

LEGAL INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE

A programme to inaugurate the Legal Information Resource centre was held on the evening of 4th January 2007 at the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi. Justice Y.K. Sabharwal, Chief Justice of India, inaugurated the Legal Information Resource Centre, by lighting of the lamp. Prof. K.N. Chandrasekharan Pillai, Director, ILI gave his welcome address which was followed by the presentation of mementos to the dignitaries at the dais. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Y.K. Sabharwal's fellow companions at the dais were Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.G. Balakrishnan, Chief Justice Designate, Justice Swatanter Kumar, Chairman Celebrations Committee, ILI, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mukul Mudgal, Chairman, Funds Utilization Committee, ILI and professor K.N. Chandrasekharan Pillai, Director, Indian Law Institute. The event was attended to in huge numbers and several students of the Indian Law Institute were felicitated for their achievements, during the programme. Justice Y.K. Sabharwal at the occasion shared his experiences during the early part of his judicial carrier, when he had just joined the Bar. He spoke about the zeal which he sees in the younger members of the Bar and jokingly remarked on how that zeal fades with passing years. He opined that in the modern world information was available at the click of a button and within seconds of an event actually happening. The judgements pronounced in the courts were almost instantly available on the computers now. At the touch of a button one could see the cause list of all the 22 High courts. Justice K.G. Balakrishnan also addressed the gathering and shared his thoughts. The event saw the release of *Index to Indian Legal Periodicals, 2006* by Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and the release of the book *Accessing Legal Information: Resources and Services* by Justice K.G. Balakrishnan. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Dalip Kumar, Registrar of the Indian Law Institute who thanked all the dignitaries and those present, including the members of the ILI library staff, of the for their valuable inputs in making the organization a success.

The Legal Information Resource Centre has 12 computers and 2 heavy duty printers with wi-fi technology. The computers have been equipped with CDs and Websites which include SCC Online, AIR Infotech, Law Premium, West Law, Lexis Nexis, Grand Jurix, Planning Commission Reports, Law Commission Reports, etc. Information from Indian and foreign websites that are available free of cost such as the websites of Supreme Court of India, All High Courts, U.S. Supreme Courts, Australian High Court, Canadian Supreme Court and apex courts of various countries are retrieved. The Centre also retrieves legal information from websites of international organizations like UNO, WTO, World Bank, various Human Right Commission, Law Commissions, Legal Information Institutes around the world. The legal information which is retrieved by the Centre relates to Case Law, Constitutions, Legislation, Rules & Regulations, Parliamentary Debates, Commission & Committees Reports, Legal Articles and Rare Documents. The retrieved information is provided through printouts and e-mails to readers. The printers have the capacity of printing 2000 pages in a day. Information related to Case Law or Legislation available on CD or Web is available to readers within 5 minutes.