

Forensic Photography

The workshop on "**Forensic Photography**" was conducted by the Department of Forensic Science, School of Graduate Studies, Jain University, in collaboration with MAYA Films for the M.Sc. Forensic Science students and for the B.Sc. final year students from 18 - 20 February 2015. The speakers for the event were Mr. Ajay Kumar, Editor, MAYA Films and Ms. M S Maya, CEO, MAYA Films. A total of 36 students participated in the workshop.

The theory session was held on the 18 February 2015 for both B.Sc. and M.Sc. students. The practical sessions were held on 19 & 20 February 2015. In the theory session, Mr. Ajay Kumar explained the concept of photography and the physics of it. He spoke on the development of the camera and particularly the DSLR camera that is used in the present scenario.

In the second half of the session, CEO of MAYA Films, Ms. Maya Chandra gave a motivational talk to the students where she emphasized on the importance of a career rather than a job. A simulated scene of crime was created by the faculty of Department of Forensic Science on request of Mr. Ajay Kumar in order to demonstrate the photography. During the practical sessions Mr. Ajay Kumar taught how to focus the crime scene and its evidences and how to make a good composition shot. He gave the importance of flash and how using an external flash is so important than using the built in flash. He also demonstrated the angles in which the photos of the crime scene and its components need to be taken.

The learning outcomes of this workshop are that the students have developed a wider and better knowledge of the working of a DSLR camera. They have also learnt the theoretical aspects of photography. From the practical point of view, the students have learnt how to do crime scene photography, how to take establishing shots and how to take overall photographs of the crime scene while maintaining good composition.