

Panel Discussion on 77 years of India's Independence

On the 9th of October 2023, students pursuing B.A. in Economics and Political Science at SJU embarked on an educational visit to the Sampangi Ramanagar Police Station as part of their Vocational Course field visit. The Station House Officer (SHO), Mr. Harish Kumar, warmly welcomed the students and engaged them in a lecture, fostering an enthusiastic interaction.

During the session, the SHO provided a comprehensive overview of the diverse duties handled by the officials at the police station. He highlighted the indispensable responsibilities of each individual, sharing specific statistics related to the Bangalore City Police. The foundation of the Karnataka State Police's power and administration, as outlined in the Karnataka Police Act 1963, was explained to the students. This Act delineates the scope and exercise of police powers, guiding their functioning in various capacities, including court visits, warrants, crime management, and public information dissemination.

The students learned that Bangalore City hosts 111 police stations dedicated to tirelessly serving and ensuring the safety of its people. The Sampangi Ramanagar Police Station, responsible for approximately 75,000 residents, operates with a team of 78 officials, led by an Inspector, supported by 4 Sub-Inspectors, and 7 Assistant Inspectors.

After this insightful briefing, the students were invited to explore different sections of the police station. These included offices, a board recording crime frequency, and a distinct cell where detained individuals must be presented before a magistrate within 24 hours of detention.

The visit proved to be a meaningful and enlightening experience for the students, offering a perspective shift on the Police Department. Despite the common perception of police stations being associated with questionable circumstances, the expertise and insights shared by the Inspector contributed to a positive re-evaluation of the students' opinions on the workings of the Police Department.

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