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Press Release

National Seminar on Cyber Crimes: Issues and Challenges organized at JMI

With the objective of initiating discourse and debate addressing the divergent and vast scope of cyber-crimes, the Faculty of Law, JMI organised a one-day National Seminar titled *'Cyber Crimes: Issues and Challenges'* on 9 th March 2019. The Inaugural Session had the eminent presence of Prof. Tabrez Ahmad (Director, School of Law, UPES, Dehradun), Prof. Afshar Alam (Head, School of Computer Science, Jamia Hamdard) and noted Cyber Law and E-Ecommerce Expert Advocate Pavan Duggal.

Prof. Nuzhat Parveen Khan, Dean of the Faculty of Law in her opening remarks highlighted the adverse impact of cyber-crimes on inter-state relations in the highly connected globalised world. Through the case of Cambridge Analytica expose, Prof. Khan discussed the extent of invasion that digital technology is capable of making in personal, professional and public domains of everyone's lives.

Convener of the Seminar and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, Dr. Ghulam Yazdani outlined the scope of the seminar and discussed the shift from conventional threats to individual and national security to the newer dangers unleashed by this technological innovation. He further highlighted the prevalent scepticism and lack of political will in combating cyber crimes effectively.

In his address as the Chief Guest, Mr. Pavan Duggal shared with enchanted audiences, the nuances and peculiarities in dealing with cyber crimes and the challenges faced while bringing about convictions in such crimes. He further highlighted the extent of reach of these risks by elaborating on the potential of Artificial Intelligence turning rouge. Prof. Tabrez Alam discussed the economic dimensions of the cyber space and emphasised upon the need and scope for cyber diplomacy and the need for developing robust cyber jurisprudence. Prof. Afshar Alam, expert on computer sciences brought with himself the technological aspects of the commission of cyber crimes against gullible common persons. He further highlighted the gravity of the issue by discussing the convergence of illiteracy, especially cyber illiteracy and cyber revolution in the contemporary world. With his words of gratitude to the honourable dignitaries and participants, Co-Convener and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, Dr. Qazi Mohammad Usman invited all for a vibrant and engaging day of academic and legal interventions. The proceedings of the seminar consisted of three and four parallel running session during forenoon and afternoon respectively; whereby as many as sixty (60) well-articulated and interesting papers were presented by academicians, researchers, lawyers and students of law and other disciplines were presented.

Prof. Afzal Wani (Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi) and Prof. S. D. Sharma (Lucknow University) were the Guest of Honour and Chief Guest, respectively of the

Valedictory Session. Dean, Prof. Nuzhat Parveen Khan congratulated all the participants and Chairs and Co-Chairs for their invigorating contribution towards making this seminar a success. In his illuminating address, Prof. Wani highlighted the need of developing a more robust ethical regime, rather than a legal one to deal with the newly emerging threats in cyber space. This according to him was an essentiality in holistically securing cyber space because it has trans-border and unlimited spatial scope of its expanse. Prof. Sharma reiterated upon the significance of ethics in law. He further emphasised upon the freeing of ethics and law from monetary incentivisation to free humanity from the scourge of misuse of scientific innovations. Summing up the seminar Dr. Qazi Mohammad Usman, presented the Rapporteur's report. The seminar concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Ghulam Yazdani.

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