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Introductory Note

"KNOW THAT YOU DON'T KNOW"

The CMR University School of Legal Studies (CMRU SOLS) is an institution committed to education and community building. Through its various Research Centers, the School never misses an opportunity to host guest lectures, awareness campaigns and various other events in its mission to foster the finest legal minds. Imparting knowledge through exhilarating events is an idiosyncratic trait of the college, which believes them to be the great fillip of not only career building but also character development of the students.

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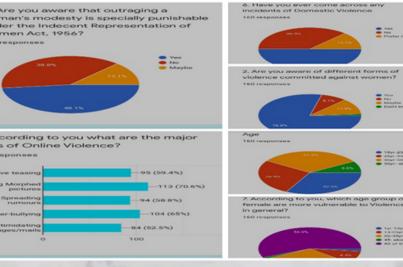


16 DAYS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The Centre for International Legal Studies in collaboration with the Centre of Gender Justice and Law of CMR SOLS organized a unique 16-day campaign to raise awareness amongst women residing near the college campus. An inaugural event for the commencement of 16-day campaign in commemoration of the elimination of violence against women was held on the 25th of November, 2021.

The campaign's intervening 16-day period was referred to as 16 Days Of Activism, wherein student volunteers in coordination with the research centers undertook the campaign which sought to create awareness amongst women in the localities surrounding the college campus near Banaswadi East, Bangalore.





The awareness campaign witnessed volunteers from both centers distribute flyers and other materials, consisting of information related to the various forms of violence perpetrated against women and the legal remedies available to the victims of such violence. The student volunteers were also involved in conducting a research survey as a part of this Awareness Campaign, which was undertaken to study not only instances and causes of violence amongst the targeted women but also aimed to analyze the levels of awareness amongst these women regarding the various offences committed against them and the legal recourse available to them in case of commission of such offences. The 16-Day Awareness Campaign was partook during the working hours of college, wherein the volunteers took out their valuable time for their collective mission.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

This webinar was organized as a part of the Valedictory ceremony of the 16-Day Awareness Campaign. Based on the theme of 'Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now', the event was honored by the presence of Ms. Nazma Farooqi, ACP Bangalore City Police. The event witnessed a deliberation on the data collected in the research survey conducted as a a part of the 16-Day campaign to understand the views and perspectives of women. The event interestingly also marked the World Human Rights Day and student volunteers presented a short play demonstrating the violence that is committed against women in different forms.



Ms. Nazma Farooqi, KSPS ACP, Bangalore City Police

CMR SOLS MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)





On October 28th 2021, with the support and coordination of the Debate Society of the CMR SOLS, the Centre for International Legal Studies successfully held the first ever Intra-MUN Competition in the college which was open for all. About thirty- six students participated in it, who made the event lively. This was a one-day event which was celebrated on the eve of 73rd United Nations Day acknowledging the theme-"Building Back Together for Peace and Prosperity".

The delegates deliberated on issues as a part of the two committees - AIPPM and UNHCR. The agendas for the committees were 'Deliberating Upon the Need for National Refugee Law' and 'Discussing Humanitarian Concerns Faced by the LGBTQIA+ Community' respectively. The MUN was a grand success and the participants shared positive opinions and suggestions for more such grand opportunities in future.

SAMVIDHAN DIVAS

The Samvidhan Divas or National Law Day is celebrated on 26th November every year to commemorate the adoption of our Constitution. On this special occasion, the Social Impact Club of CMRU SOLS invited the Dean - Prof. (Dr.) T.R. Subramanya to deliver a talk on the topic. He highlighted upon various facets of our Constitution; for instance its adoption, the Constituent Assembly, democracy, independence of the judiciary, fundamental rights, the basic structure etc. He also emphasized upon the will of the people in the formation of the Constitution and how "we the people of India" have given ourselves this Constitution. This was an enriching session that was well received by all the attendees.



Prof. (Dr.) T.R. Subramanya, Dean, CMRU SOLS

'JOURNEY TO JUDGESHIP'



Hon'ble Justice Suraj Govindraj, Judge, Hugh Court of Karnataka

The Internship and Placement Cell, in collaboration with the Center for Skill Development, organized a One-Day Certification Course on Journey to Judgeship. This course was dedicated to guide and inspire young lawyers into the prestigious field of Judiciary.

Eminent speakers, Judges, representatives from the Judicial Academy, training institutes and others from across various arenas of Judiciary were invited to deliver highly informative and beneficial sessions. Topics like tests and eligibility requirements, skills and abilities expected, and the nitty-gritties of this cherished profession were covered during the certification course. The session was edified by distinguished judicial luminaries like Hon'ble Justice Suraj Govindraj, Judge High Court of Karnataka; Shri. Ramachandra Huddar, Director, Karnataka Judicial Academy; Adv. Susheela Sarathi, Master Trainer for Mediation; Shri. Mohit, Judicial Magistrate, First Class and Civil Judge Jr. Division.

DUE DILIGENCE IN CORPORATE LAW

The Center for Skill Development while driving focus to various streams of law and by collaborating with top-tier law firms invited Ms. Soumya Bhargava, Senior Associate, DSK Legal, Mumbai to hold a session on Due Diligence in Corporate Law on January 07, 2022.

The attendees learnt that Due diligence is performed by investors to verify for regulatory and procedure compliance by the firm. Usually, the company's legal, financial, and compliance elements are evaluated and documented throughout this procedure. The session comprised of an insightful talk by the esteemed guest who dealt with the topic in a very detailed manner and was helpful enough to give clarity to the students regarding the practical aspects of the corporate world.



Ms. Soumya Bhargava, Senior Associate, DSK Legal, Mumbai

Dr. Akkai Padmashali, Social Activist

LECTURE ON 'INCLUSION'

activist, Akkai The transgender Dr. Padmashali, who is also the founder of the Trust. graced the college enlightening students on the importance of "Inclusion" in the society. Justifying the theme of Inclusion she shared her experience, journey, fight and struggle to achieve an equal status as the rest of the women and men in the society. The session was an interactive one where she answered all the questions of the students relating to transphobia, how to accept challenges and how the process transplantation works. She also made the students aware of the atrocities that are committed against transgender people and the adversities faced by them. This was a fun filled yet inspiring session that made students ponder upon the concept of equality from a whole new perspective.

WORKSHOP ON 'RIGHT TO INFORMATION'

The Center for Skill Development conducted a Workshop on Right to Information on the 13th of November, 2021. The workshop comprised of insightful talk by the esteemed guest - Mr. D.S Ranga Rao - RTI Programme Manager, Mentor, Coordinator, Consultant to Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT), Mumbai. He enlightened the students about the field of RTI, its application and efficacy in the day-to-day life of a common man. The workshop was a great success and was well received by students of all years. This was an interactive session where the students got the rare opportunity to interact with a senior expert in the field of RTI.

Center for Skill Development

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WORKSHOP ON "RIGHT TO INFORMATION"

Guest of Honour



Mr. D.S. Ranga Rao

RTI Programme Manager, Mentor, Coordinator, Consultant to Public Concern Governance Trust (PCGT), Mumbai.

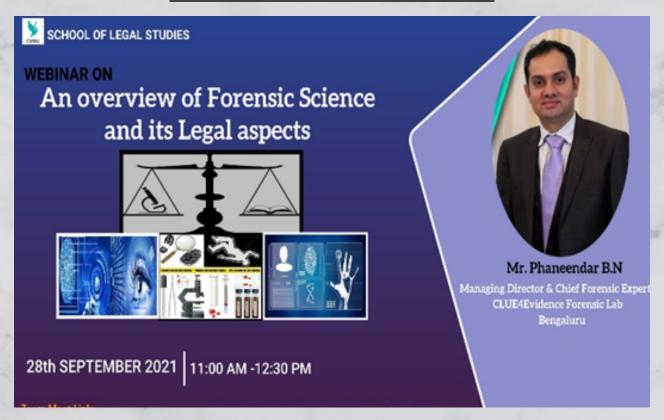
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Workshop Details:

Date: 13th November, 2021 (Saturday)

AN OVERVIEW OF FORENSIC SCIENCES AND ITS LEGAL ASPECTS



On 28th September 2021, the Guest Lecture Memorial Series of the CMRU, SOLS invited Mr. Phaneendra B.N., Managing Director and Chief Forensic Expert at CLUE4Evidence Forensic Lab, Bangalore to host a talk on forensic science and its legal aspects. It was knowledge enriching and inspiring session wherein the students thoroughly enjoyed case studies and real instances demonstrated by the speaker. Students understood that the term forensic is not what they see prima facie and that it is much different than what it looks. Mr. Phaneendra gave a perceptive session on how effectively the term Forensic science has been used in our legal system and what aspects of forensic sciences all advocates and legal professionals must know about. He covered the topics like importance of handwriting and signatures, documentary and digital evidences, lie detention etc.

The whole session was very interactive and the guest speaker was kind enough to answer all the questions asked by the students.

RIGHT OF PRIVATE DEFENCE - WHAT THE IPC SAYS



The guest lecture was organized by the Guest Lecture Memorial Series of the CMRU, SOLS on 23rd December 2021 on the virtual platform of Zoom. The guest speaker for this talk was Dr. S.T. Ramesh, who conducted a session which was knowledgeable and interestingly filled with live examples. He gave a depth understanding on Right to Private Defence and its legal importance by discussing the main provisions under Indian Penal Code. He emphasized on Right to private defence available to all citizens, against body and property, conditions of private defence, exceptions to the rule of private defence, and proving exercise of RPD in a Court of law. He supplemented the lecture by mentioning the punitive and preventive measures of private defence.

WOMEN AND HEALTH

Addressing the session on Women and Health, the *Padwoman of India* - Maya Vishwakarma boldly addressed the sanitation issues that exist in many rural areas of India. Outlining the health issues and the social taboos that still exist in society, the speaker covered the complete journey and challenges she had undergone to spread awareness and necessity to raise concern on use of pads. She also addressed the challenges to switching to the use of menstrual cups and how Indian women would react to it. She then emphasized on the difference in perspective and approach between women in India and abroad. This contemporary lecture was greatly admired by the attendees.



CYBER OFFENCES - NEED FOR GENDER FRIENDLINESS



Hon'ble Justice Kamaneesh, Special Judge, Ernakulam

This guest lecture on Cyber Offences was presided over by Prof. (Dr.) Subramanya T.R, Dean - CMRU, School of Legal Studies. The guest speaker, Hon'ble Justice Kamaneesh highlighted mainly on Cyber Laws vis-à-vis gender based violence under the Indian civil and criminal laws framework. He dealt with the primary provisions of Information Technology Act, 2000 and violence against women and girls in cyber space (Cyber VAWG). He discussed cyber bulling, hate speech, cyber-stalking, doxing, intimidation etc. and its adverse impact on societal cultures. He opined that there is a need for a new legislation with regard to Cyber VAWG. The lecture was received with appreciation by the students who were enthused to ask questions from the esteemed speaker.

THE PLACE OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

On 4th October 2021, Prof. Umesh Kadam, Law Consultant, ICRC New Delhi was invited to host a webinar on the theme of International Humanitarian Law. The revered speaker shared his extensive research experience in international armed conflicts and its consequences in Africa, South East and East Asia. He touched upon key issues of International Humanitarian law and enlightened the students with his knowledge about international and non-international armed conflicts, present scenario of armed conflicts between State and non-state entities, the difference between the interchangeable terms wars and armed conflicts, private military organizations, general principles of IHL, etc. It was an informative session that gave the attendees an insight into the topic and some interesting facts.



BASIC CONCEPTS IN FOREST AND WILDLIFE LAW

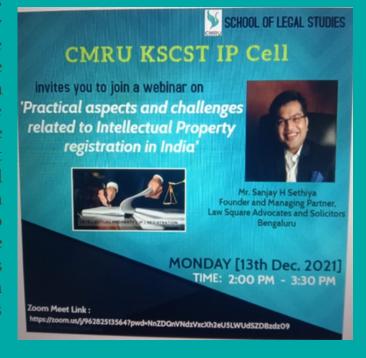


Advocate Anu Chengappa, High Court of Karnataka

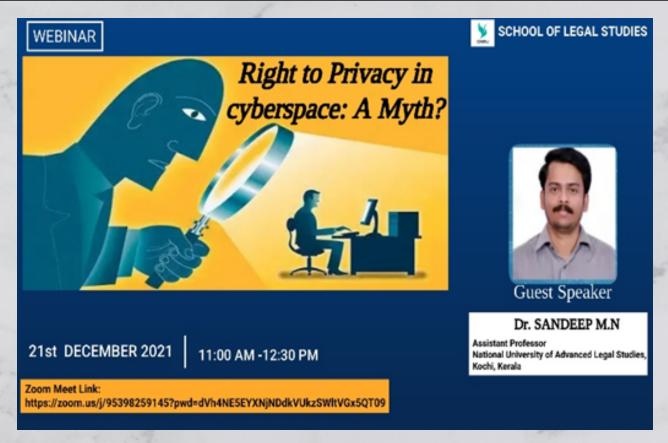
The lecture was delivered by Adv. Anu Chengappa practicing at the High Court of Karnataka, with her area of expertise in human rights, environment law, family laws, property laws, land acquisition laws, laws pertaining to local and statutory bodies and special statute offences under criminal law. The lecture commenced with the idea that laws are the peripheral requirements in the field of conservation. She also distinguished between wildlife conservation and animal protection which are both increasingly crucial to protect. Adv. Chengappa discussed the hierarchy of the forest protection department, the anti-poaching camp, statutory authorities for forest conservation and the wildlife protection. She concluded her speech by answering the questions raised by the students.

PRACTICAL CHALLENGES RELATED TO IPR REGISTRATION

This Guest Lecture on the Practical Challenges related to IPR Registration in India was highly informative and knowledge enriching. The various nuances of the topic covered by the guest speaker - Mr. Sanjay Sethiya, gave a practical understanding of the topic to the students. The speaker began by explaining the basic concepts of IP and went on to highlight the benefits and modes of protection received after the IP is successfully registered. He then explained the provisions of law relating to registration and shed light on how there are overlapping provisions in different IP laws along with the judicial precedents existing in India. It was an informative session which was acclaimed by all.



RIGHT TO PRIVACY IN CYBERSPACE: A MYTH?



The guest speaker - Dr. Sandeep M.N gave a detailed perspective of Right to Privacy by providing knowledge and insight into the reality of Right to Privacy in Cyber Space. He began his talk with the statement - "We are already judges of our own rights; now what is remaining is to become lawyers so as to defend it."

He mentioned about the changing perspective of 'Privacy' along with the landmark judicial pronouncements. He highlighted on the issues of right to privacy and problems faced by the Individual in cyber space, accountability of State, nexus between right to privacy and right to be forgotten, cyber offences in relation to violation of privacy rights, etc. Mr. Sandeep also dealt with the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 and analyzed it critically. He discussed about the best international laws regarding Data Privacy.

Finally, he concluded his talk by saying, "You cannot make progress without making mistakes and you will not achieve progress without correcting your mistakes." The session was truly helpful and helped students to know more about the privacy issues in cyber space and its factuality.

NATIONAL YOUTH DAY



The birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on 12th January is celebrated across India as National Youth Day, to honour one of the greatest philosophers and spiritual leaders. The day is marked all over India at schools and colleges, with processions, speeches, music, youth conventions, seminars, Yogasanas, presentations, competitions in essay-writing, recitations and sports every year.

This year the theme for National Youth Day 2022 was 'It's All in the Mind' which is a key teaching of Vivekananda. The Social Impact Club of CMRU SOLS organized a guest lecture on this Youth day which was given by Dr P.M. Giridhara Upadhyaya who is a professor of microbiology at Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences, Bangalore. He spoke about the topic "Role of Indian youth in Nation Building and conserving Culture and Heritage". His speech indeed motivated a lot of students who got the hope to pursue everything they want and believe in themselves.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPACE LAW



Space Industrialisation refers to utilising the special environmental properties of outer space for the social and economic benefit of the people on Earth, by way of new technology.

School of Legal Studies, CMR University invites registrations for its International Space Law Conference on 26 March, 2022 titled "Bridging the Spatial Divide: Problems and Prospects of Space Industrialization."

To register: https://bit.ly/3hzlCS9.

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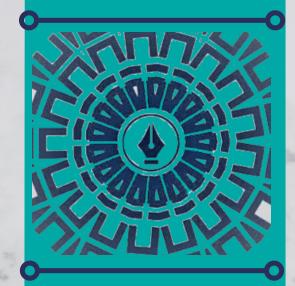
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