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Press Release

JMI organises Extension Lecture on Expanding Role of a Law Professional in the Changing Paradigm of Post Covid-19 Scenario

Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) organized an online Extension Lecture on 'Expanding Role of a Law Professional in the Changing Paradigm of Post Covid-19 Scenario' on August 27th, 2020 on Google Meet and streamed it live on Facebook. The lecture was delivered by renowned academician and Cyber Law expert Prof. (Dr.) Tabrez Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dean, G.D. Goenka University which was chaired by Prof. (Dr.) Eqbal Hussain, Dean, Faculty of Law, JMI.

The lecture was moderated by Miss Aayushi Bana, final year student of BA.LL.B. (Hons.) and attended by more than 200 participants which included students, faculty members and research scholars.

In his opening remarks Prof. (Dr.) Eqbal Hussain elaborated about the subject chosen for the discussion and also highlighted the importance of skills of an advocate in terms of e-knowledge, client management, time management and other factors needed to be relevant in the successful functioning and hearings of virtual courts.

He also pointed out the significance of ADR as a potent alternate quoting the limitations of virtual court hearings in the number of disposal of cases. He also touched upon the issue of force majeure (Act of God) due the pandemic in discharge of legal obligation in the contractual relationship between the employers and employees which was an eye opener for budding lawyers.

Prof. (Dr.) Tabrez Ahmed began his lecture with the statistical data about the legal education and the legal profession. He said that there are around 15 to 20 lacs lawyers already working in India and around 70 thousand lawyers passing out of colleges and Universities every year to join the legal profession. Thus there is a cut throat competition and how to move ahead in the changing scenario as an academician and legal professional by innovating & designing and devising the approaches and the course curriculum is a question of great concern.

Prof. Ahmed also emphasized upon the pedagogy to be adopted for teaching and learning law to be relevant in the changing scenario.

He expressed his gratitude to Late Professor Madhava Menon for coming up with the idea of National Law Schools and 5 years integrated course which starts after 10+2, in changing the scenario from law by chance to law by choice.

Prof. Ahmed also emphasized on how the scope of law further increased by the advent of MNCs and growing market due Liberalization, Privatization And Globalization(LPG) which catapulted the demand of the corporate lawyers and non-litigation lawyers. Sharing the data he said that every year almost 2 lac companies get registered which need lawyers for the process and also lawyers are needed for the settlement of disputes be it judicial or extrajudicial settlement of disputes.

He referred to the internet related crimes which have increased three times during the Covid-19 pandemic opening the scope for lawyers in this area also.

He also talked about the competition in the field and the tricks and tips for the budding lawyers to survive and excel in the field and stressed the need of specialized knowledge and expertise in the field of medicine.

Vote of thanks was tendered by Dr. Subhradipta Sarkar, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, JMI.

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