

1st International Symposium on Environmental Law and Policy in India:

Challenges, Innovations and Future Pathways

by IILM Law School, IILM University, Gurugram,

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About IILM

IILM University Gurugram, is a prestigious private institution known for its focus on academic excellence, innovation, and holistic education. It has a rich legacy of over 30 years in education, offering undergraduate postgraduate, and doctoral programmes in diverse fields. IILM University's vision is to provide a global perspective through distinctive curriculum and co-curricular programs while fostering enriching learning experiences and advancing knowledge through international academic partnerships. IILM strives to cultivate responsible and responsive leaders by imparting knowledge, skills, and ethical values, promoting social, economic and environmental development at local, national, and global levels. With sustainability at the core of its actions, IILM is dedicated to nurturing innovative, entrepreneurial, and responsible business leaders.

About IILM Law School

IILM has a legacy of excellence in responsible management education since 1993, and in 2018, it ventured into the field of law, offering five-year undergraduate programmes in BBA LLB (Hons) and BA LLB (Hons), one-year postgraduate LL.M. programme as well as Ph.D. (Law) at IILM University Gurugram. IILM Law School stands out for its exceptional range of courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. IILM Law School is a pathway not just to the legal profession but also for many leadership roles in society. The overall goal of the programmes is to educate, train and develop our students, thereby fostering an in-depth understanding of the laws and the legal profession. It imparts practical training to enhance students' personal and professional ability to adapt and grow with the changes in the legal environment and to excel in their chosen fields. The learning environment is conducive to the development of well-rounded lawyers and legal practitioners, as it is intellectually stimulating forward-looking, and professionally supportive. IILM Law School offers a blend of fundamental courses and a wide range of electives to allow students to tailor their curriculum according to their interests.

About the Centre for Environment and Sustainability

Established on 5th June 2024, Centre for Environment and Sustainability (CES) is a research, practice and outreach centre that focuses on environment and sustainability.

CES aims to develop knowledge base, conduct research, training, capacity building and to collaborate with all the stakeholders in order to develop innovative solutions and policies for sustainable future. Our vision is to provide a space for research, practice and outreach to interested parties for creating a greener earth in which people are conscious of their environmental responsibilities and practice the principles of reduction, reuse and recycling of resources thus promoting sustainable development.

About the Symposium

In the wake of escalating environmental degradation, climate emergencies, and legal reforms, there is an urgent need for a multidisciplinary discourse on environmental law. The Indian legal system has evolved through constitutional mandates, legislative enactments, and a proactive judiciary to respond to ecological challenges. However, gaps in enforcement, emerging environmental crimes, and socio-economic inequalities necessitate a re-evaluation of existing frameworks.

This 1st IILM Symposium on Environmental Law seeks to provide a vibrant platform for legal scholars, practitioners, students, policymakers, and civil society members to engage in scholarly deliberations, interactive workshops, and creative activities that highlight legal, policy, and grassroots dimensions of environmental protection.

Objectives

- To foster critical discussions on contemporary environmental legal issues.
- To encourage academic scholarship through research paper presentations.
- To promote creative legal education through poster making and workshops.
- To engage students and professionals in practical dialogue via expert panel discussions.
- To generate actionable insights for sustainable environmental governance.

Structure of the Symposium

A. Paper Presentation Sessions

Participants will present original research papers on the following sub-themes:

1. Constitutional and Judicial Dimensions

- The Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment under Article 21
- Environmental Constitutionalism in India: Role of Directive Principles and Fundamental Duties
- Landmark Environmental Judgments of the Indian Supreme Court: A Critical Analysis
- Public Interest Litigation and Judicial Activism in Environmental Protection

2. Climate Change and Sustainability

- Climate Change Laws and India's Commitments under the Paris Agreement
- Legal Challenges of Climate-Induced Migration in India
- Climate Justice and Intergenerational Equity in Indian Environmental Law
- Climate Change Litigation: Trends and Global Comparisons

3. Statutory and Regulatory Frameworks

- Critical Review of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process in India
- The National Green Tribunal: Powers, Jurisdiction, and Effectiveness
- Gaps in Implementation of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981
- Forest Rights Act and the Balance Between Conservation and Indigenous Rights

4. Corporate Environmental Responsibility

- ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Obligations under Indian Corporate Law
- Environmental Liability and the Polluter Pays Principle
- Greenwashing and the Need for Stronger Legal Checks

- Corporate Accountability in Environmental Disasters: Case Studies (e.g., Bhopal Gas Tragedy, Vizag LG Polymers)

5. International and Comparative Environmental Law

- India's Role in International Environmental Governance: UNFCCC, CBD, and SDGs
- Comparative Study of Environmental Laws in India and the EU/USA
- Transboundary Environmental Issues: Legal Solutions and Diplomacy
- International Environmental Crimes and Accountability under ICC or Other Tribunals

6. Technology, Law, and the Environment

- Role of Technology in Monitoring Environmental Compliance
- Legal Implications of Geoengineering and Artificial Climate Interventions
- E-Waste Management Laws in India: Challenges and Solutions
- Data, AI, and Environmental Surveillance: Privacy vs. Sustainability

7. Human Rights and Environmental Law

- Environmental Justice and Marginalized Communities: Legal Gaps and Remedies
- Gender and Environment: Legal Dimensions of Ecofeminism
- Environmental Rights of Children and the Youth Climate Movement
- Right to Water and Sanitation as a Human Right in Indian Law

8. Urban and Local Environmental Issues

- Legal Issues in Solid Waste and Sewage Management in Indian Cities
- Role of Municipal Laws in Urban Environmental Governance
- Smart Cities and Environmental Sustainability: Legal Perspectives
- Legal Framework for Air Pollution Control in Urban India

9. Agriculture, Land Use, and Environment

- Legal Dimensions of Pesticide Use and Agrochemical Regulation

- Land Acquisition, Environmental Clearance, and Tribal Rights
- Legal Aspects of Sustainable Farming and Organic Agriculture
- The Role of Environmental Law in Protecting Wetlands and Agro-Ecological Zones

10. Environmental Law Education and Advocacy

- Role of Law Schools in Promoting Environmental Literacy
- Environmental Legal Clinics and Experiential Learning
- Challenges in Teaching Environmental Law in Indian Legal Curriculum
- Law, Activism, and Environmental Movements: A Socio-Legal Study

B. Panel Discussion

Expert-led panel discussions featuring judges, lawyers, environmentalists, and policymakers on:

“Climate Litigation and the Future of Environmental Accountability”

Target Audience

- Law Students and Research Scholars
- Faculty Members and Legal Academicians
- Environmental Law Practitioners
- NGOs and Policy Think Tanks
- Government Officials and CSR Professionals

Guidelines

Abstract

- The abstract (of about 300-350 words) should be sent as an attachment in a word file with minimum 5 Key words. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed before they are accepted.
- The following information, in the given format, should be sent along with the abstract:
- Title of Abstract
- Name of the Participant
- Official Designation/Institution Details
- Contact number, E-mail and address (es), of the author(s)
- Kindly indicate the name of the main author for correspondence in case of more than one author

For Submissions

Submissions are to be made only in electronic form. Submit your abstract to **iilmggsymposium@gmail.com** in MS Word format.

Word Limit Articles should be generally of 3500-4000 words (excluding references and footnotes).

- The title of the paper should be followed by Name, Designation, Name of the Organization / University / Institution and Email address. It is mandatory to mention your Email address, as all future correspondence will be through it;
- Name and details of Co-author, if any
- Sub-Headings: The sub-headings should be double-spaced in Times New Roman 12-point font. The main Title should be in full capitals, bold and centred 12-point font. Sub-titles should be in sentence case, bold and 12-point font. Author's names should be in small capitals and centered 12-point font. Footnotes should be in Times New Roman 12-point font;
- Citation Format: Please use footnotes rather than endnotes. Footnotes should conform to ILI format;

- Originality of Manuscripts: All the contributions should be the original work of the contributors and should not have been submitted for consideration in any other Publication. Any plagiarized work will be out-rightly rejected;
- The title of the paper should be followed by Name, Designation, Name of the Organization / University / Institution and Email address. It is mandatory to mention Email address, as all future correspondence will be through it;
- The paper should be typed in MS WORD format.
- The paper must be in single column layout with margins justified on both sides;
- The length of the paper should not be below 4,000 words (excluding footnotes) and Should not Exceed more than 5,000 (Excluding Footnotes).
- The selected papers may be published in an edited book with ISBN number.

Important Dates

- Last Date for Abstract Submission: June 8th, 2025
- Last Date for registration and fee submission: June 8th, 2025
- Submission of full paper: July 30th, 2025
- Dates for Symposium: June 9th & 10th, 2025

Registration Fee

- Student - Rs 200/-
- Research Scholar- 300
- Academicians/ Professional - Rs 500/-
- International Paper Presenter - \$10
- IILM faculty, Students, Staff will not be charged any fees.
- Registration form - <https://forms.gle/DE4SCJ1dmhh49oMW8>

Each Participant will pay the fees individually

- Mandatory E-Certificate to all the Paper Presenters.
- A book of Abstract will be published in a reputed journal having an ISBN Number.

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Google Meet/ Zoom

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