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### “Zindagi Chalne ka Naam - A Session on Motivation”

An Interactive Live Session "Zindagi Chalne Ka Naam" with Ms. Ira Singhal, first woman with disability to top IAS was organized by Equal Opportunity Promotion Club, MAIMS in association with Legal Services Clinic, MAIT Delhi, MAU, Baddi, HP and under the aegis of MACS and IQAC MAIMS on June 29, 2021, Introductory and welcome address was given by Dr. Nisha Singh (Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication). Dr. Ravi Kumar Gupta (Director, MAIMS) addressed the gathering and gave his guidance to the students. There were a total of 108 participants.

Ms. Purnima Gupta (Assistant Professor, Department of Law) addressed and welcomed the resource person Ms. Ira Singhal. The interview began with a question from Ms. Purnima Gupta to IAS Ms. Ira Singhal, “What are your views on diversity? Why do you think it is important?” To which Ms. Ira Singhal replied, “It is important for diversity and equality to be maintained in every sector because if people who belong to one particular sector work on a project which is for public use then they might not think from others’ perspective.” She explained the importance of diversity and equality through examples from the government and corporate sector. For any policy to be effective, for the best growth and for best outcome; diversity should be prevailed. Upon being asked about the legislation in India on the equal treatment of various strata of the society, Ma’am replied, “For different sections there are different departments working on their welfare, be it people with disability, women, transgenders, economically weaker sections of the society or marginalized. There are scholarships, reservations, pensions depending on the requirement. Ma’am stressed upon the disabilities everyone has within themselves and then came to a conclusion that everyone is differently abled.

Later, upon being asked about her views on inequality, ma’am mentioned that in the corporate sector women are not able build a long-term career because they are married and are expected to take care of the household whereas men are not. We do not have a society structure which promotes men to do household work. It is difficult to make a comeback in the corporate sector for women. Ma’am also took questions from the students and gave mantras for UPSC preparation. According to her, students must follow their passion and stop listening to others for their career. They must not compare themselves and work hard for the preparation. She also advised the students to only take up constructive criticism from others and ignore the baseless ones. Ms. Purnima Gupta (Assistant Professor, Department of Law) presented the vote of thanks.

