

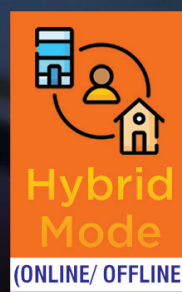


One Day International Conference On

“Legal Aid and Access to Justice in the Era of AI and Technology”

Vignan Institute of Law (VIL)
in collaboration with Pro Bono (Ministry of Law and Justice, GOI)

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About Conference:

Access to justice stands as a fundamental pillar of democratic societies and is enshrined in the Indian Constitution under Articles 14, 21, 22(1), and 39A, which mandate equal justice and free legal aid for all citizens, particularly the marginalized sections of society. Despite significant progress through the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, and the establishment of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and State Legal Services Authorities, substantial challenges persist in ensuring equitable access to justice for India's diverse population.

While NALSA has facilitated the resolution of over one crore cases annually through Lok Adalats and conducted extensive legal awareness campaigns studies indicate that only small section of all litigants in India is actually receiving the services through free legal aid clinics, pointing to significant demographic disparities in access to justice.

This International Conference on **"Legal Aid and Access to Justice in the Era of AI and Technology"** envisions creating a transformative platform that brings together legal scholars, academicians, policymakers, practitioners, technology innovators, and civil society representatives to review and reimagine justice delivery for the 21st century in the era of Artificial Intelligence and technology. This conference aims to promote evidence-based discussions, share best practices, and develop actionable strategies that ensure justice is not merely a theoretical ideal but a tangible reality for all citizens, especially those facing socio-economic, geographical, and technological barriers.

Objectives of the Programme:

- ❖ To evaluate the current state of legal aid delivery systems across the world, identifying regional disparities and service gaps
- ❖ To analyze the barriers to access to justice faced by marginalized communities, including women, children, scheduled castes and tribes, persons with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged populations.
- ❖ To explore cutting-edge technological solutions for legal aid delivery, including artificial intelligence, digital platforms, and virtual legal services
- ❖ To Showcase successful digital innovations like Tele-Law, Nyaya Bandhu app and also identifying areas for improvement.
- ❖ To address legislative gaps and suggest reforms to existing legal aid schemes and programs
- ❖ To generate evidence-based policy recommendations for enhancing access to justice frameworks

Target audience:

The conference aims to target key stakeholders like academics, lawyers, representatives of non-profit organisations, rights-advocacy groups, scholars, bureaucrats and students

Paper Presentation Themes:

We invite paper submissions from academics, lawyers, professionals, policy makers, researchers, students and non-governmental organisations on any of the themes mentioned herein and beyond. The presentations must align with the overall theme of the conference and must seek to illuminate the subject from diverse vantage points.

Themes:

1. Reimagining Legal Aid Delivery Systems

- ❖ Effectiveness of Current Legal Aid Frameworks.
- ❖ Addressing Regional disparities, and other barriers in access to justice.
- ❖ Quality assurance and competent legal representation in Legal Aid.

2. Technology-Driven Innovations in Access to Justice

- ❖ Digital Platforms and Virtual Legal Services.
- ❖ AI-powered legal research tools, chat bots for basic legal guidance.
- ❖ Technology accessibility for marginalized communities.

3. Vulnerable Groups and Inclusive Justice

- ❖ Addressing the justice needs of women, survivors of gender-based violence.
- ❖ Specialized legal services for children in conflict with law and children in need of care and protection.
- ❖ Ensuring accessibility and reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Culturally appropriate legal services and recognition of customary justice systems for tribal and indigenous communities.

4. Community-Based and Alternative Justice Mechanisms

- ❖ Enhancing the effectiveness of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.
- ❖ Role of para-legal volunteers, community leaders in access to justice.
- ❖ Community-based rehabilitation programs and Restorative Justice approaches.

5. Sustainable Development and Global Perspectives

- ❖ Effective Implementation of SDG 16 and Legal aid's contribution to peaceful, just, and inclusive societies.
- ❖ International Best Practices and global experiences in legal aid delivery and access to justice.

Guidelines for submission of Abstract

- Paper Title (Title of Research Paper)
- Word limit for Abstract is 250 - 300 words along with 4 to 10 keywords, submitted in word document only.

Guidelines for submission of Full Paper

- Paper Title (Title of Research Paper)
- Word limit for Abstract
- Full paper should be between 4000-6000 words
- Reference should be in 20th Harvard-Blue Book format Citation Style
- It must be typed in Times New Roman, Font Size 12 on A4 size paper with 1 inch margin on all sides and 1.5 - line spacing using MS Word
- Full paper should be submitted on or before October 25, 2025.
- All submissions are subject to Plagiarism check.
- Please submit the abstract in the provided link only

Abstract Link:

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CASH PRIZES

1st Best paper will be awarded with a cash prize of
Rs. 3000 / 34 USD / 29 EUR

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Rs. 2000 / 24 USD / 21 EUR

Best Paper Presentation will be awarded with a cash prize of
Rs. 2000 / 24 USD / 21 EUR

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission	17 Oct, 2025
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	20 Oct, 2025
Last date for registration Full paper submission	27 Oct, 2025
Notification of acceptance of full paper submission	31 Oct, 2025
Date of the Conference	08 Nov, 2025

REGISTRATION FEES

1	VIL students	Rs.300	4 USD
2	Participants only without paper presentation	Rs.300	4 USD
3	For students	Rs.500	6 USD
4	For research scholar and faculty	Rs.1000	11 USD
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Note: Certificates will be given to the participants and presenters on the day of the Conference. Few selected papers will be published in a book bearing ISBN Number.

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