UNIVERSITY LAW COLLEGE AND DEPT. OF STUDIES IN LAW BANGALORE UNIVERSITY

Organises

TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (HYBRID MODE)

ON

"75 YEARS OF GOVERNANCE UNDER THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION: PRACTICES AND EXPERIENCES"

20[™]& 21[™] December 2024 TIME: 11:00 A.M.



Venue: Dr. V. B. Coutinho Seminar Hall University law college

ABOUT BANGALORE UNIVERSITY

Bangalore University is a NAAC A++ accredited University, located in the Garden City of Bangalore. It was established in July 1964 as an off shoot of the University of Mysore. In 1973, the University moved into a new campus named 'Jnana Bharathi' (JB) located on a sprawling 1100 acres of land. At present, the JB Campus houses the NSS Bhavan, Outdoor Stadium and other support services as well. The University has also established Gandhi Bhavan, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Study and Research Centre, and Centre for Study on Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy.

Bangalore University is hailed as one of the largest University of Asia. Academically, the University is structured into six faculties- Arts, Science, Commerce & Management, Education, Law and Engineering. It has 48 Post Graduate Departments, one post graduate Centre at Kolar (started during 1994-95), four University colleges, 684 affiliated colleges and several other Centres and Directorates of higher learning and research under its purview. At present, the University offers 50 Post Graduate Courses and Employment Oriented Diploma and Certificate Courses. The University is also reaching out to the society by organising endowment and extension lectures apart from bringing out publications on issues of contemporary relevance through its Prasaranga division. Activities such as legal aid programmes and NSS camps are regularly organized for educating the common public in the field of law and their rights.

Bangalore University has achieved milestones by establishing MOUs with Universities and Institutions of National and International repute. To cater to a student population of over three lakhs, the University is striving to provide access, expansion and excellence in higher education. The vision of the University is to make distinctive and significant contributions to the cause of higher education in Humanities, Social Science, Law, Commerce, Science & Technology. The University provides quality teaching and encouragement to research in frontier areas with social relevance that would reflect its mission and goals aptly symbolised by its emblem 'JNANAM VIGNANA SAHITHAM'.



ABOUT UNIVERSITY LAW COLLEGE

The erstwhile Government of Mysore was pleased to start a Law College on July 1, 1948 in Bangalore, known as the Government Law College. It was transferred to Bangalore University and since then the college is known as University Law College, Bangalore. The University Law College, Bangalore offers five year LL.B. (Honors) programme, and LL.M courses. The 5 years full-time B.A.L., LL.B. degree course was introduced by the Bangalore University in 1986-87. The students admitted are trained to gain confidence in their profession and make them tackle any challenge that comes their way. The college and Department of Studies in Law are housed in a spacious building situated on a sprawling campus. There are eight class rooms with state-of-the-art facility to conduct teaching sessions for LL.B.; LL.M. programs, two seminar halls, an independent library and an administrative block providing independent chambers for Principal, Chairman and all teaching faculty members. The students and teachers are provided with computers with internet facility and the campus is also Wi-Fi enabled. In addition, the hostel facility is made available for both boys and girls. The campus also has a rainwater harvesting system. The library has a total collection of 40,000 books, 10,000 journal back volumes, 49 Current journals and 18,000 other reference materials. Apart from regular classroom teaching, the University Law College provides opportunities for students to develop their skills through various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Presently, the college is headed by the Principal, Prof. Dr. N. Dasharath and Sr. Prof. Dr. V. Sudesh as Dean, Faculty of Law.

ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES IN LAW

The Master degree in Law was started in year 1960-61 as M.L Degree course. After becoming part of Bangalore University in, 1976, the Department of Studies in Law offers a two year LL.M programme in 5 different branches with an intake of 12 students under the general admission policy laid down by the Government and 2 students per branch under payment seats category with enhanced fees. The LL.M programme in Corporate and Commercial Law, Constitutional and Administrative Law, Criminal Law, Environmental Law and Human Rights and Labour and Employment Law has been a story of great success. A majority of the students who have passed the LL.M programme are judges, leading lawyers, academicians, bureaucrats and corporate advisors. The programme utilizes the services of a few leading practitioners in addition to the regular teaching and seminar work conducted by the faculty members. Presently, Prof. Dr. Sathish Gowda N. is the Chairman of the Department of Studies in Law at University Law College, Bangalore University.



ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The last seven decades have witnessed the steady rise of India as a global leader. Many social and economic hurdles were overcome for India to be seen as an emerging power in today's world. This wouldn't have been possible without strong fundamentals laid down by the Constitution of India, led by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution. For 2 years, 11 months and 18 days the Constituent Assembly deliberated upon and carefully crafted a Constitution which was relevant to Indian socio-economic conditions. When it was finally adopted on 26th November, 1949, it encompassed the best ideologies and practices from across the globe creating a long-lasting welfare state in India. The framers envisaged the growth of India with the ideals of democracy, sovereignty, socialism, secularism, where everyone had liberty and access to social, economic and political justice.

The aspirations of the framers of our Constitution was to ensure good governance backed by constitutionalism which would invariably protect and uphold rights of the citizens. Though there have been many issues over the past 75 years, people's role in upholding the spirit of democracy and sovereignty has stayed persistent. The Constitution has been amended several times but it has survived the changing times and yet retained its essence till date. Globalisation, with the opening of Indian markets to the world, brought economic growth but also widened income disparities, raising concerns about inclusiveness, rapid unchecked urban development and equitable access to justice for marginalized communities. Our country has grappled with challenges which come with ethnic, religious, and cultural diversity. National security issues have evolved, with cross-border terrorism, internal insurgencies, and cyber threats emerging as major concerns. Climate change presents a growing threat, particularly with India's vulnerability to extreme weather events and environmental degradation. Issues concerning displacement of people, migration and increase in refugees also need to be addressed. As technology progresses, the unavoidable question of use of artificial intelligence, issues of privacy, data security are of paramount importance which need to be addressed. Addressing these challenges requires balancing growth with sustainable development, inclusivity, and maintaining a multicultural identity. To deal with the changing times, the Constitution empowered the legislature to make appropriate and timely laws. The Judiciary, through its power of constitutional interpretation has also endeavoured to protect and uphold the rights of the people. Although there have been several instances where the three pillars of democracy have taken contrary stands on certain issues, the ultimate goal of working towards the citizens of India should not be lost in the long run. As the nation celebrates Platinum jubilee of the Constitution, it is imperative that we re-emphasise the ideals of our Constitution in wake of the advancements in technology, medicine, human rights, education, etc., as well as the challenges that India will face in the foreseeable future. In this regard, University Law College and Department of Studies in Law has taken the initiative to organize this conference with the hope to bring about fruitful academic discussions. All the answers to India's challenges lie within the realms of the Constitution and it is our endeavour to seek insights.

OBJECTIVES

The focus of this conference is to generate scholarly discourse on the implementation and interpretation of the Constitution over past 75 years. The conference aims to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge sharing among the legal fraternity, industry experts, research scholars, and law students. By bringing together diverse perspectives, the conference seeks to identify and address innovative solutions to various lacunae in law and address the complexities of the rapid evolution across varied domains. It is a sincere effort that the academic discussions and research will contribute to legal literature and influence policy-making.

SUB-THEMES

1. Constitution and its Ideals

- Supremacy of Constitution and Constitutionalism
- Constitutional basis for Basic Structure Doctrine
- · Globalisation and Changing nature of Sovereignty
- Reimagining and Redefining Centre-State Relations in India
- Constitutional Interpretation and Judicial Activism
- · Impact of Judicial review on Social and Economic Reforms
- · Political Justice, Democracy and Electoral Reforms
- Strengthening Decentralisation through Panchayat Raj
- Defection and Political Accountability
- Uniform Civil Code and strengthening Indian Secularism
- Individual Rights and National Security
- Inclusiveness and Rights of Minorities
- Justice, equality and Rights of Vulnerable Groups

2. Constitution and Digitalisation

- Right to Privacy and Surveillance Laws
- Data Privacy and Cybersecurity
- Access to Justice and Technological Advancements
- · Impact of Technology on Administration of Justice
- Transparency and Good Governance in the era of Digitalisation

3. Constitution and Labour rights

- Labour rights and Welfare Policies in the Indian Constitution
- Balancing Economic Reforms and Social Justice
- Gender Perspective on Labour Rights
- · Rights of unorganized workers

4. Constitution and Criminal Justice system

- · Intersection of Human Rights and Criminal Justice in India
- Right to be Forgotten and Digital Footprint
- · Al and Criminal laws: Implications for Justice and Governance
- Strengthening Criminal Justice system in India

5. Constitution and Corporate laws

- Constitutional Guarantees and Rights of Shareholders
- Intellectual Property law and Innovation
- International Law and Global Governance
- Right to Trade and Commerce and Generative AI
- · Balancing Market Innovation and Regulation in the AI era
- Constitutional Perspectives on Corporate Social Responsibility
- Constitution and Corporate Environmental Responsibility

6. Constitution and attainment of Sustainable Development Goals

- Human rights and Sustainable Development Goals
- Constitutional perspectives of addressing Climate Change
- · Right to Health and Access to Healthcare
- Right to Education: Challenges and Opportunities
- · Right to Clean Environment and Bio-Medical Waste Management
- · Digital Age and E-Waste Management
- Environmental concerns and Clean Energy

Please note that the topics under the sub-themes are not exhaustive and the contributors may submit papers on any topic relevant to the theme.

DETAILS FOR PARTICIPATION

Abstracts are invited from academicians, legal practitioners, researchers, scholars and students on issues related to specified themes. The sub-themes are not exhaustive, and the authors are free to address any topic related to the theme. Authors of selected abstracts will get an opportunity to present their papers at the International Conference. Selected good articles will be published in Bangalore University Law Journal.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Interested persons may register for the conference as a Presenter or Participant.
- Presenters must submit an Abstract of not more than 350 words (excluding key words),on or before 29th November 2024. The abstract must be as a Word (.doc/.docx) documents, with a covering letter containing name, e-mail id, designation and affiliation of the author(s).
- All abstracts shall contain 4-5 keywords.
- All Abstracts must be sent via e-mail to ulcconference2024@gmail.com with the subject line "Abstract for ULC Conference" on or before 29th November 2024.
- Participants whose abstract is selected must complete registration formalities by 8th December 2024 and submit the full paper by 15th December 2024.
- There shall be a maximum of only two Authors for each Article.
- The Article must adhere to 21st edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation.
- Word limit: 6000 8000 words (exclusive of footnotes)
- Authors may be expected to revise their abstracts and full article submission based on reviews and comments received from the organizing team.
- Paper presenters from Bengaluru must present their research offline. The contributors from outside
 Bengaluru who are unable to travel to the campus would be accommodated through online mode.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Once abstract is accepted, the paper presenters must complete the registration by filling Google Form: https://forms.gle/T6pR6UCXbPGSMKfL8. Those who are attending the conference as 'participants' must also register using the same Google Form.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE IS FREE OF COST.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for submission of abstract : 29th November 2024

Intimation of selection of abstract : 2nd December 2024

Last date for registration : 8th December 2024

Last date for submission of full paper : 15th December 2024

Conference dates : 20th and 21st

December 2024



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