

Events Organized

1. *National* Webinar on “*Measures for Protection against Climate Change in India and Kenya*” on 13th February, 2021
2. *International Earth Day*, 25th April, 2021
3. International Conference on, “*Environment Law and Management: Public Health*” 8th & 9th May, 2021

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Center Coordinator’s Message

Season’s Greetings!

The ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad under the expert guidance of Dr. A V Narsimha Rao, Director has constituted The Center of Excellence for Environment and Forest Laws for the dissemination of knowledge in the area of environment and forest laws and related issues. A Bi-monthly Newsletter is released to this effect. This Newsletter brings coverage on the various events viz., Forest Officers Training Program, Webinars, Faculty achievements, Books and judgments on Environment and Forest Laws.

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Webinars

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Speaker of the Webinar:

- ❖ **Dr. Charles Mwirigi Keega, Post-Doctoral Fellow in Climate Justice and Voluntary Groups.**



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International Webinar
Measures for Protection against Climate Change in India and Kenya
February 13, 2021
Time: 05:00 PM (Indian Standard Time)

Speaker:  Dr. Charles Mwirigi Keega
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Introductory Remarks:  Prof. A V Narsimha Rao
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About the event: The speaker has made a comparison of laws that are prevalent in both the countries and has also highlighted the measures taken by the government of both the countries like, if NAPCC is there in India then in Kenya it has got National Climate Change Response Force which has got the responsibility to oversee the working of governments for reducing the carbon emission. The speaker imposes the responsibility on the developed countries for climate change.

GAIA-The Environmental Club

International Earth Day 2021

The Environmental Club of ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad has organized a several events like debate, extempore, painting, poster making and short film on 25th April, 2021 on the eve of International Earth Day. Approximately 50 colleges took part in the event. Inaugural session of the event was chaired by Hon'ble Justice B. Sesashayana Reddy, Former Judge High court of Judicature Andhra Pradesh and is presently a Judicial member of National Green Tribunal.

The event saw the enthusiastic participation from different laws schools across the country. The winners and runners up have been awarded with the cash prizes.

Divya Tiwari	Debate (Winner)
Kaartikay Agarwal	Debate (Runners Up)
Shivam Sharma	Extempore (Winner)
Aditya Singh	Extempore (Runners Up)
Sanhita Pandey	Poster Competition (Winner)
Sneha Dutta	Poster Competition (Runners Up)
Harpreet Kaur	Painting Competition (Runners Up)
Avinash Neelakanti	Painting Competition (Winner)
Aryan Roy	Short Films (Winner)
Aniruddha Roy	Short Films (Runners Up)



Faculty Achievements

1. Ms. Aditi Nidhi, completed ADB Regional Capacity Development Technical Assistance Strengthening the Capacity for Environmental and Climate Change Laws in Asia and the Pacific India "**Train-in-the-Trainers Program**" 2.0. Conducted jointly by ADB, GNLU, JNU and UNEP, from 22 - 28th November, 2020. Received the certificate in February, 2021.
2. Ms. Aditi Nidhi presented a research paper titled, "**Eco-Feminism: An approach for Environmental Protection**" in the National Seminar on Gender and WASH: Problems and Prospects organized by School of Law, Presidency University, Bangalore [27th March, 2021]

Two- Day International Conference “Environment Law and Management: Public Health”



Center of Excellence for Environment and Forest Laws, ICFAI Law School Hyderabad had hosted two-day International Conference “**Environment Law and Management: Public Health**”, under the guidance of our Director Prof. A.V. Narasimha Rao and cooperation from all our faculty members of ICFAI Law School. The conference was organized to bring all the experts, academicians, research scholars on to one virtual platform to share the knowledge. In this regard we happen to have received warm response of acceptance from legal

luminaries, professionals and academicians as chief-guests, keynote speakers, chairs and co-chairs from India and abroad like Vermont Law School, Vermont US, Day Star University Kenya. paper presenters, included Professionals, research scholars and students from various universities of the Country.

The conference is designed with four different technical sessions such as:

1. Climate change, Sustainable Development Goals and Human Health
- 2.Environmental Pollution Management- Impact Assessment
- 3.Environment and Human Health: Interface
- 4.Biodiversity and Ecosystems

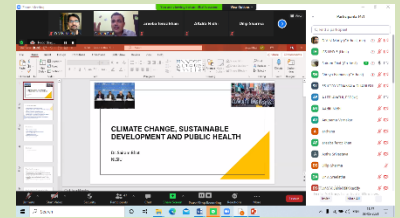
On 08th May, 2021, the conference was inaugurated by **Mr. Shyam Divan**, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and our **Director Prof. (Dr.) A.V. Narsimha Rao** who happen to introduce the theme of International



Conference and welcome note by Mr. D.V.N. Murty, Asst. Professor, ICFAI Law School, IFHE and it was indeed great honor to launch books and conference proceedings and concluded with vote of thanks by Ms. Aditi Nidhi, Asst. Professor, ICFAI Law School, IFHE.



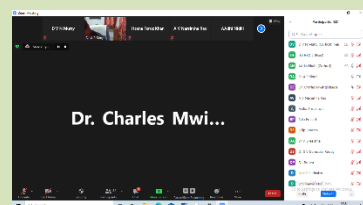
First technical session focused on **Climate Change, Sustainable Development Goals and Human Health** with keynote speaker **Prof. (Dr.) Sairam Bhat, Centre Coordinator for CEERA, NLSIU, Bengaluru**, **Mrs. A. Leelavathi, I/c of Environment and Sustainable Development, EPTRI** as chair and **Mr. D.V.N. Murty, Asst. Professor, ICFAI Law School, IFHE** as co-chair. Paper presenters focused on having a law for climate change and how climate change is becoming a challenge to sustainable development. The discussion during this session also ensued on using GIS and remote sensing for monitoring the environment.



Second technical session themed on **Environmental Pollution Management- Impact Assessment** had a keynote speaker **Mr. Matthew Baird, Environmental Counsel Vermont Law School, Vermont, US** chaired by **Dr. Bala Prasad, Ex - Special Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj**, and was co-chaired by **Ms. Aditi Nidhi, Asst. Professor, ICFAI Law School, IFHE** with paper presenters focusing on

laws governing the sustainable solid waste management along with the biomedical waste management and ways to improve them having a significance on public health.

The **third session** was led by **Hon'ble Justice Vinod Kumar, Judge High Court of Judicature at Telangana** as keynote speaker, chaired by **Dr. R. Srinivas, MD, DM Cardiology, Warangal** and co-chaired by **Dr. Himavathi, T, Asst. Professor, ICFAI Law School, IFHE** with paper presenters, the session focused on the inter-relationship of environment and human health in the 21st Century and human rights of the people during the present pandemic.



Moving on to the **fourth technical session** it was graced by **Dr. Charles Mwirigi Keega, Senior Lecturer, Day Star University Kenya** as keynote speaker and chaired by **Dr. A. P. Singh, Indian Forest Service (IFS), Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Gandhinagar** and co-chaired by **Dr. Hemalatha Devi, Professor, ICFAI Law School, IFHE** with paper presenters

focusing on biodiversity and ecosystem.



The event ended with the valedictory ceremony presided by the Chief guest **Hon'ble Justice Shri Swatanter Kumar, former Chairperson National Green Tribunal**, addressing how the courts play a pivotal role in ensuring the quality environment which is essential for human health.

The concluding remarks were delivered by **Prof. A.V. Narasimha Rao, Director ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad** followed by the conference report presented by **Mr. D.V.N. Murty** and vote of thanks by **Ms. Aditi Nidhi**.

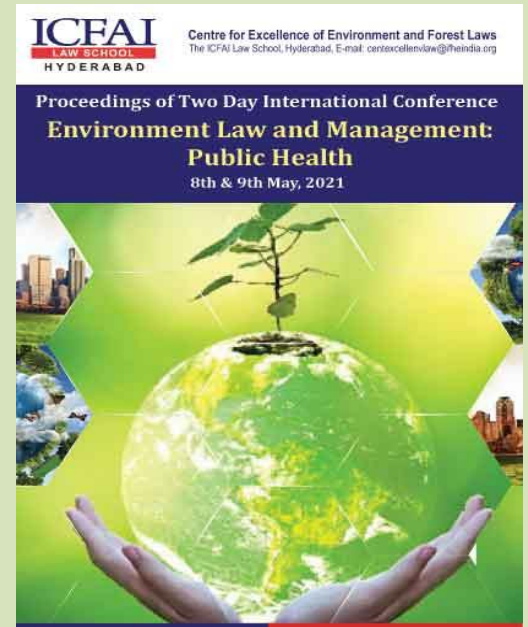


Publications

International Conference Proceedings Book titled “Environment Law and Management: Public Health”

The Center for Excellence of Environment and Forest Laws based on the papers received during the two-day International Conference, published an ISBN Conference Proceeding Book titled “Environment Law and Management: Public Health”. The book comprises of twenty peer-reviewed scholarly articles contributed by academicians and scholars across the country sharing their views on the various contemporary issues related to environment and health interface. All the chapters of the book were peer-reviewed and edited by:

- ✚ Mr. D.V.N Murty, Assistant Professor, ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad
- ✚ Ms. Aditi Nidhi, Assistant Professor, ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad



UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

ICFAI Journal on Environment and Forest Laws

The Centre for Excellence in Environment Studies and Forest Laws, in furtherance of its goals towards undertaking research and contributing to the existing literature in the field of Environmental law has endeavored to come up with a new journal “ICFAI Journal of Environment and Forest Laws” Volume 1 Issue 1. We are proposing the first issue of the Journal in June, 2021. The first issue of the journal will explore broad areas of Environmental Law.

SC Recent Judgment

Sanjay Vithal Das Sampat v. Government of India on 31 March, 2021

Facts

The petitioner is the Managing Partner of a firm which is a dealer and supplier of sandalwood, sandalwood oil and related products. The petitioner states that several religious and commercial institutions are purchasing sandalwood products from the petitioner. However, the sale of sandalwood, sandalwood oil and other products are prohibited in the State of Kerala, in pursuance of the Kerala Forest Amendment Act, 2010 and the Kerala Forest (Restriction on Cutting and Selling of Sandal Trees and Grant of License for Possession and Transport of Sandalwood and Sandalwood Oil) Rules, 2012.

The petitioner contends that under the Act of 2012 it prohibits any person to purchase, receive or acquire sandalwood, sandalwood oil except from the Government or the authorized officer or Public Sector Undertakings owned by the Government or any other Government authorized agency. These restrictions are highly arbitrary and interfering with the personal liberty and freedom of trade enshrined under the Constitution to a citizen.

The respondent opposed the writ petitions asserting that Section 47C of the Act prohibits the possession and transport of sandalwood and sandalwood oil and Section 47F restricts purchase, sale, etc. of sandalwood oil from any other agencies in this behalf. The Amendment Act, 2010 also imposes restrictions on cutting and selling of sandalwood trees and grant of license for possession and transport of sandalwood and sandalwood oil. The restrictions are imposed to safeguard the valuable forest products.

Issue:

Whether Section 47C and Section 47F of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 and the Kerala Forest Rules, 2012 are discriminatory and violative of Article 19 of the Constitution of India.

Judgment:

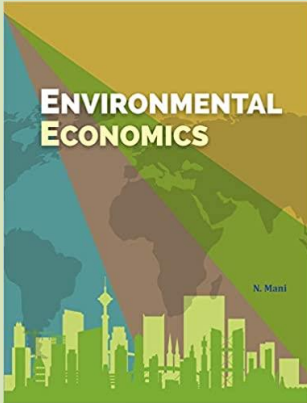
In the said case, the Apex Court held that "We are also inclined to give a direction to the Central Government to formulate a policy for conservation of sandalwood including provision for financial reserves for such conservation and scientific research for sustainable use of biological diversity in sandalwood. Central Government would also formulate rules and regulations under Sections 3 and 5 of Environmental Protection Act, 1986 for effective monitoring, control and regulation of sandalwood industries and factories and that it should also formulate rules to ensure that no imported sandalwood is sold under the name of Indian sandalwood and adequate labelling to this effect be mandated for products manufactured from or of import of sandalwood. States are directed to immediately close down all un-licensed sandalwood oil factories, if functioning and take effective measures for proper supervision and control of the existing licensed sandalwood oil factories in states.

The rights protected by Article 19(1) are not absolute. The right therefore is to be read along with the qualifications contained in Articles 19(2) to 19(6). The right to practice any profession or to carry on any occupation, trade or business does not extend to practicing a trade in a critically endangered forest species. In respect of such species, the State can create monopoly either in itself or in an agency created by it. The State can impose limitations and restrictions on the trade of sandalwood or sandalwood oil. The restrictions and regulations introduced by Sections 47C and 47F are reasonable and in public interest. Such restrictions cannot be said to be offending the fundamental right of the petitioner under Article 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India.

Court finds that the writ petitions are devoid of any force or merit. The writ petitions are therefore dismissed.

New Books

Environmental Economics, The New Century Publications, 1st November, 2020



Author: Dr. N. Mani, Head of the Postgraduate and Research Department of Economics, Tamil Nadu.

Environmental economics is a branch of economics which deals with the inter-relationships between environment and development. Economic activities of human beings have a profound impact on natural environment. Hence, use/abuse of natural resources has raised many moral, legal, and practical questions for present and future generations. Presently, many governments require cost-benefit analysis of policy options with regard to changes in environmental legislations by resetting environmental standards and introducing new policy instruments for environmental protection. Environmental economics has also made significant contributions to valuation techniques and design of new policy instruments for pollution control and management. This book provides a comprehensive description of current environmental problems facing the world and their solutions through economic institutions, economic incentives, and other instruments and policies. In other words, the book focuses on international environmental problems and how economic principles can be applied to solve them. The book contains 22 chapters which have been organized into 6 theme parts.
