



**Faculty of Law, Manipal University Jaipur**

in collaboration with

**Manipal University Jaipur Teacher Empowerment Centre (MUJ-TEC)**

&

**Centre for Advanced Studies in International Humanitarian Law (CASH)**

**Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab**

and in partnership with

**Knowledge Steez**

*Organises*

# **ONE WEEK NATIONWIDE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (FDP)**

*on*

## **“Reconstructing Pedagogy in Indian Legal Education”**

**JULY 06-11, 2026**

**(ONLINE)**



## Manipal University Jaipur

The Manipal Education & Medical Group, with its heritage of excellence in higher education for over 71 years, launched Manipal University Jaipur (MUJ) in the year 2011. Manipal University Jaipur is a multi-disciplinary university accredited with A+ Grade by NAAC and is committed to nurturing talent and strengthening academics & research by adopting unique & innovative practices. The multi-disciplinary University offers career-oriented courses at all levels, i.e., UG, PG and doctoral and across diverse streams, including Law, Engineering, Design, Management, Basic Sciences, Arts, etc.

### Faculty of Law

Manipal University Jaipur forayed into the field of legal education by introducing Five-year Integrated BALLB(Hons.), BBALLB (Hons.), Bachelor of Law (LLB), Master of Law (LLM), and PhD programs. As an institution of excellence and a leading university in Rajasthan, Manipal University Jaipur is dedicated to providing students with a world-class education in the field of law. The institution is ranked 32nd by NIRF 2025 in the individual category of Law.

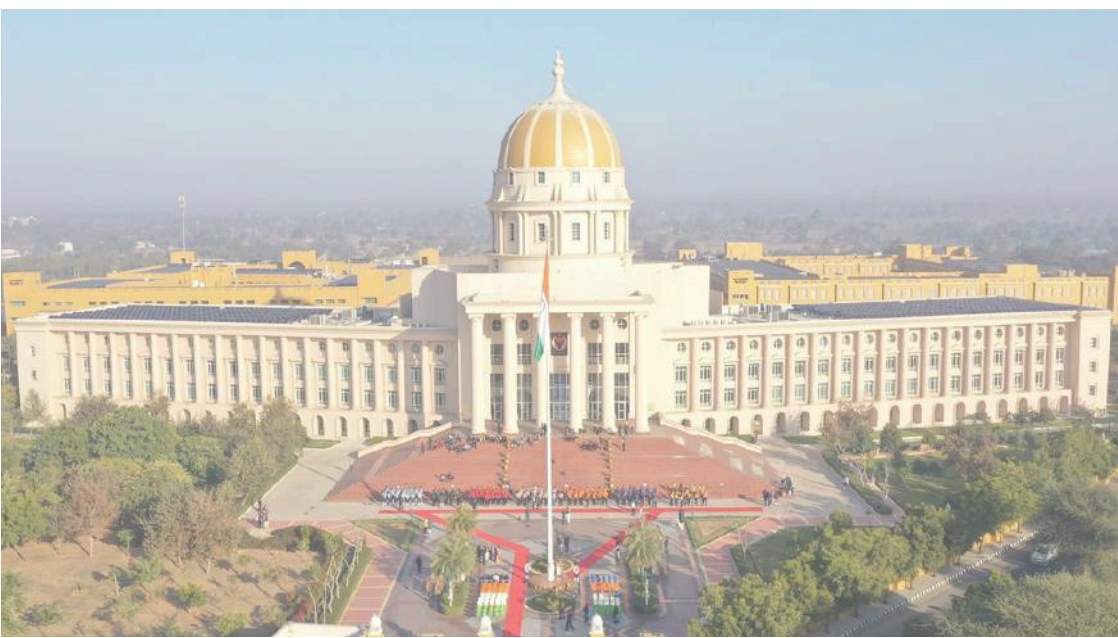
### MUJ- TEC

Manipal University Jaipur Teacher Empowerment Centre (MUJ TEC), established in 2017, is dedicated to advancing teacher training and fostering the professional and personal growth of educators. Through diverse training programmes, workshops and experiential learning opportunities, MUJ TEC equips faculty members with innovative teaching methodologies, practical skills and academic leadership capabilities. The Centre promotes collaborative learning, effective student engagement, value-based education and continuous professional development, thereby contributing towards enhanced teaching effectiveness and improved student learning outcomes across the institution.

## Centre for Advanced Studies in International Humanitarian Law (CASH), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab

The Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Law (CASH) is dedicated to promoting research, awareness and academic engagement in the field of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). The Centre seeks to strengthen understanding of humanitarian principles through conferences, workshops, sensitisation programmes, research initiatives and academic collaborations. CASH aims to facilitate advanced research, policy discourse and dissemination of knowledge relating to armed conflict, human rights and humanitarian protection.

The Centre actively encourages interdisciplinary learning and capacity building by organising training programmes, seminars and moot court competitions, while also supporting researchers and students through its specialised academic resources and library facilities. Through its initiatives, CASH aspires to develop informed legal scholarship and foster a deeper understanding of humanitarian law and justice in contemporary society.



## Faculty Development Program (FDP)

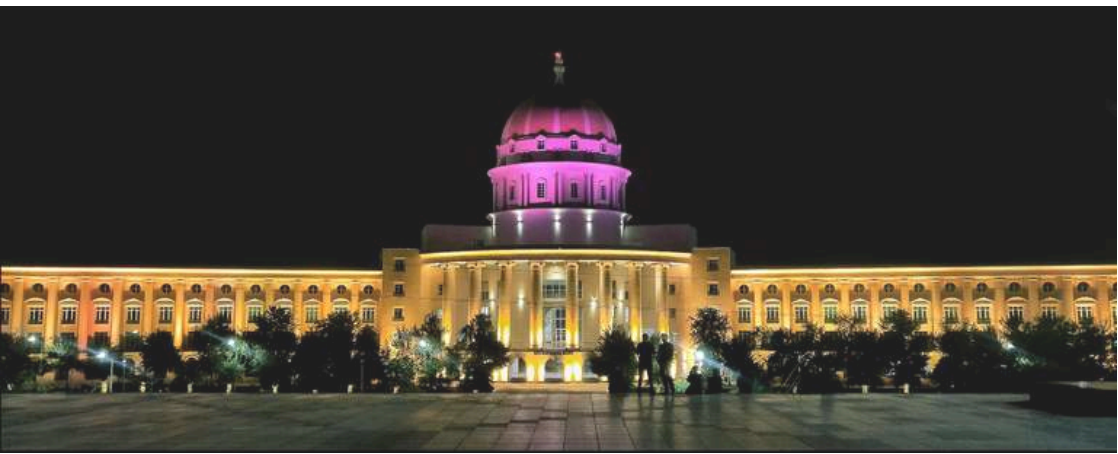
The One Week program is conceived as a reflective, capacity-building initiative aimed at re-examining traditional approaches to legal teaching and encouraging a transition to pedagogies that are socially responsive, context-sensitive, and learner-centric. As Indian legal education confronts complex contemporary challenges ranging from access to justice and legal pluralism to technological transformation and interdisciplinary demands, there is an increasing need for law teachers to move beyond purely doctrinal instruction and embrace socio-legal perspectives that connect law with lived realities.

This FDP seeks to provide a collaborative platform for faculty members to engage in scholarly dialogue, share best practices, and explore innovative teaching methodologies that integrate doctrinal rigor with socio-legal awareness. Through expert sessions, interactive discussions, and experiential learning components, participants will be encouraged to critically reflect upon their teaching philosophies and redesign classroom practices that cultivate analytical thinking, ethical sensitivity, and social consciousness among law students.

By bringing together academicians, researchers, and practitioners, the programme aspires to strengthen pedagogical capacities and contribute to the broader project of transforming Indian legal education into a more inclusive, dynamic, and socially engaged enterprise.

### Who can apply?

- Teaching Professionals in Law and Social Sciences  
(Professors/Associate Professors/Assistant Professors)
- Scholars Pursuing Research in Law and Social Sciences



## Our eminent speakers



### Chief Guest

Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao  
Vice Chancellor, IIULER, Goa

Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao is a distinguished legal academician and former Vice Chancellor of National Law School of India University, where he served for over a decade and played a pivotal role in strengthening legal education and institutional excellence. With more than forty-five years of teaching and research experience, he has held several prestigious academic and administrative positions and has been associated with leading bodies including the Bar Council of India, University Grants Commission, and National Assessment and Accreditation Council. An acclaimed scholar and recipient of honours such as the Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon Best Law Teacher Award and the Attorney General K. Parasaran Award, he has authored six books, published over 130 research papers, and guided numerous doctoral scholars. His remarkable contributions to legal academia continue to shape contemporary legal education in India.

### Prof. (Dr.) David Ambrose

Professor & Former Head, Department of Legal Studies,  
University of Madras



Prof. Dr. A. David Ambrose is a distinguished legal academic and former Professor and Head, Department of Legal Studies at University of Madras, with over twenty-two years of postgraduate teaching experience. His areas of expertise include International Law, Constitutional Law, Environmental Law, Human Rights, Intellectual Property Rights, and Science, Technology and Law. A renowned scholar and researcher, he has guided more than thirty Ph.D. scholars, published over seventy research articles, and co-authored significant works in environmental and international trade law. Prof. Ambrose has held several important academic and administrative positions within the University of Madras and has served as a subject expert for bodies including the University Grants Commission and Union Public Service Commission. A recipient of the prestigious Hague Doctoral Fellowship from the The Hague Academy of International Law, he has actively contributed to national and international legal discourse through extensive research, policy engagement, and participation in academic forums across the world.



Prof. (Dr.) Jayaram Raghunath  
Professor of Law & Dean  
School of Law, Mahindra University, Hyderabad

Dr. E.R. Jayaram is a distinguished academic leader and legal educator with over twenty-five years of experience in legal practice, higher education administration, and curriculum innovation. Currently serving as Professor and Dean, School of Law at Mahindra University, he has played a significant role in advancing interdisciplinary and practice-oriented legal education. His areas of expertise include Intellectual Property Rights and legal education reform, with a Ph.D. focusing on Genomic Data Protection and Intellectual Property Management through Open-Source Systems. Prior to joining Mahindra University, he served in key leadership positions, including Dean at Manipal University Jaipur and GD Goenka University. He is recognised for establishing India's first institutional arbitration and mediation centre within a law school, honoured with the Best ADR Innovation Award by the Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration and Mediation, and for his contributions to legal education reforms through his association with the Bar Council of India.



Dr. Niteesh Kumar Upadhyay  
Associate Professor of Law  
Dhirubhai Ambani University- School of Law, Ahmedabad

Dr. Niteesh Kumar Upadhyay is an eminent academician and internationally recognised legal scholar currently serving as Associate Professor of Law at Dhirubhai Ambani University – School of Law. With over twelve years of academic experience, he has previously been associated with premier institutions including Chanakya National Law University, Nirma University, and Symbiosis Law School. His areas of expertise include Human Rights Law, Technology Law, International Law, Artificial Intelligence and Law, and Cyber Law. He has held international academic positions as Research Advisor at South Ural State University, Guest Faculty at Romanian-American University, and International Research Fellow at University of Milan and Tashkent State University of Law. An accomplished scholar with over thirty-five publications, including several in Scopus-indexed journals, he has also received prestigious fellowships and grants from institutions such as the The Hague Academy of International Law, Global Alliance for Justice Education, and the René Cassin Foundation.



Prof. (Dr.) Bharti  
Professor of Law  
National Law University, Delhi

Dr. Bharti is presently Professor of Law at National Law University Delhi, where she has been serving since 2009. Prior to this, she taught at the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi from 1998 to 2009. She also served as Dean, Faculty of Law at Manipal University Jaipur, where she introduced several innovative academic and co-curricular initiatives. Her areas of expertise include Environmental Law, Human Rights, Humanitarian and Refugee Law, Constitutional Law, Women's Rights, and Alternative Dispute Resolution. Dr. Bharti has held several important academic and administrative positions, including convenorship of committees relating to Legal Aid, ADR, ICC, and Equal Opportunity at National Law University Delhi. She has served as Visiting Faculty at premier institutions such as the Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training and the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies. An accomplished scholar and resource person, she has contributed extensively to environmental and human rights discourse through publications, international conferences, judicial training programmes, policy research projects, and as Director of the Centre for Environmental Law, Policy and Research at National Law University Delhi.

Prof. (Dr.) M.K. Bhandari

Founder, Global Academy of Law-Tech Education and Research  
(GALTER)



Prof. Dr. M.K. Bhandari is one of India's senior-most legal academicians with over forty-five years of experience in teaching, research, and academic administration across major universities in the country. His areas of expertise include Constitutional Law, Intellectual Property Rights, Human Rights, Evidence Law, Legal Aid, and Law and Technology, with a particular focus on emerging technologies and digital regulation. He has authored eight books and published more than eighty-five research papers and book chapters in reputed national and international journals, including recent works on Digital Twins and Smart Contracts. An accomplished educator and public intellectual, Prof. Bhandari has produced over eighty educational films and television programmes on law, technology, constitutional governance, and human rights. He has delivered thousands of lectures and expert talks across universities, academic forums, media platforms, and international conferences. He has also organised numerous national and international conferences, seminars, and moot court competitions, and is presently engaged in collaborative global research on the application and regulation of emerging technologies.

# Schedule

06/07/2026

**Inaugural Session: 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

Inaugural Address by Prof. (Dr) R. Venkata Rao, Chief Guest; Prof. (Dr) Vijaylaxmi Sharma, Dean I/C, FoL, MUJ; Dr. Sonu Agarwal, Head, DoL, MUJ

06/07/2026

**Session 1: 2:30 PM onwards**

Transforming Legal Pedagogy: Interdisciplinary approaches and Perspectives

Prof. (Dr.) David Ambrose

07/07/2026

**Session 2: 2:00 PM onwards**

Instructional Design Strategies for Tangible Learning Outcomes in Higher Education

Prof.(Dr.) Jayaram Raghunath

08/07/2026

**Session 3: 2:00 PM onwards**

AI, Academic Integrity and the Future of Legal Research & Writing: Emerging Challenges and Pedagogical Responses

Dr. Niteesh Kumar Upadhyay

09/07/2026

**Session 4: 2:00 PM onwards**

Embedding Constitutional Values in Legal Education: An Intra and Interdisciplinary Approach

Prof. Dr. Bharti

10/07/2026

**Session 5: 2:00 PM onwards**

Legal Education in the Age of Technological Transformation: Preserving Humanistic Constitutional Values

Prof. (Dr.) M.K. Bhandari

## General Instructions & Guidelines

- The Faculty Development Programme (FDP) shall be conducted in online mode through Microsoft Teams. Participants are requested to ensure stable internet connectivity and access to a functional audio-video device throughout the sessions.
- All registered participants shall receive the meeting link and related communication through their registered email IDs prior to the commencement of the programme.
- Participants are expected to join the sessions at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time and maintain punctuality throughout the programme.
- Attendance shall be monitored on a daily basis. Participants must attend all sessions regularly to be eligible for the certificate of participation/completion.
- Participants are requested to maintain professional decorum during the sessions. Microphones should remain muted unless invited to speak or interact by the resource person.
- Active participation in discussions, interactive activities, and question-answer sessions is encouraged to ensure meaningful academic engagement.
- Participants are advised to use their full name and institutional affiliation while joining the online platform for attendance and identification purposes.
- **Feedback and short assignments relating to individual sessions shall be conducted on a daily basis to ensure continuous academic engagement and assessment of learning outcomes.**
- **A final evaluative assignment shall be conducted on 11th July 2026.** Submission/completion of the final assignment shall be mandatory for successful completion of the FDP.
- Participants are required to submit all assignments and feedback forms within the stipulated timelines communicated by the organisers.
- Recording, reproduction, or unauthorised circulation of the session content, presentations, or resource materials without prior permission of the organisers shall not be permitted.
- Certificates shall be issued only to those participants who fulfil the attendance requirements and complete all prescribed academic formalities of the programme.
- The decision of the organisers regarding participation, certification, scheduling, and conduct of the FDP shall be final and binding.
- For any queries or technical assistance, participants may contact the organising team through the official communication channels provided by the organisers.
- The participation/registration fee once paid shall be non-refundable under any circumstances.

## How to apply?

The participants can register themselves by filling out the Google Form on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2026

[Link of the Registration Form](#)

## Registration Fees

**Legal Academicians** (Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor of Law and Social Sciences): INR 500

**Research Scholar** (Law and Social Sciences): INR 300

Payment Link: <https://rzp.io/rzp/KeQWvOyY>

## Venue

All the sessions will be conducted in the **ONLINE** mode

### Knowledge Partner



### Media Partner



# Organising Team

## Conveners



**Prof. (Dr.) Vijalaxmi Sharma**

Professor and Dean (I/C),  
Faculty of Law, Manipal University, Jaipur  
Director, MUJ- TEC



**Dr. Sonu Agarwal**

Associate Professor and Head  
Department of Law  
Faculty of Law, Manipal University Jaipur



**Dr. Sangeeta Taak**

Assistant Professor  
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