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One-Day National Conference
on

EXPLORING

INDIA'S INFRASTRUCTURE LANDSCAPE

CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES & THE ROAD AHEAD

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About the Conference

India's infrastructure is the backbone of its economic growth, social equity, and global competitiveness. With a growing population and rapid urbanization, the demand for improved infrastructure in transportation, energy, water, communication, and urban development is unprecedented. However, resource constraints, regulatory challenges, and environmental concerns often hinder progress, highlighting the urgent need for sustainable and innovative solutions. The urban-rural divide remains a significant concern. Rural areas lag in essential services such as sanitation, paved roads, and digital connectivity, affecting access to healthcare, education, and markets. While programme like PMGSY have improved rural connectivity, bridging the gap requires targeted investments, robust public-private partnerships, and a focus on inclusive development strategies.

Urban housing faces acute shortages, particularly for low-income groups, with over 33% of the urban population living in slums. Despite frameworks like RERA and the Consumer Protection Act to ensure transparency and accountability, significant gaps persist in safeguarding homebuyers. Addressing these deficits demands innovative financing, inclusive policies, and sustainable housing models to create equitable urban and rural landscapes.

This conference aspires to foster meaningful dialogue, promote knowledge sharing, and encourage collaboration among stakeholders to drive transformative infrastructure development for a sustainable and inclusive future.

Objectives of the Conference

The Conference aims to bring together legal experts, policymakers, industry leaders, academics, and other stakeholders to engage in discussions on the following key objectives:

- To analyse the existing laws governing infrastructure development in sectors such as transport, energy, telecommunications, and urban development, and identify gaps or areas for reform.
- To examine the legal mechanisms and institutions involved in resolving disputes related to infrastructure projects, including arbitration and litigation.
- To study the evolving role of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in infrastructure development, and how legal and regulatory frameworks can better support such collaborations.

- To explore policies that promote sustainable, inclusive, and resilient infrastructure projects while ensuring compliance with environmental and social governance standards.
- To promote the adoption of infrastructure laws that align with environmental sustainability and climate resilience goals
- To provide a platform for stakeholders to share best practices, case studies, and innovations in infrastructure development and its legal management.

Key Sessions and Thematic Discussions

Session 1: India's Infrastructure: Status, Gaps & Emerging Challenges

1. The current state of infrastructure in India.
2. Challenges in Infrastructure Development.
3. Urbanization and climate-resilient infrastructure.
4. Sanitation and waste management: strengthening regulatory norms for sustainable cities.

Session 2: Affordable Housing and Equity

1. Affordable housing and equity: regulatory innovations for the marginalised communities.
2. Gender inclusion in housing policy: women's empowerment through housing ownership.
3. Affordable housing as a tool for poverty alleviation and employment generation.
4. Public-private partnerships in affordable housing development.
5. Smart city Infrastructure: Aligning with PMAY for inclusive growth.

Session 3: Regulatory Mechanisms and Technological Innovations

1. Regulatory mechanisms and housing for all
2. Legal & regulatory frameworks for green housing: ensuring sustainable growth
3. The role of digital technologies in urban planning and housing development.
4. Opportunities for growth and innovation.

NOTE: The sub-themes are only suggestive areas and are not exhaustive. Research papers that are not covered under the abovementioned sub-themes but have relevance in the thrust area of the conference may also be submitted.

Call for Papers

We invite original research papers from academicians, professionals, practitioners, researchers, students of law and allied social sciences, and other stakeholders on emerging issues and related areas on the broad sub-themes given above.

Submission Guidelines

For Abstract-

The abstract should not exceed 300 words (inclusive of 4-5 keywords) and must be accompanied by a brief bio-note (in 60 words) of the author indicating his/her email ID, contact number, designation, and official address.

The abstract should be in the following format:

- Times New Roman, Font Size 12 & Line spacing 1.5, justified.
- 1-inch margins on all four sides.
- Submissions are to be made in MS Word format only.

The abstract must identify a research problem clearly to be discussed by the author in the full paper, and the particular theme of the conference associated with the paper.

Please name your abstract file as follows:

Full Name_abstract e.g., if the author's name is John Doe, then the file name should be John Doe_abstract. The abstracts can be submitted through this link: https://forms.gle/WpzC6stEZd7aZkj96

For Full Paper

- Selected abstracts shall be intimated separately along with a link for full paper submissions and payment of the registration fee.
- The word limit for a full research paper along with an abstract is 3000-5000 words (excluding footnotes), which must be submitted in MS Word format.

Font:

- Times New Roman, Font Size: 12, Line spacing: 1.5, A4 size paper with 1" margin on all sides.
- For citation, the author is required to follow the APA Formatting and Citation (7th Ed.).
- The final paper should mandatorily have the suggestions/ recommendations made by the author(s).
- The language of submissions should preferably be English.

For Publication of Papers

- Selected research papers may be published in an edited book by a reputable publisher with an ISBN.
- The authors willing to consider their paper for publication must submit a duly filled-in and scanned 'DECLARATION OF RESPONSIBILITY & ASSIGNMENT OF COPYRIGHT FORM' to be provided with the communication of acceptance of the paper.
- The submitted papers shall be checked through a similarity software approved by the University.
- Any paper exceeding 10 % similarity shall be outrightly rejected.
- The submitted papers shall go through a blindfolded peer review process before selection for publication in an edited book with ISBN as per the University Policies.
- Selection for paper presentation does not entitle publication in the book.

Important Deadlines

Submission of abstract	**5th March 2025**
Intimation of abstract acceptance	**9th March 2025**
Registration Deadline	**23rd March 2025**
Submission of full paper	**23rd March 2025**
Date of Conference	**29th March, 2025**

Registration & Fee

Please click the link given below to registration:

https://forms.gle/Z3MJB56Fda8ySbZw5

Academicians and Professionals: **Rs. 1500/-**

Research Scholars and Students: **Rs. 800/-**

For participation without presentation: **Rs. 500/-**

NOTE:

1. Co-authorship up to a maximum of two authors is allowed. In case co-authors from two different heads mentioned above respective registration fees shall be paid individually. Registration fee is payable only after the acceptance of the abstract.
2. The registration fee does not include accommodation or meals, except for Lunch and High Tea provided during the conference.

3. Accommodation on campus is available on a first-come, first-served basis for participants, subject to payment. The current accommodation rate is Rs.800 per day, which includes lodging only. Meals will be provided separately at prevailing mess rates. Early registration is encouraged to secure your stay.

About HNLU

Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU), Raipur established in 2003 in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, is a prominent institution for legal education in India. Named after former Chief Justice of India, Justice Mohammad Hidayatullah, HNLU offers programs including undergraduate (B.A. LL.B.), postgraduate (LL.M.), and Ph.D. degrees in law. Known for its modern infrastructure and experienced faculty, the university focuses on providing a comprehensive legal education. The motto of HNLU, "Dharma Sansthapanartham," meaning "for the sake of establishing the primacy of the laws of eternal values," reflects its commitment to upholding justice and ethical principles. It actively participates in national and international moot courts, debates, and research initiatives.

About the Centre For Infrastructure Laws

The Centre for Infrastructure Laws was established under the School for Law & Public Policy (SLPP) of the Research- Hub and Spoke (R-HaS) at HNLU. The basic aim of the Centre is to study the best practices of infrastructure laws. The rapid growth of economic activities would encourage the government to initiate new infrastructure projects. In this context, the Government of India seeks to protect home buyers and boost investments in the real estate industry. Therefore, The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 was passed to regulate the real estate sector and act as an adjudicating body for speedy dispute resolution.

About The Centre For Law & Public Health

The Centre for Law and Public Health established under the School for Law & Public Policy (SLPP) at HNLU is dedicated to advancing the interface between legal principles and public health initiatives. The Centre serves as a dynamic hub for research, policy analysis, recommendation, advocacy, and collaboration in the realms of law and public health. The Centre's establishment reflects a recognition of the critical intersection between law, policy, and public health, particularly in addressing complex health challenges that require coordinated legal and policy responses.

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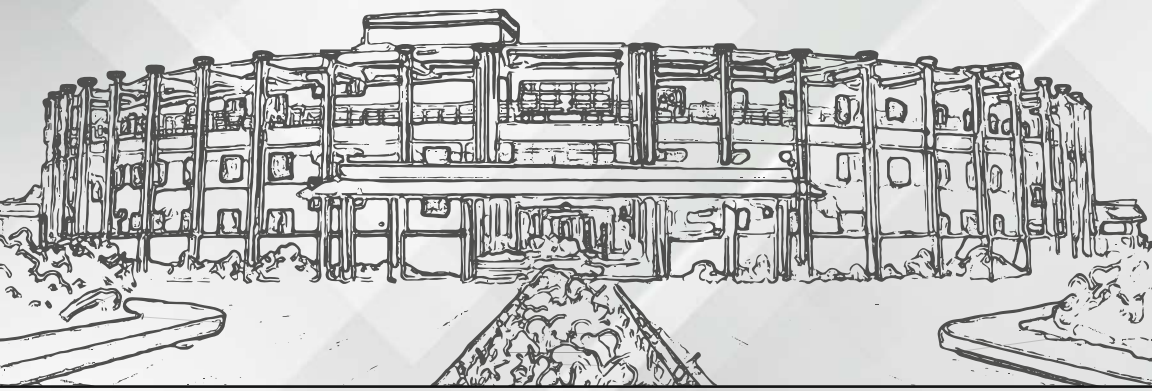
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