

## **Take a Shot at Solving Crime - Forensic Photography Workshop at Jain University**

Jain University is one of the few universities in India, which offers a Bachelor's and Master's degree in the field of forensic science. The university prepares their students for career in this demanding field with a mixture of challenging academic curriculum with practical workshops to give students an idea of the industry requirements.

Forensic Science is a field of study that utilises innovative science along with data collected from crime scenes to solve homicides and robberies. The evidence is collected in the form of photos of the crime scene, which gives valuable evidence to solve crime.

Jain University in association with Maya Films, conducted a workshop on "Forensic Photography" for their students. Mr. Ajay Kumar, Creative Director, Maya Films was the co-coordinator for the event. The students had a chance to understand the basics of photography and apply it to the field of forensic science. Crime scenes were recreated for students by the faculty to take photographs from the right angles.

Mr. Ajay Kumar, said, "It is important you focus on the handling of the camera, it must become an extension of yourself. You need to use the various parts of the camera carefully to get the exact details of the crime scene down pat". He coached the students on the various functions of the camera with emphasis on crime scene photography.

Mr. Ajay Kumar taught students on how to focus on the crime scene and its evidences and to make a good composition shot. He also demonstrated the angles in which the photos of the crime scene and its components need to be taken.

Maya Chandra, CEO, Maya Films shared her thought provoking message to the students, "It is important that you prepare yourself in your college days before entering the workforce. Embrace and accept all that you can learn from your teachers, and have a specific goal in mind. Prepare yourself for succeeding this goal no matter what," she added.

Student response to the session was extremely enthusiastic with many students admitting their hobby of taking photographs. Harsha.G, of first year M.Sc. Forensic Science said, "Forensic photography is very much a part of our curriculum. It requires focus and concentration; this workshop gave me a chance to understand the basics of photography, which makes it easier for me to handle the camera. My field of study requires for me to have a multi-disciplinary approach and such workshops help me very much."