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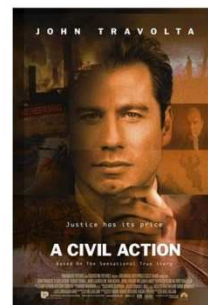


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ONE DAY PARTICIPATIVE WORKSHOP
on
PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT
THE LEGAL WAY



The One day Environment Capacity Building Workshop Organized by *Nature Watch* and *National Law school of India University* provided a platform for the students for sharing legal knowledge across environmental walks of life and how to tackle the momentous challenges ahead, and hence the workshop delivered a legal practical education. The workshop began with the **Presidential address** by **Dr. Mohan K. G.** appreciating role of Nature Watch in organizing

such workshops for the benevolence of Students and Academic community alike. This was followed by Inaugural address by **Chief Guest Dr. N. Balasubramanya** who briefed the gathering with common environmental issues which the society is failing to tackle. Further the **Keynote Address** was delivered by **Guest of Honour Dr. M. K. Ramesh** (Chair Professor, Environmental Law Clinic, CEERA) in how to go about **Protecting the Environment the Legal Way**.

After the inaugural session, the activity picked up rapid paces with **Dr. Sairam Bhat (Associate Professor of Law, NLSIU)** and his **Green Team** engaging Introductions to the Environment Law alongside the various articles of the Constitution. The workshop witnessed division of all participants into 6 basic groups, each assisted with a mentor. Each group was provided with a real time unique case study that dealt with the daily environmental issues which the common man undergoes. The capacity building sessions deliberated on how the Law can be used as a tool to handle the given scenarios. Eventually each team went about presenting the facts and their findings.





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The six teams were each given time duration of fifteen minutes to discuss with their respective mentors of how to go about with the allotted case study if they had encountered in their life. After the discussion with their mentors as to what law ought to be applied in the legal way; the presentations witnessed the ability of the students in analysing and tackling up the common environmental issues. Dr. Gururaj S., Principal of Acharya PU College and also the Advisory member of Nature Watch witnessed the entire workshop and concluded the session on an applauding note. The workshop summed up with the screening of an Environmental Movie “*A Civil Action*”; a film based on a true story of a court case about environmental pollution.

