REPORT ON UGC SPONSORED NATIONAL SEMINAR ON LEGAL REGIME OF CYBERSPACE CONDUCTED ON 24th & 25th AUG 2013

As Internet and electronic communication has made a technical revolution in 21st Century affecting the people of the globe, its misuse has to be controlled by legal regulations. With this view a national seminar on 'Legal Regime of Cyberspace' was organized and conducted with the financial assistance of UGC.

The objectives of the Seminar are:-

(a)   To create awareness and to search for solutions for solutions for effective implementation of laws and protection in cyberspace.
(b)   To enlighten the legal fraternity's responsibility towards protection of the society from the evils occurring in cyberspace.
(c)   To throw light on the role of Legislative Authorities, Implementation Authorities and Technicians to make the cyberspace as a safe one.
(d)   The focus on the deficiencies in law and may suggest the requisite solutions and reforms in cyberspace.

The seminar has been divided into six technical sessions and an inaugural and a valedictory session. A total of 191 delegates registered and participated in the seminar including 52 faculty members from various parts of the country.

Six main themes were chosen and accordingly each theme was discussed in separate sessions. The themes were:

(a)   Sociology and Culture of Cyberspace
(b)   E-Commerce in Cyberspace
(c)   Crimes in Cyberspace
(d)   Jurisdiction in Cyberspace
(e)   Security in Cyberspace
(f)   Cyberspace as a Global Common.

Inauguration of Seminar was made through the auspicious hands of Shri Satish Chavan, Honourable Member of Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra State on 24th Aug 2013 at 9-30am at our Auditorium. Inaugural session went upto 1030am with the enlightenment of the Honourable Member of the Legislative Council.

The First Technical session on Sociology and Culture of Cyberspace started at 1100am on 24th Aug 2013 with Dr. M.C Promodan, Associate Professor, School of Indian Legal Thought, M.G University, Kottayam, Kerala as resource person. He focused his views on tele-medicines and its problems and perspectives.

He highlighted the importance of tele-medicines and its future role in maintaining the health of people of the world. In this session 12 delegates including 3 student participants presented their papers and views on various themes. Dr. P.Shree Sudha, Dr. Ambedkar University, Srikakulam, Andhrapradesh, presented her views on protection of privacy in cyberspace in a legal angle. The rights and obligations of individuals in protecting privacy in cyberspace was discussed.   Dr. U.K Vairagade, IBP Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Aurangabad discussed on significance of cyber culture in modern era. Dr. Bindu Ronald, Symbiosis Law School, Pune expressed her view on online defamation in India. Dr. Aparup Pakhira from Damodaran Sanjivayya National Law University discussed on social networks and its merits and demerits. Sadiq Bagwan, Dept,. of Sociology, Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University expressed his views on Issues and Challenges in Cyberspace. Prof. Nisha Chavhan, M.P Law College, Aurangabad expressed her views on importance of cyberspace in development of youth. Prof. Pankaj Kakde, S.P College of Law, Chandrapur expressed his views on Right to Privacy and Its Infringement in Cyberspace. Ms. Manjushree Bagul from Govt Institute of Forensic Science, Aurangabad, expressed her anguish on intelligent techniques of cyber criminals. Ms. Vaisali Thite, M.P Law College, Aurangabad placed her views on policies and parameters of Internet Access in Indian Perspectives. Prof. S.N Morey, M.P Law College, presented a case study of Law Students in the domain of cyberspace – a study of M.P Law College. Mr.Tushar Kamble, Govt Institute of Forensic Science placed his views on organized group in cyberspace.

Second Session on the theme 'E-Commerce in Cyberspace' was started at 1230pm with Prof. Ranjit Abraham, Tamilnadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University, Chennai as resource person. He enlightened on the theme cybercrime a barrier to e-commerce in India. He explained the hurdles faced by banking sector and other business agencies in conducting the business due to illegal activities of cyber criminals.

 In the second session 8 delegates including 3 faculties presented their views through their research papers. Prof. Madhuri Irene, School of Law, Christ University, presented her views on dispute settlement online.   Miss. Ashwini V Ujgare, Govt Institute of Forensic Science Aurangabad discussed on e-tendering, a wise step towards corruption free tendering. Mr. Sheri Chtrapathi, Dept of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad focused his views on e-democracy and its issues. Ms. Rashmi Rahurkar, Govt Institute of Forensic Science, Aurangabad expressed her views on impact of fraudsters in corporate cyberspace. Mr. Raghu Deshaboina, University College of Law, Osmania University discussed on the topic of evolution of e-commerce and online trading. Mrs .Vasundhara Ashok Patil, Bharati Vidyapeeth's New Law College Sangli discussed on cyber piracy on Internet. Mr. Ankush L.Rathod, Govt Institute of Forensic Science, Aurangabad expressed his views on Hurdles in cyber forensic investigations in India. Mr. Piyush Thakur, Govt Institute of Forensic Science, Aurangabad discussed on the theme of e-tokens and their role in e-commerce.

The third technical session on Crimes in Cyberspace was started at 0230 pm on 24th Aug 2013 with Prof. P.C John, Govt Law College, Tiruvananthapuram, Kerala as resource person. He expressed his valuable opinions on problems of investigation in cyber crimes.

In this session 14 delegates including 12 faculty members from various institutes presented their views on the theme of cyber crimes. Dr. Y.S Kiran Kumar, Dept of Law, Telengana University, Nizamabad expressed his views on Crimes in Cyberspace. Prof. Narayana Arun Zope, Patil Law College, discussed on criminality in cyberspace. Mr. C.S Chakravarthy, Dept of Law, Osmania, Hyderabad, expressed his views on International Dimensions of Cybercrime. Prof. Gyanendra M. Fulzalke, Shivaji Law College, Parbhani presented his views on analytical study of cybercrime.   Prof. Bhagyashree Deshpande, Punjabrao Deshmukh College of Law, Amravati, presented her opinion on prevention of cybercrime in India. Prof. Kiran Kumar Akate, Govt Institute of Forensic Science, Aurangabad expressed his views on spectra of cybercrimes in cyberspace. Prof. Anita Deshmukh, Shivaji Law College, Parbhani discussed on the theme cybercrimes, its problems and perspectives.   Prof Keval Ukey, Govt. Institute of Forensic Science presented his views on cyber squatting. Dr. M.N Phad, Pawar Law College, Baramati discussed on the issue of crimes in cyberspace. Prof. Pavankumar Rathi, M.P Law College, Aurangabad discussed the issue of challenges of cyber squatting. Prof. Nital Nandekar, VN Patil Law College, Aurangabad expressed her views on cybercrimes in cyberspace. Prof. B.V Paranjpe, M.P Law College, Aurangabad expressed her views on emerging trends of cyber torts. Prof. Kavita Dalmia, S.N.G Law College, Akola discussed on cybercrimes with reference to women. Prof. S.G Shirsat, M.P Law College, Aurangabad expressed his views on Law and Crime in cyberspace.

Fourth Technical Session with the theme of Jurisdiction in Cyberspace was started at 0900am on 25th Aug 2013 with Dr.V.S. Chowbe, HOD, Dept of Law, Amravati University as resource person. He enlightened the audience with his in sighted knowledge on jurisdictional issues in cyberspace.

In this session, 9 delegates including 3 faculty members presented their research papers on the theme of jurisdictional issues in cyberspace.   Dr. Ravishankar K Mor, Yashwant Mahavidyalaya, Wardha presented his views on jurisdiction and courts in India related to cybercrimes. Prof. Kashinath Neharkar, Shivaji Law College, Parbhani presented his views on IT Act and its impact on Evidence Act in India. Mr.B.N Khade, Govt. Institute of Forensic Science, Aurangabad expressed his views on requirements on amendments in the existing cyber laws. Mr. Maria Joy, School of Legal Studies, Cochin University expressed his views on the limits of jurisdiction in cyberspace. Prof. Shaik Nuzhat, CKT Law College, Panvel expressed her views on issues related to jurisdiction in cyberspace. Mr.Vikas S Khakare, Narayanrao Chavan Law College, Nanded discussed on the topic on admissibility of Evidence in Cybercrimes. Mr.Kanderao Samse, Govt Institute of Forensic Science, Aurangabad discussed on hurdles in cybe r forensic investigations. Mr. Aasim Hasan, Govt Institute of Forensic Science, Aurangabad

expressed the technicalities in forensic science. Mr. Sanjay Aher, New Law College, Sangli discussed the issues relating to jurisdiction in cybercrime.

Fifth Technical Session on the theme Security in Cyberspace was started on 25th Aug 2013 at 1130 am with Attorney Annamma Samuel, IPR Attorney, New Delhi as resource person. She illuminated on the nuances of networking and cybercrimes. She focused on social networking, its merits and demerits.

In fifth session 7 delegates presented their views through their research papers. Ms. Ragini Chawhan, Govt Institute of Forensic Science, Aurangabad presented her views on mobile forensic and the investigation techniques. Mrs Nilofer Farhat, Dept of Computer Studies, Maulana Azad College, Aurangabad expressed her views on computer forensics and security measures of cyber crimes. Mr.Mayur Lomte, Govt Institute of Forensic Science, Aurangabad discussed the issues in PC Auditing and Prevention of cybercrimes. Ms Anjali Agarwal, School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore discussed on data protection and privacy laws. Ms Anju Singh, V.N Patil Law College, Aurangabad expressed her views on emerging cyber security strategies in India. Mr.Vibhudi Venkateshwaralu, University College of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad discussed the issues on data privacy and security in cybersace. Mr. Nikil Pawar, Deogiri College of Bioinformatics, Aurangabad expressed his views on forensic analysis of the windows registry.

The sixth and final technical session was started at 0200 pm on 25th Aug 2013 with Ms. Varsha Shinde, Manager, Intelligent Quotient Systems, Pune as resource person. She delivered an impressive speech on issues in cyberspace with a focus on cyber security.

The theme of the sixth session was 'Cyberspace as a global common'. Prof. Rajlaxmi Wagh, Bharti Vidyapeeth, Pune discussed the analytical issues in cyberspace and the transformation of cyberspace as a global common.

With this, the technical sessions with presentations, discussions and deliberations came to an end 0330pm. Feedback was collected from the participants and the exchange of ideas were made successfully.

As a final part, the valedictory session was started at 0400pm on 25th Aug 2013 with the eminent technocrat Dr. S.G. Gupta, Director, Govt Institute of Forensic Science as the chief guest. He enlightened the participants with his immense technical knowledge on computers, internet, security in cyberspace. At the end the participants were issued the certificates for their contribution to the seminar.

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