



1st NATIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMPETITION & WORKSHOP

Organised by

**SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE IN LAW,
TNDALU**

In collaboration with

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

27th - 28th January, 2023

Venue - School of Excellence in Law, TNDALU, Perungudi, Chennai

Official Invite

We cordially welcome you to the 1st Criminal Investigation Competition and Workshop, 2023 conducted by the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence in Digital Forensics (CoEDF) and the Asian Criminological Society (ACS). This exciting event is the beginning of a new initiative by some of the greatest minds in the field. 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 Forensics 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 27th - 28th January, 2023 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 inner 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 1st Crime Scene Investigation Competition and Workshop, 2023. 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 that is the first of its kind.

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” 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 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?

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

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 after 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.



Mode of the Event

The competition and the workshop shall be held in offline mode only.

Team Eligibility & Team Composition

- The event is open to full-time students and full-time research scholars below the age of 30 years from streams of Law, Criminology, Social Work, Human Rights and Police Administration.
- Each team shall comprise 2 members only.
- There is no bar as to the number of teams that may participate from the same institution.
- Individuals who would like to attend only the workshop may do so by registering themselves individually.

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 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, **45 minutes shall be provided to prepare a report.**

The report has to include:

- **Background of the crime**
- **A brief note, sketch and photographs of the crime scene**
- **List of evidences found**
- **Types of evidences as per the law & relevance of the evidences in the court of law**
- **Hypothesis of suspects**
- **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 at the day of the event.
- Results will be declared after evaluation of the reports in the valedictory session.



Judgement Criteria

- 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



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 7th January, 2023.
- Registration fee:
 - Registration fee for competition and workshop: Rs.2,000 /- (per team of 2)
 - Registration fee for only workshop: Rs.1,000 /- (per individual)
- The registration fee includes entry fee for the competition and/ or workshop, two working lunches and refreshments, workshop kit.
- The participants shall make the payment through 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, Perungudi, Chennai**

- The payment reference number and date of payment have 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 will the registration 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/kaFbCeMpfG1fNC39>
- 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 has 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.

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**.

The language of the event shall be **English**.

Important Dates

**7th JAN
2023**

**Last Date for Payment &
Registration**

**27th - 28th
JAN 2023**

Dates of the Event

Participants may mail their queries to soelcsi.01@gmail.com
Or reach out to the respective heads:



Registration and General Queries

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Accommodation

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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 or reach out to the Organising Committee to facilitate the booking. An illustrative list of hotels near the campus has been provided below:

- Ginger Chennai
- King Cross Residency
- Treebo trip Mirra
- Keys Select by Lemon Tree Hotels

- Holiday Inn
- First Inn Hotels
- Turyaa Chennai
- There are several 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

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

27.01.2023
Friday

8.00 – 10.00 a.m.

10.00 – 11.30 p.m.

12.00 – 1.30 p.m.

1.30 – 2.30 p.m.

2.30 – 4.00 p.m.

4.30 – 5.30 p.m.

Registration

Inauguration

Workshop Session 1

Lunch

Workshop Session 2

Orientation & Case briefing

28.01.2023
Saturday

9.00 – 12.00 p.m.

12.00 – 1.30 p.m.

1.30 – 4.30 p.m.

4.30 – 6.30 p.m.

Competition Rounds

- Scene Observation
- Report Writing

Lunch

- Presentation

Valedictory and Prize Distribution

Programme Committee

Programme Director

- ◆ Prof (Dr.) N. S. Santhosh Kumar, Vice Chancellor of The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University

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