

Two-day International Conference on Social Work, Law and Human Rights was inaugurated at Gujarat National Law University

Gandhinagar, February 01, 2020: Two-day International Conference on Social Work, Law and Human Rights was inaugurated at Gujarat National Law University, today.

The objective is to bring together academicians, researchers, practitioners as well as members of international organizations to engage in deliberations that could generate ideas for further collaborative work at the interdisciplinary crossroads of social work, law and human rights.

The inaugural ceremony on was graced by Justice Vikram Nath, Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court; Dr. Kishore Singh, Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education and Shri Amod Kanth Chairperson and CEO of Domestic Workers Sector Skill Council (DWSSC). After an auspicious beginning with a diya lighting ceremony, Prof. Dr. S Shanthakumar, Director, GNLU welcomed the distinguished on behalf of the GNLU fraternity.

Following this, the keynote address was delivered by Dr. Kishore Singh Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education who has been responsible for the Right to Education at UNESCO (1998-2009). Dr. Singh propounded that 'social work is akin to Gandhian philosophy of Satyagraha and legal practitioners must be fully conversant with fundamental social duties'. Over the course of his address he emphasised that the common challenges faced by society may be efficaciously addressed only by adopting a multidisciplinary approach. He urged that the 'agenda required global solidarity with focus on needs of the poorest and most vulnerable through participation of all stakeholders of whom social workers played a fundamental role in eliminating poverty and its curse.'

After that, Justice Nath addressed the gathering by sharing his first-hand experience about the proceedings in the widely known case of Kalyan Singh v. Union of India. While doing so he emphasised on the unmissable overlap between Social Work, Law and Human Rights which have an impact on our daily lives. He congratulated GNLU for spearheading the International Conference on the relevant subject and hoped that the learning and interest in this interdisciplinary field would only multiply among the legal fraternity as an outcome of the conference.

The event concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Apoorva Patel, Director, GNLU Centre for Law and Society.

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