



GUEST SESSION ON INVESTIGATING CRIME AND PENOLOGY

Date: 22nd January 2025

Venue: Room B013, Bhaskar Acharya Block

Event Type: Guest Session

Mode of activity: Offline

Target group: B.Sc. Forensic Science Final Year Students and 2nd year Students

Organized by: SBAS

Participants: 45

Resource Person: Dr. Tapan Chakraborty, Retired DIG, BPR&D

Event Coordinators: Mr. Nitin Tyagi, Assistant Professor, SBAS

Relevant SDGs: SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions)

Introduction

The Department of Forensic Science, under the School of Basic and Applied Sciences at K.R. Mangalam University, organized a guest lecture on “Criminology and Penology” on 22nd January 2025. The session was graced by the esteemed presence of Dr. Tapan Chakraborty, Retired Deputy Inspector General (DIG) from the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D). The lecture aimed to enhance the understanding of crime, criminal behaviour, and the justice system among final-year B.Sc. Forensic Science students.

Objective of the Event

The primary objective of the expert session was to provide students with an in-depth understanding of criminology and penology, including various theories of crime, the role of forensic science in criminal investigations, and the functioning of penal institutions. The session was designed to align with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly:

- **SDG 4 (Quality Education):** By imparting advanced knowledge in forensic science and criminal justice.
- **SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions):** By promoting awareness about justice, law enforcement, and ethical practices within the criminal justice system.



Event Proceedings

The session commenced with a warm welcome address by Mr. Nitin Tyagi, Assistant Professor, Department of Forensic Science, who introduced Dr. Tapan Chakraborty and highlighted his remarkable contributions to law enforcement and criminal justice.

Dr. Chakraborty began his lecture by discussing the fundamental concepts of criminology, including various criminological theories such as classical, positivist, and sociological perspectives on crime. He emphasized the significance of understanding criminal behavior to formulate effective crime prevention strategies.

Moving on to penology, he explained the evolution of punishment systems, including retributive, deterrent, rehabilitative, and restorative justice approaches. He also elaborated on the role of correctional facilities and rehabilitation programs in ensuring justice and reintegration of offenders into society.

Dr. Chakraborty further discussed the role of forensic science in criminal investigations, citing real-life case studies where forensic techniques played a crucial role in solving crimes. He highlighted the importance of forensic experts in supporting law enforcement agencies and the judiciary.

Interactive Session

The lecture was followed by an engaging Q&A session, where students posed insightful questions related to the practical challenges in crime investigation, the effectiveness of different penal systems, and the ethical implications of forensic science. Dr. Chakraborty patiently addressed each query, providing valuable insights from his vast experience in the field.

Conclusion and Takeaways

The guest lecture provided students with a comprehensive understanding of criminology and penology, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world applications. It also reinforced the importance of forensic science in maintaining justice and strengthening law enforcement institutions.

Mr. Nitin Tyagi concluded the event with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to Dr. Chakraborty for his enlightening session and to the students for their active participation. The event successfully contributed to the academic growth of students while fostering discussions on crime prevention, justice, and institutional integrity.

The event was a great success, leaving students inspired and well-informed about the crucial role of forensic science in criminology and penology.



Figure 1: Dr. Tapan Chakraborty, Retired DIG, BPR&D, New Delhi Delivering lecture to students



Figure 2: Students attending Lecture by Expert

