



CONFEDERATION OF LAW TEACHERS

celebrates its
Foundation Day
and organizes
National Conference
(Hybrid Mode)

on

LEGAL EDUCATION
IN
THE 21ST CENTURY: THE WAY
FORWARD

Date of Conference: 11th January, 2026

**Venue: ILI Auditorium, Indian Law Institute, New
Delhi.**



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

CCOLATE proudly completes one year of its journey and celebrates its Foundation Day on Sunday, January 11, 2026, by hosting a National Conference in New Delhi. Higher education in India is undergoing a profound transformation, particularly in the field of legal education. With the rapid advancement of technology, traditional classrooms, evaluation methods, and research practices are becoming increasingly outdated and require significant reform to align with technological progress.

The critical issue of ethics has gained heightened relevance in today's AI-driven world. It is therefore imperative to foster continuous dialogue on the evolving landscape of legal education and the measures needed to strengthen its governance at all levels. This includes revisiting and updating the curriculum to make it truly interdisciplinary, reforming teaching pedagogies, and elevating the overall standards of legal education and research.

Furthermore, it is essential to address the dignity, career prospects, and rights of law teachers, particularly those working in the private university system, ensuring these are protected, enhanced, and upheld.



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The theme for the inaugural session of the conference is “Legal Education in the 21st Century: The Way Forward.”

The plenary sessions will focus on the meaning and scope of legal education, its evolving nature and relevance in the technology-driven 21st century, and the vital roles of Heads of Institutions and educators in fostering a fair and empowering ecosystem within the teaching and research domains of legal education.

We have assembled a distinguished lineup of prominent experts who will share their valuable insights on the conference theme.

The sub-themes identified for discussion are:

1. Changing Dimensions of Legal Education in India: Impact of Globalization
2. Role of Legal Education in Policy Framework
3. Mapping Constitutional Ethos in Teaching Pedagogy
4. Navigating Change: Challenges Before Law Teachers in Contemporary India
5. Balancing Teaching and Research: Complementary Facets of Legal Education
6. Enhancing Research: Institutional Support and Monitoring
7. Ethics and Integrity in Legal Education Governance
8. Capacity Building of Law Teachers: Strategies and Techniques
9. Bridging the Gap between Legal Education and the Professions: Ways and Means
10. Role of Law Schools in Promoting Access to Justice for Vulnerable Groups
11. Integrating Technology in Contemporary Legal Education



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS



Prof. (Dr.) Upendra Baxi
Emeritus Professor of Law
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Prof. (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar
Vice Chancellor
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Prof. (Dr.) D.P. Verma
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Supreme Court of India



Rodney D. Ryder
Adjunct Professor
NLSIU Bangalore



Advocate Colin Gonsalves
Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India
&
Founder, Human Rights Law Network



REGISTRATION DETAILS

WHO CAN ATTEND:

This seminar is open to law teachers across India. Participants may attend either in person or online.

REGISTRATION:

There is NO REGISTRATION FEE.

- Physical participation is by invitation only.
- For online participation, interested participants may fill out the registration form and submit. The link for google form is <https://forms.gle/PpByXpMofwMDB8aNA>

OR

Mail the following details at: secy.colate@gmail.com.

1. Name:

2. Sex: (Male/Female/Other)

3. Date of Birth:

4. Designation: (Assistant Professor/ Associate Professor/ Professor)

5. Affiliation: (Name of Institute and Address of Institute)

6. Phone Number:

7. Email Id:

- E-certificates will be provided to all participants.
- A working lunch will be provided to all invitees attending the conference in person.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Time	Item	Speaker
INAUGURAL SESSION		
10.30 AM - 10.35 AM	<i>National Anthem, Lighting of Lamp & Felicitation of Dignitaries</i>	
10.35 AM - 10.40 AM	<i>Welcome Address</i>	Prof. (Dr.) G.B. Reddy Vice Chancellor, NUALS, Kochi. [Vice-Chairperson, COLATE]
10.40 AM - 10.45 AM	<i>Vision of COLATE in strengthening Indian Legal Education and Launch of Official Website of COLATE</i>	Prof. (Dr.) B. T. Kaul Former Chairperson, Delhi Judicial Academy. [Chairperson, COLATE]
10.45 AM - 10.57 AM	<i>Changing Dimensions of Legal Education in India: Impact of globalization</i>	Prof. (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University. [Guest of Honour]
10.57 AM - 11.10 AM	<i>Role of Legal Education in Policy Framework</i>	Prof. (Dr.) D.P. Verma Member, Law Commission of India. [Guest of Honour]
11.10 AM - 11.25 AM	<i>Mapping Constitutional Ethos in Teaching Pedagogy</i>	Prof. (Dr.) Upendra Baxi Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Warwick. [Chief Guest]
11.25 AM - 11.30 AM	<i>Vote of Thanks & National Anthem</i>	Prof. (Dr.) Narender Nagarwal , Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. [Secretary, COLATE]
11.30 AM - 11.45 AM	TEA BREAK	
PLENARY SESSION - I [Moderator: Prof. (Dr.) R. K. Singh Professor, GNLU, Gandhinagar, Gujarat]		
11.45 AM - 11.50 AM	Felicitations of Dignitaries	
11.50 AM - 12.10 PM	<i>Navigating Change: Challenges Before Law Teachers in Contemporary India</i>	Prof (Dr.) Mehraj Uddin Mir Former Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir.



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12.10 PM - 12.30 PM	<i>Balancing Teaching and Research: Complimentary Facet of Legal Education</i>	Prof. (Dr.) P. Ishwara Bhat Former Vice Chancellor, Karnataka State Law University & NUJS, Kolkata.
12.30 PM - 12.50 PM	<i>Enhancing Research: Institutional Support & Monitoring</i>	Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune.
12.50 PM - 1.10 PM	<i>Ethics & Integrity in Legal Education Governance</i>	Prof. (Dr.) KC Sunny Former Vice Chancellor, NUALS, Kochi.
1.10 PM – 1:20 PM	Q & A /Interaction	
1.20 PM - 2.00 PM	LUNCH	
PLENARY SESSION -II [Moderator: Prof. (Dr.) Satish Gowda N. Dean, Faculty of Law, Banglore University, Banglore, Karnataka]		
2:00 PM – 2:05 PM	Felicitation of Dignitaries	
2.05 PM – 2.25PM	<i>Capacity Building of Law Teachers: Strategies and Techniques</i>	Prof. Mandava Rama Krishna Prasad Professor, V.M. Salgaocar College of Law
2.25 PM - 2.45 PM	<i>Bridging the Gap Between Legal Education and Professions: Ways and Means</i>	Advocate Prashanto Sen Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India
2.45 PM – 3.05 PM	<i>Role of Law Schools in promoting Access to Justice to the Vulnerable groups</i>	Advocate Colin Gonsalves Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India & Founder, Human Rights Law Network.
3.05 PM – 3.25 PM	<i>Integrating Technology in Contemporary Legal Education</i>	Rodney D. Ryder Adjunct Professor, NLSIU, Bangalore
3.45PM - 3.50 PM	<i>Report Presentation & National Anthem</i>	Prof. (Dr.) Narender Nagarwal Secretary, COLATE.
END OF SESSION and TEA BREAK		



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