

Report on

NATIONAL ONLINE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME on

Changing Dimensions of Legal Education in Contemporary Era

Target Group: Professionals / Academicians, Research Scholars

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Date and Time: The Faculty development Programme was held from 8 th to 13th August, 2022 on virtual mode at School of Legal Studies, K.R. Mangalam University, Sohna-Gurugram.

Venue: MS TEAMS

Introduction

The legal teaching-learning process has adapted creatively to numerous concerns in the legal profession as a result of the changing times and the resulting confrontation with varied issues and obstacles. Whether it is constitutional amendments, legal research, intellectual property, environmental law and policy, concerns for vulnerable groups, online learning platforms, etc., the legal education has always embraced sudden changes and responded with creative ideas and sustainability-focused goals. This Faculty Development Programme (Online) aims to investigate the recent developments that have occurred in the legal profession, society, and legal education.

This Faculty development programme has tried to cover all the aspects of the society and the themes which were related to it were as follows.

1. Modern challenges to Constitutional law education

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- 2. IPR: Problems and innovation
- 3. New developments in environmental law and policy
- 4. Innovations in Criminal law
- 5. Problems affecting vulnerable groups
- 6. The evolving scope of media law
- 7. The evolving scope of cyber law
- 8. Any additional issue associated with them.

Objectives:

To ensure the effective operation of government and society, as well as to ensure that the goals are justified in order to preserve its existence, law and legal education have always undergone change.

Content

The Inaugural Session was taken over by **Dr. Pawan Sharma**, Secretary to the Law Commission Joint Secretary and Law Officer (ILS) in which she has tried to cover all the aspects and has touched all the sub themes and how to make legal education effective. She has discussed in detail about the various generations of reforms which was covered in the legal education. How the curriculum was made, how it came into existence and was initiated by the Bangalore Law School in 1986. She has also emphasised that for any faculty it is very important to have critical thinking on the subject. Dr.Pawan Sharma has also explained about the New Education Policy and the holistic approach towards the education. Best practices to be introduced in the curriculum. She has tried to make everyone understand that today the students have become very smart and the perspective has also changed and they are very focussed from the beginning itself before joining any institute. Overall madam has summed up the session and Dr.Inderpreet extended the vote of thanks.

Dr. Yogendra Shrivastava covered the evolving scope of Media Law. He is a nationally awarded academician in the area of legal education and presently working as a Professor of Law and Dean-Outreach with prestigious Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur. His

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rich experience in academia and government sector has earned him many accolades. Prof. Srivastava received Gold Medal in Bachelor of Science. In addition to his Doctorate in Law, he has widened up horizons of his qualification through Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism & Mass Communication and Human Rights

Dr. Teena has tried to emphasise that over the years, environment protection has become mass movement. The issues related to environment like pollution, wild life protection, green covers, etc. are not only being deliberated but also being resolved. There is sea change in the thinking of people towards environment protection. This all has led to setting new norms and enacting of new laws and their enforcements. India is a vast country with variety of flora and fauna. Indian government is enacting new laws on the line of international conventions, agreements etc. Judiciary is also playing key role in development of environmental law. Therefore, it becomes imperative to keep ourselves updated about the latest developments in the field of environmental laws. Dr Shobhna Jeet extended vote of thanks to the speaker.

Dr M Z M Nomani, Prof. at Department of Law- AMU, He is specialized in Environmental Law, Health Law, IPR with more than 27 years of teaching and research experience. The topics for the fourth day of the FDP were New Developments in Environmental Law and Policy, and IPR: Problems and Innovations. On Environmental Law and Policy there was a lively discussion on carbon emission policy, National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 and so on. Regarding IPR we had critical evaluations of existing IPR acts like Copyright Acts and Patent Acts around the world. With regard to India, Indian Copyright Act and Indian Patent Actproblem of ideation that is innovative ideas do not come under copyright. This has led to problem of equitable sharing to the traditional knowledge holders. As a whole there was lively discussion by the participants. IPR: Problems & Innovations and New Developments in Environmental Law & Policy was overall covered.

Dr. Vageshwari Deswal Professor, Delhi University, She is an academician, feminist, activist, jurist and author with a brilliant academic record. She is having total teaching experience of 21 years. She has done project on Acid attacks for NCW; Prison reforms for NHRC and is currently working on Farmer Suicides for ICSSR. The topic for the fifth day of FDP was 'Changing dimensions of justice in contemporary era'. She has begun the session by putting up a question before all the participants that, what is Law? How the society is being governed etc. She explained about restorative justice which refers to an approach to

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justice that seeks to repair harm. She further explained that restorative justice focuses on lawbreaker restitution. She has further discussed about recent criminal developments. She firstly discussed about Money Laundering Act, . Then she discussed about the changes made in POCSO Act and Juvenile Justice Act. She has also discussed about the amendments made in criminal law in 2013c and 2018 in special reference to rape laws. She has discussed these developments with the help of recent judgements of the Supreme Court and high courts

Dr. Ankit Singh gave a very insightful and creative lecture on how students should also be acquainted with contemporary case studies and practical aspects of Intellectual Property Laws and how they can be made relevant for the students along with bare acts and sections. He reiterated the importance of making the classroom experience for students worthwhile with regards to contemporary perspective. It is all about generating the interests of the students. He introduced the intellectual property in a very creative way through 'Professions' such as disk jockeys and the platforms used by them (Mix Cloud), Chefs & Bakers for trademarks and trade dress, stand-up comics, fitness trainers, interior designers and make-up artists who interact with various IP on day to day basis and it plays a vital role in protecting their artistic expressions. This is done through Copyright protection, trademarks, trade dress and patents. The FDP concluded with a very knowledgeable note. "

Attendees: There were overall 106 participants who have attended the FDP and have been benefitted by the knowledge of the resource persons.

Activity Outcomes: The outcome of the activity was that the participants had a deep knowledge about different aspects of Law and the insights which has been shared by the resourse person will help in developing teaching skills of the faculties.

Conclusion: School of Legal Studies organised six days online FDP on Changing dimensions of Legal Education in contemporary ERA from 8th to 13th August, 2022. There were 105 participants from across the nation. FDP was graced by six renowned resource persons who enlightened the participants on various current and changing scenario in Legal education like media law, environmental law, IPR, restorative justice etc. At the end of every session feedback link was shared with the participants and the FDP was marked as excellent by the participants.

Further Scope: Law is ever changing which changes according to the need of the society. Being a Law academician one should be equipped with the information of recent

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developments in legal field. Such kind of FDP's are helpful for the academicians professionals and research scholars to keep them updated about the new scenarios of Law.

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