



## CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN TRIBAL AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

*in collaboration with*

**TRIBAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE,  
BHOPAL (M.P.)**

*Presents*

**TWO DAYS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
TRIBAL CUSTOM, LAW, RIGHTS, AND REFORMS**

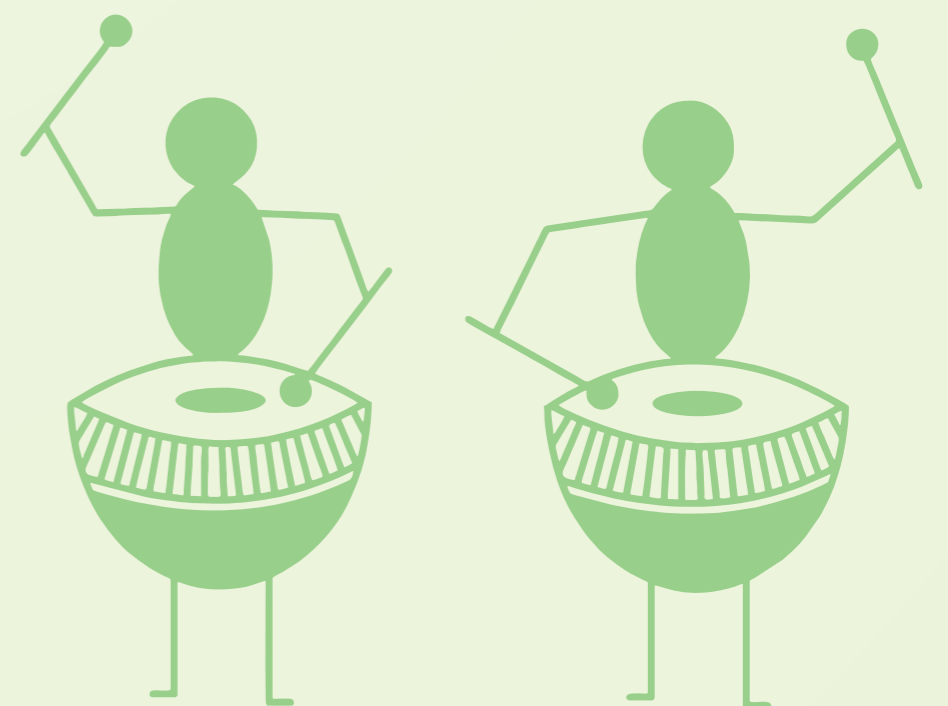
**19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2026**

# CALL FOR PAPERS



## About DNLU

Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur (M.P.) was established in the year 2018, by Madhya Pradesh Dharmashastra National Law University Act 2018, with the object of advancing the cause of legal education and achieving excellence as a university for imparting value-based legal education to undergraduate as well as postgraduate students. DNLU is dedicated to providing high-quality legal education that prepares students to excel in the field of law and contribute to the legal profession and society at large. The university places a strong emphasis on research and scholarship. It actively supports faculty and student research initiatives, organizes seminars, conferences, and workshops, and encourages publications in reputed legal journals. DNLU also fosters an environment conducive to mooting and legal competitions, helping students develop practical legal skills and advocacy abilities. The motto of the University is “सत्यं वद धर्मं चर” which has been enshrined in Verse eleven of the शिक्षा वल्ली Section of the तैत्तिरीय उपनिषद्. It literally means "speak the truth and conduct in accordance with *dharma* at the end of the course, in the *Dikshant Samaroh*, the Guru shows the further path to his pupils and asks them to follow the path of truth and stick to the *dharma*. **Dharma** means rules of conduct which does not do injustice to anyone and protest injustice done to others.



## About CSTIC, DNLU

Established in 2024, the Centre for Studies in Tribal and Indigenous Communities (CSTIC) focuses on enhancing the understanding and development of tribal communities. Its objectives include researching tribal history, culture, and traditional knowledge, and assessing the impact of government schemes on welfare. The Centre will identify barriers to healthcare, education, and other entitlements, providing policy recommendations. It conducts field studies, organizes conferences, and publishes a peer-reviewed journal. Additionally, it aims to build the capacity of tribal youth and leaders through educational programs, while promoting sustainable livelihoods and inclusive development for tribal communities through research and collaboration.

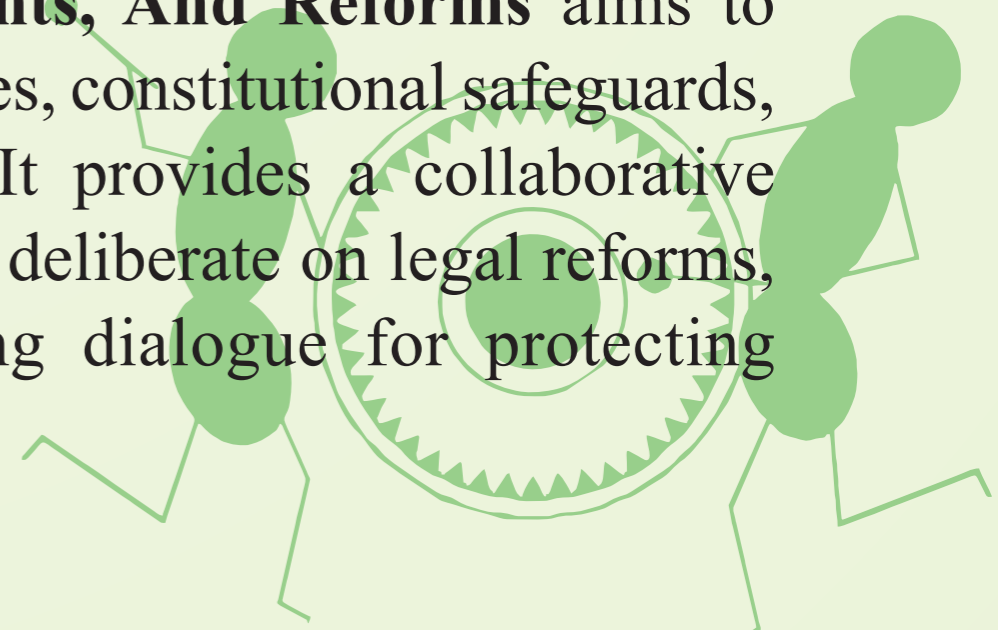
## About TRDI

Tribal Research and Development Institute was established on 20.04.1954 at District Chhindwara Headquarters, in the year 10 April 1965, the headquarter of the institute was shifted to the new office prepared in Bhopal Shyamala Hills. The museum of the institute was kept in the building of Chhindwara itself, which is being operated today by the name of Shri Badal Bhoi State Tribal Museum.

The main work of the organization is anthropological research of the tribes of the state, research on tribal subjects, evaluation study of development works, language and civic education of the tribes of the state, compilation, recording, promotion and protection of tribal culture and their cultural dimensions. Organizing workshops on various arts of tribes, their cinematography and filming and seminars on their education, health and other subjects. Re-orientation training of revenue/police and other departmental officers of the state and training of public representatives on constitutional and protective measures for tribals etc.

## About The Conference

**The National Conference On Tribal Custom, Law, Rights, And Reforms** aims to examine the dynamic relationship between customary practices, constitutional safeguards, and statutory frameworks governing tribal communities. It provides a collaborative platform for academicians, researchers, and policymakers to deliberate on legal reforms, cultural preservation, and inclusive governance, fostering dialogue for protecting indigenous identity and advancing social justice.



# Themes & Sub - Themes

## ASMITA

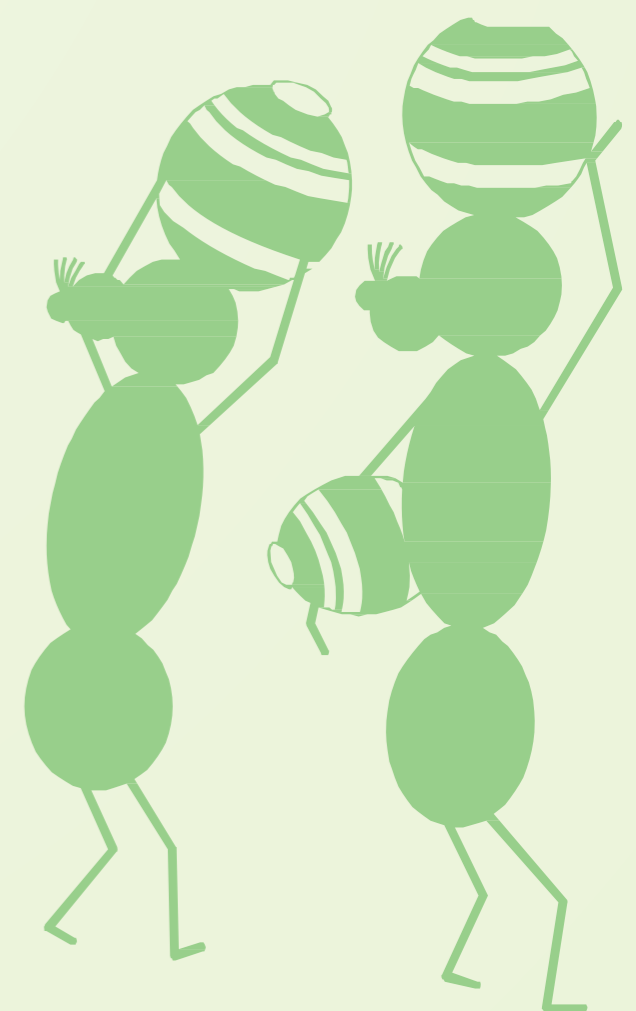
1. Recognition of Tribal Medicinal Knowledge & Issues of Intellectual Property Rights
  - Statutory and Regulatory Pathways
  - Sui-generis Protection & TK Registries
  - Access & Benefit-Sharing (ABS) Models
  - Ethics, Consent and Research Protocols

## ASTITWA

2. Tribal Conversion and Delisting: Legal Consequences & Comparative Perspectives
  - Constitutional Rights and Conversion Law
  - Conversion and Tribal Communities
  - Comparative Jurisprudence and Statutory Models
  - Remedies and Restorative Mechanisms
3. Civil Law: Impact, Gaps and Shortcomings
  - Family Law and Customary Marital Regimes
  - Transfer of Property & Communal Tenure
  - Succession Rights and Inheritance
  - Uniform Civil Code (UCC): Applicability and Safeguards

## VIKAS

4. PESA Act and Related Statutory Regimes: Implementation, Reform and Litigation
  - Gram Sabha Authority in Practice
  - PESA's Interface with FRA and Land Laws
  - Judicial Enforcement and Litigation Strategies
  - Institutional Reforms and Capacity Building
5. Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006: Empowering Forest Communities
  - Implementation and Challenges of FRA
  - Community Forest Rights and Governance
  - Gender and Inclusion in Forest Rights
  - FRA and Environmental Conservation



## Publication

Accepted papers will be published in the university's journal, **The Vantage: A Journal of Law and Social Sciences**, in a special issue.

<https://thevantage.mpdnl.ac.in/>

## Submission Guidelines

The submission guidelines are available on the website. Kindly review them carefully and ensure strict compliance with all the prescribed instructions.

<https://thevantage.mpdnl.ac.in/manuscript-guidelines/>

## Registration Link

Authors must complete their registration and make the payment using the Google link provided below.

<https://forms.gle/37U9S JL6nysQx8G78>

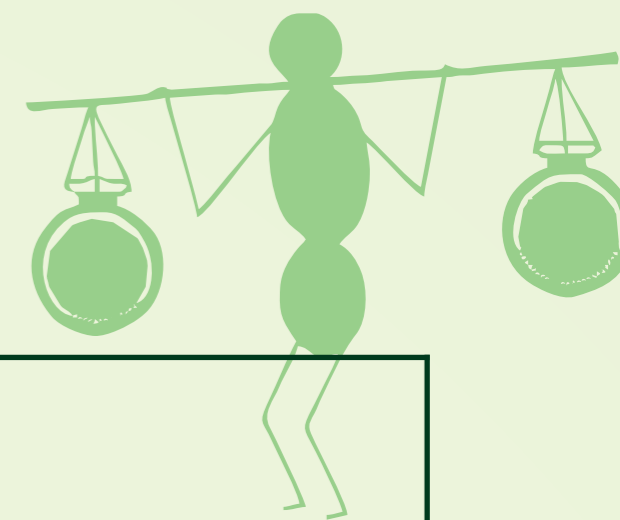
### Registration Fee Details:

1. The registration fee must be paid only after the confirmation of abstract submission.
2. The last date for registration is 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2026.
3. Registration Fees:  
Students: ₹500  
Scholars: ₹700  
Academicians: ₹1,000
4. Co-authors must pay half the fee applicable to their respective category.
5. Accommodation will be arranged by the university for candidates selected for the paper presentation.

The registration fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.

**Additional Notes:** Authors are encouraged to adhere strictly to the specified guidelines. Any deviations from the guidelines may result in disqualification. The editorial board reserves the right to make necessary editorial changes for clarity, consistency, and style. Authors will be notified of the acceptance or rejection of their submissions after the review process.

## Important Dates



<b>Abstract Submission</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> July, 2026</b>
<b>Acceptance of Abstract</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> July, 2026</b>
<b>Last Date of Registration</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> July, 2026</b>
<b>Last Date of Full Paper Submission</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> August, 2026</b>
<b>Date of Conference</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September, 2026</b>

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