



The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University
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School Of Excellence in Law



2nd NATIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMPETITION & WORKSHOP

Organised by

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE IN LAW,
THE TAMIL NADU DR. AMBEDKAR
LAW UNIVERSITY (TNDALU)

In collaboration with

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN
DIGITAL FORENSICS (CoEDF) &
ASIAN CRIMINOLOGICAL SOCIETY (ACS)

25th & 26th February 2024

VENUE - SCHOOL OF
EXCELLENCE IN LAW,
TNDALU, PERUNGUDI, CHENNAI

OFFICIAL INVITE

We cordially welcome you to the 2nd National Criminal Investigation Competition and Workshop, 2024 conducted by the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University in collaboration with the Center of Excellence in Digital Forensics (CoEDF) and the Asian Criminological Society (ACS). This exciting event is an initiative by some of the greatest minds in the field of law, criminology, social work, human rights, and police administration. It focuses on creating awareness among the upcoming generation, especially the Law, Criminology, Social Work, Human Rights and Police Administration students, in vital areas such as Criminology and Forensic Science and its practical application. The event includes an engaging criminal investigation competition where students can apply their investigative skills and crime scene evidence analysis skills, which is followed by a workshop with live demonstrations, delivered by people who are experts in their niche of study. We urge you to join us for a weekend of fun learning, intellectual discussions and exciting activities. The event is scheduled to be held from 25th - 26th February, 2024 at the School of Excellence in Law, Chennai. The Organising Committee of the competition cordially welcome your esteemed institution to participate in the same and make this event a grand success. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to bring out the Sherlock Holmes in you!

With Warm Regards,
The Organising Committee,
School of Excellence in Law,
Chennai.

ABOUT SOEL - TNDALU

The School of Excellence in Law takes immense pleasure in conducting the 2nd National Crime Scene Investigation Competition and Workshop, 2024. The School of Excellence in Law has been established by the University as its campus since 2002 and has been modelled on the lines of other National Law Schools in the country. The University is functioning as a nodal agency to uplift the legal education in the state of Tamil Nadu through School of Excellence in Law at Chennai and through sixteen affiliated colleges in the state. The institution is the first full-fledged sui generis law university in the country. The institution strives to promote legal education among the students for exploring different avenues and developing an overall skill set in the field of law. As a new initiative, the Department of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Administration and the Department of Cyberspace Law and Justice, TNDALU have joined hands with ACS and COEDF to pull off an event as successful as its previous edition.



ABOUT CoEDF

The Center of Excellence in Digital Forensics (CoEDF), is a pioneer of specialized academics and a training institution headed by Prof. Dr.R. Thilagaraj, supported by great minds in the fields of Information Security, Digital Forensics, Criminology, Forensic Science and Forensic Medicine. It offers degrees, diplomas and certifications on Criminology, Forensic Science, Digital Forensic, Information Security and in other related areas in collaboration with various Universities, Colleges and Corporates. CoEDF also offers training to the law enforcement officials, faculties in the Universities and Colleges, officials from corporates, IT companies, banks and professionals from financial companies on various contemporary issues relating to cyber-crimes and frauds. CoEDF also provides awareness programmes to school children and parents on the safe usage of cyber space and social media. It has its signature programme titled “Butterflies Beware safe surfing” which is exclusively provided in schools. CoEDF also provides consultancy services to provide assistance and advise for securing the businesses, e-governance set-up and IT infrastructures.

ABOUT ACS

The Asian Criminological Society (ACS) was established in 2009 in Macau, China with the following objectives: (1) to promote the study of criminology and criminal justice across Asia; (2) to enhance cooperation in the fields of criminology and criminal justice by scholars and practitioners; (3) to encourage communication between criminologists and criminal justice practitioners in Asia and the world through publications and conferences; and finally, (4) to foster training and research in criminology and criminal justice in institutions of learning, and in criminal justice agencies.

WHY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION?

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During a criminal investigation, which includes crime scene investigation, evidence is carefully gathered and examined. The purpose of a crime scene investigation is to determine what had transpired to identify the sequence of events leading to the actual crime, the responsible party and their modus operandi. It is helpful to recognise and properly gather physical and digital evidence when trying to solve and prosecute violent crimes. Whether physical evidence will be used in resolving or prosecuting violent crimes depends heavily on the law enforcement officer who saves and searches the crime scene. Firstly, not all lawyers are equally capable of seeking out and compiling evidence. The scope of evidence collection and crime scene investigation is not just limited to forensics students but every student/person connected to the criminal justice system is required to possess basic knowledge about crime scene investigation and evidences.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

This program as an innovation departs from the usual custom of conducting moot court competitions. Criminal Investigation competition assesses the ability of students to perform procedures related to crime scene procedures and to hypothesize the suspects. It aims to learn more about crime investigation by examining physical evidences from the crime scene along with use of reasoning and logical skills. It is interdisciplinary, including identifying, reporting, sketching, identification, photography, reasoning and observational skills.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The workshop is designed in such a way that the participants get to learn about investigating a crime scene, taking evidence and analyzing. It is to be conducted before the competition by a team of forensic experts who guide us on the do's and don'ts of a crime scene investigation with a live demonstration of evidence collection methodology is also to be imparted to the participants. Interested participants may register separately for the workshop alone

TEAM ELIGIBILITY & TEAM COMPOSITION

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- This event comprise of competition and workshop.
- The competition is open to full-time students and full-time research scholars belonging to streams of Law, Criminology, Social work, Human rights, and Police administration and who are below the age of 30 years.
- Entry to the workshop is included for all participants of the competition.
- Academicians regardless of field of study can register for the workshop.
- **Forensic science students are not allowed for the competition.**
- Each team will comprise of two members only.
- There is no restriction to the number of teams that may participate from the same institution.
- Individuals who attend only the workshop may do so by registering themselves individually.

MODE OF EVENT : OFFLINE

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMPETITION

- On the day of the competition, the participants will be given a basic orientation of the competition, an idea of what will be expected in the investigation, the report and analysis.
- Participants will then be briefed about the background of the crime scene set up and would be given the facts of the case.
- Participants shall be provided with the required stationeries and will be taken to the crime scene that will be open to observation for 15 minutes only. The participants are then required to observe, find evidence, clues, ask for reports, make notes and sketches.
- After observation, 30 minutes shall be provided to prepare a report.

The report has to include:

1. **Background of the crime**
2. **A brief note, sketch and photographs of the crime scene**
3. **List of evidences found**
4. **Types of evidences as per the law & relevance of the evidences in the court of law**
5. **Hypothesis of suspects**
6. **Reasoning behind such a hypothesis.**

- Participants shall not be allowed to touch, alter or disturb the crime scene.
- The evidence, as the participants find, may be marked by the volunteers and the required analysis reports or further details will be provided by them.
- Participants will be provided with a device for the purpose of capturing images. Usage of any other own devices shall be a ground for disqualification of the teams.
- The teams shall provide a hypothesis as to the events of crime through the investigation of the crime scene and analyzing the evidence.
- The teams will be required to present the written report. The presentation shall include the legal aspects of the case encompassing the evidentiary value of the marked evidences and the other related laws of the given case.
- Any further instructions regarding the event progression will be provided on the day of the event
- Results will be declared after evaluation of the reports in the valedictory session

THE LANGUAGE OF THE EVENT SHALL BE ENGLISH.

DRESS CODE

- The participants shall strictly adhere to the dress code for the duration of the conference.
- The dress code for all participants shall be Formals.

JUDGEMENT CRITERIA

- Analysing and finding the facts
- Observational skills
- Interpretational ability
- Preparatory and precautionary measures taken in handling of evidence.
- Problem solving ability
- Note taking, comprehension and sketching ability (basics & detailing)
- Quality of report
- Presentation skills
- Potential talent in identifying the cause of the crime incident
- Potential talent in identifying the suspect
- Potential talent of deriving the modus operandi and possible evidences leading to the suspect

CRITERIA



AWARDS

Each winning team shall be awarded cash prizes and trophies:

- **Winner: Rs. 10,000/-**
- **First Runner-Up: Rs.7,500/-**
- **Second Runner-Up: Rs.5,000/-**



All participants shall be provided with a welcome kit and a Certificate of Participation

REGISTRATION

Participants are required to complete registration on or before 09/02/2024

REGISTRATION FEE:

Registration fee for competition and workshop	Rs.2,500 /- per team of two (2)
Registration fee for only workshop	Rs.1,500/- per person



- The registration fee includes - entry fee for the competition and/ or workshop, two working breakfast & lunches and refreshments, workshop kit
- The participants shall make the payment thorough NEFT transfer to the account details provided below

Account Name: Director, School of Excellence in Law

Account Number: 193601000009752

IFSC Number: IOBA0001936

Bank Name: Indian Overseas Bank

- The payment reference number and the date of payment to be mentioned in the registration form. Scanned copy of the payment receipt must also be attached to the google registration form and only then the registration will be deemed to be complete.
- Scanned copies of Identity cards must be attached in the registration form. In case, there is an issue with the production of scanned copies of the identity card, bonafide certificate or a letter issued by the University may be attached.

Participants shall complete the registration by filling in the form available at the link mentioned:

<https://forms.gle/Q13MiqZr3Youoqsv9>

- On successful registration, a confirmation email shall be sent to all participants with their assigned Team Code (in the case of teams participating in both the competition and the workshop) or Participant Code (in the case of individuals participating only in the workshop). All future correspondence with the Organizing Committee shall specify the assigned Code
- No alteration shall be permitted in the team composition once registration as been completed, except at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee
- Participants who have registered for the workshop alone shall attend the event only on the first day. They shall not be permitted to attend the competition. Attending the valedictory is compulsory for all participants of workshop and competition.



ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation shall not be provided by the organisers. The participating team/ individuals have to make their own arrangements for accommodation. There are various hotels available at close proximity to the University campus. Participants may book on their own. An illustrative list of hotels near the campus has been provided below:

- Ginger Chennai
- King Cross Residence
- Treebo trip Mirre
- Keys Select by Lemon Tree Hotels



- Holiday Inn
- First Inn Hostels
- Turyaa Chennai
- OYO hotels along the stretch of campus road.

There are several PGs and Hostels providing accommodation starting from the range of Rs.300/day in the surrounding area.

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE?

The city is extremely well connected with various modes of travel, viz., bus, auto, local trains and cab. Ola and Uber services are easily available to travel anywhere in the city. The venue of the event is 25 mins from the Chennai International Airport, 35 mins from Chennai Central Railway Station and Egmore Railway Station, 10 mins from Thiruvanmiyur Bus Depot. The closest local train station is the Taramani Railway Station, 1 min away from the venue.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants are responsible for arranging their own forms of travel between their chosen accommodation and the venue of the competition on both days of the event. The Organising Committee shall not make any transportation arrangements.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

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Chennai is host to many cultural and heritage sites, fun getaways, pristine beaches and malls. A brief list is provided below:

Mahabalipuram, Auroville - Pondichery, Kovalam - ECR, Marina Beach - Chennai, Edward Elliots Beach, Kapaleshwarar temple - Mylapore, Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary, Tada Waterfalls, Pulicat Lake

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

08.00 – 10.00 A.M.

Registration

10.00 – 11.30 A.M.

Inauguration

12.00 – 13.30 P.M.

Workshop Session 1

13.30 – 14.30 P.M.

Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 P.M.

Workshop Session 2

16.30 – 17.30 P.M.

Orientation & Case Briefing

SUNDAY

25/02/2024

09.00 – 12.00 P.M.

Competition Rounds

- scene observation
- report writing

12.00 – 13.30 P.M.

Lunch

13.30 – 17.30 P.M.

Presentation

17.30 P.M.

Valediction and Prize Distributions

20.00 P.M.

Certificate distribution

MONDAY

26/02/2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for
Payment &
Registration

**FEBRUARY 9
2024**

Date of Event
(Competition)

**FEBRUARY 26
2024**

Date of Event
(workshop)

**FEBRUARY 25
2024**

Participants may mail their queries to soelcsi.02@gmail.com Or reach out to the respective heads:

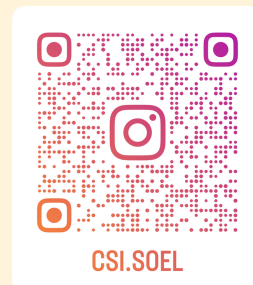


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