

VIRTUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS AND LAW IN INDIA



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Organized by Legal Centre for Women's Welfare, Tamil Nadu National Law University



About TNNLU

TNNLU is located in Srirangam Taluk of the Tiruchirappalli Corporation, formerly known as Trichinopoly. The Government of Tamil Nadu established this institution of learning by an Act of State Legislature (Act No. 9 of 2012) to provide quality legal education. TNNLU commenced its functioning from the academic year 2013–2014. TNNLU offers two five years integrated Under Graduate Programmes, B.A.LLB. (Hons.) & B.Com. LL.B. (Hons.) and three one-year LL.M. Programmes: – Corporate and Securities Laws, Intellectual Property Laws and Natural Resources Laws. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has recognized and approved TNNLU under Section 2(f) and under Section 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956. TNNLU has received recognition from the Bar Council of India (BCI) for the programmes it offers.

TNNLU aims to develop among the students and faculty a sense of responsibility to the society through an interdisciplinary approach to the study of law. TNNLU is a fully residential campus with separate hostels for men and women. TNNLU library has an updated Web OPAC system, Remote Access facility, and air-conditioned discussion rooms. TNNLU is a member of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Association of Commonwealth Universities, Asian Law Institute and Indian Academy of Social Sciences (permanent member). TNNLU is also an empanelled institution with the Competition Commission of India.

Mission of TNNLU

To impart quality legal education nurtured within a robust culture of interdisciplinary research and teaching in an equitable, respectful and supportive environment producing legal practitioners and scholars who will be committed to justice, social transformation and national development.

Vision of TNNLU

To achieve global recognition as an institution of eminence and excellence in all spheres of legal education, rooted in an interdisciplinary approach to the study of law, such that the graduates of TNNLU will be independent, critical thinkers and socially responsible human beings.

About Legal Centre for Women's Welfare

The Centre was established in March 2020. The Centre is the brainchild of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. V.S. Elizabeth, who is an expert in feminist jurisprudence and has a great concern regarding issues related to women. The Government of Tamil Nadu invited proposals for Government grants in February 2020, for which the TNNLU proposed the establishment of the Centre and the Government of Tamil Nadu accepted the same. Law is an effective tool in bringing a change in the society, hence the purpose of establishing the Centre is to transform society through changing the attitudes towards women and the status of women by working on Women and Law.

Objectives

TNNLU has been always sensitive to women's issues and concerned with women's welfare. LCWW strives to achieve a gender just society by critically examining the law and various public policies and making advocacy for the changes in the same and implementation of laws for women's welfare by conducting various gender sensitization programmes for different stake holders in society. LCWW will also be doing research on contemporary women's issues and identify the lacunae in the law/policies by the Government and suggest measures to address the same.

Programmes

Legal awareness camps, workshops, seminars, conferences on the following topics will be organised online or offline:

- 1. Legal Literacy for Women
- 2. Gender Sensitization
- 3. Women's Empowerment
- 4. Violence against Women

Research Areas

The Centre focuses on all issues related to women, broadly covering Violence against Women, the role of State in empowering women, the social impediments faced by women and the role of law in addressing these issues.

Concept Note

The social status of women is always found lesser than that of men. India has dropped down in the Global Gender Index from 108 to 112. Also, the data on female labour force participation (FLFP) released by the World Bank in June 2020 has revealed the fact that India is lowest in South Asia. The FLFP has declined very steeply since 1990s from 30.27% to 20.79% in 2020. There is also stagnation of FLFP among the urban population of women since 1980s irrespective of raise in education. The plight of rural women is unimaginable.

As per the Socio Economic and Caste Census of 2011 more than 48% of the rural population in India consists of female. The female work participation in India is exceptionally low. Due to the socio-economic situation the rural women are forced to take up work ranging from Agricultural coolies in their locality to migrating to far away place in search of job. The neo liberal political economy and urbanization has created a major demand for labour which has forced men and women in large scale to migrate from rural to urban areas. In addition to the prevailing situation the pandemic has caused a great disaster in everyone's life especially that of rural women who moved out of the female work participation in large number and a sizeable population of the migrant workers belong to the unorganized sector. The migrant workers' predicament is a never-ending pandemic.

Even at this juncture we lack clarity neither on the data related to women migrant workers nor do we have a policy on their working conditions, maternity benefit, safe working environment, housing facilities etc. 74 years of Independence, India watches its women removing their Uterus just to avoid wage loss. This tells us a bitter truth that these women folks are not only ignored but also unempowered.

It is high time to analyse the role of rural migrant women workers in nation building, and the effectiveness of the legislative framework with an interdisciplinary approach. The LCWW, TNNLU in commemoration of International Day for Rural Women, is organizing a One-day Virtual National Conference on "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Women Migrant Workers and Law in India". The conference will focus on various laws, policies for women migrant workers with an interdisciplinary approach.

Call for Papers

The National Conference on Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Women Migrant Workers and Law in India, organized by the Legal Centre for Women's Welfare, Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli will be held on October 30, 2021, virtually.

The Conference invites contributions in all areas of law, gender studies and other related social science disciplines, in the form of full length scholarly papers documenting original and substantial research work.

Theme

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Women Migrant Workers and Law in India

Sub-Themes

- 1. Impact of COVID 19 on Women Migrant Workers
- 2. Rights of Women Migrant Workers under the Indian Constitution
- 3. Labour Rights of Women Migrant Workers
- 4. Patterns and Determinants of Women Migrant Workers in India
- 5. Psychological Issues faced by Women Migrant Workers
- 6. Issues of Migrant Women Workers in Unorganised Sectors
- 7. Problems of Persons with Disability amongst Women Migrant Workers
- 8. Problems of Agency of Women Workers with regard to Migration
- 9. Sexual Harassment and Women Migrant Workers
- 10. Crimes against Women Migrant Workers
- 11. International Instruments protecting the Women Migrant Workers
- 12. Need for a Specialised Legal Framework for Protection and Empowerment of Women Migrant Workers in India
- 13. Anthropological Perspectives of Migrant Women Workers
- 14. The Role of the Government/State in Protection of Various Interests of Women Migrant Workers

The above sub themes are only illustrative and the participants are free to write on any topic directly connected to the central theme of the Conference.

Research Paper Guidelines

- Abstract: Not exceeding 300 words
- Keywords: Maximum of 5
- Full Research Paper: Should not be less than 3000 words
- Font style & Size: Times New Roman & 12
- Line spacing: Double & justified alignment
- Endnotes: Times New Roman (size 10), Endnotes style: MLA 8th Edition
- Co-authorship is allowed up to a maximum of 2 authors.
- A soft copy of the abstract should be uploaded in the given link on or before
 15th September 2021- https://forms.gle/HiALpc6Rkju46Pim9
- Abstract submitted by the registered participants only will be shortlisted for the online presentation.
- Selected participants have to send the full papers to wmwconference2021@tnnlu.ac.in on or before 15th October 2021.
- The Editorial Board will reserve the right to reject or edit any paper.
- Selected papers will be published with a reputed publisher.

Best Paper Awards

There will be cash awards for two of the best research papers, one in each category:

- a. Best research paper by a faculty member or other scholars
- b. Best research paper by a student

Who may participate?

Academicians, Legal Professionals, Research Scholars, PG & UG students of law and any other related social science disciplines.

Registration

The following fee is payable by paper presenters and participants

- For Students Rs. 300
- For Academicians/ Research Scholars Rs. 500
- Each co-author has to register themselves individually and pay the fees applicable individually.
- No registration fee is payable by students and faculty of TNNLU.

Registration link: https://forms.gle/h1MNpt4G4E3UqNiV9

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Important Dates

Last date for Abstract Submission	15.09.2021
Intimation of Abstract Selection	20.09.2021
Last Date for Registration	30.09.2021
Full paper Submission	15.10.2021
Conference Date	30.10.2021

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