Civilians continue to be primary victims of violations around the world, committed by both state parties and other weapon bearers. Protecting civilians caught up in such situations is a critical challenge and this is mainly due to the fact that the distinction between civilians and combatants are deliberately blurred. The school of law, ITM University, Gurgaon organised an international conference sponsored by Archer Jurists LLP, Lexis Nexis, Thomson Reuters and Mr. Sandeep Jindal, AOR, Supreme Court, on “The protection of civilians during armed conflicts and other violent situations” in order to discuss an array of issues regarding civilian rights that are rudimentary in the context of war and international humanitarian law. It is a two days conference between 26/02/15 and 27/02/15. Legends from the fields of International Humanitarian Law and Law of Human Rights, former Chief Justice of India and current Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission, Hon’ble Justice K.G.Balakrishnan, Dr. Can Akdogan, the Regional delegate to Armed and Security forces, International Council of Red Cross(ICRC) , Ms. Shamila Batohi, Director of Prosecution, International Criminal Court and Mr. Manoj Sachdeva, Trial lawyer, International Criminal Court inaugurated the conference. The conference witnessed participations from experts in the said field.

All the guests and delegates who attended the conference were grateful for the intellectual space provided to them for their contribution to such a this vital area of law.