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JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, JUDGE, PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT ADDRESSED THE STUDENTS ON BRIDGING GAP BETWEEN LEGAL THEORY AND PRACTICE

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law today concluded '**Two day Career Conclave on future of corporate law: Careers, Trends and Opportunities.**' Day 1 witnessed the august presence of **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shabihul Hasnain, (Former Judge Allahabad High Court) Chairman of Advisory Board, Prevention of Illicit Traffic Narcotics, Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities, Govt. of Punjab.** He inaugurated the event and emphasized the constructive role of young advocates in ensuring access to justice for common people. He mentioned the journey of the legal profession from pleader to advocate. He highlighted the nobility of the legal profession and the requirement of adherence to the principles of equity and justice. He urged young professionals to stay true to the notion of giving back to society. He sensitized the gathering by sharing the essence of the preamble to the Constitution of India and gave a prismatic view of socialism.

Day 2 of the session commenced with the addresses of Mr. Vinit Trehan and Mr. Kaustabh Sinha from leading law firms of India.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anupinder Singh Grewal emphasized that judicial decisions must be grounded in facts, expert evidence, and the rule of law. He highlighted an interesting moment during the hearing when the credentials of the petitioner filing the PIL were questioned, highlighting the importance of legal standing and subject-matter knowledge in public interest litigation. Reflecting on his broader legal journey, Justice Grewal spoke candidly about the challenges and rewards of litigation. He noted that there are no overnight successes in the legal profession, and that the initial years often involve working with clients from disadvantaged backgrounds—people who may not be able to afford seasoned counsel but entrust young lawyers with hope. These formative experiences, he said, offer immense satisfaction and shape a lawyer's ethical foundation. He further observed how technology has revolutionized legal practice. Unlike earlier times when legal research involved laborious searches through digests and physical law reports, today's legal fraternity has access to digital databases and case law at the click of a button. Innovations such as live-streaming of court proceedings have also contributed to transparency and public engagement with the judicial system. In a session that was both thought-provoking and accessible, Justice Grewal addressed a wide range of questions posed by law students, offering clarity on trial advocacy, internships, judicial careers, and the importance of effective communication in law.

One of the key discussions centered around the difference between trial advocacy and appellate advocacy. In response, Justice Grewal emphasized the foundational value of starting at the trial court level, urging students and young lawyers to first immerse themselves in trial advocacy.



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He explained that the trial stage equips advocates with a hands-on understanding of evidence, courtroom dynamics, and direct client interaction — all of which are essential to becoming a well-rounded lawyer. This base, he said, enriches later work in appellate courts where the focus shifts more to legal interpretation and precedent.

A first-year law student sought guidance on how to navigate various fields of law, determine one's interests, and build a meaningful path through internships. In a generous and encouraging gesture, Justice Grewal offered the student the opportunity to learn under his own guidance, exemplifying his commitment to mentorship. He advised students to explore a broad spectrum of internships, including corporate law, litigation, judicial clerkships, and other allied areas to develop a balanced understanding of the legal ecosystem before making a choice of specialization.

The discussion also touched upon the concept of lateral entry into the judiciary, as well as the role of young judges in today's legal landscape. Justice Grewal acknowledged the growing interest in early judicial appointments but stressed the importance of gaining substantial experience at the Bar before joining the Bench. Practical courtroom exposure, he noted, provides vital perspective, maturity, and a sense of judicial responsibility that enhances the quality of justice delivery.

Another significant aspect of the conversation was the importance of simple and accessible legal language. Justice Grewal underscored the need for clarity and simplicity in judicial communication, particularly for the benefit of general litigants. He cautioned against overly technical or academic language that can alienate or confuse those who seek justice, reminding everyone that law exists to serve people — and people must be able to understand it.

In a lighter but meaningful moment, he spoke about the importance of playing sports, sharing his own love for cricket and how it helped shape discipline, focus, and a sense of fair play. He also touched on the value of digital detox — encouraging students and young professionals to take time away from screens and social media to maintain mental clarity and emotional well-being in an increasingly fast-paced legal world.

The session stood out for its interactive and sincere atmosphere, where students felt empowered to ask honest questions and received grounded, practical advice in return. Justice Grewal's reflections were not only insightful but also deeply reassuring for young aspirants seeking direction in a complex profession.

By the end of the discussion, students walked away with a deeper understanding of trial court practice, the value of diverse experiences, the ethics of judiciary, and the human element of legal language — all conveyed with clarity and humility.

The session concluded with Justice Grewal offering advice to aspiring legal professionals: stay grounded, adapt to change, and never compromise on the core values of honesty, hard work, and respect for the legal system. His life journey—marked by academic excellence, sporting



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discipline, principled advocacy and a balanced judicial approach—served as an inspiring template for those in attendance.

Hon'ble Vice chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Jai. S. Singh extended welcome to all the guests. He mentioned that the spirit of continuous learning and professional growth can kept alive by engaging with distinguished leaders from the corporate sector, litigation, and other intersecting legal professions. He welcomed all dignitaries and delegates of the Conclave.

The event received an overwhelming response by the students. The event concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr Shiva Satish Sharda in the presence of Dr Ivneet Walia, Registrar, Dr Jaswinder Kaur, Dr Manpreet, Dr Sourav Kumar and Dr Jasmine kaur.

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