LEGAL SERVICE FOR STUDENTS (LSS) QUEEN MARYS COLLEGE (A), CHENNAI -6000004 COORDINATORS: DR.KAMALA DEVI and DR. B. MEKALA BRIEF REPORT OF LSS 2021—2022

LSS, Queen Mary's College, organized a one-day workshop on Awareness on Cyber-Crime on 10th May 2022. Around 350, First-year students from all the departments participated in the awareness programme. Students were encouraged to make charts regarding cyber crimes, all the charts were displayed on the Notice board. College students and staff actively participated in the awareness programme and questions related to cyber fraud and cyber women crimes were asked, in respect of which information was given by the cyber officers regarding their avoidance.

Cybercrime is going to be very challenging in India in the next few years. Hence cyber security awareness is very essential in safeguarding the younger generation being exploited by cybercriminals. Dr.B.Uma Maheswari, M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D., Principal, Queen Mary's College (A), Chennai, inaugurated the function and gave the Presidential Address. Dr.S.Kamala Devi, LSS, Coordinator, gave the Welcome Address; the Key Note Address was given by K.C.SHREEDEVI. B.sc., MA., MA., JJ& J Psy(Dip), Inspector of Police, Juvenile Aid Police Unit1, Egmore, Chennai. She emphasized Cyber security awareness among students and highlighted the importance of Cyber Laws. She said "School, college closures and strict containment measures mean more and more families are relying on technology and digital solutions to keep children learning, entertained and connected to the outside world, but not all children have the necessary knowledge, skills, and resources to keep themselves safe online. Many of these students are now taking classes as well as socializing more online. Spending more time on virtual platforms can leave children vulnerable to online sexual exploitation and grooming, as predators look to exploit the COVID-19 pandemic. A lack of face-toface contact with friends and partners may lead to heightened risk-taking such as sending sexualized images, while increased and unstructured time online may expose children to potentially harmful and violent content as well as greater risk of cyberbullying". The programme was well received by the students. A Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. B. Mekala, LSS, Coordinator.

