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Constitution@75

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Commemorating 75 Years of the Indian Constitution

— Two Day International Conference on —

CONSTITUTION@75: EVOLVING TEXT, CONTEXT & TRANSFORMATIONS — RIGHTS, GOVERNANCE & TECHNOLOGY IN FOCUS

25TH & 26TH JANUARY, 2025

Mode: In person

AUDITORIUM, H N L U R A I P U R

(Foreign presenters by Online)

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H N L U R a i p u r

About HNLU

Established in 2003, Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU) has carved out a niche for itself in the realm of legal education across India. A premier university for legal education and research is celebrating its 21st year of establishment. The university's motto, 'धर्म संस्थापनार्थम्' translates to 'for the sake of establishing the primacy of laws of eternal values'. In line with this ethos, HNLU is dedicated to providing advanced legal education that shapes students into more than just legal professionals, it instills in them a profound responsibility to contribute to society. The university has launched several innovative programmes in the last four years like Lex Osmose, Ex Arca, HNLU Press, Sui-generis, HEXA, HAAI and R-HaS.

About the Conference

Constitution@75: Evolving Text, Context & Transformations - Rights, Governance & Technology in Focus is a landmark International Conference organized by Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU), Raipur, to commemorate the completion of 75 years of the Indian Constitution. Scheduled to be held on Republic Day, the conference brings together academicians, legal practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and students to engage in critical deliberations on the transformative journey of the Constitution of India.

Over the past 75 years, the Indian Constitution has not only been a blueprint for governance but also a dynamic instrument of social change. This conference aims to explore the Constitution's text and context, its evolution, and its relevance in addressing contemporary challenges in governance, rights, and technology. It seeks to underscore the enduring values enshrined in the Constitution while imagining its future in a rapidly changing world.

Objectives of the Conference

1. To assess the Constitution's transformative impact on India's legal, social, political, and economic evolution.
2. To examine the dynamic relationship between constitutional principles and contemporary challenges in governance, human rights, and technological innovation.
3. To revisit the core values of the Constitution in the context of current debates on federalism, secularism, and inclusivity.
4. To draw comparisons between the Indian Constitution and global frameworks, fostering dialogue on common challenges and shared solutions.
5. To promote interdisciplinary research and discussions encompassing law, political science, economics, sociology, and technology.
6. To envision reforms and innovations that ensure the Constitution remains a living, adaptive document, resonating with the aspirations of future generations.

This conference seeks to create a platform for critical engagement with the Constitution's journey over the past seven decades while shaping the discourse on its role in the 21st century.

Program Structure

1. **Day 1: 25th January 2025 -**
 - Inaugural (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)
 - Six Parallel Technical Sessions in two parts: 11:30 AM to 01:00 PM and 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM.
2. **Day 2: 26th January 2025 -**
 - Unfurling of the National Flag (09:00 AM to 10:00 AM)
 - Valedictory Ceremony & Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture (10:00 AM to 11:30 AM)

Theme-1

The Text & Context: Evaluation of Constitutional Values

Sub-Themes:

- The Living Constitution: Interpretative Journeys of Constitutional Text.
- Preamble and the Spirit of Social Justice: A Retrospective.
- Balancing Federalism and Unity: Reflections on Indian Federalism.
- Directive Principles vs. Fundamental Rights: A Dynamic Interplay.

Theme-2

Governance and Accountability in a Constitutional Democracy

Sub-Themes:

- Judiciary as the Sentinel of the Constitution: Reflections & Critiques.
- The Role of Legislature and Executive in Strengthening Constitutional Democracy.
- Decentralization and the 73rd & 74th Amendments: Local Self-Governance in India.
- Electoral Reforms & the Right to Vote: Challenges & Opportunities.

Theme-3

Constitutional Morality and Social Transformation

Sub-Themes:

- Inclusivity in Nation-Building: Gender Justice & LGBTQ+ Rights.
- Social Movements & the Constitution: Agents of Change or Contention?
- Intersectionality & Rights: Addressing Caste, Class, and Religion.
- Secularism & Pluralism in India: The Constitutional Promise.

Theme-4 **Technology and Rights: New Frontiers of Constitutionalism**

Sub-Themes:

- Data Privacy & AI Governance: The Constitutional Perspective.
- Cybersecurity and Fundamental Rights: Striking a Balance.
- Digital Divide & Inclusive Growth: A Constitutional Obligation.
- The Role of Technology in Judiciary: E-Courts & Access to Justice.

Theme-5 **Global Constitutionalism and India**

Sub-Themes:

- Comparative Perspectives: Indian Constitution & Global South.
- Transnational Constitutional Borrowing: Successes & Challenges.
- Indian Constitution as a Model: Learning from International Adaptations.
- International Human Rights Law and the Indian Constitution: Mutual Influences.

Theme-6 **75 Years and Beyond: Reimagining the Constitution**

Sub-Themes:

- Constitutional Reforms: Necessity and Boundaries.
- The Future of Fundamental Rights in an AI-driven World.
- Intergenerational Equity: Environmental Justice & the Constitution.
- Revisiting Fundamental Duties in Contemporary India

Call for Papers

The organizers invite original research papers from academicians, practitioners, students, and researchers. The paper must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere. Submissions failing to meet the below guidelines will result into rejection of paper:

Full Paper Submission:

- A Word file with a short abstract (of not more than 250 words including 5 keywords), along with the full paper to be submitted.
- The first page of submission should mention title of the paper (14 pt Times New Roman, bold) along with author's full name(s), institutional affiliation, email address.
- Word Limit: Full papers should be between 4000–6000 words, including footnotes.
- Formatting: Times New Roman, 12 pt font for the main text and 10 pt for footnotes.
- Margins: 2.54 cm on all sides (normal).
- Citation Style: Bluebook 21st Edition.
- File Format: Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx).
- Embed all figures, tables, and images within the document and cite them consecutively in the text.
- Ensure each table has a descriptive title, and units are specified in column headings where applicable.
- A separate word file with a short biography (of not more than 200 words) and a recent picture (in the same file). The submission should be in English.

Plagiarism Policy:

The conference has a strict anti-plagiarism policy, permitting up to 10% similarity, with a maximum of 5% AI-generated content. Papers that exceed this limit will be disqualified.

Co-Authorship:

- Maximum of two authors per paper.
- Both authors must register individually.

Submission Process:

- Abstract along with the full paper must be submitted electronically through the designated submission link <https://forms.gle/hLTM1VaHQLUcxee1A>.



Registration Details

Release of Call for Papers	15 th December 2024
Last date for submission of full paper	10 th January 2025
Intimation about selection of paper for presentation	12 th January 2025
Opening of Registration	12 th January 2025
Last date for Registration	14 th January 2025
Date of Conference	25 th -26 th January 2025

Registration Fees

For Students (UG and PG)

1. **Without Accommodation:**
 - Single author: Rs. 1000/-
 - Co-authors: Rs. 2000/-
2. **With Accommodation:**
 - Single author: Rs. 2000/-
 - Co-authors: Rs. 4000/-

For Academicians/Professionals/Research Scholars:

3. **Without Accommodation:**
 - Single author: Rs. 1500/-
 - Co-authors: Rs. 3000/-
4. **With Accommodation:**
 - Single author: Rs. 2500/-
 - Co-authors: Rs. 5000/-

Important Information

1. Payment details will be shared with the individuals whose papers are selected for presentation.
2. A few selected papers will be published in the form of an edited book with ISBN number subject to the decision of the review committee.
3. Three Best Research Paper Presentations will be awarded with a certificate of merit.

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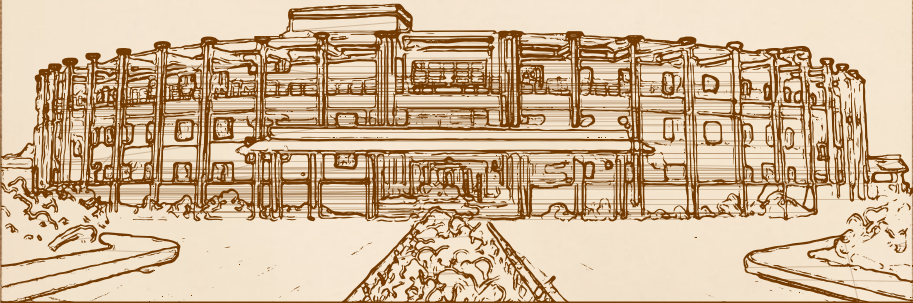
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