

INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS CONFERENCE 2023



School of Legal Studies of The Icfai University Sikkim, had the distinct privilege to be invited to attend a two day 'International Lawyers Conference 2023' organised by the Bar Council of India (BCI) on 23rd -24th September at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The Conference was inaugurated by Shri. Narendra Modi, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, in the presence of Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice of the United Kingdom Alex Chalk KC .

The theme of the conference was "Emerging Challenges in the Justice Delivery System."

The participants from the ICFAI University were Ms. Samarmit Lepcha , Assistant Professor, and the final years students Ms. Aradhana Chhetri, Ms. Siksha Gupta , Ms. Sweta Kumari, Mr. Giasar Riamuk Roomchingand and Mr. Ramreishan Kasar.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister on his inaugural speech stated the importance and the role of the legal fraternity for the country's development and how the legal professionals played a crucial role in the fight for freedom. The PM also stated the importance of Alternative Dispute redressal and that its gaining momentum worldwide. After the inaugural speech by the PM, the Chief Justice of India D.Y Chandrachud addressed the inaugural ceremony and said that "institutional

collaboration is a precursor to solution finding not only while adjudicating judicial questions but it also plays a significant role in increasing access to justice.” The CJ said it is utopian to think that there will be a day when “we find perfect solutions with no challenges to the justice delivery”.

The participants attended a total of 4 sessions, two sessions on the 23rd and the other two on the 24th September. On the 23rd the participants attended sessions on ‘Global Law for Global issues: International Legal solutions, Artificial Intelligence: Transforming the Legal Landscape. The speakers spoke on various issues such as transnational cyber threats, human rights violation, enforcement of foreign awards, ethical issues for lawyers, lawyers own carbon footprint and the drawbacks of using AI for legal research. On 24th September the participants attended the following two sessions The Changing Landscape of Criminal Law and Future of Education: The Next Generation Lawyer. The speakers spoke on various areas of criminal law such as the rights of the pre-trial prisoners, importance of bail, the rights of the accused, and sentencing part of the Juvenile Justice.

The sessions of the conference were Chaired, Co chaired and Presented by Honorable Supreme Court Judges, High Court Judges, Senior Advocates, Eminent Scholars, Distinguished Experts and Accomplished practitioners.