

ABOUT THE CITY - VADODARA

Vadodara, situated on the banks of the river *Vishwamitri*, was initially known as *Vadpatra* because of the abundance of banyan trees on the banks of the river. From *Vadpatra* it derived its present name Baroda or Vadodara. The cultural life in the city is remarkably cosmopolitan. While there are hundreds of different identities, everyone participates in all activities with enthusiasm and belongingness. The culture of the city is not just history or heritage; it is dynamic, ever-changing and alive. The official language of Gujarat is Gujarati, but Hindi, Marathi and English are also widely used in Vadodara. Known as the Cultural Capital of Gujarat, Vadodara is a vibrant city that beautifully blends heritage, culture, education and modern development. Towering benevolently over all is the Maharaja Sayajirao University, the jewel in the Baroda crown, which is the only university in Gujarat with English as the medium of instruction.

ABOUT THE MAHARAJA SAYAJIRAO UNIVERSITY OF BARODA

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda is a premier unitary residential state university, established on 30th April, 1949 recognized by Government of India under the Indian Universities Act, 1958. The University, been assigned 'A+' Grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council, was founded by visionary Maharajas and formally chartered by Maharaja Pratapsinhrao Gaekwad. Since its inception in 1949, the University has demonstrated a keen interest and a commitment to the sustenance and promotion of an environment, favourable to the growth and development of an academic excellence – a commitment that forms a part of the rich legacy of the institution. The University comprises of 111 Departments under the umbrella of 14 Faculties, 3 Constituent Colleges, 8 Institutes and 13 Centres of Specialized Studies, wherein more than 47,000 students pursue higher studies under the care and supervision of more than 1450 highly qualified and experienced teaching staff. The University interacts extensively with the Industry and the civil society in the curriculum development and updation process. The University has signed MOU's with International Universities/Institutes like University of Cambridge, University of Laval, University of Stuttgart, University of Cornell, Ithaca, University of South Carolina, Keio University etc. for the exchange of students and teachers which adds to the enrichment of curriculum from global perspective. The University has always been in a pioneering position in implementing the policy issues regarding education. It rose to the occasion during the recent pandemic by conducting a large number of online programmes and switching over to the online mode of teaching and evaluation successfully. The University organised numerous programmes to propagate the letter and spirit of the National Education Policy and has taken significant strides towards its effective implementation. All these aspects make The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda one of the leading Institutions in the area of Higher Education and Research. With deep roots and a forward-thinking spirit, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda continues to stand as one of the leading Institutions in the area of higher education and research, shaping future leaders and shaping research for global change.

ABOUT THE FACULTY OF LAW

The Faculty of Law adds a crucial dimension to the holistic education offered at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. It's journey began in the year 1891 when higher education in Law was first offered at the Baroda College, which was recognised by the affiliating University of Bombay for the LL.B. examination. It was, then, established as an independent Faculty offering undergraduate studies in law in the year 1961, under the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. It is recognized by the Bar Council of India (BCI). The Faculty of Law was shaped by the vision of its founding Dean – Prof. H.C. Dholakia, who was a teacher and scholar par excellence, who developed a strong foundation of legal education that was attuned to developments in the legal domain at the national and international levels. As per the GHRDC 2024 Law School Survey, the Faculty of Law has achieved the 2nd position

among Law Schools in Gujarat, 4th place in the Western zone, 7th rank in the outstanding law school category and 17th position among Top Prestigious Law Schools in India. According to the Competition Success Review Survey conducted in 2025, the Faculty of Law has achieved the 1st position in State of Gujarat, 2nd position in category of Top Renowned and Distinguished Law Schools.

Owing to the progressive outlook of successive leaders, this formidable foundation gradually developed into an institution offering comprehensive legal education. It soon diversified its course profile by introducing the Post-graduate Diploma in Taxation Practice and Post-graduate Diploma in Labour Practice in 1964, a postgraduate programme—LL.M. (Business Law) in 1966, LL.M. (Criminal Law) in 2004 and introduced the Ph.D programme in 1987. In response to the shifting global market of legal services and legal education, the faculty started the Baroda School of Legal Studies in 2005 which imparts the B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), a Five-Year Law Degree programme.

The Faculty diversified the nature of education and pedagogy by offering innovative short-term courses such as Certificate Course in Gender and Law, and Certificate Course in IPR. Dedicated Centres on aspects of law, as well as Cells and Clubs to promote student activities were also gradually added to ensure that the quality of education matches the shifting socio-legal landscapes with changing times. The Faculty of Law at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda blends a rich legacy with a progressive vision, offering dynamic legal education addressing the global challenges.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Established in 1951, the Faculty of Science is a distinguished center of learning and research at MSU Baroda. It encompasses twelve vibrant departments and one Institute. With national recognitions, and international collaborations, the Faculty emphasizes both academic excellence and applied research. Scientific research is a core pursuit within the Faculty of Science, where science is viewed as the art of engaging with nature to uncover its underlying principles and laws. Understanding these fundamentals paves the way for practical applications that benefit society globally. Our faculty members actively collaborate with national and international research institutions, enriching our academic excellence, fostering diversity, and strengthening our capacity to contribute to a better future for all.

The Department of Environmental Studies began its glorious existence in 2000 offering B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. courses under UGC Innovative Program. Its interdisciplinary approach integrates ecology, chemistry, soil science, geology, and GIS with hands-on fieldwork and industrial exposure, nurturing environmentally responsible leaders equipped to address global sustainability challenges.

The Department is a center of excellence, equipped with expert faculty and state-of-the-art facilities to deliver quality education, conduct need-based research, and offer practical solutions to address environmental challenges at the local, regional, national, and global levels. Various Government funded grants for investigation and innovation have aided growth in terms of research. The Department is equipped with sophisticated instruments to carry out high-end in-house studies. MOUs have also been signed to bridge the gap between Industry and Academia. The Department is celebrating its 25th year of existence with successful accomplishments in educational and societal commitments.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

In an era marked by unprecedented environmental challenges, from accelerating climate change and widespread biodiversity loss to pollution, unsustainable resource consumption, and ecological degradation, there is a threat to the environment and ecosystem. These challenges not only threaten ecosystems and economies but also deepen social inequalities, disproportionately affecting vulnerable communities, especially indigenous and marginalized populations. As the global community grapples with these complex issues, the intricate relationship between the environment, law, and society has become increasingly critical.

Law plays a pivotal role in shaping public policy, enforcing international environmental commitments, and protecting ecology and human rights. It serves as a tool for regulating human behavior, guiding corporate accountability, and ensuring governmental transparency.

Faculty of Law and the Department of Environmental Studies, Faculty of Science are organizing an international conference on **Environment Stewardship Sustainability and Law: An Integrated Framework towards a Resilient Society** which aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration among scholars, policymakers, legal practitioners, activists, and students to explore how legal frameworks can effectively respond to ecological crises while promoting social justice and sustainable development. This Conference offers the breadth of understanding and the skills necessary for resolving the environmental questions through interconnected themes. The interdisciplinary nature of the Environmental Studies provides tools that can be applied across a spectrum of science, social behavior, laws and acts, using the strength of the various subject areas. Through insightful discussions, research presentations, and case studies, this conference aspires to generate innovative ideas and actionable solutions for a more just and ecologically balanced future.

THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE:

▪ Biodiversity Conservation

- Harmony with Nature and Sustainable development
- Sacred Natural Sites and the role of Indigenous and Local Communities in Biodiversity Governance
- Biodiversity, Land Use, and Environmental Law
- Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- Judicial Responses to Biodiversity Conservation: T N Godavarman Thirumulpad Case of India

▪ Environmental Biotechnology

- Interface of Biotechnology and Society
- Biotechnological Interventions with Biomonitoring and Bioremediation
- Biotechnology in Sustainable Energy production
- Biotechnology: Issues and Challenges
- Biotechnology and Law
- Bio-Terrorism: Issues and Challenges



- **Traversing Climate Change**

- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
- Climate Change Governance and Negotiations: Issues and Challenges
- Climate Change and Climate Refugees: Law and Policy
- Climate Justice: Community Resilience and Protection
- Climate Litigation: Trends and Global Jurisprudence

- **Environmental Jurisprudence**

- Legal Framework and role of International Institutions
- Biodiversity, Climate Change and Desertification: Intersections in Law and Policy
- Environmental Constitutionalism and Green Rights
- Rights of Nature and Eco-Centric Jurisprudence
- Sendai Framework and Disaster Risk reduction
- Comparative Judicial Approaches

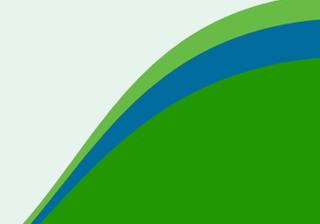
- **Environment Social Governance**

- Legal Frameworks for Corporate Environmental Responsibility
- Environmental Social Governance and Reporting Frameworks
- Pollution Control, Waste Management, and Corporate Liability
- Carbon Markets, Environmental Compliance Mechanisms and Green Credits
- Environmental Management with Eco-centric Waste Treatment

- **Armed Conflicts**

- Negative Security Assurances, Environmental Impact and Protection
- International Humanitarian Law- Enforcement, Challenges and Continued Relevance
- Cyber warfare
- Biowarfare
- Autonomous Weapons Systems

- **Sustainability, Technology and Environment Protection**

- Smart Urban and Rural environments
 - Sustainable Agriculture
 - Integrated Approach to the Planning and Sustainable Management
 - Environmental laws to foster Sustainability
 - Environmental Pollution and it's Impacts -Eco-Toxicology
 - Renewable energy and sustainable development
 - Green Intellectual Property
 - Waste to Energy Conversion and Circular Economy
 - AI, IoT, Remote Sensing and GIS
 - Ecosystems, Economic Valuation and Ecoinformatics
 - Innovations and Start Ups: In any of the above themes
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NOTE: While the sub-themes listed are indicative of the conference's focus areas, participants are encouraged to explore and submit papers on other relevant topics that align with the overarching theme of *Environment Stewardship Sustainability and Law: An integrated Framework towards a Resilient Society*. Interdisciplinary, innovative, and context-specific approaches are especially welcome.

CALL FOR PAPERS

- Research papers / articles in English are invited from academicians, professionals, practitioners, researchers, students of law, social science and environmental science, and other stakeholders on the emerging issues and related areas on the broader topics given above.
- The selected papers based on quality shall be published.
- Additional publication charges for the selected articles, if any, will be intimated in due course.

PARTICIPANTS

- The aim of the conference is to invite the Researchers / Academicians / Policy makers / Research Scholars / Foreign Nationals / Students, undertaking research within the broad theme of contemporary issues in Law, Environment and Society to participate and present papers.
- Scholars registered in non-law disciplines but working on primarily legal issues from an interdisciplinary perspective are also invited to participate.

MODE OF CONFERENCE

- The Conference sessions will be organized in the Offline Mode, except for foreign nationals residing out of India.
- No TA/DA and accommodation will be provided.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. **Each applicant must submit a maximum 300 words abstract no later than 11th November, 2025.**
2. The abstract must contain a brief profile of the author/s indicating his / her email ID, contact number, designation, and official email address.
3. Maximum of five keywords are to be provided along with the abstract.
4. Co-authorship is allowed. All the authors have to register independently.
5. **All abstract must be submitted through this google form link - <https://forms.gle/oZe5DPA8s6PimazK8>**
6. **Submissions through mail will not be accepted.**
7. **The registration form shall be filled and the registration fees shall be paid latest by 30th November, 2025. The Registration Form and the Full Paper Submission Form shall be notified with the response mail indicating selection.**

FULL PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. **Communication of acceptance of abstract – 15th November 2025**
2. **Last date for submission of Full Paper is 30th November, 2025**
3. Selected abstracts will be notified for full paper submission. Details will be provided in the response mail indicating selection.
4. The full-length paper should not exceed 4000 - 6000 words including foot notes and references. It must have the abstract and details of the Authors.
5. In case of co-authorship at least one author must attend the conference to present the paper.
6. The main text should be in Times New Roman with font size 12 and spacing of 1.5 and Margin - 1 inch on all sides, page size A4.
7. Spelling: UK- except in quoted text, which will follow the original spelling.
8. Pages should be numbered- at the bottom and at the centre.
9. Authors should refrain from using footnotes until necessary.
10. All submissions must be the author's unpublished and original work and should not exceed the similarity index of 10%.
11. Referencing and Citation style is APA 7th Edition.
12. Style for headings- Chapter Title: All in Caps, bold, centered.
13. Style for Subheadings:
 - a. Level 1: Heading style- capital, bold, left aligned, underlined.
 - b. Level 2: Headline style- bold, italics, left aligned.
 - c. Level 3: Headline style- italics, left aligned
14. The paper must be submitted in word document (.doc or .docx) format only.
15. Full paper should follow the format: Introduction, Review of literature, Research Methodology, Analysis / Discussion, Conclusion and References.
16. Selected papers shall be considered for publication in the journal (Scopus/Web of Science Journal or Special Book Volume with ISBN Number.)
17. Please note that submission guidelines may vary depending on the Journal accepting the paper or book publisher. The organizers shall intimate about the same through mail.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Abstract Submission	11 th November, 2025
Communication of Acceptance of Abstract	15 th November, 2025
Last Date for Payment of Registration fees	30 th November 2025
Final Paper Submission for the Conference	11 th December, 2025
Date of Conference	19 th - 20 th December, 2025

REGISTRATION FEES:

PARTICULARS	MSU Participants	NON MSU Participants
Ph.D. Scholars	INR 1000	INR 2000
PG and UG Students	INR 500	INR 750
Academicians, Scientists	INR 3000	
Industry Personnel	INR 5000	
Foreign Nationals	USD 50 (Physical Attendee)	
	USD 30 (Virtual attendee)	

PAYMENT DETAILS

The Registration Fee for the Conference is to be paid through a Online payment details (receipt of the same shall be given by the Faculty): All Participants to keep a record of Online payment including screenshot and transaction number.

Account Details:

Account Holder Name : DIRECTOR BARODA SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES, FACULTY OF LAW

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- Once the Registration is confirmed, Fees shall be Non-Refundable.
- Foreign Nationals and Foreign Students can contact the Co-ordinators for assistance.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

- Confirmation of registration for the event shall be subject to the payment of registration fee & submission of the registration form.
- Payment once made shall not be refunded. All transfers are non-refundable in nature.
- Paper presenters would be given E-Certificate of Presentation.
- Registration and Paper submission link will be shared with those, whose Abstracts will be selected for the Conference.
- Duration of the International Conference – Two Days
- Venue of the International Conference- Prof. H.C. Dholakia Hall, Faculty of law, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda.

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