



**Centre For Environment And
Disaster Management
of
Himachal Pradesh
National Law University, Shimla**

**Organises
Two-Day International Conference
on
"ENVIRONMENTAL
RULE OF LAW AND JUSTICE"**

3rd - 4th June, 2023





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(June 3rd - 4th, 2023)

HYBRID MODE

Call for Papers

Research Papers/Articles and Case Studies from legal and non-legal fraternities across the globe are invited for presentation at a two-day International Conference on

“Environmental Rule of Law and Justice”

to be organized by the Centre for Environment and Disaster Management (CEDM), Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla (India) from June 3rd-4th, 2023.





ABOUT HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

The Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU, Shimla), was established by the State Government in the year 2016, by an Act of the legislature (Act 16 of 2016). The University started functioning from 5th of October, 2016. Located in the geographical terrains of the Himalayas, HPNLU, Shimla, is the best place for legal education. The climate and environmental privileges of its placement make the university one of the most sought-after law education institutions. Under the academic and administrative leadership of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, the team HPNLU is committed to achieve new heights in legal education while proactively organising plethora of events, spreading socio-legal awareness through discussions on Fundamental Duties, Environmental Issues, Human Rights and Access to Justice, etc.





ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Centre for Environment and Disaster Management (CEDM) is a specialized Centre of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, for conducting socio-legal research in the field of environment protection & disaster management. The Centre aims to serve as a research and training centre in the field of environmental law and policy, inculcate environmental awareness and sensitivity about the various environmental related issues among the various stakeholders, and conduct various theme-based activities on the protection of environment and sustainability. The Centre, since its inception, has conducted various programmes such as webinar on “Contemporary Environmental Law in Covid-19 Crisis”, "Virtual Environmental Conclave”, “National Essay Writing Competition”, “National Photography Competition”, “E-Colloquium on Bhopal Gas Disaster”, Special lectures of renowned academicians and legal experts on Environment Law. The student team of the Centre has also prepared Report on the "Kedar Nath Flood Disaster" vis-a-vis "Char Dham Road Project." The Centre has its own online journal “HPNLU Journal of Environment and Disaster Management (ISSN: 2583-1429). The Centre also publishes Green Gazette and its book.



ABOUT THE CEDM

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Environment has emerged as a major area of concern worldwide. Humanity today faces many environmental crises. Climate change, loss of biodiversity, water scarcity, air and water pollution, soil degradation, among others, are the main environmental problems the world today is facing and all these problems have international ramifications. The negative offshoot of technological revolution, especially in the post-second world war era, has resulted into degradation and deterioration of the environment. The problems have worsened due to over-exploitation of limited natural resources. Hence, for controlling and regulating the environmental problems, various conventions, agreements, laws, policies were concluded and put into force on international and national levels. It was in the Stockholm Conference, 1972 that the environmental problems and their consequences were discussed in the fullest sense and the resultant declaration provided for the framework of solution to environmental challenges. Since then, the international and national policy makers are devising strategies, legislations, policies, and laws to check the despoiling of the environment.

It is now widely accepted principle which finds mention in Stockholm declaration as well as through interpretation of Article 21 of the Constitution that “all human beings have a fundamental right to live in a healthy environment. It commensurate with their wellbeing, coupled with a corresponding duty of ensuring that resources are conserved and preserved in such a way that the present and future generations utilize, maintain, and preserve them equally”. After the Stockholm Conference, environmental laws and institutions dramatically grown across the globe including in India e.g., Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution Act), 1981, National Green Tribunal Act, 2010, The Energy Conservation Act, 2001 etc. However, what is important is the proper efficacy and implementation of these laws.

In the present time, the solution of all the environmental problems can be seen in the concepts and goals of sustainable development. Along with this, another important concept which has become the basis of the environmental governance is the "Environmental Rule of Law" (EROL). This concept emerged in 2013 in an internationally negotiated document of UNEP and since then it has become the legal foundation of environmental justice.



The judiciary of our country has laid down plethora of decisions asserting the need of environmental protection and conservation of natural resources. The Courts in India, more particularly the Supreme Court, through its landmark judgments, has played a pivotal role by introducing new concepts and principles such as the principle of 'absolute liability'. The "Environmental Rule of Law" has also been introduced in the Indian legal system by the Supreme Court in a case of '*Hanuman Laxman Aloskar v. Union of India*' (2019) 15 SCC 401, wherein the Court emphasized for the “quest of environmental governance within a rule of law paradigm”. The court in this case also emphasized that environmental governance is founded on the need to promote environmental sustainability as a crucial enabling factor which ensures the health of our ecosystem.

The International Conference, thus, would deliberate on the need to analyse and understand how “Environmental Rule of Law” can bring Environmental Justice.





WHO MAY ATTEND THE CONFERENCE

- Academicians, Students (from five-year as well as three-year law courses), Research Scholars from Law and non-law discipline.
- Lawyers, Legal Professionals, Policy-makers.
- Professionals from Industries and Energy Sector/s.
- Officials from Pollution Control Boards, Environmental Engineering, and Environmental Sciences and Environmental Studies.

CONFERENCE VENUE: The Conference would be conducted in Hybrid-mode. The academic campus of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla will be the Conference Venue for offline mode. The participants are required to arrange their own accommodation in the offline mode.





AREAS OF DISCUSSIONS AND SUB-THEMES

The Conference will focus on the following sub-themes:

- **Legal Mechanism for Environment Protection**
- **Climate Change, Health and Environmental Justice**
- **Energy, Energy Security and conservation**
- **Environment Protection and Armed Conflicts**
- **Environmental Laws for Better Air and Space Management**
- **Environmental Crimes, Forests and Wildlife Protection.**
- **Corporate Social Responsibility and Environment**
- **Biodiversity and its Conservation at National and International level**
- **Environmental Rule of Law and Role of Courts in Environmental Governance**
- **Sustainable Development: National and International Perspectives.**

The above identified issues /sub-themes are only illustrative. Participants may select the related topics covered under the main theme.



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- All abstracts (upto 500 words, excluding key words) to be submitted through the link provided below by May 20th, 2023.

<https://forms.gle/QyBvnGx61CcY7g6q6>

- Intimation of acceptance of abstract and registration details shall be shared via e-mail by May 22nd, 2023. Registration and fee payment is to be completed by May 25th, 2023.
- The participants must submit full paper/manuscript latest by May 28th, 2023.
- Co-authorship is allowed and each author is required to pay the registration fee.
- Name and details of Co-author (Co-authorship is allowed up to a maximum of 2 authors), if any.
- Multiple entries for individual authors are not allowed.
- The paper should be in doc./docx. format and in a single-column layout with margins justified on both sides.
- Tables should be avoided in the paper.

- The length of a paper should not be less than 3500 words (excluding footnotes).
- The subheading should be in font size 12, bold and Times New Roman, left-aligned.
- The main text should be in font size 12, Normal, Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing and justified.
- All references must be in the form of footnotes with font size 10, Times New Roman, 1.0 spacing and should be according to the Bluebook 19th Edition.
- The submissions should not have more than 20% Similarity Index.
- The selected papers from the International Conference will be featured in online HPNLU Journal on Environment and Disaster Management (JEDM) with ISSN: (2583-1429).
- **Registration fees** to be paid-
 - For Indian Students- INR 500
 - For students from Foreign Universities- USD 20
 - For Professionals (India)- INR 1000
 - For Professionals (Outside India)- USD 50





TIMELINE

Sl. No.	Particulars	Dates
1.	Last date of submission of Abstract	May 20th, 2023
2.	Intimation of acceptance of abstract	May 22th, 2023
3.	Registration and Fee Payment	May 25th, 2023
3.	Submission of Paper/ Manuscript and PPT's with Cover Letter	May 28th, 2023
4.	Date of the Conference	June 3rd-4th, 2023





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