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**Report on Training Programme on
“Environmental Legislations, Interpretation and Enforcement”**

The 3- days capacity building workshop on “Environmental Legislations, Interpretation and Enforcement” was conducted at The National Law School of India University, Bangalore by Centre for Environmental Law Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA), NLSIU during February 11-13, 2015. The undersigned participated in the training program for 3-days the herewith submitting the training report.

The programme was well designed for capacity building of the participants by providing insight to interpretation of environmental law and policies in India, and its application and challenges in implementation. There were 11 sessions in the covering the wide range of topics such as:

- Overview of Environmental Law in India;
- Environmental Justice Delivery: NGT;
- TSR Subramanian Committee report: An Analysis;
- EIA and Public Hearing;
- Interpretation of Pollution Control Law: Powers and Functions of PCB;
- Institutional Challenges in Environmental Law Administration;
- Waste Management Law – Compliance Mechanism;
- Environmental Law Compliance: Industry Perspective;
- Environmental Law Liability Regime in India
- Cleaner Technology and Environmental Law
- Interpretation of Environmental Legislations.

The presentations were given by the eminent professors of Law school on interpretation of law and its implementation illustrated with case studies. In the first presentation on Overview of Environmental Law in India, Dr. Sairam Bhat explained the concepts of division of power and role of central Government and State government making law as listed in Union list, State list and Concurrent list as per Seventh Schedule. The presentation was supported with various case studies. The genesis of Environmental Protection Act and role of constitutional bodies in formulation and implementation of Acts were explained. Prof. (Dr.) M K Ramesh provided an interesting and detailed lecture on formation and working of National Green Tribunal, which is very much helpful in carrying out official activities related to legal issues. The interpretation of Act section by section was exercised taking an example of Environmental Protection Act. This provided a hands on and practical experience in interpretation of law in systematic method.

The legal issues related to Environment Impact Assessment – A Model for environmental Decision Making was discussed in detail by Prof. (Dr) O V Nandimath. Policy changes required in EIA for making EIA a decision making tool covering Socio-economic challenges and Bio-Physical Challenges were highlighted and Legislative framework required for imposing Bank Guarantee and carbon taxes were discussed in detail.

The presentations were well balanced by the lectures provided by eminent professors, representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations and Industries. Presentations by NGOs and industry representatives enabled the participants to understand the practicality and challenges in implementing Acts in the perspective of industries and other organizations. I also helped in appreciating the initiatives taken by the Industries for effective implementation of environmental acts through innovative methods. The effective self-monitoring mechanism implemented by GE presented by the representatives of GE that serve as prototype for adopting in other industries. Over all the Training program was very much beneficial to the participants and enabled to Interpretation and Enforcement of Environmental Legislation.

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