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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Aiming to bring about change and process through education, the Tmt. Kannammal Educational trust was constituted in 1985 and started Thai Moogambigai Polytechnic College. Within three years of its inception, Dr. M.G.R. Engineering College was founded in 1988, and the Thai Moogambigai Dental College was started in the year 1991. Both the colleges acquired Deemed University status in 2003 as Dr.M.G.R. Education and Research Institute as per the order of the University Grants commission, New Delhi and the Ministry of Human Resources and Development, Government of India, New Delhi. The Institution is accredited by NAAC with A+ Grade.

ABOUT THE FACULTY OF LAW

The Faculty of Law offers Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctorate programmes in Law as per the guidelines of the Bar Council of India and the University Grants Commission. The University has devised a pragmatic curriculum which is beneficial for the students to take up practice after the completion of the degree. The programmes offered at the Faculty of Law comprises of Internships, Case Review, Moot Court, Drafting & Conveyancing and Writing Orders. In order to promote interaction between students and legal professionals, Seminars, Guest Lectures and Workshops are conducted on various subjects of law at regular intervals. In addition to the mandatory courses the program also comprises of Value-added courses for the benefit of students.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Amid rapid technological shifts, evolving global norms, and mounting constitutional challenges, governance in sovereign states is under growing pressure. The International Conference on Fostering Constitutional Understanding of Sovereign States offers a timely platform to rethink how nations interpret and strengthen their constitutional frameworks. Focusing on legitimacy, crisis response, technological impact, reform processes, and the balance between Sovereignty and International obligations, it provides a comprehensive comparative view of modern Constitutionalism. By uniting scholars, judges, policymakers, educators, and the public, the conference fosters Constitutional innovation and civic engagement. Its goal is to build a lasting global network committed to advancing constitutional awareness and adaptive legal frameworks, ensuring Constitutions remain both protectors of Sovereignty and instruments of Justice in the 21st century.

CONFERENCE OUTCOME

The conference will deliver key outcomes such as a collective declaration on Constitutional culture, a research digest, and actionable recommendations for legal reform, public education, and institutional resilience. It also aims for long-term impact through inter-Constitutional mentorships, a global Digital Dashboard of amendments and rulings, and a comparative report on best practices and reform models. Overall, the conference seeks to renew constitutional understanding for the 21st century by addressing emerging challenges, anticipating future risks, and reaffirming the constitution as a living safeguard for both the state and its people. The core mission is to identify what is at risk and outline how constitutional order can be protected in a rapidly evolving world.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS



Dr. VALENTINA VOLPE

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR,
UNIVERSITÉ CATHOLIQUE
DE LILLE, FRANCE



Dr. STUART MARSLÉN

INTERNATIONAL LAWYER &
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THEMES AND SUB THEMES

1. CONSTITUTIONAL RESILIENCE IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Sub-Themes:

- Emergency powers and Constitutional safeguards
- State responses to pandemics, wars and natural disasters
- Limits of executive authority during national emergencies
- The impact of International Human Rights instruments on Domestic Constitutional Law

2. DIGITAL CONSTITUTIONALISM AND THE FUTURE OF RIGHTS

Sub-Themes:

- Algorithmic governance and Constitutional legitimacy
- Data privacy, surveillance, and Constitutional protections
- Emerging rights: digital dignity, neurorights, and online freedom of expression
- Legal frameworks for AI and state accountability

3. JUDICIAL POWER, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND INDEPENDENCE

Sub-Themes:

- The evolving role of Constitutional courts and tribunals
- Constitutional courts as defenders of rights of Vulnerable sections and civil liberties
- Threats to judicial autonomy in populist and authoritarian regimes
- Judicial activism vs minimalism in constitutional interpretation
- The role of the Judiciary in controlling executive overreach

4. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTITUTIONALISM AND INTERGENERATIONAL JUSTICE

Sub-Themes:

- Constitutional recognition of environmental rights and duties
- Climate litigation and Constitutional courts
- Rights of nature, indigenous ecological knowledge, and sustainability.
- Intergenerational equity in constitutional interpretation

5. EQUALITY AND CONSTITUTIONAL INCLUSION

Sub-Themes:

- Constitutional accommodation of ethnic, linguistic, and religious diversity
- Gender-sensitive constitutional language and frameworks
- LGBTQ+ rights and constitutional protections
- Balancing national unity with cultural pluralism-challenges

6. SOVEREIGNTY Vs. SUPRANATIONALISM: NAVIGATING GLOBAL LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

Sub-Themes:

- Tensions between domestic constitutions and international treaties
- The role of International courts and tribunals
- Indigenous Sovereignty and transnational rights
- Sovereignty in post-colonial and decolonization contexts

7. CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM: PROCESS, POLITICS, AND PARTICIPATION

Sub-Themes:

- Inclusive Constitution-making and amendment mechanisms
- Populism, referenda, and the weaponization of constitutional change
- Public participation, education and transparency in constitutional processes
- Best practices in constitutional drafting and reforms

8. CONSTITUTIONAL CULTURE, CIVIC EDUCATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sub-Themes:

- Democratization of Constitutional knowledge
- Teaching Constitutions in schools and universities
- Building public trust and awareness of constitutional principles
- Youth engagement in Constitutional debates and reforms
- The role of media and civil society in shaping Constitutional understanding

“The themes are not exhaustive—other relevant topics related to the theme of the conference are also covered.”

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Participation is open to all National and International Delegates, including Researchers, Academicians, Students, Industry professionals, and Policymakers. The conference welcomes participants from around the world who are interested in contributing to and engaging with the themes and objectives of the event.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Organizing Committee of the International Conference on **“FOSTERING CONSTITUTIONAL UNDERSTANDING IN SOVEREIGN STATES”** invites original and unpublished research papers. However, submissions on related themes will also be considered and the list is not exhaustive. Contributions are welcome in the form of full research papers.

GUIDELINES FOR PAPER SUBMISSION

The full paper should not exceed 3000 words, with an abstract of 350 words. Papers must follow the Harvard referencing style. The manuscript should be prepared in MS Word, using Times New Roman, 12-point font, with 1.5 line spacing on A4 size paper. Papers must not be under review elsewhere, and plagiarism should not exceed accepted academic limits. All submissions will undergo a review process, and only selected papers will be invited for presentation and considered for publication. For queries or submissions, authors may contact the organizing committee. The soft copy of the paper should be submitted to <https://www.mypadnow.com/focus2026> on or before 15th January 2026. All submissions will be screened for plagiarism.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of Abstract

31st December 2025

Confirmation of Acceptance

5th January 2026

**Registration and
Submission of Full Paper**

15th January 2026

Conference Date

6th and 7th of February 2026

PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

All accepted papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings (with ISBN) and selected papers will be published in Scopus Indexed journal.

CONFERENCE INCLUDES

Certificate of Participation for Participants
Certificate of Presentation for Presenters
Access to All Plenary and Technical Sessions
Opportunity for Publication in Reputed peer-reviewed Journals
Premium Conference Kit and Materials
Refreshments (Twice) and One Working Lunch

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Participants must register on or before 15th January 2026 by completing the registration form through the provided link or QR code. In the case of multiple authors, the registration fee applies individually to all authors. Only registered participants will receive conference access and certificates.

REGISTRATION FEES

Academician / Industry experts	INR 2,000/-
PhD scholars	INR 1,500/-
Students	INR 1,000/-
Participation	INR 800/-

Registration fee for international participants: \$80/- (including GST). Separate registration fees is mandatory for every author and co-author attending the conference.

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BEST PAPER & BEST PRESENTER AWARD

Outstanding submissions and presentations will be recognized with Best Paper and Best Presenter awards during the valedictory session.

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