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MESSAGE

I am pleased to extend my appreciation and strong recommendation for the Forensic Lawyer Course in Forensic Science and Law, jointly offered by the Centre for Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science (CCIFS), New Delhi, and Kerala Law Academy, Thiruvananthapuram. This commendable initiative represents an important step towards integrating scientific knowledge with legal practice and strengthening the administration of criminal justice.

The criminal justice system has undergone significant transformation with advancements in forensic science and investigative technologies. Scientific evidence plays a crucial role in establishing facts, examining criminal conduct, and assisting courts in reaching fair and reasoned conclusions. Knowledge of forensic techniques enables legal practitioners to evaluate expert opinions, scrutinise investigative procedures, assess evidentiary reliability, and present well-founded arguments before judicial forums. The effective integration of scientific understanding with legal principles is essential for ensuring fairness, accuracy, and transparency in judicial proceedings.

The Forensic Lawyer Course provides a valuable multi-disciplinary platform for practising advocates, young lawyers, law students, academicians, investigators, and forensic professionals to enhance their understanding of the relationship between law and science. By encouraging interaction among professionals from different disciplines, the programme facilitates the exchange of knowledge, practical experience, and professional insights. Such interdisciplinary learning is particularly relevant in addressing the complexities of modern criminal investigations and scientific evidence.

In contemporary criminal litigation, questions concerning the collection, preservation, examination, admissibility, and interpretation of forensic evidence frequently arise before courts. Proper understanding of these aspects is indispensable for effective advocacy and the fair administration of justice. Specialised programmes of this nature strengthen analytical abilities, enhance professional competence, and promote an evidence-based approach to judicial proceedings. They also contribute towards minimising errors in interpreting scientific findings and safeguarding individual rights.

I sincerely congratulate Kerala Law Academy, and CCIFS for introducing this valuable academic initiative, which will encourage greater cooperation between legal and scientific professionals while promoting higher standards of professional excellence.

I wholeheartedly endorse and strongly recommend this course to advocates, law students, and all professionals associated with the justice delivery system. I am confident that this initiative will contribute towards developing a scientifically informed, professionally competent, and evidence-conscious legal community, thereby strengthening the rule of law, public confidence, and the fair administration of justice.

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