

## **SINGLE- CREDIT COURSE ON INFRASTRUCTURAL LAWS- A Report**

The Tamil Nadu National Law School organized a One-Credit Course on Infrastructural Laws by Prof. Dr. M V Shiju, Head, Centre for Postgraduate Legal Studies, TERI University. Infrastructure is one of the key emerging sectors in India and is currently undergoing tremendous policy and legislative reforms, and therefore, the need to introduce



the students to the nuances of this sector was felt. The course was spread over a period of four informative days between 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2108 and 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Dr. S.K. Balashanmugam, Assistant Professor of Law, TNNLS was the faculty coordinator for this program. The

objective of the course was to provide an overview of the various infrastructure sectors in India, analyse the general legal framework in which these sectors operate, and critically examine the sector-specific laws and the reforms carried out.

Professor Shiju began the course by defining Infrastructure and describing its types, the stages of infrastructure development and dealt with the constitutional provisions relating to the Infrastructure sector. On the second day, Professor Shiju dealt in detail with the interface of the Infrastructural sector with Environmental laws, Land Acquisition law, Competition law and regulatory laws. He taught the students the nuances of Environmental Clearance (EC) and Forest and Wildlife Clearances (FC) required in the Infrastructural sector.

Professor Shiju also explained de-regulation and re-regulation and the need and existence of autonomy to various Independent Regulatory Agencies. On the last day of the course, the professor explained the concept of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the infrastructure sector and showed the students some sample concession agreements. At the end of the course, he addressed the queries posed by the students with regard to the scope of Infrastructural Laws in India and the avenues that it has for young lawyers.

Professor Shiju is a highly regarded and noteworthy academic in India and it was a wonderful experience to be taught by him. He informed the students of some really interesting facts and anecdotes that can rarely be gathered from textbook learning, for which the attendees are immensely grateful to Professor Shiju. The institution looks forward to having him here for more informative sessions again in future.



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