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School of Law, Governance and Public Policy

About the University

Chanakya University is a new-age, interdisciplinary university located in Bengaluru, Karnataka, near Kempegowda International Airport, within the Aerospace Industrial Zone. Positioned in a corridor shaped by global enterprise, the University draws from its surroundings while cultivating a distinct academic culture grounded in inquiry and purpose.

The University is founded on the conviction that contemporary challenges require integrative thinking and contextual understanding. Learning encourages students to examine how legal, social, economic, and technological forces interact, developing systems-level thinking and the ability to navigate complexity in professional contexts.

This philosophy is realised through six Schools: Law, Governance and Public Policy; Management Sciences; Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Mathematics and Natural Sciences; Biosciences; and Engineering. Each School offers disciplinary depth while remaining connected through shared academic foundations and interdisciplinary pathways.

In this way, aligned with the National Education Policy 2020, Chanakya University offers flexible academic structures that support exploration.

At a Glance 2025–26

Learners' Inclusivity

2400+ Students on campus

49% Students receiving aid

40+ Programmes Offered

400+ Courses to choose from

Thought Leadership

145+ Faculty Members

65+ Domains Experts

Transdisciplinary Initiatives

7 Centres of Excellence

6 Academic Schools

2 Research Chairs



Rigour

A structured curriculum grounded in law, governance, and public policy, with strong emphasis on constitutional foundations.

Relevance

Deeply rooted in India's post-colonial legal and governance realities, while engaging with Bharatiya perspectives on justice and public responsibility.

Readiness

Practice-oriented training through policy labs, simulations, fieldwork, and exposure to contemporary tools, preparing graduates for real-world public roles.

Law-in-Context, Leadership-in-Practice

About the School

The School of Law, Governance and Public Policy (SLGPP) is an advanced interdisciplinary academic space dedicated to applied learning and research in law and public policy. The School integrates legal education with governance, public administration, economics, and policy studies to enable students to understand law as a central instrument of governance and social transformation.

Anchored in constitutional values, Indian intellectual traditions, and informed by global perspectives, SLGPP emphasises rigorous scholarship, ethical reasoning, and policy relevance to address contemporary public challenges.

Through its undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes including the Five-year integrated B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), One year- LL.M.(Corporate and Commercial Laws), M.A. in Public Policy, and Ph.D. the School adopts an innovative pedagogy centred on experiential and research-led learning.

Legal and policy clinics, internships, moot courts, drafting and policy labs, field engagement, and sustained public dialogue form the core of its applied approach. Graduates are prepared for diverse careers in legal practice, corporate and regulatory roles, public policy and governance, civil services, academia, and the social sector, emerging as competent, socially responsible, and policy-ready professionals.

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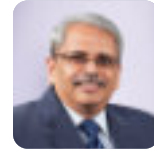
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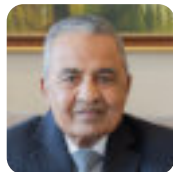
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Guided by distinguished global thought leaders, drawn from a wide spectrum of Academic, Aesthetic, Industry, Professional and Socio–Cultural domains representing the idea of Bharat.

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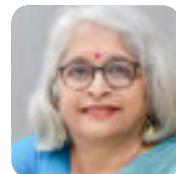
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Government of Karnataka

Dean's message



Prof. (Dr.) Chetan Singai

Professor and Dean,
School of Law, Governance
and Public Policy, Chanakya University

The School of Law, Governance and Public Policy (SLGPP) at Chanakya University is guided by a clear and purposeful vision: to emerge as an advanced interdisciplinary School in India for applied learning and research in law and policy. This vision reflects our belief that the most pressing challenges of our time ranging from constitutional governance and regulatory reform to development, sustainability, and social justice cannot be addressed through single disciplines or purely theoretical approaches. Law and public policy today demand intellectual integration, empirical grounding, and sustained engagement with institutions and society.

The School is therefore committed to fostering an academic ecosystem where rigorous legal scholarship is meaningfully integrated with public policy, governance studies, economics, and the social sciences. Our emphasis on applied learning ensures that students move beyond classrooms into courts, policy labs, field settings, and research environments where law and policy are shaped, implemented, and contested. Experiential pedagogy, research-led teaching, and continuous dialogue with government, judiciary, civil society, and industry form the core of our educational approach.

As Dean, my focus is on building a School that combines academic excellence with public relevance. We seek to nurture graduates and scholars who are not only professionally competent, but also ethically grounded, policy-aware, and socially responsible individuals capable of contributing thoughtfully to India's governance ecosystem and to informed policymaking at national and global levels.

Programmes Offered

UG Programmes



Five-year integrated
B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)



Five-year integrated
B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)

PG Programmes



One-Year L.L.M
(Corporate and Commercial Law)



Two-Year M.A. Public Policy





Eligibility

Five-year integrated B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)

- 10 + 2/ PUC/ HSC with minimum 45% marks (40 % marks for SC. ST. students)
- Cleared the CLAT/LSAT or CUPP(Chanakya University Pravesh Pariksha)
- Appeared for the Counselling Session at Chanakya University

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One-Year LL.M. (Corporate and Commercial Law)

The Candidate must have a LL.B. degree/ equivalent degree in law from a recognized University, with not less than 50% marks (general category) and 45% marks (SC/ST).

Two-Year M. A. (Public Policy)

Candidates who have passed any undergraduate degree with 60% aggregate marks from any recognized University in India or abroad recognized by UGC / AIU are eligible to apply.

Why choose us?

India, as a post-colonial state, faces unique legal and governance challenges shaped by colonial legacies, constitutional ideals, and civilisational traditions. The School seeks to understand these realities in an integrated manner. It combines Bharatiya jurisprudential thought with modern law and public policy, supported by interdisciplinary learning and hands-on policy engagement. As part of a trans-disciplinary university, the School benefits from rigorous research and expertise drawn from other academic schools, strengthening both teaching and practice-oriented outcomes.

Curriculum & Compliance

- Bar Council of India Approved (Notification: BCID1081:2023)
- Multidisciplinary Curriculum aligned with NEP 2020
- Two components of assessment (Formative and Summative) to enhance students learning

Experiential & Life-Ready Learning

- Moot Court Competitions
- Legal Aid Clinics
- Guest Lectures by Eminent Experts

Research & Field Exposure

- Case Study-based learning
- Policy Labs
- Fieldwork & Applied Research
- Strong research orientation supported by robust library resources, including SCC Online, JSTOR, LexisNexis, and EBSCO

Indian Knowledge Systems

- Strong foundation in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)
- Integration of traditional wisdom with modern legal education

Internship Opportunities

- Internships with advocates, judiciary, regulators, legislatures, law firms, companies, local bodies, NGOs, and media

Faculty Profile



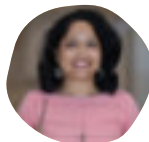
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Dr. Harshita Kulkarni
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Prof. (Dr.) Chetan Singai is an eminent academician and policy expert with extensive contributions to higher education and governance. He holds a Ph.D. from NIAS, IISc Campus, Bengaluru, and has served at NLSIU and St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru. Formerly Chief Consultant to the Ministry of Education for NEP 2020 and NCF, he has also worked with the European Commission, Brussels. Recipient of the Social Justice Medal from the Ministry of Law and Justice, he has authored books and numerous publications. As Dean and Academic Lead at Chanakya University, he continues to inspire excellence and leadership in education

Dr. Pradeep Kumar is an accomplished legal academician with expertise in Constitutional and International Law. He holds a Ph.D. from Mewar University and has previously served as Dean at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Haryana. A former Greenpeace activist, his work emphasizes social justice and sustainability. His research on Article 370 led to publications in London, and he has authored ten papers and three books. As a former Research Fellow at the Lok Sabha, he contributed to national policy discussions. At Chanakya University, he continues to mentor students and strengthen academic excellence in law and governance.

Dr. Rajashree K is an Associate Professor specializing in Environmental Law. She earned her Ph.D. from the School of Law, CHRIST University, Bengaluru. Known for her research on Legal Aid Education, she is deeply committed to promoting access to justice, sustainability, and alternative dispute resolution. Her academic interests include Labour Law and community-based environmental governance. Dr. Rajashree actively participates in research initiatives and student mentoring, integrating practical perspectives into classroom learning. At Chanakya University,

Her academic expertise lies in Technology Law, Contracts, and Commercial Laws. A committed educator, she emphasizes critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and practical understanding in her teaching. Her research explores the intersection of law, technology, and governance, reflecting a forward-looking approach to legal education. Dr. Harshita contributes actively to curriculum innovation and academic workshops. Through her dedication to student development and academic rigor, she continues to strengthen the university's vision of producing ethically grounded and professionally skilled legal scholars.



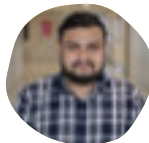
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Ms. Anusha M. Virupannavar serves as an Assistant Professor specializing in Environmental and Constitutional Law. Her academic interests focus on sustainability, governance, and the constitutional foundations of justice. Dedicated to teaching and research, she integrates theoretical and practical dimensions of law in her classrooms. She also coordinates the Legal Services Clinic and Internship Cell, promoting experiential learning and student engagement. Ms. Anusha is passionate about nurturing socially conscious and skilled legal professionals. At Chanakya University, she continues to contribute to building a holistic legal education environment rooted in ethics, equity, and community service.

Ms. Ambika Bhat K. S is an Assistant Professor and Faculty Convener of the Moot Court Society at Chanakya University. With over five years of teaching and administrative experience, including leadership roles such as Principal In-Charge, she is known for her commitment to student mentorship and advocacy training. Her teaching interests include Criminal Law, Corporate Law, and Interpretation of Statutes. Currently pursuing her Ph.D. from CHRIST University, Bengaluru, she has presented papers at several national and international conferences. Ms. Ambika continues to promote experiential learning and professional excellence through her teaching and mentorship.

Ms. P. Susmitha is a dedicated legal scholar with expertise in law and public policy. She holds an LL.B. from BMS College of Law, Bengaluru, and an LL.M. from Azim Premji University, where her research focused on a feminist critique of the Just War Doctrine in Humanitarian Law. She has taught courses in Legal Methods, Family Law, Public International Law, and International Trade Economics under Karnataka State Law University. Her research interests include Humanitarian Law, Climate Justice, and Cultural Legal Anthropology. She has presented papers at national and international forums, including the University of Birmingham, and contributed to the Climate Justice Project at Azim Premji University.

Arpit Agrawal serves as an Assistant Professor at Chanakya University. He holds an LL.M. (Hons.) from the National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi, and has qualified the UGC-NET. His research interests include E-Commerce Law, Contract Law, Artificial Intelligence and Law, and Constitutional Studies. He has presented papers and published research on emerging issues in law and technology. With experience in both legal practice and academic administration, he brings practical insight into the classroom. Mr. Arpit is committed to shaping forward-thinking legal professionals equipped for the evolving digital and constitutional landscape.

Ms. Nirupama D is an Assistant Professor at Chanakya University, Bengaluru, with over three years of dedicated teaching experience in legal education. She is currently pursuing Ph.D. at Christ University, Bengaluru, and holds an LL.M. with academic distinction from JSS Law College (Autonomous), Mysuru. She completed her BBA LL.B. (Hons.) with a specialisation in Business Law from Alliance University, Bengaluru. Her teaching approach is student-centric and application-based, emphasising case law analysis, practical illustrations, and real-world legal problem-solving. Her academic interests include Environmental Law, Sustainable Development, Corporate Accountability, and Constitutional Law. She has published research papers in reputed journals and edited volumes. She actively contributes to curriculum development, academic administration, and experiential learning in legal education.

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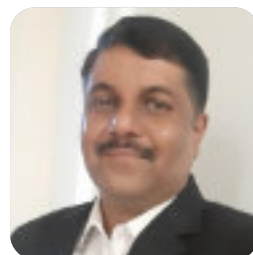
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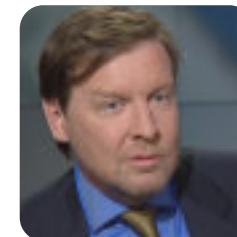
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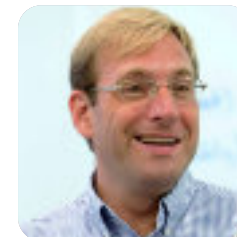
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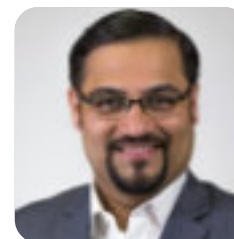
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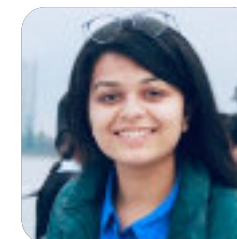
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Five-Year Integrated Programme

B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Five-Years Integrated Programme | B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Programme

The course structure is organised around Six Core Pillars.

01 | First Degree Courses

Liberal Arts Pathway (B.A.) | Business Administration Pathway (B.B.A.)

02 | Core Law Courses

04 | Honours Specialisation Tracks

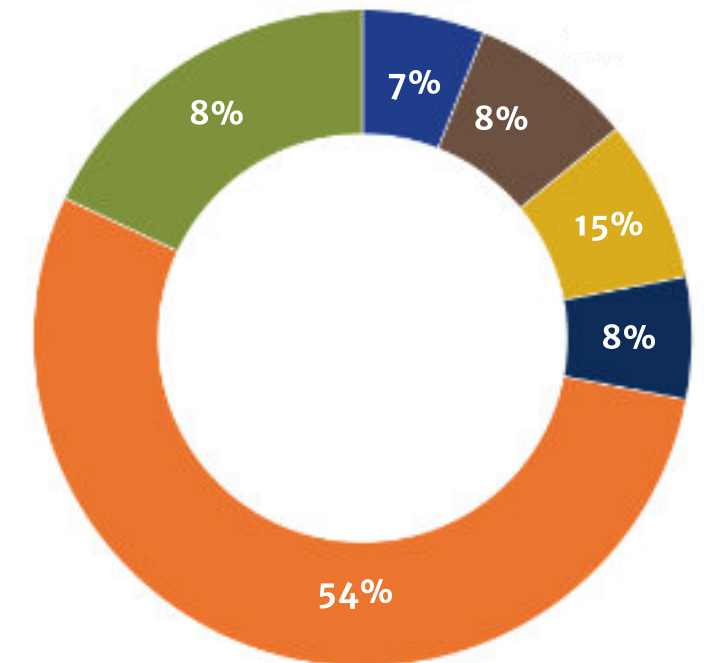
03 | Life Skills Courses

05 | Optional Papers

06 | Clinical & Experiential Learning

Distribution of Total Credits | B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Five-Years Integrated Programme | B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)

These Programme are designed for students who are curious, articulate, and interested in law, governance, and leadership roles. The first two years focus on building strong thinking, communication, and analytical skills through liberal arts or management subjects, allowing students to mature academically before intensive legal study. From the third year onwards, students engage with core law subjects essential for legal practice, complemented by internships, moot courts, and legal aid clinics that provide real-world exposure. Graduates pursue careers in corporate roles, public policy, civil services, higher education, and international fields. By graduation, students emerge not only as law graduates but as confident, ethically grounded professionals with clarity and competence.



Career Outcomes & Opportunities

Five-Year Integrated Law Programme (B.A., LL.B./ B.B.A., LL.B.)

Law & Judicial Careers

- Advocate (Litigation / Corporate)
- Judicial Services
- Legal Advisor / In-house Counsel

Public Policy & Governance

- Policy Analyst
- Legislative Assistant
- Think Tanks & Government Advisory Roles

Academia & Higher Studies

- LL.M. / PhD (India & Abroad)
- Teaching & Research
- Academic & Policy Institutions

Corporate & Business Careers

- Corporate Lawyer
- Compliance & Regulatory Roles
- Risk Management & Legal Operations

Public Service & Civil Services

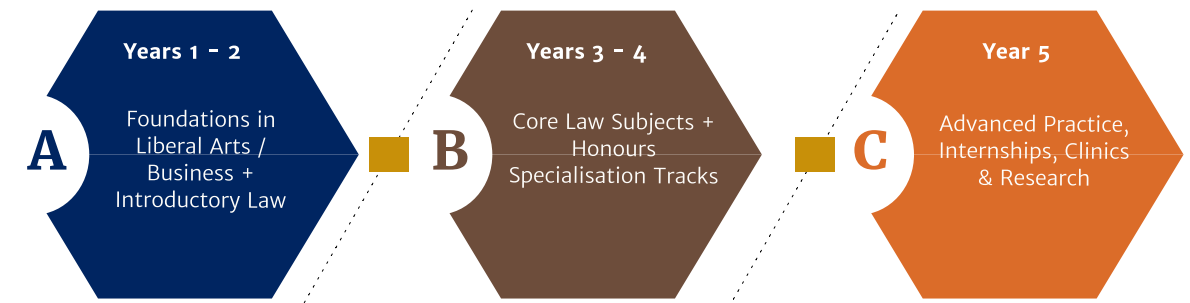
- UPSC / State Civil Services
- Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)
- Regulatory Authorities

Social Sector & NGOs

- Human Rights Organisations
- Development Sector
- International Organisations



Program Progression



1. What is a Five-Year Integrated Law Programme?

It is a programme students can join right after Class 12, where they study law along with social sciences or management, saving one full academic year compared to the traditional route.

2. Is the student studying “too much law” at an early age?

No. The early years focus on foundational subjects like political science, economics, sociology, and communication, helping students mature intellectually before intensive legal training.

3. Is the programme recognised and credible?

Yes. The curriculum follows national legal education standards and is aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP 2020), emphasising multidisciplinary and experiential learning. The programmes are approved by the Bar Council of India.

4. Will my child get practical exposure or only theory?

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5. What if the student later decides not to practice law?

The programme keeps multiple career paths open, including public policy, corporate roles, civil services, academia, NGOs, and higher studies in India or abroad.

6. Is there an exit option after BA / BBA in the Five-Year Integrated BA/BBA LL.B (Hons.) programme?

No. The BA/BBA LL.B (Hons.) programme is a five-year integrated programme with no exit option after BA or BBA. The programme is designed as a single, continuous academic and professional pathway, where the undergraduate and legal components are inseparably linked. Students are admitted with the clear understanding that the programme must be completed in full to receive the degree.

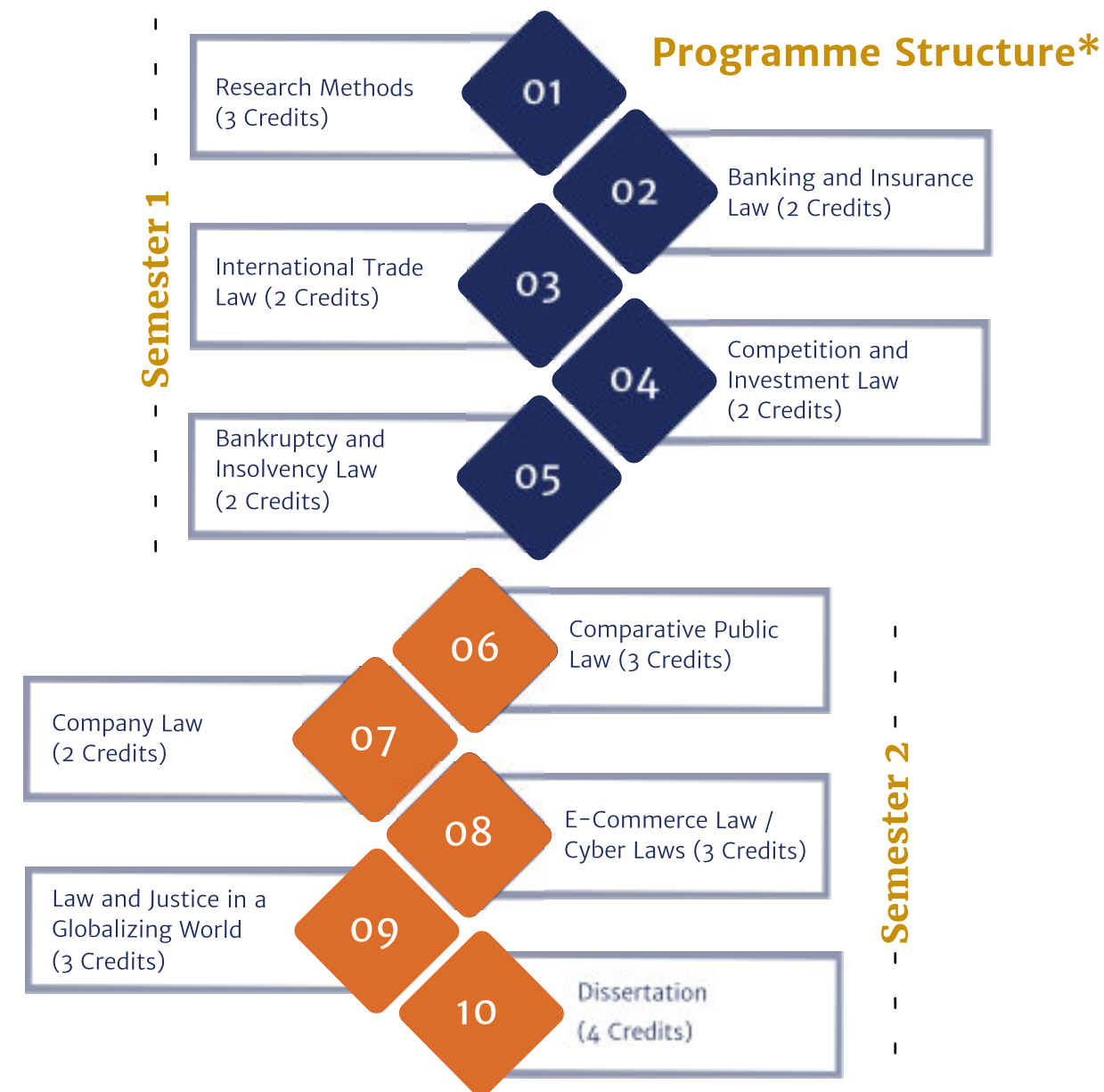


One –Year Masters Programme

One–Year LL.M. (Corporate and Commercial Laws)

The LL.M. in Corporate and Commercial Laws is designed as a focused postgraduate programme that equips students with advanced legal knowledge and research competence in contemporary commercial law domains. Spread across two semesters, the structure balances doctrinal courses with research training and a substantial dissertation, enabling learners to develop analytical depth, comparative legal understanding, and practical insight into global and Indian corporate legal frameworks.

- 01 | Advanced corporate and commercial law knowledge.
- 02 | Mastery of M&A, competition law, and commercial disputes.
- 03 | Understanding public accountability, CSR, and ESG.
- 04 | Capability to lead legal teams and drive compliance strategies.



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Public Policy

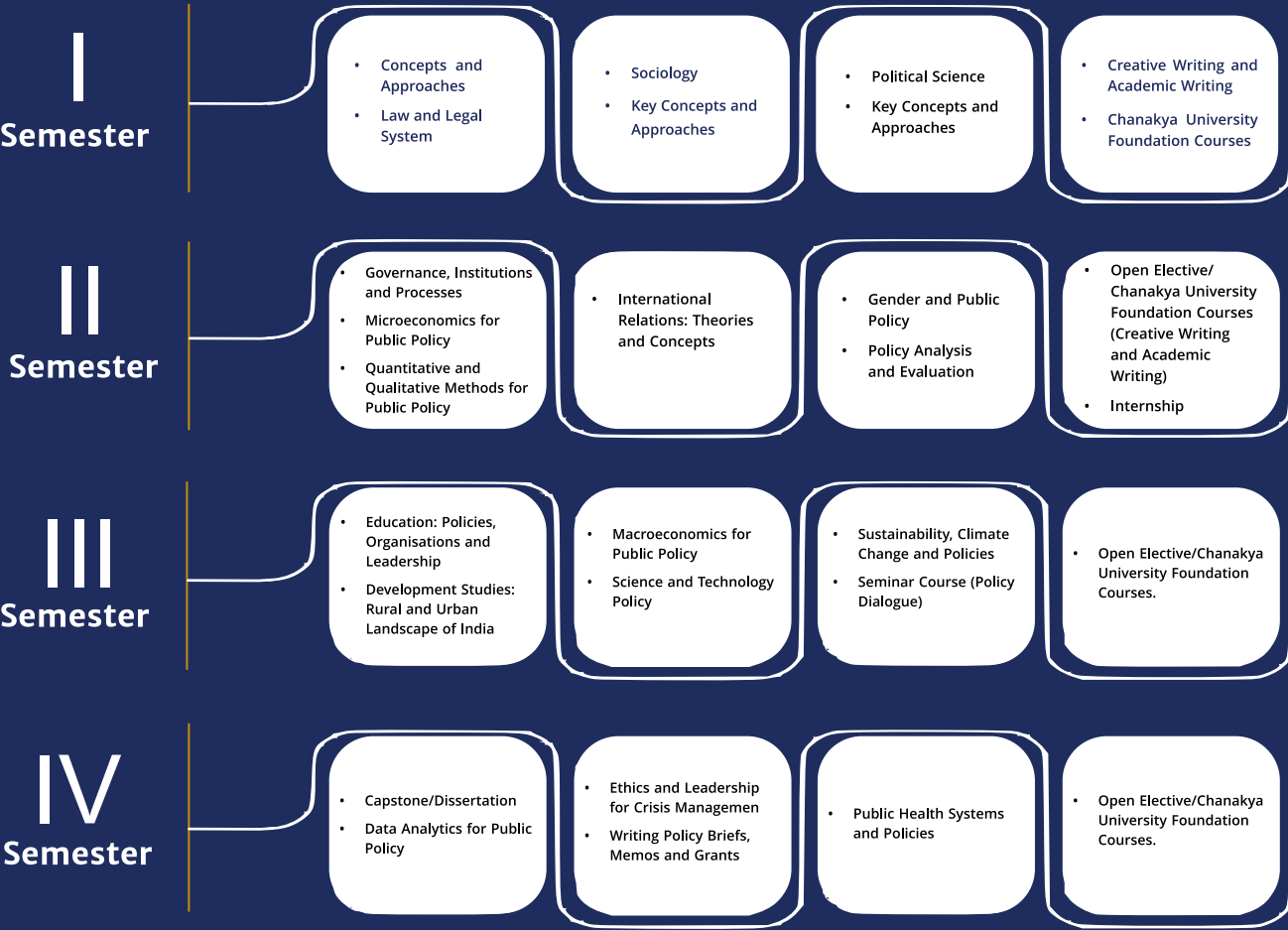
(M.A. in Public Policy)

The Master of Arts in Public Policy is structured as a rigorous two-year, four-semester programme that integrates theoretical foundations with applied policy practice. The curriculum progresses from core concepts in social sciences and governance to advanced policy analysis and hands-on engagement. Emphasis is placed on interdisciplinary learning, research methods, field exposure, and professional writing, culminating in a capstone or dissertation that demonstrates policy competence and real-world problem-solving.

Career Pathways



Programme Structure*



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Fees, Scholarships & Financial Aid

Chanakya University offers various scholarships including merit-based, need-based, and diversity-focused scholarships. These scholarships aim to support academically excellent students as well as those from underrepresented backgrounds.



Scholarship Types

Scholarship Criteria



Scholarships are awarded based on academic performance, financial need, social background, and other considerations as per University guidelines. Some scholarships are linked to specific categories or exceptional achievements in academics or extracurricular fields.

Students interested in scholarships must apply through the University's official channels during the admission process or specified timelines. Documentation to prove eligibility, such as income certificates or academic records, is mandatory for scholarship consideration.



Application Process

Financial Aid



The University provides avenues for financial aid, including payment plans, fee waivers, and assistance to deserving students to ensure accessibility to quality education regardless of socio-economic barriers.

Our Placement and Internship Partners



Experiential Learning

Glimpses from Constitution Celebration Week

The University celebrated Constitution Celebration Week through student-centric activities including moot courts, cultural performances, and academic engagements. Students interacted with eminent jurists, judges, advocates, and public policy experts, alongside discussions on Bharatiya Management. The week encouraged experiential learning, constitutional awareness, and active student participation in law, governance, and public discourse.





Towards Neighbourhood First 2.0

Ambassador Ashok K. Kantha

Chair Professor, Subhas Chandra Bose Chair on International Relations, Chanakya University; Former Ambassador of India to China

In this Distinguished Lecture, Ambassador Ashok K. Kantha discussed India's Neighbourhood First 2.0 policy framework. Drawing on over 38 years of diplomatic experience, he analysed India's regional relationships, strategic challenges, and opportunities for strengthening cooperation with neighbouring countries.

A Decade of Indian Foreign Policy: Evolving Aspirations

In this Distinguished Lecture Series seminar, Dr. Harsh Pant reviewed a decade of India's foreign policy evolution. He discussed strategic autonomy, regional and global engagement, and changing diplomatic priorities, offering analytical insights into India's aspirations within an increasingly complex international system.



Dr. Harsh Pant

Professor, King's College London



Chanakya Moot Court Competition

Chanakya University hosted a prestigious moot court competition with distinguished judges including Justice K.B. Nagesh Prasad (Judge, High Court of Karnataka), Justice S.V. Bharti (Member, KSAT), Hon'ble Mr. Justice C.M. Joshi (Judge, High Court of Karnataka), and Hon'ble Ms. Justice E.S. Indiresch (Judge, High Court of Karnataka), providing students a platform to demonstrate advocacy skills, legal reasoning, and courtroom presentation through rigorous competition rounds judged by eminent legal luminaries.



Global Political Transitions: Is the U.S. Ready?

Prof. Walter Russell Mead

Ravenel B. Curry Distinguished Fellow in Strategy and Statesmanship,
Hudson Institute; Professor of Foreign Affairs and Humanities, Bard College

Delivered as a public lecture under the Distinguished Lecture Series, Prof. Walter Russell Mead analysed global political transitions and the strategic preparedness of the United States. The lecture examined shifting power balances, foreign policy challenges, and the implications of global realignments for international order.



Exploring the Ancient Roots of Bharatiya Jurisprudence and its Contemporary Relevance

A distinguished panel featuring Dr. Adepu G. Pani (Former Judge, Vidya Parishad), Shri Vidya Parthasarathi (Goa Sri Chanakya Charitable Trust), Dr. Dhiman Krishna Shastra (Chanakya Bharatiya Brass Band), Prof. Tarun Khaitan (Professor, Dr. Ambedkar College of Law), and Dr. Sudhanshu Tripathi explored the enduring significance of ancient Indian legal principles in modern jurisprudence.

Viksit Bharat 2047: A Sustainability Roadmap

Prof. Nirupam Bajpai

Senior Development Specialist and Director, South Asia Program,
Center on Global Economic Governance, SIPA, Columbia University

In this lecture, Prof. Nirupam Bajpai outlined a long-term sustainability roadmap for achieving Viksit Bharat 2047. He discussed development financing, climate resilience, infrastructure, and institutional capacity, situating India's growth ambitions within global economic governance frameworks and sustainable development goals.





Localized Approaches to Global Poverty Challenges

Prof. Jean-Louis Arcand

Professor of International Economics, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Delivered under the Distinguished Lecture Series, Prof. Jean-Louis Arcand examined global poverty through localized and context-specific lenses. He emphasised anthropometric measures, indigenous innovation, and community-driven strategies as essential tools for designing sustainable, inclusive development policies tailored to the realities of developing economies.

Examining Contemporary Indo–Dutch Relations

Sri Ewout de Wit

Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Sri Ewout de Wit engaged with students, scholars, and faculty at Chanakya University on contemporary Indo–European and Indo–Dutch relations. The interaction covered diplomatic priorities, trade and security cooperation, NATO's role, evolving European geopolitics, and the implications of current international conflicts for India–Europe engagement.

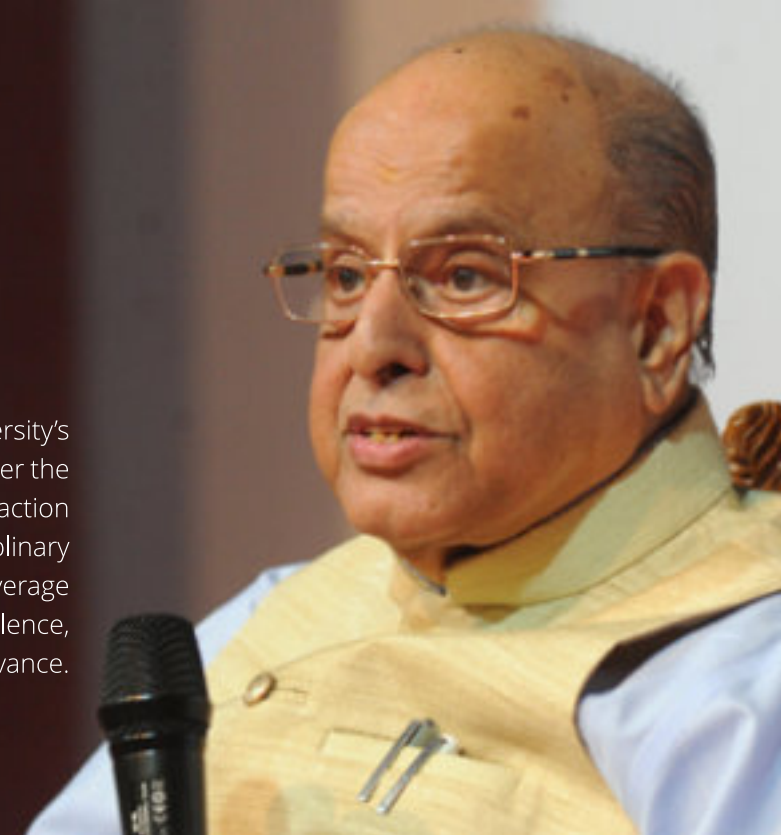


NEP 2020, University Leadership, and Institutional Transformation

(Late) Dr. K. Kasturirangan

Chairman, International Advisory Council; Chanakya University Former Chairman, ISRO

Dr. K. Kasturirangan engaged with the University's leadership to discuss the university's future under the National Education Policy 2020. The interaction focused on institutional vision and interdisciplinary structures and how Chanakya University can leverage NEP frameworks to build academic excellence, innovation capacity, and long-term societal relevance.



Key Transitions in the Indian Economy

(Late) Dr. Bibek Debroy

Former Chairperson, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Government of India; Former Chairperson, Fellowship Advisory Council, Chanakya Fellowship in Social Sciences

Delivered as a University Distinguished Lecture, the talk examined major structural transitions in the Indian economy, including shifts in growth drivers, policy frameworks, and institutional reforms. Dr. Bibek Debroy discussed economic governance, reform trajectories, and the implications of these transitions for long-term development and public policy.





Changing Landscape of Corporate and Commercial Law in India

Adv. S. S. Naganand

Senior Partner, Just Law Advocates, Bengaluru

Delivered at the School of Law, Governance, and Public Policy, this talk examined recent shifts in India's corporate and commercial legal framework. Adv. S. S. Naganand discussed regulatory reforms, judicial trends, and evolving business practices, highlighting their implications for corporate governance, compliance, dispute resolution, and legal policy in a changing economic environment.

Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Its Implications for Policing in India

Sri Rajashekara N

IPS, Director, Central Detective Training Institute, Hyderabad and Bengaluru

This special lecture examined the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and its implications for policing and criminal justice in India. Sri Rajashekara N explained key reforms replacing the IPC, focusing on modernization, accountability, public safety, and aligning policing practices with contemporary legal and governance challenges.



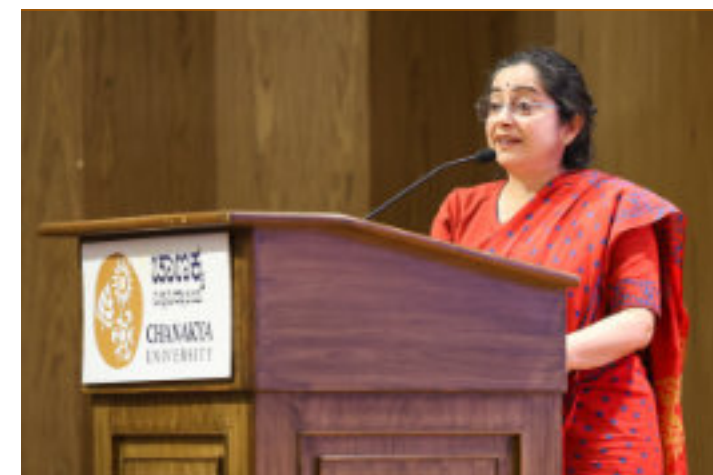
Process Reforms: The Road to Viksit Bharat

Sri Sanjeev Sanyal

Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Government of India

Delivered as part of the Chanakya Distinguished Lecture Series, Sri Sanjeev Sanyal focused on process and governance reforms essential for India's transition to a developed economy. He highlighted institutional efficiency, administrative transformation, and the shift from rule-based systems to outcome-oriented governance frameworks.

Graduate Employability, Skills Mismatch, and India's Labour Market



Dr. Shamika Ravi

Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister

During the Foundation Day Address, Dr. Shamika Ravi highlighted the paradox of high graduate unemployment alongside acute industrial skill shortages. She noted that the most educated youth are significantly more likely to remain unemployed than those with only school education, underscoring urgent policy and curriculum reforms.



Constitution, Conscience, and the Basic Structure Doctrine

Sri Arvind Kamath

Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India

This discussion with the SLGPP students examined the evolution and contemporary relevance of the Basic Structure Doctrine. Sr Kamath drew on landmark Supreme Court judgments to discuss constitutional limits on parliamentary power and the doctrine's role in safeguarding Indian democracy.

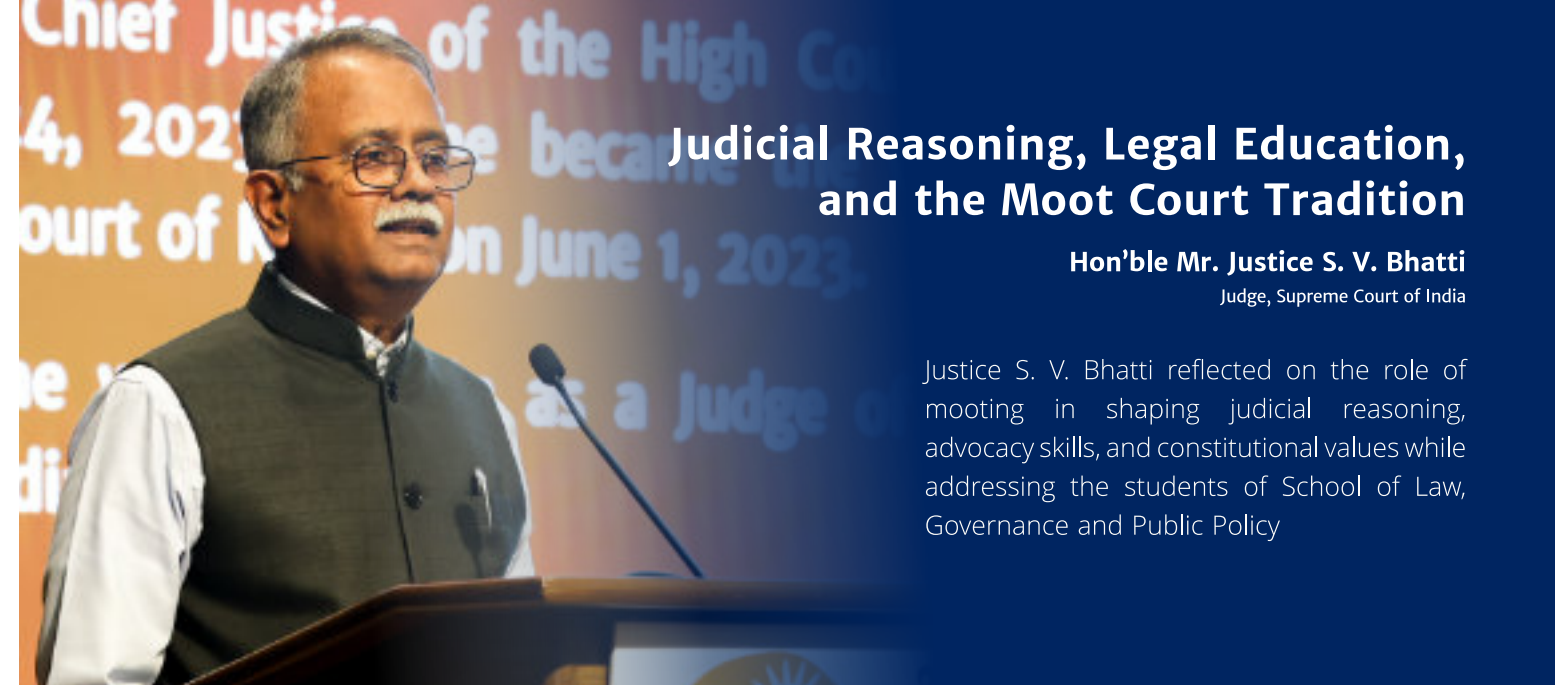


Sri Bhaskar Rao, IPS (Retd.)

Former Vice President, Indian Red Cross Society; Former Director General of Police

Humanitarian Law, Public Institutions, and Youth Engagement

The session introduced students to the legal and policy foundations of humanitarian action in India. Drawing on Red Cross principles, disaster response frameworks, and public administration experience, the talk highlighted the role of youth, law, and governance in advancing humanitarian ethics, civic responsibility, and disaster preparedness within democratic systems.



Judicial Reasoning, Legal Education, and the Moot Court Tradition

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. V. Bhatti

Judge, Supreme Court of India

Justice S. V. Bhatti reflected on the role of moot court in shaping judicial reasoning, advocacy skills, and constitutional values while addressing the students of School of Law, Governance and Public Policy

Interaction with a Supreme Court Judge on Legal Education and Research



Sri Justice Arvind Kumar

Judge, Supreme Court of India

Justice Arvind Kumar interacted with the Vice-Chancellor, Deans, faculty members, and research scholars on the role of universities in advancing legal education and research. The discussion addressed constitutional values, judicial reasoning, research ethics, and the importance of sustained engagement between academic institutions and the higher judiciary.



Dr. S. Somanath

Chancellor, Chanakya University
Former Chairman, Indian Space Research
Organisation (ISRO)



Space Consortium 2025

Roundtable on Space Technology and Applications

Chanakya University's School of Engineering hosted Space Consortium 2025 as a policy-focused roundtable on India's evolving space ecosystem. Chaired by Dr. S. Somanath, Chancellor, and co-chaired by Dr. P. G. Diwakar, the discussions examined India's Space Vision 2030, industry-academia integration, workforce policy, regulatory execution, and investment frameworks. Dr. Somanath spoke about India's fast-evolving space sector, highlighting the push towards reusable launch systems, indigenous avionics, and a stronger role for private players. He stressed the need for universities to actively support workforce development, research, and manufacturing innovation. A key takeaway was the need for structured industry-academia integration.



Participation included 25 organizations and more than 40 individuals. There were 17 startups, including Agnikul Cosmos, Pixxel, and Skyroot Aerospace. Three academic and research institutions participated, namely IISc, IIT Roorkee, and Manipal. Five venture capital and fund management firms were represented, including 3one4 Capital, Infosys Investments, and Accel.

Other participating and referenced organizations from the space technology ecosystem included Ananth Technologies, Visvasys Aerospace, Azista Aerospace, GalaxEye, Vasundharaa Geo Technologies, XDLINX Space Labs, Nibe Space, EthereumX, and Aniara SpaceCom.



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