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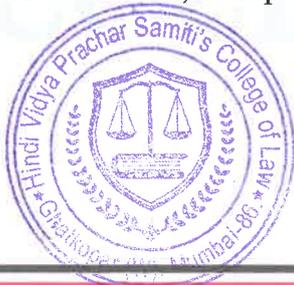
Report on Value added course on Human Values and Professional Ethics

The Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's College of Law conducted a 35-hour comprehensive value-added course on Human Values and Professional Ethics, emphasizing the significance of ethical conduct and universal human values in professional domains. This program aimed to instill a strong sense of integrity and moral responsibility among the students, preparing them to navigate complex ethical challenges in their legal fields. The Principal of HVPS College of Law, Dr. Mrs. Madhura Kalamkar, in her welcome address, emphasized the pivotal role of ethical conduct and universal human values in shaping the ethos of the academic community. She encouraged the students to actively engage in insightful sessions and thought-provoking discussions, equipping them with the ethical framework necessary for success in their professional endeavors.

The event coordinator, Mr. Amar Salve, IQAC Coordinator, introduced the guest speaker of the day, Adv. Gauri Rane, a Legal Researcher and Project Associate at NLSIU, Bangalore. Adv. Gauri Rane's discussion during the first two days revolved around three fundamental concepts: Firstly, professional ethics, which are the moral principles and conduct codes specific to a profession, serving as a guide for ethical decision-making and the maintenance of trust and integrity within that field. Secondly, the distinction between a profession, which requires specialized education and expertise, and professionalism, involving adherence to the values, ethics, and standards associated with one's chosen profession, including qualities like competence, integrity, and respect. Finally, the significance of universal human values, such as justice, fairness, and integrity, in the legal profession, emphasizing the need for legal professionals, including lawyers, to prioritize these values to ensure a just and equitable legal system, even in complex or challenging cases, ultimately contributing to a fair and just society.

On day three, Adv. Savina Crasto delivered a lecture on two key topics. Firstly, she discussed the rules pertaining to engagements in other occupations in addition to the legal profession, shedding light on the ethical considerations and guidelines for professionals with multiple roles. Secondly, she addressed the standards of professional conduct and etiquette expected in corporate offices, emphasizing the importance of maintaining professionalism and ethical behavior within the corporate environment. This discussion included ethical considerations and guidelines for professionals who balance multiple roles or engage in different professions simultaneously. It's crucial for individuals in such situations to navigate potential conflicts of interest and maintain the highest ethical standards in both their legal and non-legal activities.

On day four, Adv. Swapnil Patil discussed the essence of "Understanding Professional Ethics," emphasizing the importance of moral principles and codes of conduct specific to various professions. Second, he explored the distinction between "Profession & Professionalism,"




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highlighting the need for specialized education, expertise, and adherence to values and ethics in one's chosen field. Lastly, he focused on "Understanding Universal Human Values in the Legal Profession," stressing the pivotal role of values like justice, fairness, and integrity for legal professionals in upholding a just and equitable legal system, promoting equal rights, opposing discrimination, and protecting individual rights and the rule of law, contributing to a fair and just society.

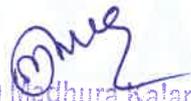
During Adv. Mikhail Dey's lecture on day five, he covered a range of significant responsibilities within the legal profession. These include the duty to the court, which involves upholding the legal system's integrity, the duty to clients, prioritizing their best interests, the duty to treat opponents with fairness, maintaining respectful relationships with colleagues, providing legal aid to those in need, and emphasizing professionalism and ethics within corporate office settings, where many legal professionals work. These duties and principles are essential for maintaining the integrity of the legal profession and ensuring justice and fairness in the legal system.

On the sixth day, Adv. Savina Crasto focused on corporate compliance and the assessment of corporate ethics across different industry sectors. This included discussions on how companies adhere to regulatory requirements and the variations in ethical standards observed in various business domains. Corporate governance, a critical topic in the corporate world, was likely explained, emphasizing the framework and principles governing how businesses are managed and how they ensure ethical and responsible behavior to protect the interests of stakeholders and society at large.

On day seven, led by Ms. Tanvi Thakkar, the central theme of corporate governance took the spotlight. The lecture delved into the principles, structures, and practices that guide the way corporations are managed and controlled, with a focus on promoting transparency, accountability, and responsible decision-making. This critical topic plays a pivotal role in shaping the behavior of businesses, their relationships with stakeholders, and their overall sustainability and success. The lecture explored various aspects of corporate governance, including board structures, ethical standards, regulatory frameworks, and the role of shareholders and directors in upholding the integrity and ethical standards of corporate entities.

The eighth day of the Value-Added Course, presented by Adv. Savina Crasto and Ms. Tanvi Thakkar, delved into the critical comparison between legal practice and corporate legal work. This encompassed the roles of individual advocates, law firms, and corporate legal offices. Additionally, the lecture examined key elements, including accountancy in the legal profession, rules and regulations governing legal practice, ethical considerations, and the varying management practices across these distinct legal work environments. This comprehensive exploration provided valuable insights into the multifaceted dimensions of the legal profession




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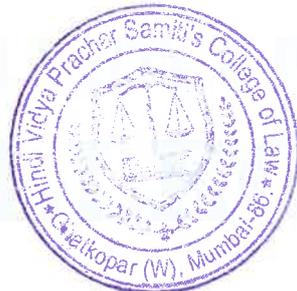
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and the critical factors that differentiate individual advocacy, law firms, and corporate offices in the legal landscape.

On the final two days of the comprehensive value-added course on Human Values and Professional Ethics, an assessment of the students was carried out. A total of 23 students completed the course. The course had a significant impact on our students, helping them develop a heightened awareness of ethical considerations in their chosen fields. It was a resounding success, contributing significantly to their ethical development and preparing them to face the ethical challenges that may arise in their future professions. The comprehensive structure of the course, engaging discussions, and the expertise of guest speakers made it an enriching experience for all participants



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