

## **Title: Workshop on Career Guidance & Orientation**

**Organised by:** Department of Law, Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur (C.G.)

**Venue:** Moot Court Hall, Department of Law

**Date & Time:** 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 & 12:30 PM

**Facilitator:** Mr. Pranjal Singh (working under Unacademy)

**Participants:** 150 students

**Guests / Dignitaries Present:**

- Prof. Sudhanshu Ranjan Mohapatra
- Dr. Nidhi Sandal
- Dr. Sagar Jaiswal
- Dr. Ajaiy Singh
- Sudhansu Shekhar Bisen
- Priyanshi Dubey
- Ad-hoc faculty & research scholars

### **Introduction**

The Department of Law at Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur, organised a focused Workshop on Career Guidance & Orientation in the Moot Court Hall, bringing together around 150 enthusiastic students from the law programmes. Under the guidance of Mr. Pranjal Singh of Unacademy, the session aimed to provide students with clarity on possible career trajectories, skills required for the legal profession, and orientation toward emerging opportunities beyond traditional paths. The presence of distinguished faculty members and scholars added a valuable layer of mentorship and academic context.



## Theme

The core theme of the workshop revolved around “*Charting Legal Careers in a Changing World*”, with emphasis on:

- understanding varied career options in law (advocacy, judicial services, corporate/legal tech, research)
- enhancing employability through skill-building (communication, legal research, advocacy, drafting)
- aligning academic preparation with professional demands
- orienting students to future trends (legal tech, interdisciplinary roles, public service)

By framing the session this way, the workshop sought to broaden student perspectives beyond the conventional notion of “lawyer only,” and to encourage proactive career planning.



## **Key-note Address**

Mr. Pranjal Singh opened the session with an interactive address, covering key aspects such as:

- his journey in the education/training space (via Unacademy) and how law students can leverage such platforms
- the importance of self-assessment: recognising one's strengths, interests, and values when choosing a legal career
- skills that matter: effective oral & written communication, critical thinking, legal research, adaptability, professionalism
- how to build a career roadmap: setting short- and long-term goals, mapping academic efforts to those goals, seeking internships and practical exposure

- emerging domains in law: e-litigation, compliance, in-house legal teams, legal consultancy, legal-tech startups, policy and advisory roles
- Q&A with students: Mr. Singh encouraged active participation, responded to student queries about competitive exams, career transitions, exam preparation and professional growth.

The keynote set a motivating tone, emphasised the need for intentional career preparation, and laid a foundation for the subsequent participatory sessions.

### **Student Participation**

The workshop included several participatory components:

- A self-reflection exercise: students were asked to jot down where they see themselves in 5 years and what steps they need to take now. This helped them internalise the idea of career planning rather than drift.
- Group discussions: students formed small groups and discussed the non-traditional career paths in law (such as legal research, academia, policy work, legal-tech), then shared insights with all participants.
- Q&A and open floor: many students asked about preparation for judicial services, how to approach internships, the role of moot court participation, and how to balance academics with competitive exam preparation.
- Faculty / scholar inputs: The faculty members and research scholars present contributed by sharing their own experiences of academia, research and professional practice – enriching student understanding of what lies beyond the classroom.

Overall, the high turnout (~150 students) and active engagement indicated strong interest and benefited from the diverse mix of students, faculty and external resource person(s)

### **Conclusion**

The Workshop on Career Guidance & Orientation, organised by the Department of Law at Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur, was timely, relevant and well-received. With ~150 students actively participating and distinguished faculty and professionals present, the event succeeded in opening up new vistas of thinking for students about their legal careers. The keynote by Mr. Pranjal Singh, combined with interactive sessions and faculty inputs, helped students better understand the varied opportunities ahead, the skills they need to develop, and the importance of planning and proactivity.

Moving forward, it is recommended that the Department consider follow-up sessions (perhaps on specific tracks like judicial services, corporate law, legal-tech), mentoring programmes (pairing students with alumni/professionals), and internship/externship facilitation to convert the workshop's inspiration into concrete student actions. With such steps, the department can further strengthen the career readiness of its students and align academic training with real-world professional demands.