

Expert Session Report: “Core Aspects of International Humanitarian Law”

Organized by: Centre for International Law and Policy, ICFAI Law School, The ICFAI University, Jaipur

Venue: Online(Zoom)

Date: 11th November, 2024

Time: 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

The Centre for International Law and Policy at ICFAI Law School, The ICFAI University, Jaipur, organized an insightful expert session on “Core Aspects of International Humanitarian Law.” The session aimed to delve into the essential foundations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), including its origins and the critical role of the Geneva Conventions. The keynote speaker, Wing Commander (Retd.) Praful Bakshi, former Indian Air Force officer and Advisor to the IAF, shared his extensive expertise and experiences in this field. The event was graced by Dr. Harish Kumar Verma, Dean of ICFAI Law School; Ms. Preeti Swami, Assistant Professor and Head of the Centre for International Law and Policy, ICFAI University Jaipur, Mr. Vijit Singh, Assistant Professor and Member of the Centre for International Law and Policy; and approximately 240 participants registered for the session from diverse background and was attended by many of them including the students from BA/BBA LL.B (3rd, 4th, and 5th year) and LL.B (1st, 2nd, and 3rd year) of ICFAI University, Jaipur.

The session commenced at 2:30 PM with an introduction of the session by the moderator, Ms. Ankita Bhardwaj (Student member of the Centre), followed by a welcome address from Dr. Harish Kumar Verma, Dean, ICFAI Law School who extended a warm welcome to the keynote speaker and the attendees and set the tone for an intellectually enriching experience. Mr. Vijit Singh (Faculty Member- Centre), formally introduced the distinguished keynote speaker, Wing Commander Praful Bakshi. He highlighted Wing Commander Bakshi sir’s impressive career achievements, including his active role as a senior patron and member of the India International Centre, his contributions to national security and cultural dialogues, and his life memberships with institutions like WWF, USI, and IDSA.

At 2:40 PM, Wing Commander Bakshi commenced the session with an engaging ice-breaking activity, instantly establishing a rapport with the audience. He then delved into the core principles of IHL, focusing on rules and regulations governing warfare, the intricate restrictions during conflicts, and laws for armed engagements. His insights underscored the delicate balance between military necessity and humanitarian considerations, emphasizing the protection of civilians as a priority through the Geneva Conventions. Wing Commander Bakshi elaborated on the critical regulations established during warfare, covering topics such as weapon proportionality, civilian protection symbols, and designated protected areas. Through his visual presentations and interactive engagement, he illustrated war techniques, enhancing the audience’s understanding of the complexities of armed conflict. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A session, allowing attendees to seek further clarification and engage in meaningful dialogue with the keynote speaker. The open discussion demonstrated the participants’ interest in IHL’s applications and complexities, and Wing Commander Bakshi

addressed each question with clarity and depth. The expert session concluded successfully at 4:30 PM with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Preeti Swami, Head, Centre for International Law and Policy acknowledging the invaluable contributions of Wing Commander Bakshi, the presence of distinguished faculty, and the enthusiastic participation of attendees. This event highlighted ICFAI Law School's commitment to fostering awareness and understanding of international law among its students, marking another milestone in the Centre for International Law and Policy's efforts.

Glimpse of the Session



