



**Aarupadai Veedu Medical College & Hospital, Puducherry  
Department of Forensic Medicine**

**INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL**

**C.M.E.: ‘Doctors and Criminal Law’**

**Synopsis**

The Department of Forensic Medicine had organized a C.M.E. titled ‘*Doctors and Criminal Law*’ on 05/10/2018 at Annapoorani Hall, with Dr. K. Thangaraj, Professor and Head, Department of Forensic Medicine, SRM Medical College, Chennai as the guest speaker and Dr. G. Shrikanthan, Professor and Head, Department of Forensic Medicine, AVMC&H, Puducherry, as the Internal Speaker.

The function was officially inaugurated by the Dean, Dr. B. Kanchana, and Medical Superintendent, Dr. Chellapillai. Members of the audience included faculties and clinicians from AVMC&H, guest faculties and residents from other medical institutes and the second-year MBBS students of AVMC&H.

The guest speaker, Dr. K. Thangaraj, spoke on the various aspects of Indian law and its importance in the medical field. He highlighted the need for doctors of today to be aware of the law, more so because of the threat of abuse and lawsuits meted out to the doctors by patients and their relatives. Dr. Thangaraj focused on various sections of the criminal law that were applicable to the medical profession, as well as important Acts, such as the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, Pre-Conceptional and Prenatal Diagnostic Techniques Act and the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act. The talk concluded with the message: ‘*Abide the law - get protected, evade the law - get projected.*’

The Internal speaker for this CME was Dr. G. Shrikanthan, who spoke on the changing trends in Medical Practice. Dr. Shrikanthan highlighted the impact of the Consumer Protection Act and the Clinical Establishment Act on the medical practice in India. He also spoke on the effects of various other decisions and policies, such as the National Eligibility and Entrance Test, the proposed National Exit Test, the National Medical Commission Bill, as well as the online reviews and rating systems on doctors available over the internet, all of which have exerted significant influence on the current medical practice.

Following the two talks, there was a panel discussion, chaired by Dr. Thangaraj and Dr. Shrikanthan. Questions regarding medical documentation, consent, care for insane persons, post-mortem examination, etc. were raised by the audience, to which the chairpersons gave answers, highlighting the relevant sections of the law.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Benjy Tom Varughese, Assistant Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine, AVMC&H, Puducherry, following which, the National Anthem was played.