

# Crime & Justice

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I am extremely happy to learn that the Criminal Justice Forum, a students association of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice of the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, under the guidance of the faculty members, has ventured to bring out a Newsletter with a title, *Crime and Justice Perspective* in regular periodicity. I believe that this Newsletter would publish and disseminate knowledge and information on all matters related to Criminology, viz., crime and its prevention, investigation, prosecution, sentencing, institutional treatment of offenders, probation and other non-institutional treatment of offenders. I also hope and expect that this periodical would give its focussed attention to the victims and their problems and the dynamics of Victimization including prevention of victimization.

Quality of life in any society depends upon the safety and security of the people living in the society. Even with adequate wealth and other resources available to a person, if he or she does not have the reasonable confidence that he is safe in the community in which he lives, he will have to spend his life with constant fear of crime, which affects the quality of life. In the context of increasing intolerance and the culture of violence witnessed in our society in the recent years, stu-

dents of Criminology will have great responsibility to scientifically study the etiology of these aberrations and suggest possible solutions to reduce if not

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pletely prevent the occurrence of crimes in the society. While our students should learn and exchange information on the best practices available in different societies and different countries of the world, I feel that the primary responsibility of the students of Criminology should be to concentrate and study the local crime problems and local issues in the southern districts of Tamil Nadu. If our streets, villages and towns are crime free, we would be able to achieve a crime free nation and

a crime free society.

I take this opportunity to impress upon our students that they should inculcate a desire for quality research, develop the art of communication and give their innovation and imagination in bringing out this newsletter, keeping in mind the objectives of the Newsletter and to whom it is going to cater, with the goal of excellence in their work. On this happy occasion when we are having an eminent international scholar Professor Hidemichi Moro-sawa, a dedicated Criminologist and Victimologist and the Chairperson of the Tokiwa University from Japan to deliver the first Memorial Lecture of Speaker Chellapandian-Lakshmi Ammal Endowment today (23rd Jan. 2004), organised by the Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, I greet all the faculty members and the students of the Department for their several academic activities organised one after another in this short period since the establishment of this new Department.

I wish all of them good luck to march forward in achieving excellence in all their activities!

*Prof. K. Chockalingam*  
Vice-Chancellor,

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Criminal Justice Forum  
(CJF)

Eminent  
Criminologists  
Prof. T.E. Shanmugam

Prof. K. Chockalingam, Vice-Chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University (MSU) formally inaugurated the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice (DOCCJ), on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2003 which is also celebrated as "The Teachers Day" in India. In his inaugural address, he traced the evolution of the Department of Criminology at the University of Madras and highlighted the need for a new department in the present context of growing violence in India. He emphasized the importance of the department, which may look seriously into violent scenario in India. Dr. P. Nagarajan, the Registrar of the



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University felicitated the new department. Dr. P. Madhava S o m a Sundaram, Reader and Head, DOCCJ, in his welcome s p e e c h placed the vision and mission of the department and the activities to be conducted in future. Dr. K. Jaishankar, Faculty member of the department proposed a vote of thanks.

## Training programme on Intellectual Property Rights

The Directorate of Distance and Continuing Education (DD & CE) and the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice (DOCCJ), MSU, in collaboration with Ministry of Human Resource Development organized a two-day training programme on Intellectual Property Rights for Police officers and Judicial officers of 3 districts in the University Campus from 11-12 October 2003. Dr. G. Rajaram, Director of DD & CE welcomed the gathering. Prof. K. Chockalingam, Vice-Chancellor of M.S. University presided over the inaugural function. Hon'ble Mr. Justice. S. Jagadeesan, Chairman, Intellectual Property Appellate Board, inaugurated the programme and delivered the inaugural address. Dr. P. Madhava Soma Sundaram, Reader and Head, DOCCJ, delivered the vote of thanks.

The training sessions were conducted by Mr. Rajinikanth Madhavan of Surana & Surana, International Attorneys, Chennai, Mr. G. Masilamani, senior advocate, Chennai, Mr. Shyam Sundar IPS, Inspector General of Police, Tamil Nadu, and Mr. Prateep V. Philip, IPS, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Tirunelveli range. A Panel Discussion was also conducted with the resource persons as discussants.

During the valediction of the programme Prof. K. Chockalingam, Vice Chancellor, MSU, delivered the presidential remarks. Justice S. Jagadeesan delivered the valedictory address. Dr. G. Rajaram, Director, DD & CE, welcomed the gathering, Dr. K. Jaishankar, Faculty member, DOCCJ presented a report of the programme, and Dr. P. Madhava Soma Sundaram, Reader and Head, DOCCJ, proposed a vote of thanks.



## Inauguration of the Criminal Justice Forum (CJF)

Prof. K. Chockalingam, Vice Chancellor, MSU, on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2003, formally inaugurated Criminal Justice Forum (CJF), a forum of the students of the department, aiming to seek contemporary inputs from practicing Criminal Justice Professionals. Mr. Prateep V. Philip, IPS, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Tirunelveli range and a Police

officer with an academic bent of mind, delivered the inaugural lecture on "Equilibrium thinking". Mr. R. Sateesh Kumar, Secretary, CJF, welcomed the gathering and Ms. A. Sophia, Council Member, CJF, thanked the gathering.



# Eminent Criminologists

Dr. T.E. Shanmugam, a dedicated scholar, teacher, philosopher and researcher, is one of the founding pillars of criminology in India and a significant contributor to its growth particularly to the study of crime and delinquency from a psychological perspective.

During his tenure as Professor & Head in the Department of Psychology, University of Madras, Dr. Shanmugam (on retirement he was honoured as Professor Emeritus in Psychology - the post which he held till his demise on August 5, 1997), brought the discipline of criminology to Madras University from the Madras Medical College. This is a significant step as otherwise the course would have been discontinued in mid seventies. He patronised criminology in his department till a new independent department of criminology was started in the university under the headship of Dr. K. Chockalingam in 1983. During his more than thirty years of teaching and research career, Dr. Shanmugam has published many books, research and popular articles. Out of this many were in the field of delinquency. His book "Psycho-social Aspects of Juvenile Delinquency" need a special mention here. He did his post-doctoral Research from the Institute of Psychiatry, University of London with Prof. H. J. Eysenck. Professor Eysenck's work on personality had great impact on Dr. Shanmugam. On his return to India, based on Eysenck's theory of criminality (as explained in the book, "Crime and Personality"), he undertook and also guided many research studies exploring the relationship between personality factors and various forms of crime and delinquency. His research work, "Effects of Transcendental Meditation on Prisoners: A Psychological Study" serves as an in-

## Prof. T.E. Shanmugam

This column aims to introduce the contributions of eminent criminologists to the budding criminologists and in this issue the column focuses on Prof. T.E. Shanmugam.

dicator of his scientific approach to any issue researched by him. He had visited many universities in various countries across the continents.

Prof. Shanmugam was one of the Founders of the Indian Society of Criminology and continued as its Chairman for eleven years from 1970 to 1981. Working closely with Mr. N. Pitchandi and other like-minded academicians and criminal justice professionals, he took special care of the society during its initial growth stage, providing a strong foundation on which it stands today. He was elected as a Fellow of the Indian Society of Criminology in the year 1975 and was awarded the prestigious ISC - Kumarappa-Reckless Award in the year 1985, for his

contributions in the field of criminology. As a Member of the Editorial Board of the Indian Journal of Criminology, from its inception right up to his last day, he was very quality conscious and maintained high standards in a non-compromising manner while evaluating articles sent for publication in the Journal.

He encouraged scholastic work and was welcome to anyone who wanted his guidance or help. He loved being with youngsters, and the younger generation, too, loved his company. He was very fond of listening to their presentations of research work, and never missed a weekly seminar, clinical conference or a Ph.D., *viva voce*.

Prof. Shanmugam had both humanistic and scientific manner of approaching issues of social concern. He has definitely left an indelible mark in the field of criminology and we, the learners of criminology remember vividly his significant contributions to the growth of Criminology.

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# Course on Legal Rights of Women and Child

The DOCCJ, MSU, is organizing a course on “*Legal Rights of Women and Child*”, for the students of the Rose Mary College of Arts and Science, Tirunelveli. This awareness course covers the concept, need and redressal mechanisms related to Women and Child. The programme provides inputs on the various forms of victimization of Women and Children like eve-teasing, spouse abuse, alcoholism and drug abuse, various laws relating to these issues and the types of assistance available through the redressal machinery. Dr. Beulah Shekhar, Faculty member, DOCCJ, is coordinating this Training Programme.

## CRIME CLOCK



One rape per hour is occurring in India according to the Department of Women and Child Development, Ministry of HRD, India (2003).

We welcome your feedback and contributions in the form of success and failure stories, new initiatives, articles on contemporary issues, announcements, interviews of persons working in Criminal Justice and related areas.

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## M.A. in Criminology and Police Science through Distance Mode

The Directorate of Distance and Continuing Education (DD & CE), Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, offers M.A. in Criminology and Police Science. Interested candidates can contact Dr. G. Rajaram, Director, DD & CE, M.S.U., Tirunelveli. Phone : 0462 - 2321614, 2321620. Email : [distance@sancharnet.in](mailto:distance@sancharnet.in) Website : <http://www.msuniversitytv1.org>

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