

EVENTS

1. Group Discussion on “Prison Overcrowding and its Possible Solutions” (3rd November 2023)

The Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCCJ) organised a stimulating Group Discussion on "Prison Overcrowding and Possible Solutions" that spanned over one hour and drew enthusiastic participants from different batches to engage in a robust exchange of ideas regarding the pressing issue of prison overcrowding and its potential remedies. The discussion revolved around four central points, which included how reforms in the legal systems can tackle the various loopholes that result in delayed justice, what can be a possible solution for elevating prison infrastructure, how to promote awareness and bring about community-driven solutions, and exploring alternatives such as legal reforms to expedite speedy trials, rehabilitation programmes, sentencing reforms, and improving prison infrastructure. Participants contributed thought-provoking insights and perspectives, reflecting a strong commitment to understanding and addressing the challenges associated with prison overcrowding.



2. Debate Competition on "Revamping the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Indian Evidence Act" (12th September and 13th September 2023)

The Center conducted a debate on the topic "Revamping the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and Indian Evidence Act". The introduction of the three recent Bills is a major turning point in Indian legal history. It marks a paradigm shift as it hopes to ensure speedy justice, avoid a backlog of cases, and move away from an era plagued with colonialism. The Debate Competition brought up several valid points and was a healthy form of learning

about the proposed amendment in the three new bills revamping The Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, And Indian Evidence Act. Through an engaging debate, the Centre imparted valuable knowledge and provoked a more inquisitive thought process among the students regarding the draft Bills.



3. National Training Program on the Fundamentals of Criminology and Forensic Science. (28th and 29th April, 2023)

The Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice launched its highly anticipated third edition of the “National Training Program on Fundamentals of Criminology and Forensic Science”, catering to law and social science undergraduates, postgraduates, and Ph.D. scholars worldwide. Day one, led by Dr. Amol Deshmukh, covered fingerprint examination, custody, and evidence admission. Day two, led by Mr. Prashant Mahadev Sinalkar, delved into cyber forensics, addressing motives, hacking risks, and prevention. Through various practical activities and demonstrations, the program helped enhance the understanding of the participants of these vital subjects.



4. Disputatio - “Role of Media and Criminal Administration in the Justice System” (19th and 20th April 2023)

"Disputatio," A collaborative initiative by the Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCCJ) and Centre for Advancement in Media and Entertainment Laws (CAMEL) empowered students to analyse the role of media and law in cases where media trials occur. The theme of the event was “The Role of Media and Criminal Administration in the Justice System”. The motions of the debate enabled the participants to discuss the theme at length, providing great insights and fresh perspectives on the same. The debate was open to students of all batches. The students represented media houses and lawyers, thus fostering a deeper understanding of its impact on the justice system.



5. Online Essay Writing Competition (14th January 2023)

This Online Essay Writing Competition was held for students of all batches. The topics for the competition were Dowry Death, Solitary Confinement, Juvenile Detention, General Defences, and Presumption in favor of Rape Victims Under the Evidence Act. With a great participation, very well-articulated and thought-provoking essays were written by the students.

6. Group Discussion on Juvenile Justice (17th October 2022)

This GD was held for the students of the Batch of 2022-27, on the topic of Juvenile Justice. The GD focused on the current laws regarding juvenile delinquency and its causes. It was indeed an amazing interaction among the freshers and the amount of information they put forth and discussed was extraordinary.



7. Group Discussion on Media Trials (28th September 2022)

This GD was held for the students from the Batch of 2021-26. This GD focused on the impact of the statements of media on the judiciary and the way in which media trials can affect judicial proceedings. This gave the students a holistic idea of the whole topic, created an awareness of the topic, and provided a platform to discuss their views on the same.



8. Group Discussion on the Bilkis Bano Case of 2002 (12th September 2022)

This GD was organized for the Batch of 2020-25. The GD focused on whether the premature release of the convicts in the case was justified or not. Each of these topics were discussed in great length and detail, giving new points for considering the matter and understanding the topic at hand.



9. Oppression of underprivileged classes in criminal cases (8th April 2022)

In the recent popular film ‘Jai Bhim’, the protagonist is an activist lawyer, who saves the honor and lives of thousands of tribal men and women vulnerable to such exploitation by the law. This character is based on the life of a real-life hero, Chandru, in the late 80s and 90s. This movie powerfully portrays social evils such as police brutality. With numerous laws to protect the rights and dignity of people, we still have a long road ahead towards the concept of equality and non-discrimination. “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”. The webinar successfully analyzed the above-mentioned issues with Justice Chandru as the speaker.

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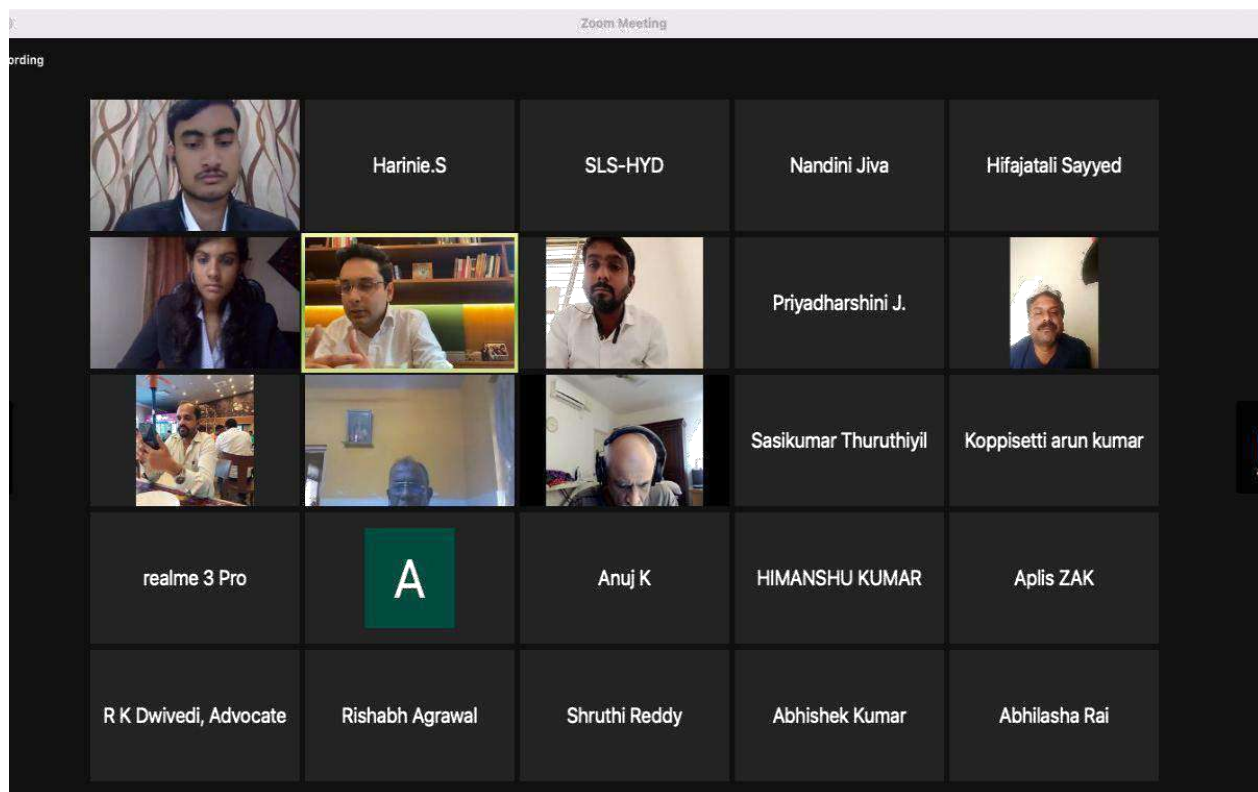
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Retd. Justice K Chandru
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LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION:
6th April 2022,
11:59pm

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10. Two-Day workshop on Cross-Examination

India has well-defined laws and statutory provisions for the initiation of criminal trials before the court of law. In criminal cases, the examination of witnesses has a crucial role to play in the presentation of evidence. The workshop’s purpose was to highlight the importance of cross-examination of witnesses in a criminal trial. It will also strengthen the skills of budding lawyers in effectively defending the accused by

understanding the basic rules of examination of witnesses and their cross-examination. In addition to this, the workshop aimed at providing a practical insight to participants by referring to a few real-life experiences of the speaker and the analysis of landmark cases. They highlighted the common errors committed in conducting examination and cross-examination of witnesses that result in a miscarriage of justice for the accused.



11. Advocates Protection Bill (25th October 2021)

The Advocates Protection Bill that was passed on the 2nd of July, 2021, has been at the central focus for a lot of discussions and criticism among advocates as well as the public at large. Although this Bill came into existence to provide some sort of social security and to ensure the discharge of the advocate's duties much easier, there have been several loopholes in the very statute that have led to many discussions. The Centre, through this national webinar, aimed at understanding the applicability of this Bill and disseminating its pros and cons to the legal fraternity.



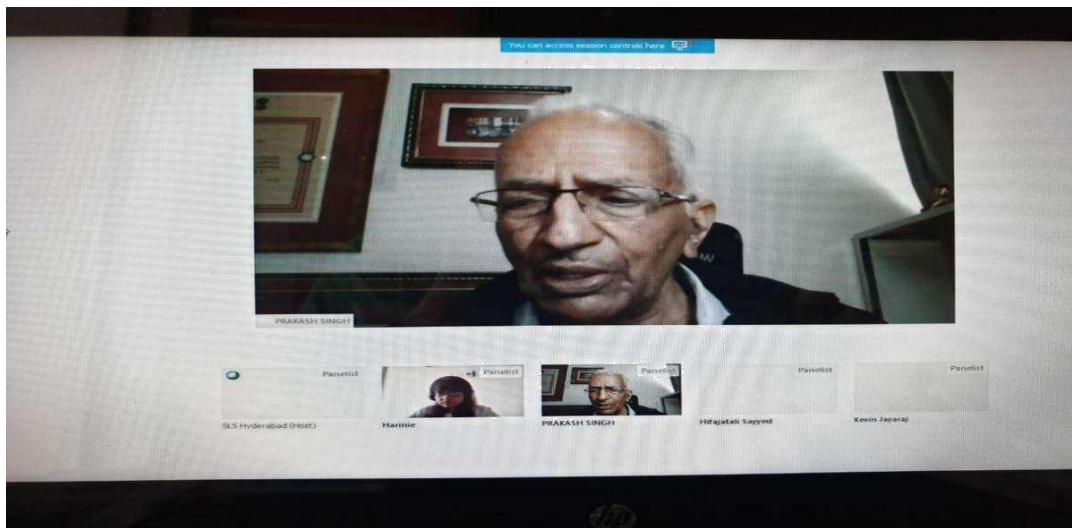
12. Prevention of Wildlife Crime (22nd February 2021)

India is home to a huge part of the world's wildlife, with 515 wildlife sanctuaries, more than 120 National Parks, 26 wetlands and 18 Bio-reserves, out of which 10 are a part of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves. Sadly, a large number of these flora and fauna are endangered. The Red List of 2018, released by the Rio+20 Earth Summit, lists 132 endangered species of plants and animals in India, and the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List, released in 2019, added 48 more species to the list. The main reason for this is anthropological interference like poaching, hunting, deforestation, environmental pollution, and loss of habitat. Evidently, the Wildlife in India needs more protection. This webinar was successful in increasing awareness of the abovementioned issues and the necessity for conservation. It also helped the participants to understand the liability of the state and private institutions in pollution control for the preservation of wildlife and the effectiveness of the legislation passed in this regard.

13. Police Reforms: Retrospection of the Prakash Singh Judgement (9th January 2021)

The judgement of *Prakash Singh v Union of India* had proved to be a milestone as it suggested several reforms such as appointing a State Security Commission, Selection and minimum tenure of DGP, Separation of investigation, Police

Establishment Board, Police Complaints Authority and National Security Commission. Keeping in mind the recent cases of police brutality that we as a nation have witnessed, the most recent one being the Jayaraj and Fenix case, it is the need of the hour to implement these reforms. The webinar was successful in analysing these reforms as well as giving a fresh perspective on the workings of the police force.



14. Webinar on Reshaping Policing: A Legal Reform (6th November 2020)

CCCJ conducted a webinar on 'Reshaping Policies: A Legal Reform'. The webinar focused on the different steps by which reformation of the system to reduce this misuse of the powers by the authorities can be possible, as well as raise awareness on the same. The panellist for the webinar, Mr. Vibhuti Narain Rai, IPS, is a notable personality on the concerned issue.



15. Webinar on Child Victims and First Responders-An Overview on Victim Assistance and Mental Health Issues (9th October 2020)

This event was a collaborative event with the International Cell of Symbiosis Law School Hyderabad. Considering the ongoing unprecedented situation created by the pandemic around the globe, the incorporated idea was formalised through the virtual platform of Cisco Webex. We had the privilege of sharing screens with some of the stalwarts engaged in the field of Child Rights and the like from the domestic as well as international background.



16. Webinar on ‘Prisoner’s Rights and Pandemic during COVID-19’ (12th May, 2020)

The COVID-19 pandemic renders individuals and society extremely vulnerable in all respects. During such an emergency crisis, a lot of our fundamental and legal rights have to be protected from violation to uphold the dignity and integrity of individuals. Similarly, the rights of the prisoners in the country, too, need paramount protection in order to defend their vulnerable position. Therefore, to bring attention to the issue, the Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice conducted a Webinar on the topic "Prisoner’s Rights and Pandemic" on 12th May 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 AM. The speaker of the Webinar was Mr. Ravi Kiran, Superintendent of Jails, with an MBA., and LLB degree, who is a well-known professional in his field.

17. National Seminar on Crime Prevention and Control. (February 29th–March 1st, 2020)

CCCJ organised a two-day seminar and paper presentation on Crime Prevention and Control. The Panel Members for the Seminar consisted of esteemed academicians and advocates. The themes for the Seminar were the Role of Media in Crime prevention; Prevention of Rioting,

Mob Lynching and Mass Atrocities; Prevention of Crimes of the New Millennium: Cyber Crime and Cyber Terrorism; Prevention of Drugs and Arms Trafficking; Prevention of Crimes against Women and Children; Prevention of Human Trafficking; Crime Prevention and Community Policing; Role of Legislation, Law Enforcement and Judiciary in Crime Prevention & Crime Prevention and Public Policy; Crime Prevention and Restorative Justice; Prevention of National/Transnational Organised Crimes respectively.

18. National Training Programme on Forensic Sciences. (January 9th – 12th 2020)

A four-day practical training programme on the different sub-fields of Forensic Science was organized by the CCCJ. The training programme was split into four individual modules; Crime Scene Investigation, Fingerprint Examination, Handwriting Examination, and Forensic Anthropology, and consisted of a total of 30 hours.

19. National Training Programme on the Fundamentals of Criminology and Forensic Science. (September 17th - 22nd 2018)

The Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice launched the first edition of its national training programme on the Fundamentals of Criminology and Forensic Science. The course was created to suit all undergraduates, postgraduates, and Ph.D. research scholars from colleges/institutes/universities studying the broad disciplines of law and social sciences across the globe. The programme benefited the students in understanding the key concepts of Criminology and Forensic Science and helped in sensitisation of the same.

20. International Seminar on Terrorism and its Spinal Networks (August 16th – 17th, 2018)

The Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice organised the 1st edition of the seminar on 'Terrorism and its Spinal Networks' on 16th and 17th August 2018. The seminar hosted three luminaries in the fields of Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, and Anthropology. The seminar was coupled with interesting paper presentations by the participants.

**21. Research Trip at Tribal Research Center, Ooty. (June 19th- June 30th2018)
(September 17th-22nd 2018)**

The journey that CCCJ started on 19th June 2018 with Dr. Rengasamy Stalin, Dr. Pooja Rhine, and the members of the Centre for Human Rights was both enriching as well as captivating. Our chockablock schedule started off with reaching the breathtaking hill station of Ooty and

meeting six major tribes of Tamil Nadu at the Tribal Research Centre. It was so fascinating to discover that we human beings are actually social creatures by ourselves. We understand how intricately society binds us when we discover societies different from ours, and that is exactly the experience that the students gained at Ooty. The journey started off with studying the tribal law system in civil and criminal matters, and fascinatingly, what the students unravelled was their rich, flush and fertile culture, Todas, Kotas, Irrulas, Kurumbas, Panniyas, Katanayaks—the six Niligiri Hill Tribes.

