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**VOICES OF JUSTICE:
GENDER, FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S
RIGHTS IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

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THE TIMES GROUP

**A 186+ YEAR JOURNEY OF LEADERSHIP,
INNOVATION & GROWTH MARCHES ON!**

1835-95

1838 The original precursor of The Times of India (TOI) is launched as The Bombay Times and Journal of Commerce.



1861 The paper acquires The Telegraph and Courier to form Bombay Times & Standard & is then renamed as The Times of India. A truly national platform is born.

1892 TJ Bennett partners with FM Coleman to form Bennett, Coleman & Co Ltd (BCCL).

1940-86

1946 Ramkrishna Dalmia buys BCCL & the paper passes from British to Indian hands.



1947 Launch of Hindi newspaper Navbharat Times & the Delhi edition of The Times of India



1952 Movie industry magazine Filmfare is launched.



1954 First edition of the iconic Filmfare Awards, to honour artistic & technical excellence in the Hindi-language film industry. These became an institution with the upgradation and broadcast of not just the national Filmfare Awards, but also their regional variants.

1987

1955 Sahu Shanti Prasad Jain buys BCCL from his father-in-law Ramkrishna Dalmia.



1959 Femina, magazine for women, is launched.



1961 The Economic Times, No. 1 business newspaper in India, is launched.

1962 Marathi newspaper Maharashtra Times is launched.



1964 The first Miss India pageant is held. This became a pathbreaking platform for women's empowerment, especially when it was telecast across the country in later years.



In 1987, a brand new era began with **Vineet Jain** joining the BCCL Group, transforming it from a newspaper and magazine company into one of the largest media and education conglomerates, with leadership across **Print, Radio, Digital, TV, and Out of Home Media.**

1988-2004

1990 Times School of Marketing is launched. It, along with Times' Media School (which was set up earlier), emerges as a major source of talent for the media industry.

1991 BBC features The Times of India among the world's six great newspapers. BCCL ventures into TV programme production for Doordarshan under the brand Times TV.



1993 Vineet Jain launches India's first private FM radio entity under the brand name Times FM for FM radio programming on a single channel shared by many media companies.

1994 Vineet Jain conceives of and launches TOI's trailblazing entertainment and lifestyle supplements namely Bombay Times, Delhi Times, etc. They were the first of their kind by any newspaper in the world and became a template for others.

1996 Launch of economicstimes.com - ET's news website and timesofindia.com - TOI's news website- the Group's first foray into the Internet, as conceived of by Vineet Jain, followed by Indiatimes.com a year later.

1998 In a major initiative for a media company, the group launched Times Music which currently owns ~45,000 musical tracks across genres.



1999 Vineet Jain incorporated Times Internet Limited - India's biggest digital media entity.

2001 Radio Mirchi - Nationwide private FM broadcasting company is launched by Vineet Jain.



2004 Group enters TV broadcasting with the launch of Zoom, a Bollywood & Lifestyle channel.



2004 JV with BBC to form magazine publishing company Worldwide Media. Subsequently, the Times Group bought BBC's share to make WWM a wholly-owned company.

2005-15

2005 Times OOH, the No.1 Out of Home advertising company in India, is established by Vineet Jain. The Times of India is acclaimed as world's No. 1 selling English daily broadsheet newspaper.



2006 Vineet Jain conceives of and launches leading property services entity Magicbricks.com. Launch of leading TV news channel Times Now.



2007 Launch of Jungle Music, a brand of Times Music dedicated to film music, with acquisition of music rights of Akshay Kumar starrer 'Welcome'.



2009 Launch of ET Now business news channel.



2010 Launch of English movie channels Movies Now & Remedy Now 3 years later.



2013 Vineet Jain conceives of and launches Times Pro, an award-winning EdTech initiative, for Indians who want to advance their careers; tie-ups with IITs/IIMs for executive education courses.



2014 Vineet Jain expands Times Group into film production and distribution with the launch of Jungle Pictures, whose first movie (Dil Dhadakne Do) was released in 2015. It has released 10 award-winning movies till 2024 including Talvar, Bareilly ki Barfi, Raazi, Badhaai Ho, Badhaai Do, Doctor G, etc.

2014 ET Panache, the lifestyle supplement of The Economic Times conceived of and launched by Vineet Jain.



2015 Inaugural edition of India's leading business summit - ET Now Global Business Summit (GBS); graced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as Chief Guest & in subsequent years.



2016



BENNETT UNIVERSITY
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A PEERLESS LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION IS LAUNCHED - With the vision to nurture and empower the youth, **Vineet Jain** launches Bennett University - in the multi-disciplines of **Engineering, Applied Sciences, Management, Law, Media and Liberal Arts.**

2017-24

2017 Radio Mirchi expands to a total 74 stations in 64 cities and becomes the No. 1 radio company in India by revenue and number of stations. Extension of English news channel space through the launch of Mirror Now & Times Now World.



2021 Launch of Hindi general news channel (Times Now Navbharat) and Hindi business news channel (ET Now Swades).



2023 Times Music forges long term equity partnership with Primary Wave, USA-based music publishing company & home to legends like Bob Marley, James Brown, Whitney Houston, etc.



2023 Launch of Maverik Movies, a film production house focussing on South Indian languages. Mirchi expands its digital offering by acquiring Gaana.



2024 Entry into sports on global scale: Major presence in new age & fastest growing sport - Pickleball - with the launch of Pickleball World Rankings (PWR), the PWR World Series, PWR World Tour, PWR India Tour & League in partnership with Pickleball Asia.



ABOUT BENNETT UNIVERSITY

Bennett University, a State Private University has been established by “The Times Group”, India’s largest media conglomerate through Act No. 24 of 2016 passed by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. The University at present offers unique interdisciplinary and contemporary courses through its Schools of Computer Science Engineering and Technology, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Management, Law, and Media & Liberal Arts. In addition, the University has also established the Centres for Innovation & Entrepreneurship and External Relation & Executive Education.



186+

Years of Leading Change



40,000+

Advertisers & Corporate Network



850+

Start-Ups Mentored & Funded



50+

Leading Brands in India



16,000+

Employees



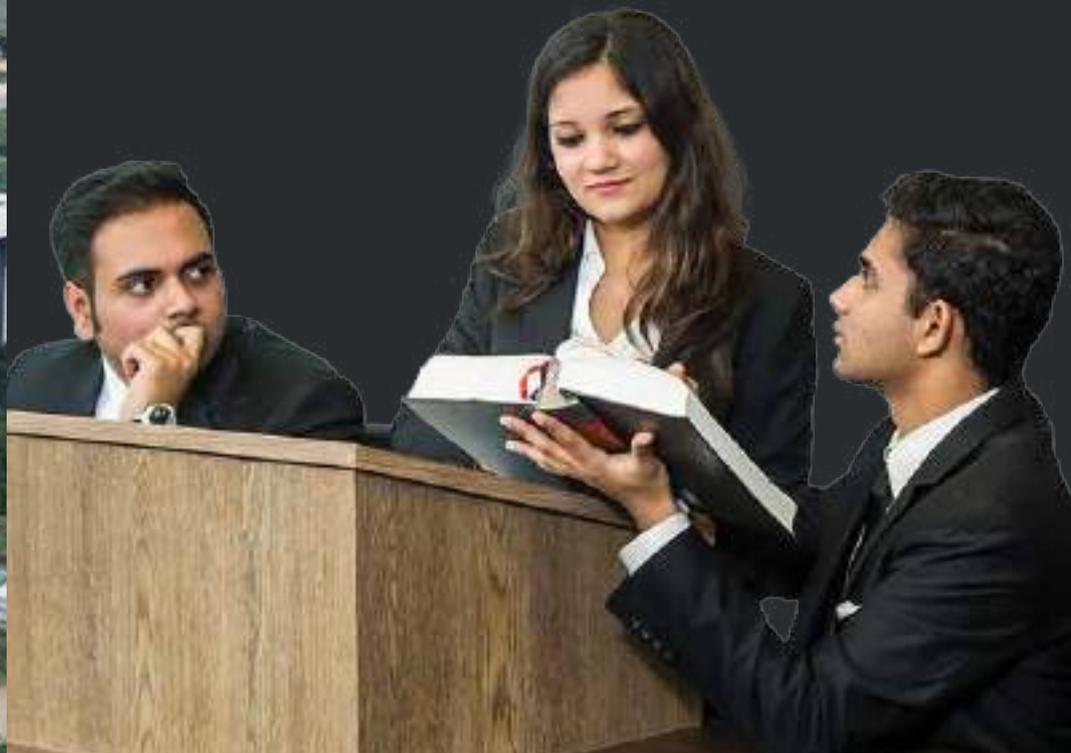
50+

Digital Businesses across industries



ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF LAW

Bennett University established the School of Law (SOL) with a vision to strive for excellence in teaching, learning research, and advocacy towards Justice for all by shaping thought leaders in public policy of National and International dimensions. The school at present is offering B.A.LL.B., (Hons.), B.B.A.LL.B., (Hons.), LL.M., and Ph.D. programs and imbibes the best practices in terms of curriculum, pedagogy, innovation in teaching methods. Invested and promoted by the largest media enterprise, the School of Law is committed to educating the pioneers of the future through leaders in the field of law, the ones who can think out loud and clear on matters of justice and progress.





ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR FAMILY LAW & GENDER STUDIES (CFLGS)

The Centre for Family Law and Gender Studies is established with a vision to emerge as a leading Centre dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, and advocacy at the intersection of family law and gender studies. We aspire to create a forward-looking and inclusive legal framework that upholds dignity, equality, and the well-being of all individuals, while responding to the evolving realities of contemporary families and diverse gender identities. Guided by our mission to integrate rigorous academic research with practical solutions, the Centre serves as a dynamic platform for dialogue, policy analysis and interdisciplinary engagement. The centre's scope extends beyond personal laws to embrace constitutional morality, gender justice, civil rights, and progressive perspectives on family and society. We aim to foster a deeper understanding through seminars, workshops, training programs, and publications; to collaborate with legal practitioners, policymakers, and social organisations; and to inspire reforms that promote gender equality, child protection, and social justice. Our initiatives extend beyond academia, empowering individuals and communities through legal literacy, providing accessible resources, and encouraging comparative and interdisciplinary studies. By bridging the gap between scholarship and practice, the Centre strives to shape a legal environment where fairness, empathy, and justice remain the cornerstones of both family law and gender studies.



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Justice in the 21st century demands a rethinking of the structures, systems, and values that govern society. Issues of gender equality, family relations, and children's rights are no longer confined to private or domestic domains; they have become central to global conversations on human rights, social justice, and sustainable development. Legal systems across the world are grappling with evolving realities—ranging from reproductive rights and child protection frameworks to recognition of diverse family structures and intersectional discrimination.

This international conference, organised by the Centre for Family Law Studies & Research (CFLGS), School of Law, Bennett University, seeks to create a vibrant platform for dialogue and collaboration among academicians, legal practitioners, policy-makers, civil society actors, and students. The aim is to critically examine the intersections of gender, family, and children's rights within legal frameworks, and to explore progressive pathways that ensure dignity, equality, and justice for all. The outcomes of this conference are expected to enrich academic discourse, influence policy directions, and inspire advocacy for a more inclusive and equitable legal order.



THEMATIC AREAS FOR SUBMISSION

We invite original research work in the form of research papers, research articles, book reviews and case commentaries from academicians, professionals, practitioners, researchers, students of law and allied social sciences, and other stakeholders on emerging issues and related areas on the broad sub-themes given below:

WOMEN AND LAW

- Legal Rights and Entitlements of Women in Personal and Secular Laws
- Reproductive Autonomy, Health and Legal Challenges
- Women in Conflict and Crisis Zones: Law and Protection
- Political Participation and Legal Empowerment of Women
- Gender-Based Violence: Legal Frameworks, Policy Gaps and Challenges

FAMILY LAW

- Reforming Personal Laws: Challenges and Possibilities
- Marriage, Divorce, and Custody: Rights and Reforms
- Recognition of LGBTQIA+ Rights in Family Law
- Inheritance and Succession: Towards Gender Equality
- Uniform Civil Code: Debates and Future Perspectives

CONTEMPORARY AND CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

- Comparative Perspectives on Family and Gender Laws
- Law, Technology and Emerging Gender Concerns
- Climate Justice and Gendered Vulnerabilities
- Migration, Displacement and Legal Protection of Families
- International Human Rights Frameworks and Domestic Legal Frameworks

CHILDREN AND LAW

- Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Frameworks
- Child Marriage and Child Labour: Legal Prohibitions and Safeguards
- Rights of the Child in Education, Health and Welfare
- Legal Complexities in Adoption, Surrogacy and Guardianship
- Online Safety and Cybersecurity Laws for Children

GENDER JUSTICE AND INTERSECTIONALITY

- Gender Identity, Human Rights and Law
- Intersectional Discrimination within Legal Systems
- Role of Judiciary in Advancing Gender Justice
- Legal Recognition and Rights of Transgender Persons
- Law, Religion and Gender: A Critical Discourse



Research work on any other sub-theme aligned with the main theme and its objectives may also be submitted.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

The abstract should be between 300-500 words and clearly indicate the theme of the proposed research, along with *five relevant keywords*. *Abstract should be submitted in MS Word format only.*

SAMPLE ABSTRACT



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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION



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GUIDELINES FOR FULL-RESEARCH WORK SUBMISSION:

- The paper should be based on original research work that has not been published yet.
- The participant shall submit the abstract in given google link ONLY. (Kindly do not send abstract through mail.) After acceptance of the abstract and payment of registration fees, the participants will receive a separate google link for submission of full working paper.
- **Word Limit:** 5000 to 8000 words (excluding footnotes and abstract).
- **Citation Format:** ILI citation style
- **Authorship:** Sole or co-authorship of not more than 2 authors
- **Formatting:**
 - **Font:** Times New Roman
 - **Font Size:** 12 (Headings: 14)
 - **Line Spacing:** 1.5
 - **Indent:** Left and right indent should be 0.5 on both sides
- **Footnotes:** Times New Roman, Font size 10, 1.0 single line spacing
- **Plagiarism and AI:** Should not exceed 10%, respectively
- **Quotations/Quotation Mark:** Quotations over 25 words should be indented. Double quotation marks should be used

REGISTRATION FEES:

- **Students :** 1500 INR
- **Research Scholars/Academicians/advocates, etc. :** 2500 INR
- **Students from Bennett University:** No fees.

In case of Co-authorship, each author needs to register separately.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Last date for Abstract Submission:** 25th December, 2025
- **Date of Intimation of Selected Abstracts:** 9th January, 2026
- **Last Date for Registration:** 15th January, 2026
- **Submission of the full paper:** 31st January, 2026
- **Date of the Conference:** 27th February, 2026

Note: Participants are required to register for this International Conference once they receive an acceptance email for their abstract from the organising committee. The details of registration will be shared in the abstract acceptance mail.



PRIZE

BEST PAPER PRESENTATION

Cash Prize of Rs. 10,000/-

2ND BEST PAPER PRESENTATION

Cash Prize of Rs. 5000/-

- *All the participants will get an e-certificate for participation/paper presentation.*
- *The selected abstracts will be published in the form of a conference proceedings book bearing an ISBN no.*
- *Selected 10 full papers after evaluation based on originality may be published in a reputed journal (subject to review by the reviewing committee) and other selected papers will be published in the form of edited book bearing ISBN no.*

BENNETT UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP



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Awarded Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2013 for transforming BCCL into India's Most Respected and Largest Media Group

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