

Centre of Legal Studies and Human Rights

Focus of the Centre:

SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Vision and Mission:

The purpose behind setting up the centre is to offer specialized research on legal and human right topics and find out possible solutions to socio-legal issues concerning society. The Centre has been a research centre on various legal issues concerning society like Women Empowerment, Cybercrimes and related issues, Labour legislation, and issues pertaining to Criminal Laws. The research being conducted by CPGLS has been giving solutions to various societal issues.

Location: H- Block, School of Law

Year of Establishment: 2020

Faculty-in-Charge: Dr. Nandan Sharma

No. of Publications in following SDGs (2018-2023):

Name of SDG	No. of Publications
SDG 4: Quality Education	8
SDG 5: Gender Equality	4
SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities	5
SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	4

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The Centre of Legal Studies and Human Rights was established in 2020 at Shoolini University under the School of Law. The Centre is headed by Prof. Narinder Kumar Gupta, Ph.D. (Law). It also comprises Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors to provide direction to research programmes and guide the students.

The Centre also organizes several events like National Seminar, Colloquium, Webinars, Workshops, and Faculty Development Programmes to enhance the knowledge of students, researchers, and faculty.

Thrust area of research:

- Issues relating Women empowerment
- Cybercrimes
- Labour Legislations
- Criminal Laws

Resources Available:

The centre has a separate library well equipped with Online as well as an offline Database in form of Textbooks, Statutes, Journals, Bare Acts and various magazines and periodicals to equip the students and researchers with the latest study material required to conduct research. The online database and study material have been provided by SCC online, Manupatra and Lexis Nexis.

Patents Filed

Title	Inventors	Application Number	Date of filing
Vicious Circle of Financial Crimes	Chander Mohan Gupta	7062/2021-CO/L	March 19, 2021
PROCESS OF CRIME	Monika Thakur, Anupriya Thakur	7586/2021-CO/L	March 25, 2021
COMPONENTS OF IOT FORENSICS	Ms. Monika Thakur, Ms. Anupriya Thakur, Dr.Chander Mohan Gupta	21289/2021-CO/L	September 04, 2021
Journey of Financial Crimes	Dr. Chander Mohan Gupta	24042/2021-CO/L	October 04, 2021
Process of settlement of legal and political disputes at the international level	Anupriya Thakur, Monika Thakur, Shivam Kohli	24112/2021-CO/L	October 05, 2021

ACTIVITIES

COLLOQUIUM ON CONSTITUTION DAY

A Colloquium was organized to celebrate 70th Anniversary of the Constitution of India.

The theme for the Colloquium was Article 51A (h) of the Constitution of India: to develop scientific temper, humanism and spirit of enquiry and reform.

Hon'ble (Mr.) Justice Sureshwar Thakur, Judge, High Court of HP was the Chief Guest along with Justice SS Thakur, Former Judge High Court of HP, and Advisor School of Law.

About 500 delegates from the premiere institutions of India participated in the colloquium. Delegates from Amity Law School, Noida, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Sonapat, Haryana, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad and Delhi University were part of colloquium.

Prof. P.K. Khosla, Chancellor, Shoolini University shared his valuable thoughts and welcomed Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sureshwar Thakur. The Hon'ble Chief Guest built the concept with some famous quotes of jurists, Socrates. He spoke on the theory of Karma and the Law of motions and its need in the current scenario. Various concepts and characteristic features of the Constitution of India were highlighted by Hon'ble Justice S.S. Thakur including the Right to Equality and its co-relation with humanism and spirit of inquiry and reform.

Prof Atul Khosla, Vice Chancellor, Shoolini University was the Guest of Honour. He emphasized on the New Education System of the Country and co-related it with the Fundamental duties. Adv Amit Chauhan, Ld. Advocate, Supreme Court of India also addressed the audience and stressed on the importance of Scientific Temper. Convener of the Colloquium Prof (Dr.) Nandan Sharma, Head School of Law proposed the concept note and elaborated the need for Scientific Temper. The word Scientific Temper has been taken from the Nehruvian concept way back in 1946 but stands equally important even after 74 years in the light of various Superstitions and beliefs and strike our country.

Prof (Dr.) NK Gupta, Dean, School of Law also shared the panel and shared his valuable insights. The colloquium was organized on the virtual mode. The colloquium was organized as a part of various events being organized by the School of Law under 70th Anniversary Celebrations and which would conclude by way of National Seminar on The National Law Day on 26.11.2020.

FDP ON CHANGING DIMENSIONS OF CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN INDIA

Online 7-day Faculty Development Program on CHANGING DIMENSIONS OF CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN INDIA was organized from 1 – 7th August 2021. The FDP was inaugurated with the first session by Prof Sanjeev P Sahni, Advisor to VC, OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat. He stressed on the criminal psychology and discussed different traits of a person that pulls a person to crime. He also talked about the behavioral aspect of crime. This session was moderated by Prof Renu Pal Sood.

On the Day III (03/08/2021) two eminent speakers Prof. Akshat Mehta, Dean, Police Administration, Rastriya Raksha University, Gujarat and Ms. Bindu Rani Sachdeva, DIG, Principal, Central Detective Training Institute, Chandigarh extended the knowledge of more than fifty faculty participants on the topic of Need for Police Reform for Effective Pre-trial Investigation of Crime emphasizing on the supremacy of Rule of Law, various commission's recommendation for the need for police reforms and for the improvement of the criminal justice systems, also mentioning the different role of Police personals from investigation, prevention to detention and impediments faced by the police personals during investigation. It was stressed by the speakers for a shift from ruler oriented to rule-oriented police system. The speakers elaborated their viewpoints through PowerPoint presentations for a period of one hour each and answered the queries of the participants. The whole session was moderated by Ms. Anupriya Thakur, Assistant professor School of Law, Shoolini University.

On the Day IV (04/08/2021) Mr. Sandeep Dhawal, SP Cyber Crime, H.P was the speaker. Sir shared his practical experiences from the field, that how the investigation in the cyber cases is conducted and also shared the data about the pre and post-pandemic. He also highlighted the importance of making a complaint with time as it becomes difficult to trace a crime done at virtual platform if not reported timely. Professor Dr. Sanjay Sindhu, Director at H.P Institute of Legal Studies was the second speaker for the day. He highlighted the urgent need of making the provisions under IPC and Cr.P.C dealing with cyber crimes updated to meet the need of the hour as well as in harmony with the Information Technology Act. The session was moderated by Ms Monika Thakur.

Day V (05/08/2021) was chaired by Prof Mohammad Tariq, Professor of Law at AMU, Aligarh. He gave us insight into privacy laws in India and its correlation with criminal justice system. He also explained the latest concept of the Right to be forgotten. He voyaged through

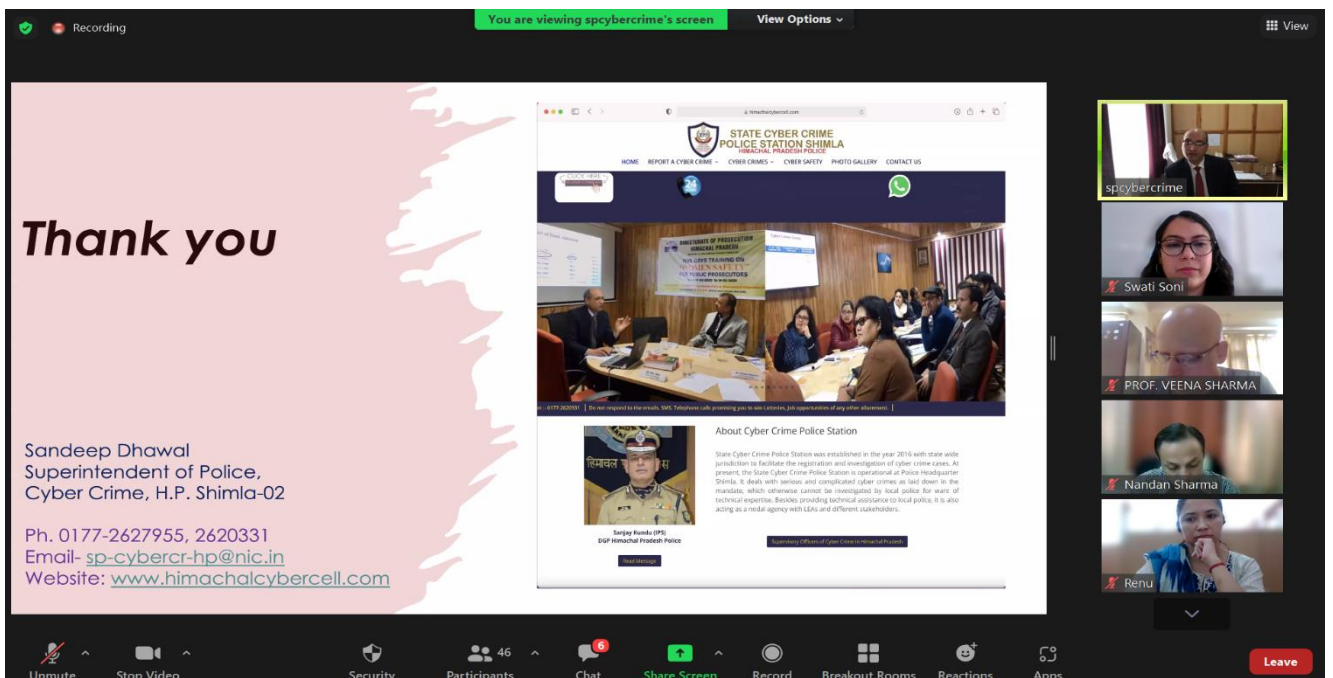
the multidimensional interpretation of Article 21 of the Indian Constitution. Sh BL Soni was the second speaker of the day who discussed the principle of evidence and its role in a criminal trial. Dr. C M Gupta was the moderator of this session.

Day VI (06/08/2021) was dedicated to Prof Shruti Bedi, Professor at Panjab University, Chandigarh and Adv Dr. Deepak Jindal, Advocate P&H High Court. Both the speakers highlighted the problem of pendency of Criminal litigation during the pandemic. A total 67,279 cases are pending with the Supreme Court of India and a whopping 57.53 Lakhs in High Courts. Subordinate courts are sitting on 3.81 Crore cases. The speakers suggested various means and resources to tackle the issue of rising pendency as Justice Delayed is justice denied. The session was moderated by Ms. Swati Soni.

The valedictory and Last day of the FDP was graced by Prof Balram K Gupta, Director, Judicial Academy Chandigarh and Prof Kamaljeet Singh, Vice-Chancellor, MLU Cuttack. The topic for deliberations was the Criminal Jurisprudence of Art 20 and 21 of the Constitution of India. He gave valuable insights in the light of Supreme Court judgments. Prof P. K. Khosla, Chancellor Shoolini University and Prof Atul Khosla, Vice-Chancellor, Shoolini university graced the valedictory as Chief Guest and thanked the speakers and various resource persons of the FDP.

Academicians, scholars and researchers throughout the country registered for the FDP.

Convener of the FDP Prof (Dr.) Nandan Sharma informed that about 70 academicians from reputed Universities, Colleges and institutions of India like Delhi Metropolitan, Panjab University, Chandigarh University, JIMS School of Law, KR Mangalam University, Chanakya National Law University, HPNLU, Shimla, AKK, New Law Academy Pune, Himachal Pradesh University and many more. In the light of the abovementioned, this FDP was conducted with an objective to delve, deliberate and to generate awareness amongst teaching professionals of varied disciplines and also the diaspora working on Access to Justice on two cardinal issues mainly access to justice through criminal and correctional legal mechanisms, its impact and implications on the marginalized community in terms of entitlement, legal empowerment and issues connected there with and possible resolutions.



GUEST LECTURE ON IPR

A lecture was conducted in collaboration with “Effectual Services”, organised by the IPR cell.

The theme for the discussion was IPR (Intellectual Property Rights). The session was conducted by Dr Amit Goel, Co-founder and Director, Effectual Services and Mr Sandeep Puri, Senior Manager and IP Attorney, Operations. The lecture was attended by students, faculty of School of Law and Shoolini Researchers.

They were kind enough to educate the students about intellectual property rights. Mr Sandeep made us aware about intellectual property and the importance of IPR. He explained this through various examples. He elaborated on the importance of patents and how patents, copyrights and trademarks are different from each other. He also explained about the process of filing a patent. He guided the students of law about how they can further their career in the field of IPR as a litigator.



LEGAL AID CAMPS

To celebrate Legal services Week from 8th to 14th November 2021, Legal aid camp was organised at Sultanpur and Oachghat by School of Law, Shoolini University. It was attended by legal aid volunteers of School of Law, Dr. Nandan Sharma, Head, School of Law, faculty members, Pradhan, Up-Pradhan, Ward members and advocates.

At Sultanpur Gram Panchayat, adv. Devi Chand graced the event with his presence and also shared information regarding women rights. Two student speakers namely Ms. Mansha and Anshula gave information about Domestic Violence and crime against women.

At Oachghat Gram Panchayat, the camp was presided over by Kapil Sharma, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum- secretary, District Legal Service Authority, Solan and Adv. Atul Sharma. Sh. Kapil Sharma gave information regarding availing of free legal aid.

Adv Atul Sharma encouraged the villagers for using Alternate Dispute Redressal Mechanism to resolve dispute outside the Court.

Two student speakers from School of Law namely Ms. Kanika and Ms. Dalia spoke about female foeticide and infanticide and elaborated various government schemes available at Panchayat level.

School of Law, Shoolini University also celebrated National Legal Services Day, in collaboration with District Legal service Authority, Solan and National Commission for Women on 9th November 2021. The Legal awareness programme for women was organised at Gram Panchayat Nauni. It was presided over by Kapil Sharma, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum- secretary, District Legal Service Authority, Solan. It was attended by Sh. Madan Himachali, Pradhan, Nauni Gram Panchayat and women representative from 9 villages and Dr. Nandan Sharma, Head, School of Law, Shoolini university and faculty members.

Kapil Sharma said that there is a need to bring about a positive change in the attitude of all sections of the society to ensure that women have the right to equality. On this occasion, he gave detailed information about Domestic Violence Act-2005, verbal and emotional harassment and economic harassment.

Advocate Doshi Negi provided information about right to health to women and explained rights of women before and after arrest. Advocate Shweta Sharma discussed about crimes against women. Dr. Pushpanjali Sood, Associate Professor, Shoolini University highlighted the role of women in the Indian economy and Ms.Swati Soni, Assistant professor, Shoolini University highlighted the contribution of the women of Himachal in the progress of the country and the state.

