



## Government Law College Thiruvananthapuram

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Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

&

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Disabilities

**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

on

## “Fostering Inclusivity : Empowering Differently Abled”

17th, 18th, 19th  
January  
2024

## Fostering Inclusivity : Empowering Differently Abled

A disability is characterized by a malfunctioning, disturbance, or loss in the normal functioning of physical, mental, or psychological processes. Article 1 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability envisages that differently abled persons include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others. An estimated 1.3 billion people – or 16% of the global population experience a significant disability today.

Differently-abled persons are incredibly diverse in their identities, and those who experience other and intersecting forms of discrimination are at further risk of being excluded from society. Inequities arise from unfair conditions faced by persons with disabilities, including stigma, discrimination, poverty, exclusion from education and employment, and barriers faced in the health system itself.

Factors like limited accessibility, inadequate educational structures, poverty, higher rates of unemployment and economic inactivity often lead to undesirable consequences for differently-abled persons such as social exclusion, negative stereotypes and perceptions, financial hardship, and challenges in the areas of both physical and mental health. Differently-abled persons encounter barriers due to a lack of access to justice; minimal participation in political and public life; discriminatory attitudes toward sexual health, reproductive rights and the right to family life, lack of birth registration; and lack of access to an inclusive and quality education in their own language, and encounter the effects of increasing risks and vulnerability that climate change is creating. Consequently, a system-wide reform is required to strengthen national and International policies and legal systems to ensure that all differently-abled persons can access justice through quality education, employment, and disaster risk reduction programs.

## THEMATIC BREAKUPS

- CONSTITUTIONALISATION OF DISABILITY RIGHTS
- AFFIRMATIVE ACTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES – SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, LEGAL AND JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVES
- EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY IN HEALTHCARE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
- VIOLENCE AND ABUSE AGAINST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
- CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING DISABILITY LAWS
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND DISABLED PERSONS
- TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS AND ACCESSIBILITY
- FAMILY AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS OF DISABLED PERSONS
- TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF SPORTS IN THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission of Abstract: 4th January, 2024
- Communication of Abstract Acceptance: 5th January, 2024
- Submission of Full Paper: 10th January, 2024
- Communication of Full Paper Acceptance: 12th January, 2024
- Inauguration: 17th January 2024
- Panel Discussion: 18th January 2024
- Paper Presentation: 19th January 2024

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Research papers are invited from all walks of socio-legal fraternity including academicians, researchers, students, advocates etc.
- All the registered participants will be provided with a Participation Certificate.
- The conference will be conducted in hybrid mode.
- No in- absentia presentations will be allowed. At least one author must be present for the presentation.

## ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

- The participants shall submit their abstract on or before 4th January 2024 (11: 59 PM IST) through e-mail [glctinternationalseminar2024@gmail.com](mailto:glctinternationalseminar2024@gmail.com)
- The abstract should carry about 250 - 300 words including 3 – 5 keywords.
- Abstract should include personal details of the author(s): Title of the paper, Name of author(s) with designation, Name of institution, Contact number, Email address.
- Acceptance of the abstract will be communicated through email on January 5th 2024.

## FULL PAPER GUIDELINES

- Upon the selection of the abstract, the participants shall submit their full paper to (mail) on or before 10th January 2024 (11:59 PM IST).
- Confirmation of full paper will be made on 12th January 2024.
- The manuscript shall not exceed the word limit of 3000 words including footnotes.
- The paper should be typed in Times New Roman 12-point font with 1.5 line spacing. The footnotes shall be typed in Times New Roman 10-point font with 1-line spacing.
- Footnoting should be done according to Bluebook 21st Edition.
- Co-authorship of up to 2 persons is permitted.
- All submitted articles will be double-blind peer-reviewed. Acceptance of articles is subject to recommendation by the review panel and subsequent acceptance by the editor. Any Plagiarised work shall be rejected.

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