

SPECIAL LECTURE ON USE OF FORCE

Special lecture was organized on 20th February 2019. Prof David Ambrose, Professor & Head, Department of Legal Studies, University of Madras, delivered a lecture on 'Use of Force' in his speech he said that the international legal system diverges from these general features only in terms of degree of organization and centralization of the use of force. In national system, coercion is organized, relatively centralized and even monopolized by the apparatus of the state. In the international system, it is not done so, individual actors historically have reserved the right to use force unilaterally to protect and vindicate legal entitlements. Political and jurisprudential principles such as these must be kept in mind. Article 2(4) was embedded in and made initially plausible by a complex security scheme, established and spelled out of UN charter. All members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations. The Security Council is authorized to determine the existence of, and take action to address, any threat to international peace and security. In practice this power has been relatively little-used because of the presence of five veto-wielding permanent members with interests in a given issue. The use of force by states is controlled by both customary international law and the treaty law. This principle is now considered to be a part of customary international law, and has the effect of banning the use of armed force except for two situations authorized by the UN Charter. Various provisions of UN charter were explained to students followed by questionnaire session. Vote of thanks was proposed by Sri SB Boregowda, Asst.Professor.

