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**Department of Forensic Science**

**Event Activity Report**

**Academic Year : 2023-24**

**Department /School Name : Department of Forensic Science (SOS)**

**Event Title : MERAKI Forensic Science week 2023-24**

**Event Date : 18-20 October 2023**

**Time : 11:00 AM**

**Duration in Days : Three Days**

**Mode of Conduction : Offline**

**Event Coordinator : Dr. Renu Devi (HOD)**

**Department Coordinator : Ms. Sudeshna Bag**

**Ms. Pallavi N. Mandaokar**

**Mr. Pritam Pandit**

**Ms. Shruti Chavan**

**Ms. Namrata Dhadnekar**

**Participants : Students of B.Sc. Forensic Science (First and Second Year) and M.Sc. Forensic Science (First Year)**



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**Objective:**

**Education and Outreach:** Educate the students about the various aspects of forensic science including its techniques, methodologies and the contributions it makes to the society.

**Promote Awareness:** Raise public awareness about the role of forensic science in criminal investigations and the criminal justice system.

**Public Engagement:** Engage with the community through events to enhance public understanding of how forensic science helps solve crimes and exonerate the innocent.



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**Report:**

The Department of Forensic Science, SOS has organised Forensic Science Week entitled “MERAKI” from 18<sup>th</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**Day 1 – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

The event started with welcoming the guests Shri. R.R Pawar and Miss. Prajakta Khairnar and interaction of the guests with the advisory committee of the event. Further, they proceeded to the Seminar Hall and were enthusiastically welcomed by students of forensic science. Before the inauguration of the event, Ganesh Vandana was performed by the students of B.Sc. Forensic Science 1st year.

Inauguration of the 3 days event “MERAKI Forensic Science Week” was done by honourable Vice Chancellor, Sandip University Dr. Rajendra Sinha Sir, Registrar Prof. (Dr.) Prasad Baviskar Sir, Chief Guest Shri. R.R Pawar, Expert Ms. Prajakta Khairnar Mam, Dean and Convener of the event Dr. Nissar Reshi Sir and HOD Forensic science Dr. Renu Devi Mam.

The first keynote speaker of the event was Shri. R.R Pawar Sir, Deputy Director, Regional Forensic Science Laboratory, Nashik. He introduced the different divisions of Forensic Science Laboratories and shared his experiences of working on various crime scenes like Sushant Singh Rajput case, Cyrus Mistry case, Vinayak Mete case, false caste certificate case and other forgery as well as questioned document cases.

Next session was conducted by Miss Prajakta Khairnar who is working as a Scientific Officer in the DNA division of Regional Forensic Science Laboratory Nashik. She introduced some of the techniques and methodologies used in DNA identification. Miss Poonam Mane, an intern at RFSL Nashik, also shared her experiences of working at the laboratory.

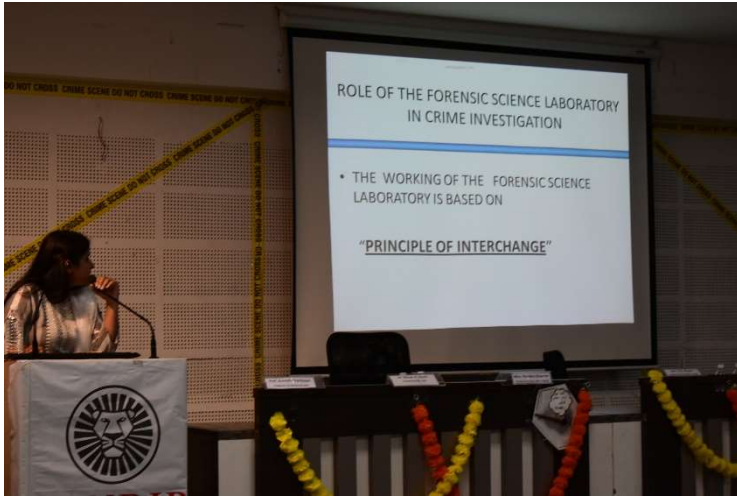
The events for the first day ended with vote of thanks by Ms. Shrutee Chavan.

Here are some glimpses:



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## Day 2 – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The second day began with a Debate competition that was held for all the students of Forensic Science. The topics of the Debates were:

1. Should capital punishment be implemented for heinous crimes in India?
2. Is media a bane or a boon for criminal investigation cases?

A series of competitions were held on the same day for poster presentation, model making and crime scene presentations. There were around 50 posters, 18 models and 3 crime scenes. The event was graced with the presence of Honourable Chairman of Sandip University, Dr. Sandip Jha Sir. He personally visited each and every posters, models and crime scenes with great enthusiasm.

The events for the second day ended with a vote of thanks by Mr Pritam Pandit.



**Day 3 - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

The third and last day of the MERAKI Forensic Science week began with an expert lecture by Mr. Vikas Avhale, Forensic Expert, from Maharashtra Police Academy. The topic of the guest

lecture was investigation and management on the crime scene. Students interacted with the expert speaker and acquired necessary knowledge from his insights.

Drama competition on the theme of crime investigation was held for all the Forensic science students. Four dramas were presented by the students of B.Sc. forensic Science (First year and Second year) and M.Sc. Forensic Science (First year). Folk cultural event was also held and performed by both UG and PG students with enthusiasm.

The students were awarded for their participation and performance in the competitions held in the span of three days of MERAKI Forensic Week. Along with the students, the members of the Advisory committee and Executive committee of the Forensic Science department were felicitated with a Token of Appreciation and a certificate.

The final day of MERAKI – 2023 ended with an event report and vote of thanks from Dr. Renu Devi, HOD, Dept. of Forensic Science, School of Science, Sandip University.





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