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In Conversation with Bhargav R T Eittappar on his Journey through Law School

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Tell us a bit about yourself.

Hello! I'm Bhargav R T Eittappar, a passionate law student currently enrolled at the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University. My journey into the realm of law has been driven by a deep interest in understanding the intricacies of the legal system and its profound impact on society.

My academic pursuits have provided me with a solid foundation in legal theory, and I have had the privilege of applying this knowledge in practical settings through internships and legal clinics. These experiences have not only honed my analytical and research skills but have also fueled my commitment to contributing to positive change through the legal profession.

I am particularly drawn to areas such as human rights law, environmental law, or corporate law, and I aspire to carve a path that allows me to blend theoretical understanding with practical applications. Apart from my academic pursuits, I actively engage in extracurricular activities, including moot court competitions. These experiences contribute to my holistic development as a legal professional and provide opportunities to connect with peers who share similar interests.

As I navigate through the challenges and opportunities presented by law school, I am eager to absorb knowledge, foster meaningful connections, and ultimately contribute to the legal landscape in a positive way. I look forward to the continued exploration of the fascinating world of law at Dayananda Sagar University.

How did you start your journey in the field of law?

My journey into the field of law began with a deep curiosity about societal issues, justice, and the legal mechanisms that underpin our communities. During my undergraduate studies, I pursued a degree in undergraduate degree in Bachelors of Ats, where I delved into topics that sparked my interest in legal systems and governance.

As I progressed in my studies, I became increasingly fascinated by the role of law in shaping societies and protecting individual rights. This led me to make a conscious decision to pursue a law degree, and I enrolled in School of Law, DSU, Bangalore.

Throughout my law school journey, I've had the opportunity to explore various areas of law through internships, legal clinics, and engaging courses. These practical experiences, coupled with rigorous academic training, have not only equipped me with a solid understanding of legal principles but have also fueled my passion for advocating justice.

I am particularly drawn to human rights law, environmental law, or corporate law, and I aspire to contribute meaningfully to these fields upon completing my legal education. My journey is marked by a commitment to continuous learning, a desire to make a positive impact through the legal profession, and an eagerness to navigate the complexities of the legal landscape.

How were your initial years in the law school? What motivated you to pursue law as a career?

My initial years in law school were a mix of excitement, challenges, and a steep learning curve. Transitioning from undergraduate studies to law school brought about a shift in the academic environment. The workload was intense, and the depth of legal concepts required a new level of commitment and focus.

One of the early challenges was adapting to the Socratic method of teaching, where class participation and critical thinking were highly emphasized. This encouraged active engagement with legal principles and the ability to articulate arguments effectively. It was both intimidating and empowering, pushing me to develop strong analytical and communication skills.

The vastness of legal subjects presented an array of choices, and I had the opportunity to explore diverse areas of law. Navigating through courses like Contracts, Torts, and Constitutional Law laid the groundwork for a comprehensive understanding of the legal framework. Legal research and writing courses became instrumental, honing skills crucial for any legal professional. The incorporation of moot court competitions and legal clinics provided practical experiences, offering a glimpse into the real-world application of legal knowledge.

Building a supportive network with peers and faculty members played a significant role in navigating the challenges. Study groups, mentorship, and extracurricular activities added a sense

of camaraderie and balance to the rigorous academic demands. Overall, the initial years in law school were transformative, shaping not only my academic understanding but also fostering a sense of responsibility and dedication to the legal profession. While demanding, these years laid the foundation for a rewarding and intellectually stimulating journey through the world of law.

Tell us a bit about your experience while taking the entrance test for admission into UG course.

The entrance test for admission into undergraduate courses was a significant and somewhat challenging experience. It marked the beginning of a journey into higher education and the pursuit of a specific academic path. Preparation for the entrance test involved thorough studying of subjects relevant to the chosen course, with a focus on key concepts and problem-solving skills.

The atmosphere on the day of the test was often a mix of nervousness and anticipation. The test itself typically comprised a series of questions designed to assess a candidate's aptitude, knowledge, and analytical abilities. The time constraints added an element of pressure, requiring efficient time management during the test. After completing the entrance test, there was a sense of accomplishment and relief. It was a crucial step toward securing admission to the desired undergraduate program.

Subsequently, waiting for the results and the anticipation of the next academic chapter added to the overall excitement and anxiety. Overall, the experience of taking the entrance test was a pivotal moment in the academic journey, setting the stage for the pursuit of higher education and future career aspirations

What were your top 3 sources of information while preparing for the law entrance exam? Did you prepare for the exam all by yourself?

Official Exam Syllabus and Past Papers: Understanding the official syllabus provided by the exam conducting body is crucial. Past exam papers can offer insights into the exam pattern, types of questions, and the level of difficulty.

Preparation Books and Study Material: Various publishers provide comprehensive study material and books specifically tailored for law entrance exams. These books cover the relevant

subjects, provide practice questions, and offer strategies for effective preparation.

Coaching Institutes and Online Platforms: I opted for coaching institutes that offer specialized courses for law entrance exams. Additionally, there are numerous online platforms that provide study materials, video lectures, and practice tests. Some popular online platforms include Khan Academy, Unacademy, and others.

What would you say sets apart your story from others?

While my CLAT journey may not stand out from the countless students who have taken this exam before, I aspire to share my experiences and story with the hope that it might benefit at least one among the many future CLAT aspirants.

Any advice you'd like to pass on to law school aspirants and law students?

What I'm about to express may sound somewhat cliché, but the truth often lies in clichés. Hard work and dedication do yield positive outcomes. I've observed numerous aspirants who approach CLAT as a secondary option, applying simply to maximize their chances across various exams.

While diversifying exam options, such as MHCET, SLAT, AILET, LSAT, is beneficial, it's crucial not to treat the CLAT paper as an afterthought. Dedicate ample time and effort to its preparation rather than considering it merely a checkbox. I extend my best wishes to all aspirants for CLAT 2024. You have the capability to succeed!