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National Webinar on

"Awareness and Use of Open Access Resources in Legal Education"

Online resources have always played an important role in education and in pandemic we are benefiting a lot from this resource. In addition, from commercial databases, a many open access initiatives have been undertaken worldwide to support each sector through government, private organizations and individual efforts. Knowledge of the law is important not only in the progress of the case but also in avoiding useless lawsuits. Proper knowledge helps the client to take action or resist it. For advancement of legal research, it is critical for students, faculty members and surely the library professionals to equip themselves with efficient knowledge and training to handle digital information available around the world. Open access legal information systems give us an opportunity to access the contents through world wide web. Recognizing the importance of online resources, the college organized webinar on "Awareness and Use of Open Access Resources in Legal Education" dated 12th September, 2020.

We circulated the registration link online and received a promising number of registrations in a limited period of time. There were no registration fees. Participants in the webinar include law students, professors, librarians and all law professionals. We got response not only from all over India but also from international countries like Sri Lanka, Philippines, Nigeria etc.

The programme was conducted on Zoom Platform and live YouTube Channel. The webinar session started with some important instruction to overcome noise barriers and other issues which helped us to carry out the program smoothly Our Respected Principal Dr. Madhura Kalamkar Madam, welcomed all the dignitaries present and gave an introductory speech on the theme of the webinar. Ms. Neha Naik continued the program by giving a brief introduction of our webinar guest speaker Dr. Maneesh Kumar Bajpai.

Dr. Maneesh Kumar Bajpai sir is the Deputy Librarian of National Law University, Lucknow. He developed various projects like DDLIR-19 and Open e-library (https://openlibrary.webnode.com) project. He received "Best Librarian Award form SPLUP

in the year 2018. He started with his speech with brief introduction about concept of 'Open

access. He focusses on various types of open access resources such as Gold Open Access,

Hybrid Open Access, Green Open Access. He gave a demo of what legal open sources are Kalamkar

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available for e-books, Judgements, case-laws, commission reports, research tools, etc. and how legal information is obtained from open sources. He emphasized on how to get authentic and useful legal information through open source. Guest Speaker had covered every question which asked by students during the registration process.

The program was concluded with a vote of thanks by Neha Naik. Finally, we provided feedback link to the participants and we got good response from the participants where the participants encouraged us to take more webinars of this type. All participants received an E-certificate on their e-mail via the feedback link.

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