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ABOUT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

One of these initiatives of the Centre for Comparative Study in Personal Laws is its association with the Indian Council for Social Sciences Research (ICSSR) for Major Research Project related to the challenges faced by the current judicial system of India. The Project titled “Indigenous Mechanism for Dispensation of Justice in India: An Analytical and Comparative Study with UK and China” is an attempt to make a scientific and rational analysis of the administration of justice in India and the ills of delay in adjudication and the factors behind accumulation of arrears in courts. The present National Conference aligns its objective with the Project itself. “Justice delayed is justice denied” is a common aphorism that is often cited and said that achievement of some of the fundamental objectives of a civilized society gets frustrated if the administration of justice is complicated, time-consuming and expensive. Multiple socio-economic issues emerge due to slow judicial system, such as increased crime rate, high poverty, dissatisfaction and social unrest, reduced foreign investments etc. Complicated laws, multiple remedies, cumbersome procedures, unnecessary formalism, dilatory tactics of lawyers and litigants, language hassles, old and outdated infrastructure, poor judge-population ratio, low budget allocation on judiciary, etc. are well-accepted maladies contributing to the clogged courts, all of which needs to be pondered over. There is an urgent need for an easy, quick, simple, effective and efficient mechanism for justice dispensation in India.

The Conference intends to take up an in-depth analysis as to why the present justice dispensation system in India is unable to yield desired results, despite several systemic alterations and improvements being made in past decades. There are several questions which need deliberations and answers, some of which can be- whether the present justice dispensation system in India is appropriate, keeping in view the diverse culture, history, needs and aspirations of Indian people? Will it be possible to continue with the present form of justice dispensation system in India and to fulfill the goals and aspirations of common man? What kind of modifications are required to be made in the present system of administration of justice in India to make its access easy, simple and inexpensive, so that getting ‘justice’ translates into reality for masses. Is there a need to overhaul the overall judicial system to eradicate the backlog from all the Indian courts? Etc. etc. This Conference will entertain the presentations of the papers written in and around the themes related to objectives of the Conference. Only those papers will be allowed to be presented which were submitted on or before time and shortlisted by the concerned authorities in the University. At the time of the conference, presentations can be made on the basis of approved abstracts and the full paper may be submitted later.



THEMES/ SUB-THEMES

I. Administration of justice in India and in other countries

- System of administration of justice in India and its aims and objectives
- System of administration of justice in India and its efficiency
- System of administration of justice in India and issue of backlog of cases
- Backlog of cases and role of Constitutional courts in India
- Court arrears and its impact on administration of justice in India
- Court structures, hierarchies and administration of justice in India
- Legal technicalities, procedural hassles and administration of justice in India
- Administration of justice in India and UK: Comparative study of their effectiveness and efficiency
- Administration of justice in India and China: Comparative study of their effectiveness and efficiency
- Lessons learnt/Best practices for efficient administration of justice in India
- System of administration of justice in India and in other countries during emergencies

II. Challenges in/for the system of administration of justice in India

- Challenges/Issues faced by the current system of administration of justice in India
- Issue of court arrears and its impact on the current system of administration of justice in India
- Population explosion and increasing literacy levels and their impact on the efficiency of courts in India
- Docket explosion and efficiency of system of administration of justice in India
- Challenges/problems arising due to current system of administration of justice in India
- Judicial structure, hierarchies of courts, legal hassles, institutional flaws, infrastructural issues relating to administration of justice in India
- Judge-population ratio and efficiency of system of administration of justice in India
- Relevance of social/economic context of/for judges and on system of administration of justice in India



THEMES/ SUB-THEMES (CONTD.)

III. Slow judiciary and its impact on socio-economic growth of India

- Causes/reasons for slow judiciary in India
- Consequences of slow judiciary on national growth of India
- Slow judiciary and its socio-economic impact in India
- Slow judiciary and reduced access to justice
- Slow judiciary and inefficient adjudication and deterrence
- Slow judiciary and increasing crime rate
- Slow judiciary and its impact on safety and security of individuals
- Legal barriers limiting/obstructing administration of justice in rural/urban India
- Asymmetrical judicial development in different states of India

IV. Administration of justice in India and Judicial Reforms

- Administration of justice in India and crisis of backlog in the legal system of India
- Administration of justice in India and steps to clear the backlog/pendency
- Administration of justice in India and judicial reforms since independence/pre/post constitution • Traditional and modern scope of reforming judiciary in India
- Judicial reforms: ways to combat with judicial inefficiency
- Role of judges/lawyers/stakeholders in reformation of Indian judiciary
- Bar and Bench: Need for an efficient interplay between the two
- Alternative Disputes Resolution Mechanisms and their effective application
- Tribunals and speedier resolution and justice dispensation
- Loose ends in judicial reforms adopted so far



THEMES/ SUB-THEMES (CONTD.)

V. Solutions: A new Perspective

- Reshaping/overhauling the system of administration of justice in India
- Segregating the civil and criminal justice delivery systems for better administration of justice in India
- Introduction and measuring various parameters to determine the judicial efficiency of Indian courts
- Innovative strategies and approaches to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of Indian Judiciary
- Policy initiatives/political reforms- new dimensions for efficient system of administration of justice in India
- Innovative strategies and tools to eliminate courts' pendency
- Negotiation, Mediation and community participation for quick resolution of disputes
- Robust Panchayat System and resolution of disputes at local level
- Early Neutral Evaluation and its effective implementation for better administration of justice in India
- Best practices to eliminate court arrears adopted by other countries (UK, China etc.) and their implementation in India



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