



HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

RAIPUR

TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

INTERFACE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE & LAW

Shaping the future of Criminal Justice in India

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Hybrid Mode

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In collaboration with

**National Forensic Sciences University,
Gandhinagar & SFSL CG**



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CONCEPT NOTE

Forensic Science and Law: Strengthening the Interface for Criminal Justice Reform

Forensic Science and Law, though distinct disciplines, are intrinsically linked in their contribution to the modern criminal justice system. Scientific investigation and technological evidence are increasingly pivotal in ensuring the fair, efficient, and effective delivery of justice. With the evolution of forensic tools—from DNA profiling and digital forensics to forensic psychology and crime scene reconstruction—the legal system must continuously adapt to integrate, regulate, and apply this evidence within constitutional and procedural frameworks.

In a country as diverse and populous as India, the challenges in law enforcement and justice delivery are complex and multifaceted. These challenges necessitate a robust platform for engagement among forensic scientists, legal professionals, academicians, policymakers, students, and other stakeholders. This proposed conference seeks to bridge the critical knowledge interface between forensic science and law and foster collaboration for enhancing the administration of justice in India.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

- ▶ To examine the admissibility, reliability, and limitations of forensic evidence in judicial proceedings.
- ▶ To deliberate on necessary policy and legislative reforms in light of emerging forensic technologies.
- ▶ To identify capacity-building requirements for law enforcement agencies, judiciary, and forensic institutions.
- ▶ To foster interdisciplinary research and academic collaboration between institutions of law and forensic science.
- ▶ To promote awareness and skill development among students and early-career professionals.

THEMES & SUB-THEMES

I. **Legal Admissibility and Evidentiary Value of Forensic Evidence**

- ▶ Admissibility standards and evidentiary value of scientific evidence in Indian courts
- ▶ The role and credibility of expert witnesses
- ▶ Ensuring chain of custody and tamper-proof evidence handling
- ▶ Evidentiary thresholds and standards of proof
- ▶ DNA profiling: legal implications and privacy concerns
- ▶ Use of DNA databases for identifying missing persons, disaster victims, and habitual offenders
- ▶ AI-driven forensic technologies and predictive policing
- ▶ Technological advancements: video analytics, voice recognition, signature and linguistic forensics

II. **Bridging Science and Justice: Innovations in Criminal Investigation and Behavioral Analysis**

- ▶ Criminal profiling and behavioral science in investigation
- ▶ Narco-analysis, brain mapping, and polygraph testing: legal and ethical debates
- ▶ Psychological autopsies and forensic psychology in crime reconstruction
- ▶ Criminology, victimology, and trauma-informed investigations
- ▶ Role of forensic input in custodial interrogations and lie detection
- ▶ Mental health considerations, legal insanity, and rehabilitation frameworks
- ▶ Evidence preservation: addressing challenges of contamination and procedural lapses

- ▶ Investigating officers and their coordination with forensic teams
- ▶ Implementation of the National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme: case studies and best practices

III. Legislative and Policy Framework

- ▶ Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022: scope and safeguards
- ▶ DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill, 2019: status and concerns
- ▶ Draft Forensic Science Bill: regulatory structures and institutional autonomy
- ▶ Role of the Ministry of Home Affairs in strengthening forensic capabilities
- ▶ National policies and institutions (e.g., National Forensic Sciences University - NFSU)
- ▶ Quality assurance mechanisms: ISO standards, forensic accreditation, and expert training protocols

IV. Capacity Building, Interdisciplinary Collaboration, and Ethical Considerations

- ▶ Integration of forensic science in legal education curricula
- ▶ Training modules for police, prosecutors, and judicial officers
- ▶ Role of universities and research bodies in fostering scientific temper in legal studies
- ▶ Ethical issues: bias, misuse of forensic evidence, and procedural safeguards
- ▶ Balancing state surveillance mechanisms with individual privacy and civil liberties
- ▶ International human rights instruments and best practices in forensic use
- ▶ Judicial precedents mandating forensic audits and evidence-based trials
- ▶ Landmark judgments shaping forensic jurisprudence in India.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date of Call for Paper

29th AUGUST 2025

Abstract Submission Deadline

20th SEPTEMBER 2025

Notification of Acceptance of Abstract

25th SEPTEMBER 2025

Date of Registration

30th SEPTEMBER 2025

Full Paper Submission

20th OCTOBER 2025

Date of the Conference

7th-8th NOVEMBER 2025

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. All submissions have to be in English. The abstract should not be more than 300 words.
2. It shall be accompanied by a cover letter containing - a brief profile of the author, including e-mail ID, contact number, designation, institution and official address.
3. The word limit for a research paper is 4000-5000 words (including all citations and references).
4. Submissions must be typed in Times New Roman, font size 12 on A4 size paper with a 1" margin on all sides and 1.5-line spacing.
5. The heading should be in Times New Roman, Font Size 14, Bold, 1.5-line spacing, center-aligned, while the subheading should be in Times New Roman, Font Size 13, Italicized, 1.5-line 1.15-line spacing.
6. Footnotes must be in Times New Roman, Font Size 10, with 1.0-line spacing. The file extension shall be .doc. There can be a maximum of only one Co-Author.



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7. Plagiarism shall not exceed more than 10%. All the co-authors need to get registered for the event. Not more than two co-authors are allowed to be accommodated in one research paper.
8. The Abstract and Full paper must be submitted on : clf@hnl.u.ac.in on or before the submission deadline.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- ▣ Academicians and Researchers (Law, Forensic Science, Criminology, Psychology)
- ▣ Industry Experts and Practitioners (Legal, Police, Forensic Laboratories)
- ▣ Judges, Prosecutors, and Investigating Officers
- ▣ Ph.D Research Scholars and Students of law and behavioral sciences.

REGISTRATION FEE

For International Professionals and Academicians:	35 USD
For Indian Professionals and Academicians:	Rs. 1000 (INR)
For Research Scholars:	Rs. 500 (INR)
Participation without Presentation:	Rs. 300 (INR)

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1. Registration fee is payable only after the acceptance of the abstract. Participants are required to attach a screenshot of the successful payment to the registration form. Once deposited, the payment is non-refundable, the screenshot of the successful payment is in the registration form. The said payment is non-refundable once it's deposited.
2. Participants are required to fill out a copyright form, which will be circulated at the time of registration.
3. As the event will be for a day, the slot for the presentation will be made available beforehand. Hence, the slot for the presentation will be made available beforehand day day-wise and session-wise.
4. Only quality papers will be selected for publication. Merely a candidate allowed for presentation will not be the sole ground to claim publication until the author responds to scrutiny suggested in the paper from time to time.
5. In case of more than one author in one paper, each author will pay a fee mentioned above individually.
6. There would not be any fee for faculties and students of HNLU.
7. Certificate of participation/ presentation will be provided to the participants.
8. The University has limited accommodation facilities: single rooms with cot/bed/pillows/ fan, almirah, and common washrooms. The rent is to be paid in advance before arrival. The amount for the accommodation will be informed to the respective participants accordingly. The seats are limited.
9. The registration fee covers only the paper presentation. Authors of selected papers will be required to pay an additional Rs. 1000 for the publication of their paper in the edited book.

PANEL EXPERTS & RESOURCE PERSONS

The Conference will host prominent legal and forensic professionals including:

- Senior Forensic Scientists from NFSU, CFSL & Private Labs
- Representatives from MHA and BPR&D
- Police officials and investigative officers
- Professors from NLUs and Forensic Universities

OUTCOME AND IMPACT

- Enriched interdisciplinary dialogue between law and science communities
- Scholarly publication of selected papers in proceedings
- Recommendations to Ministry of Home Affairs and NFSU for systemic improvements
- Strengthened research and collaboration opportunities between legal and forensic institutions
- A model framework for future conferences and workshops on similar themes

ABOUT HNLU

Hidayatullah National Law University, a premier university for legal education and research is celebrating its 20th Year of establishment. The university's motto, 'Dharma Sansthapanartham,' 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. With the new hub-spoke model of research centers, HNLU has opened a plethora of opportunities for academic and professional bridging for the benefit of students, legal community and society at large.

ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW & TECHNOLOGY

CENTRE FOR LAW & FORENSICS

The Centre for Law and Forensics, established in 2023 under the aegis of the School for Law & Technology at Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, is a beacon of scholarly pursuit in the realms of law and forensic sciences. With a resolute commitment to excellence, the Centre for Law and Forensics focuses on the intricate intersections of legal and technical disciplines, exploring areas like criminology, cybercrimes, forensic science, and penology. The Centre is dedicated to advancing knowledge through rigorous research, specialized education, and dynamic events, fostering a future where justice prevails and the misuse of technology is averted, empowering not just law students but society at large.

ABOUT NFSU GANDHINAGAR

National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar, established by an Act of Parliament in 2020, is the world's first and only university dedicated exclusively to forensic and allied sciences. Functioning under the aegis of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, NFSU serves as a premier institution in advancing the frontiers of forensic education, research, and training at both national and international levels.

Strategically located in Gandhinagar, the capital city of Gujarat, the university has evolved as a global center of excellence, offering specialized academic programs in forensic science, digital forensics, cyber security, criminology, behavioral science, law, homeland security, and allied domains. NFSU houses state-of-the-art laboratories, modern classrooms, and cutting-edge research infrastructure, fostering a multidisciplinary and application-oriented approach to learning and innovation.

Through strong collaborations with law enforcement agencies, judiciary, scientific organizations, and international institutions, NFSU plays a pivotal role in capacity building, policymaking, and strengthening criminal justice systems across the globe. Its commitment to academic excellence and real-world relevance makes it a preferred destination for forensic professionals, researchers, and students worldwide.

ABOUT SFSL CG

The State Forensic Science Laboratory , CG state was carved out of Madhya Pradesh on 1st November 2000 and Regional Forensic Science Laboratory was upgraded as State Forensic Science Laboratory, Raipur by the Chhattisgarh Government on 11-12-2002. State forensic science laboratory has been making consistent strides in the field of scientific investigation. It has been providing prompt and reliable scientific services in the administration of the criminal justice system in Chhattisgarh.

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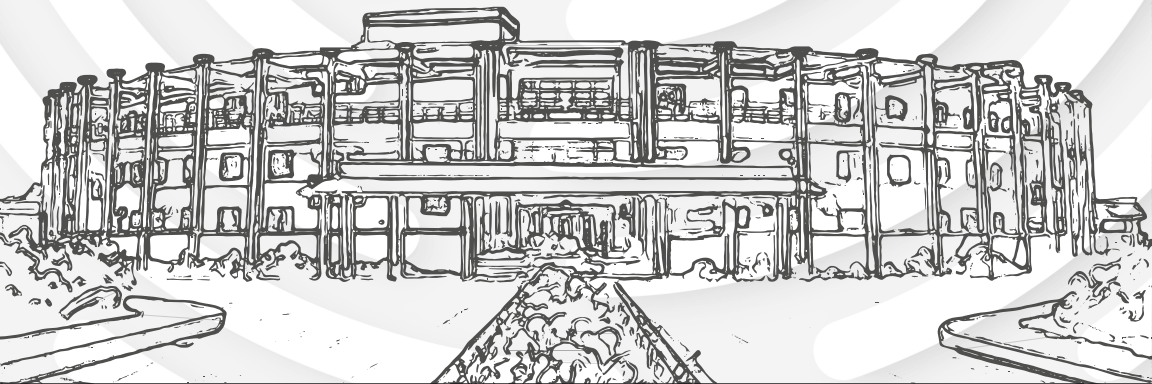
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