

# Newsletter

A Bi-monthly Newsletter of  
The Center of Excellence for Environment and Forest Laws

## Events Organized

1. National Webinar on *“Impact of Climate Change on Human Rights”* on July 18, 2021.
2. Webinar on *“Rehabilitation of the Birds: A Practical Approach”* on September 4, 2021
3. World Environment Day, 5th June, 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. 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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Webinar on  
**Impact of Climate Change on Human Rights**  
July 18, 2021 Time: 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm (IST)

Speakers

Prof. Katak Malla  
Law and Ethics Officer, Centre of Excellence for Environment and Forest Laws, Hyderabad  
A Special Professor of Environmental Law, Hyderabad

Introductory Remarks

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**Speaker of the Webinar:**

❖ **Prof. Katak Malla**

*Jurist and Fellow at the Stockholm Centre of International Law and Justice, Stockholm University, & Guest Professor at Karlstad University, Sweden.*

**About the event:** The speaker has made excellent deliberation on humanist jurisprudence and critical viewpoint on the same with comparative analysis on ideas of different philosophers like Foucault, Chomsky, Rawl, Amartya Sen, etc. putting humanist jurisprudence at the forefront of legal discussion to make actual transformation in respect of climate change and protecting human rights

Organized a national webinar on *“Rehabilitation of the Birds: A Practical Approach”* on September 4, 2021.

**Speaker of the Webinar:**

❖ **Mr. Rakesh Khatri**

*National Science Award, 2020, Limca Book of World Records, India, International Green Apple Award Earth Day Network Star, IUCN Member*

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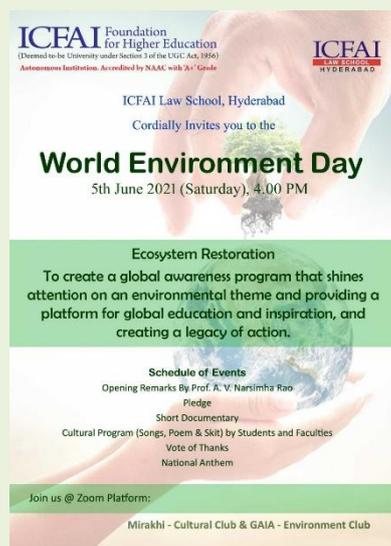
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**About the event:** The speaker is also famously known as Nest Man of India. He has addressed the forum with his childhood memories and showed practically how to make the nests from the domestic items with a minimum cost of less than Rs.100. Some of the participants also displayed the nests made by them.

## GAIA-The Environmental Club



On the eve of world Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, the Environmental Club of ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad has virtually organised the event starting with an environment pledge being solemnized by Prof. A.V.N. Rao, Director, ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad. The virtual event was graced by Hon'ble Justice Sri B. Prakash Rao, Former Judge, Judicature of High Court at Andhra Pradesh, Prof. Y. Haragopal Reddy, Adviser, ICFAI Group, Prof. S. Vijayalakshmi, Registrar, IFHE Hyderabad.

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

## Faculty Achievements

1. Mr. D.V.N Murty has submitted an article for the World Environment Summit, 2021 on the topic **Biomedical Waste Management in India- An Analysis** in co-authorship with **Dr. M. Ravindranath**. The paper got accepted and the conference is scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2021
2. **Ms. Geetha Priyadarsani** submitted an article for the World Environment Summit, 2021 on the topic **“Man- A Threat to Biodiversity”**. The paper got accepted and the conference is scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2021
3. **Ms. Aditi Nidhi** completed online Two-week Inter-Disciplinary Refresher course/faculty development program on **“Managing Online Classes & Co-Creating MOOCs (Level 2)”** under the aegis of the Ministry of Human Resource Development [MHRD] Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching; organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi
4. **Ms. Aditi Nidhi** presented a research paper titled, **“The cost of Data Localisation: roadblocks and the way forward in a Two-Day National Conference on “Data Privacy – A Cyber Colloquium”**, organized by the Center for Excellence in Cyber Law and Data Protection, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad
5. **Ms. Aditi Nidhi** was invited as a Judge for RCL Intra-Moot Court Competition, 2021 organized by Ramaiah College of Law, Bangalore

6. **Ms. Aditi Nidhi** has published an article, “Legal Education Under the Aegis of Information and Communication Technology: An Insight” published in SLS-Nagpur Multidisciplinary Law Review (SNLR) Volume I Issue I [2021]
7. **Ms. Aditi Nidhi** has been invited as an external subject expert faculty for ADR subject to conduct viva-voce for 8<sup>th</sup> semester students organized by School of Law, ITM University, Raipur.
8. **Ms. Aditi Nidhi** has presented a paper titled, “Health Rights of An Indigenous Community and the Role of Environmental Law: A Case Study of Jarawa” in Two Day International Conference on “Environment Law and Management: Public Health” organized by Center for Excellence in Environment and Forest Laws, ICFAI Law School, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad

## Publications

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

The Centre for Excellence of Environment and Forest Laws based on the papers received during the two-day International Conference, published an ISBN Conference Proceeding Book with **ISBN No. -978-81-952947-1-8** titled “Environment Law and Management: Public Health”. The book comprises of twenty-one 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:

1. **Mr. D.V.N Murty, Assistant Professor, ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad**
2. **Ms. Aditi Nidhi, Assistant Professor, ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad**

## SC Recent Judgment

### M/S. Ems Infracon Pvt. Ltd. - M/S ... vs The State of Bihar on 7 September, 2021

Facts:

M/s. EMS Infracon Pvt. Ltd. - M/s Technocraft Construction Pvt. Ltd. (JV), a joint venture between two Private Limited Companies, New Delhi through its Authorized signatory, namely, Pankaj Kumar Srivastava. The controversy in the present writ application arises out of a tender process undertaken by the respondent - Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited in relation to sewerage and sewerage treatment at Hajipur for pollution abatement of river Ganga in Bihar. The responsibilities for management and implementation of sewerage activities lies on both National and State level authorities. The petitioner claims to be the joint venture of two private limited companies carrying on their commercial activities within the territorial jurisdiction. The entire procurement process has been inordinately delayed for reasons

which are matter of record and worth recapitulating to set the matter in proper perspective towards creation of infrastructure as is required to ensure rejuvenation of river Ganger such that pollution abatement measure is in place obviously with a mission approach. The matter reached the Patna High Court and the technical evaluation committee held both, the petitioner and respondent bid as non-responsive. The committee, accordingly, recommended for re-tender.

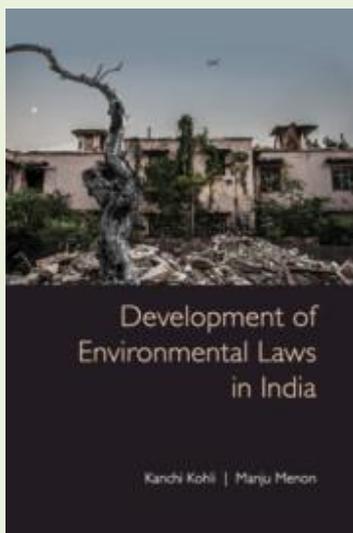
In the background of the facts narrated hereinabove, the petitioner has filed the present writ application seeking following reliefs: -

1. For quashing the Tender cancelation notice
2. For a declaration that the Respondent have arbitrarily, illegally and with malafide intention declared the petitioner to be non- responsive in the technical bid
3. For quashing the fresh Tender as the same is wholly arbitrary and illegal and for such other relief or reliefs for which the Petitioner may be found entitled in the facts and circumstances of this case.

### Judgment

In the background of the discussions as above, it can be concluded without any demur that the petitioner's challenge to the decision of the technical tender committee to declare it non-responsive on evaluation of technical bid is not tenable as none of the grounds available for challenge in a proceeding of judicial review could be established. Situated thus, no ground for interfering with the fresh notice is made out.

## New Books



Development of Environmental Laws in India highlights the dynamic nature of environmental law-making in India between the judiciary, the executive and the parliament. This has led to the creation of a wide range of environmental institutions and bodies with varied roles and responsibilities. The book contains a large volume of materials from the late 1990s, which show a marked shift in the nature of environmental governance in India. These materials offer an understanding of the contemporary debates in environment law in the context of India's economic liberalization. The materials are thematically organized and presented in an accessible manner. The chapters contain definitions and specific clauses from the legal instruments and refer to

court orders and judgements on these themes.