawyers need to be conversant and prepared about it.



**Dr. Kanika Gaur, Faculty Coordinator welcoming the Chief Guest, Mr. Gurcharan Singh**



**Mr. Gurcharan Singh, Cyber Expert, Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, Dr. Kanika Gaur (Faculty Coordinator) with faculty, staff and students of CLS.**

## **Jashan-E-Khushi: A Happiness Session with the Guru of Giggling**

“Jashan-E-Khushi,” a vibrant event conducted by Dr. Madan Kataria at Exploratorium on March 20, 2025. The program aimed at promoting happiness and mental well-being through practice of Laughter Yoga. The event brought together students and faculty in a joyous celebration of positivity, guided by expert laughter Yoga trainer, who emphasized the importance of laughter in reducing stress and enhancing overall mental health.

Dr. Madan Kataria began with explaining about the Laughter Yoga and how it is a unique practice that combines intentional laughter with yogic breathing techniques, fostering relaxation, reducing stress, and enhancing overall well-being. led the session with his infectious enthusiasm and expertise, creating a vibrant and uplifting atmosphere that resonated with every participant. Throughout the session, Dr. Kataria demonstrated various laughter exercises, encouraging participants to laugh freely and unconditionally. The interactive nature of the exercises ensured active participation and engagement, making the session both educational and enjoyable. Students also learned how to incorporate these techniques into their daily lives, enabling them to experience the long-term benefits of laughter.



**Dr. Madan Kataria, Chief Guest, addressing the audience.**

## **Interactive Session on ‘Decoding Legal Compliance: Challenges in VC Funding’**

Students and faculty of Chitkara Law School attended and participated in an interactive session with Mr. Ashwani Verma, Ex-Director, Peak XV Partners (Sequonia Capital), organized by the Centre for Entrepreneurship, Education & Development (CEED), on March 26, 2025. The session delved into the legal intricacies and challenges that arise in venture capital (VC) funding. It explored the role of legal frameworks in VC funding, regulatory considerations, and the complexities of investment agreements, intellectual property, corporate governance, and international issues. Mr. Verma also focused on the common pitfalls, risk mitigation strategies, and best practices for ensuring legal and

regulatory compliance in the VC funding process. The session was followed by a Q/A session with active participation from students of Chitkara Law School.



**Mr. Ashwani Verma, Mr. Pitush Goel, Vice President, CEED, Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, and Faculty of Chitkara Law School.**



**Mr. Ashwani Verma during his presentation and interactive session with the students.**

## **Interactive Session with Advocate Swarnendu Chatterjee**

Chitkara Law School hosted an interactive session with Advocate Swarnendu Chatterjee, Partner at Lectio Law Offices, New Delhi, on March 28, 2025, under the aegis of Career Advancement Services. The session commenced with a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS.

Adv. Chatterjee addressed the evolving role of technology and AI in legal practice and emphasized the importance of engaging with both Indian and foreign judgments. He highlighted the significance of a multidisciplinary approach to legal education and practice, underscoring the need to situate law within its broader societal context. He further elucidated the distinction between trial and appellate court proceedings, advocating for young lawyers to begin their careers at the trial court level to develop practical legal skills. The session concluded with an interactive discussion, during which Adv. Chatterjee responded to student queries and offered insights into diverse career pathways, including corporate law and in-house legal roles.

The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Mr. V.N. Mohan, Director, Career Advancement Services.



**Adv. Swarnendu Chatterjee addressing the students at Chitkara Law School,  
Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, and Sh. V.N. Mohan, Director, CAS.**



**Adv. Swarnendu Chatterjee with Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, Sh. V. N. Mohan, Director, CAS,  
Faculty Members, and Staff and Students of Chitkara Law School**

## **Participation in the 4th Memorial Lecture in memory of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan Mohan Punchhi (28th Chief Justice of India) at the Law Auditorium of Panjab University, Chandigarh**

On March 29, 2025, the Dean, Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, along with faculty and students of Chitkara Law School, had the privilege of attending the 4th Memorial Lecture in memory of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan Mohan Punchhi, the 28th Chief Justice of India. The lecture, hosted at the Law Auditorium of Panjab University, Chandigarh, was organized by the Competent Foundation.

The theme of the lecture, *'Tackling the Challenges Created by Artificial Intelligence through the Existing Legal Framework'*- was explored by distinguished speakers, including Hon'ble Union Law Minister Sh. Arjun Ram Meghwal (Chief Guest) and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Palli, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court (Guest of Honour).

Mr. Sanjay Tandon, President of the Competent Foundation, warmly welcomed the guests and reflected on Justice Punchhi's guiding philosophy.

In his address, Sh. Meghwal discussed the evolution from Industry 1.0 to Industry 4.0, highlighting the need to balance technological advancement with human values such as liberty, fraternity, and equality.

Justice Arun Palli emphasized the strengths and limitations of current legal frameworks in addressing AI-related challenges. He called for a legal system that evolves with technological growth, ensuring transparency and

accountability. Adding an academic perspective, Prof. (Dr.) Shruti Bedi of UILS, Panjab University, discussed AI's potential to revolutionize the Indian judiciary.

The event offered Chitkara Law School students valuable exposure to contemporary legal challenges and the intersection of law, technology, and ethics. The lecture concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks, marking the end of an intellectually enriching and thought-provoking session.



Hon'ble Union Law Minister Sh. Arjun Meghwal, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Palli, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Prof. (Dr.) Renu Vig, Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh, and Mr. Sanjay Tandon, President of the Competent Foundation

## Participation in an Interactive Session on, 'A Relentless Pursuit of Justice, No Matter the Challenge'

Students of Chitkara Law School participated in an interactive session with the distinguished IPS officer, Mr. Amit Lodha, during the event, 'A Relentless Pursuit of Justice, No Matter the Challenge,' organized by the Office of University Communication, Chitkara University on March 31, 2025.

The session provided valuable insights into the professional journey of Mr. Lodha, illuminating the various challenges and adversities he has faced in the course of his service. Through compelling personal narratives, Mr. Lodha sensitized students to critical socio-legal issues confronting contemporary India, while emphasizing the core values of integrity, honesty, commitment, and courage that define ethical public service.

Students from Chitkara Law School engaged actively in the discussion, exploring issues related to law enforcement and justice delivery. The session served to enhance their understanding of the operational realities of policing in India and the pivotal role that law enforcement agencies play within the broader legal and societal framework.



**Dr. Akshiptika Rattan, Dr. Manish Kumar, Faculty, and Students of Chitkara Law School at the event.**



**The Guest Speaker of the event, IPS officer, Mr. Amit Lodha with students and faculty of Chitkara Law School.**

## **Two-Day Workshop on Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR)**

The Centre for Alternate Dispute Resolution, Chitkara Law School, in collaboration with Samvad Mediation Centre, Lucknow, organized a two-day workshop on Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) on April 2–3, 2025. Dr. Mohammad Umar, Consultant and Lead Faculty at Samvad, served as the resource person. Dr. Shashi Bhushan Ojha, Faculty Coordinator of the Centre, introduced the theme and objectives of the workshop. Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, delivered the welcome address, emphasizing the relevance of ADR and mediation in contemporary legal practice.

The workshop introduced students to the concept, scope, and significance of ADR, beginning with its historical roots and the 76th Law Commission Report highlighting systemic delays in justice delivery. Key sessions covered various ADR mechanisms—Arbitration, Mediation, and Negotiation—along with relevant provisions of the important Acts. Participants explored the principles, stages, and scope of court intervention in arbitration through the analysis of relevant case law. Day 2 focused on mediation as facilitated negotiation, delving into its elements, benefits, and the SCARF Model for conflict resolution. Practical simulations and an objective assessment concluded the workshop.

The event concluded with the signing of an MoU between Samvad Mediation Centre and Chitkara Law School to promote future collaborations in training, internships, and certification programs.



**Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, addressing guest faculty, and students during the welcome address for the workshop.**



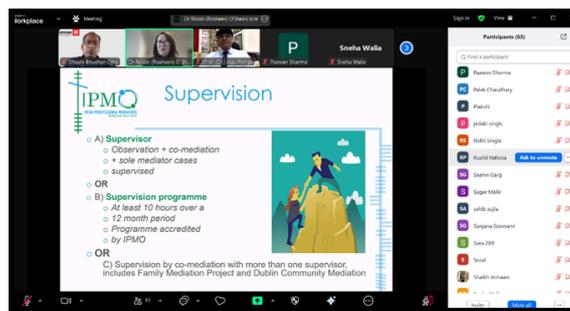
**Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, with Dr. Mohammad Umar, during signing of an MoU between Samvad Mediation Centre, Lucknow, and Chitkara Law School.**

## **Special Lecture (Online) on Mediation**

The Centre for Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR), Chitkara Law School, organized an online special lecture on mediation on April 14, 2025. The session featured Dr. Roisin O' Shia BL, Partner at ARC Mediation and Chair of the Irish Professional Mediators' Organization (IPMO), as the resource person. The event commenced with opening remarks by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS.

Dr. O' Shia began by distinguishing between court-based dispute resolution and mediation, and further introduced the work of the Irish Professional Mediators' Organization, established in 2021, which brings together academics, practitioners, and industry experts to promote mediation in Ireland. A comparative overview of mediation laws in Ireland and India was also presented, enriching students' understanding of cross-jurisdictional practices.

The session concluded with words of appreciation and gratitude by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, who thanked Dr. O' Shia for her insightful and engaging presentation.



**Dr. Roisin O' Shia BL, during the online session and interaction with students of Chitkara Law School.**

## **An Educational Visit to the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), Patiala**

Chitkara Law School organized an educational visit to the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), Patiala, for B.A.LL.B. sixth semester students as part of their Environmental Law curriculum. The visit was conducted under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, and Dr. Avnish Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor and Course Coordinator, on April 4, 2025.

The objective of the visit was to bridge theoretical learning with real-world environmental governance. Students participated in an engaging session with Mr. Avtar Singh (Scientific Officer) and Ms. Sumati Oswal (Law Officer), who provided an overview of PPCB's structure, jurisdiction, inspection protocols, and legal interventions under the Water Act, 1974, and the Air Act, 1981.

A highlight of the visit was the tour of the Water and Air Laboratories, where students observed sample collection procedures and pollution testing methods, gaining practical insights into environmental monitoring and compliance. This experiential learning opportunity emphasized the critical role of regulatory bodies and reinforced the importance of law in environmental protection.



**Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, Chitkara Law School, Dr. Avnish Kumar Singh, Faculty Coordinator, with the students from B.A.L.L.B, 6<sup>th</sup> semester.**



**Scientific and Assistant Scientific Officers at PPCB (Right) Assistant Scientific Officer with Dr. Avnish Kumar Singh, Faculty Coordinator, and students of Chitkara Law School at newly constructed Water Laboratory.**

## **Interactive Session on 'Applying Critical Thinking Skills in Legal Education and Practice'**

Chitkara Law School spearheaded an interactive session on 'Applying Critical Thinking Skills in Legal Education and Practice,' under the aegis of the Centre for Research and Critical Thinking, on April 9, 2025. The session was conducted by Prof. (Dr.) Hardeep Anant, Professor of Organizational Behavior and Communication and Ex-Dean of Business Programs, City University of Ajman, UAE. The event began with a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, and was attended by Shri V.N. Mohan, Director, CAS.

The session emphasized the relevance of critical thinking to legal education and professional practice. Prof. Anant engaged students in unpacking complex concepts, fostering logical reasoning, ethical judgment, and evidence-based decision-making as core competencies in law. He introduced key concepts such as cognitive biases, logical fallacies, and the IRAC framework through real-life examples, case discussions, and a mock debate. The session encouraged students to critically evaluate arguments, challenge their assumptions, and develop well-reasoned legal positions.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Akshiptika Rattan, reaffirming the Law School's commitment to embedding critical thinking at the core of its academic and pedagogical initiatives.



**Prof. (Dr.) Hardeep Anant addressing the students of Chitkara Law School during the session.**



**Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, Sh. V. N. Mohan, Director, CAS, Prof. (Dr.) Hardeep Anant, Dr. Akshiptika Rattan (Faculty Coordinator) along with the Faculty, Staff and Students of Chitkara Law School.**

## **Sports Tournament- 'Court Clash'**

Chitkara Law School, in collaboration with the Chitkara Sports Board, hosted the exciting "Court Clash" sports tournament at the Sportorium on April 11, 2025, coordinated by Dr. Avnish Kumar Singh, and Dr. Polaki, Faculty at CLS. The event featured a range of sports, including badminton, darts, chess, carrom, fuzzleball, and arm wrestling, offering something for every interest and skill level.

The opening ceremony began with an inspiring address by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean of CLS, who emphasized the importance of sports in fostering holistic development. The tournament saw thrilling matches across various categories, showcasing a blend of speed, strategy, precision, teamwork, strength, and dexterity. The tournament offered a dynamic and exciting experience for all participants.

The event culminated in an award ceremony, where Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Sh. V.N. Mohan, Director of CAS, and Mr. Abhimanyu Gulati, Assistant Director of the Sports Board, presented medals, trophies, and certificates to the winners, celebrating their remarkable achievements. The day concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Sh. V.N. Mohan, recognizing the efforts of all involved in making the tournament a success.

Court Clash highlighted the spirit of sportsmanship and provided a platform for students to excel beyond academics, reflecting Chitkara University's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals.



**Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, Sh. V. N. Mohan, Director, CAS, Dr. Avnish Kumar Singh, and Dr. Polaki, Faculty Coordinators, along with the winners of the Sports Tournament, 'Court Clash.'**



**Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, Sh. V. N. Mohan, Director, CAS, and Faculty Members, Staff and Students of Chitkara Law School.**

## **A Master Class on, 'Mastering the Art of Legal Research'**

Chitkara Law School, Chitkara University, successfully hosted a Master Class titled "*Mastering the Art of Legal Research*" on April 15, 2025. The session commenced with a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, Chitkara Law School, who set the tone for an enriching academic experience.

Conducted by Ms. Purva Juneja, an advocate and legal researcher, the Master Class provided law students with a valuable opportunity to refine their legal research skills. Participants explored legal research methods and strategies for navigating complex legal issues. Ms. Juneja also demonstrated the effective use of legal research platforms, equipping attendees with practical tools for efficient legal research.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Polaki, who acknowledged Ms. Juneja's insightful contributions and reaffirmed the Law School's commitment to fostering academic excellence.



**Ms. Purva Juneja during an interaction with the students of Chitkara Law School.**



**Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, Ms. Purva Juneja, Dr. Polaki (Faculty Coordinator)**

**with Faculty Members, Staff, and Students of Chitkara Law School.**

## **Intra-College Debate Competition on, 'Uniform Civil Code (UCC): A Step Towards Equality or an Infringement on Religious Freedom?'**

Chitkara Law School organized an engaging Intra-College Debate Competition on the topic, 'Uniform Civil Code (UCC): A Step Towards Equality or an Infringement on Religious Freedom?' on April 16, 2025. The competition, aimed at fostering analytical thinking and public speaking, saw participation from students across multiple disciplines. The event began with opening remarks by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean of CLS, who encouraged students to engage with diverse perspectives and develop structured arguments. The panel of judges, including Dr. Jasdeep Kaur, Dr. Akshiptika Rattan, and Dr. Anu Verma (Education Department), evaluated teams based on content, clarity, rebuttal strength, and delivery. The debate was hosted by Sneha Walia, B.A.L.L.B, 4th semester.

After vibrant discussions and passionate rebuttals, the team of Sumedha Bansal and Teesta Mahajan, B.A.L.L.B, 1<sup>st</sup> semester, emerged as the winners, while Sahibpreet Singh and Hatender Kaur, B.A.L.L.B, 1<sup>st</sup> semester, were named runners-up. Sumedha Bansal was also awarded Best Speaker for her exceptional performance.

The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, where trophies and certificates were awarded to the winners, runners-up, and the Best Speaker. Dr. Ankita Chakraborty, Faculty Coordinator, delivered the vote of thanks, recognizing the participants for their enthusiasm and mutual respect throughout the competition.



**Judges of the event, Dr. Jasdeep Kaur, Dr. Akshiptika Rattan, and Dr. Anu Verma, with Dr. Ankita Chakraborty, Faculty Coordinator, Faculty Members, Winning and Runners-Up Team and the Participants.**

## Interactive Session with Mr. Siddhartha Kumar

The Career Advancement Services at Chitkara Law School organized an insightful session with Mr. Siddhartha Kumar from Dua Associates on April 24, 2025. Ms. Nehmat Dua, representing Dua Associates, was also present at the occasion. The session began with a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, who emphasized the importance of aligning academic learning with professional aspirations. Mr. Kumar then shared valuable insights on building a successful legal career, stressing the significance of clarity, discipline, and purpose. He encouraged students to integrate their career goals with personal values and highlighted the broader scope of legal education, which extends beyond law to include character development and lifelong learning.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. V.N. Mohan, who expressed gratitude to the speaker and participants for their engagement, reaffirming the university's commitment to bridging academic knowledge with real-world legal practice.



**Mr. Siddhartha Kumar during his interaction with the students**



**Mr. Siddhartha Kumar, Ms. Nehmat Dua, with Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, Sh. V. N. Mohan, Director, CAS, Faculty Members and Students of Chitkara Law School.**

## Treasure Hunt, 'IP Odyssey: The Quest for Creativity'

On April 28, 2025, Chitkara Law School marked WIPO World IP Day with *IP Odyssey: The Quest for Creativity*, a dynamic treasure hunt organized by the Centre for Intellectual Property Rights (CIPR). This innovative event was designed to engage students in the world of intellectual property (IP) through a hands-on, experiential learning format.

The event commenced with a warm Welcome Address by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, Chitkara Law School, who emphasized the importance of IP awareness in legal education and encouraged students to think critically and creatively in the field of intellectual property rights.

Structured into two engaging rounds, the event challenged 22 student teams to solve IP-themed clues across the campus, uncovering practical examples of patents, trademarks, copyrights, geographical indications, and trade secrets. The top seven teams progressed to the final round, where they tackled more intricate legal scenarios requiring strategic thinking, and collaborative problem-solving.

*IP Odyssey* saw enthusiastic participation from students, who engaged actively and creatively throughout the competition. The team of Niharika Singla, Tiya and Ridhima, from B.A.LL.B, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester emerged as the winning team.

The event concluded with a thought-provoking address by Prof. (Dr.) S.N. Panda, Centre for Research Impact & Outcome, followed by the felicitation of winners by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, and Prof. (Dr.) S. N. Panda. The program ended on a gracious note with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Polaki, Faculty Coordinator, CIPR, acknowledging the efforts of participants, organizers, and distinguished guests in making the event a success.



**Prof. (Dr.) S.N. Panda, Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, and Dr. Polaki (Faculty Coordinator), felicitating and awarding the winning team of B.A.LL.B, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.**



**Prof. (Dr.) S.N. Panda, Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, along with faculty, students and participants.**

## **Interactive Session on 'Crime Against Women and New Criminal Laws'**

The Centre for Criminal Laws and Policy at Chitkara Law School organized an insightful session on 'Crime Against Women and New Criminal Laws' with Ms. Rani Bindu Sachdeva (IPS), Director of the Central Detective Training Institute, Chandigarh, on April 29, 2025.

The session began with a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, CLS, followed by a detailed presentation by Ms. Sachdeva. She discussed the recent amendments in criminal laws, focusing on crimes against women, including updated definitions, penalties, and newly introduced offences. She emphasized the procedural changes aimed at expediting investigations and trials, particularly in sexual offence cases, and highlighted the role of electronic records as evidence. Key provisions such as mandatory medical examinations, victim support measures, and stricter penalties were also discussed.

The session concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where faculty and students engaged in a fruitful discussion. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Jasdeep Kaur, Associate Professor and Centre Faculty Coordinator.

The session provided valuable insights into the evolving landscape of criminal laws in India, especially regarding the protection and support of women.



**Ms. Rani Bindu Sachdeva (IPS), Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, Dr. Jasdeep Kaur, Faculty Coordinator during the interaction**



**Ms. Rani Bindu Sachdeva (IPS), Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, Dr. Jasdeep Kaur, Faculty Coordinator, Faculty Members, Staff, and Students of Chitkara Law School**

## **“Justice Rewritten: A Cinematic Dive into New Criminal Laws” Reel Making Competition**

Centre for Criminal Law and Policy, Chitkara Law School organized a Reel Making Competition exclusively for B.A.LL.B. students under the patronship of Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Ranga, Dean, Chitkara Law School along with faculty coordinator, Dr. Jasdeep Kaur.

The competition aimed to creatively disseminate awareness about recent criminal law amendments. Participants used storytelling and visual arts to highlight the impact and implications of the new statutes. Reels were submitted in English, Hindi, or Punjabi, strictly adhering to format, content originality, and professionalism. The event not only fostered legal understanding but also encouraged students to explore diverse social perspectives. Judged on clarity, creativity, and legal accuracy, the contest successfully made legal discussions more accessible and engaging to the youth.



**Reel video still photo**

## **Job Shadowing Programme**

The Job Shadowing Law Programme was conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2025 to provide school students with an immersive experience into the legal profession. Through this initiative, students observe and interact with faculty, gaining firsthand insight into career prospects, admission procedures and challenges in legal profession. This exposure helps demystify the legal field and assists students in making informed decisions about pursuing a

career in law. Engaging in job shadowing allows students to explore these diverse roles, helping them make informed decisions about their future legal careers.



**Dr. Jasdeep Kaur (Associate Professor) addressing the participant students**



**Faculty members and staff of CLS with the participant students of Chitkara International School**

## **Immersion Programme for students of Chitkara International School**

The Immersion Programme at Chitkara Law School on 26<sup>th</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 was designed to provide law students with an integrated learning experience, combining theoretical knowledge with practical exposure. The sessions covered a broad spectrum of legal topics, professional skills, and ethical considerations aimed at shaping well-rounded legal professionals. The programme facilitated active participation through discussions, case studies, court visits, and interactive activities.

The students were made aware about the opportunities, pathway, possibilities, internship and placement awareness, Moot Court basis, Intellectual Property Rights, fundamental duties, law & morality, sociological aspects of law. Apart from theoretical perspective, the practical exposure was given to the students through court visits, discussions, debate, case studies activities.



**Dr. Jasdeep Kaur (Associate Professor, CLS) addressing the students during the immersion programme**



**Prof. (Dr.) Shobha Gulati (Professor, CLS) addressing the students during the immersion Programme**



**Mr. V.N.Mohan (Director CAS), Prof. (Dr.) Shobha Gulati, Dr. Jasdeep Kaur alongwith other faculty, staff members and students during the immersion Programme**

## **Special Lecture: "Alumni Ignite Spark Talk"**

The Special Lecture at Chitkara Law School held on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 was designed to provide students with a balanced learning experience that combined theoretical knowledge with practical insights from the legal profession. Delivered by alumnus Mr. Gursimran Singh, the session covered a wide range of topics including career pathways, professional ethics, and essential skills needed to succeed in law. The lecture encouraged active student participation through discussions and an engaging Q&A, emphasizing the importance of internships, moot courts, and court visits for real-world exposure. It also focused on developing critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills while addressing common challenges faced by legal professionals. Overall, the event motivated students to embrace continuous learning and fostered a strong connection between the alumni and current students, enriching the academic environment at Chitkara Law School.



**Mr. Gursimran Singh, Dr. Harkiran Kaur, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Chitkara Alumni Network and Sh. V.N. Mohan, Director, CAS**



**Mr. Gursimran Singh interacting with the students of Chitkara Law School**

“Laws are the very bulkwarks of liberty; they define every man’s rights, and defend the individual liberties of all men.”

– J.G. Holland

“Law is the embodiment of the moral sentiment of the people.”

– William Blackstone



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