

### **3-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SDG-16 : PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

School of Law, SRMIST, Kattankulathur has successfully conducted 3 day international conference in hybrid mode on SDG-16. "Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions", from November 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

The program organising committee was formed under the convenorship of Prof. Dr. J Vincent Comraj and with Mr. V Mahalingam as Co-Convenor for the Committee. Other co-ordinators of the conference were

1. Mr. M Yokesh (Coordinator)
2. Dr. Sulok. S. K (Coordinator)
3. Ms. Lakshmi MP (Coordinator)
4. Ms Liji Shamilin (Coordinator)

The international advisory committee of the event comprises of the following eminent personalities in the field of law and legal education.

- Ms. Harshita Ram (International Disputes Attorney, Arbitrator, Mediator. Founder of Lex Apothek Michigan USA)
- Mr Robert J Shawyer (RICS Dispute Review Board Panel Member and Managing Director USA)
- Mr. Edward F Hartfield (Adjunct Professor Michigan State University)
- Mr. Inbaibijayan Veeraraghavan (Global Advisor of Arbitration Institution, KFCRI, International arbitrator)

A total of 94 registrations were received out of which there were 65 paper presentations. The programme was conducted in 4 sessions under 4 different sub themes; there were 6 guest speakers conducting 4 technical sessions and 4 chairs for the paper presentation sessions.

#### **SESSION - 1**

Technical Session 1 started on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm with an introductory session by Dr. Anchal Mishra, Prof & HOD Dept Of English and foreign languages, SRM Delhi NCR Campus, her session was very invigorating with interesting videos and enticing PowerPoint presentations.

Introductory session of the Technical session 1 was followed by paper presentations under the sub theme "Role of Arbitration in sustainable development" which was chaired by Prof Dr. Aneesha Shams, Principal of Co-operative School of Law, Kerala.

Technical Session 1 was continued by two international guests, Ms Harshita Ram, International Attorney and Arbitrator from Michigan, USA and Mr. Edward Hardfield, Adjunct Professor, Michigan University, USA. Both of them gave a global overview of role of arbitration and mediation in achieving SDGs.

## **SESSION - 2**

The session 2 started on day 2 at 11 am with the technical session held by Dr. Rajasekar, Assistant Professor, Head in charge of Department of Legal Studies, University of Madras. He focused on the role of international humanitarian law in achieving SDGs. Technical session 2 was followed by paper presentations under sub theme – “ Sustainability through security” Accountability and engagement during times of crises chaired by Ms. Jeffy Alice Jacob, Assistant Professor, ILS Law College, Pune.

## **SESSION- 3**

Session 3 was on day 2 (November 2nd) at 2pm. The guest speaker for the session was Mr. Inbavijayan Veeraraghavan, Alternative Dispute Resolution Specialist focusing on International Commercial Arbitration. He focused on ADR, particularly mediation as a mode of sustainability. This was followed by paper presentations chaired by Ms. Athena Solomon, Asst. Prof. National Law University, Orissa.

## **SESSION- 4**

Session 4 was held on day 3 (November 3) at 11am. The guest speaker for the session was Prof. Dr. Vijay Kumar Singh, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Law, SRM University, NCR Delhi Campus. He discussed on “How AI can be a tool to establish good governance, transparency and justice.” This was followed by the paper presentations chaired by Dr. Premsy P.N, Associate Professor, Govt Law College, Ernakulam under the sub theme “Sustainability through good governance and justice.”

Based up on the evaluation of the chair, best paper presentation were selected in 3 categories, under Academician, Research Scholar and Student.

The best paper presentation in the category of Academician was awarded to Ms. Pooja Saharan, the best paper presentation in the category of Research Scholar is Ms. Akanksha Pillai and in student category Nihal Kumar and Vicky Gupta.



