



**MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, NAGPUR**  
**CENTRE FOR SHAASTRIC STUDIES AND**  
**RESEARCH IN LAW (CSSRL)**



*Innovation in Law by Exploring Shaastric Wisdom*

Organizes

**JusManthan Meemamsa**

**आ नो भद्राः क्रतवो यन्तु विश्वतः**

(Let Noble Thoughts Come to us from Everywhere)



**A Two-Day International Seminar on**

**“LAW AND DHARMA: EXPLORING GLOBULARITY OF  
INDIC PERSPECTIVES”**



# About the University

Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur (MNLU, Nagpur) was established by the Government of Maharashtra by way of enactment known as the Maharashtra National Law University Act (Maharashtra Act No. VI of 2014). Hon'ble Shri Justice Bhushan R. Gavai, Judge, Supreme Court of India, is the Chancellor of the University. It is a residential University engaged in teaching and promoting research in law and allied disciplines. The University been recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the University received necessary affiliation from the Bar Council of India (BCI), and it is also a member of Association of Indian Universities (AIU). The objectives of the University are manifold: to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of law and legal processes and their role in national development; to develop sense of responsibility within the students and research scholars; to serve society in the field of law by developing skills in regard to advocacy, legal services, legislation, law reforms and the likes; to organize lectures, seminars, symposia, conferences and capacity building programmes; to promote legal knowledge and to make law and legal processes efficient instruments of social justice and development; to promote traditional, cultural, legal and ethical values with a view to promote and foster the rule of law and the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of India; and to liaison with institutions of higher learning and research in India and abroad. The University has established thirty-one centres for advanced legal studies and research to address the socio-legal issues and challenges, and to conduct cutting-edge research on thriving issues of law, social science, humanities, and management.

# About Centre for Shaastric Studies and Research in Law (CSSRL)

The University established CSSRL to promote quality teaching-learning pedagogy and research in Indic studies. Through the Centre, the University offers certificate courses, and undertakes research activities to develop the necessary literature and understanding of the interface between Shaastras and modern law in association with Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek.

## VISION

“Innovation in Law by Exploring Shaastric Wisdom”

The Centre is dedicated to promote legal and justice education, lawmaking process, legal and factual inquiries, argumentation, interpretation, and justice dispensation by exploring the Indic jurisprudence in the context of modern legal studies.

## MISSION

To explore Indic knowledge, create novel expertise, and develop resources compatible with contemporary socio-legal issues.



# ***“JusManthan” – The Research Brand of CSSRL***

CSSRL formalises its research activities by according a nomenclature to its vision, objectives and creating a brand of its own – “JusManthan”. ‘Jus’ is a Latin word which means law as a system/aggregate/a whole; and ‘Manthan’ literally means brainstorming/churning. This nomenclature is a Sva-Sangna or a term designed to suit the intended meaning. Going by the fusion of disciplines that CSSRL creates and provides platforms for, this name of a fusion character resonates with the vision of CSSRL. The vision of CSSRL’s JusManthan finds inspiration from the Rig Vedic mantra of “Aa no bhadraaha krtavo yantu vishwatah” which means “Let noble thoughts come to us from everywhere” which has been adopted as a value statement of JusManthan. ‘Meemamsa’ means reflections, discussions or critical investigation. Research endeavours in the form of seminars on identified themes of academic importance and practical relevance lie at the core of every research center. Seminar is the perfect pilot activity for inducting research on a pre-identified area of research as it creates a platform for the meemamsa of a given subject through presentation of organised knowledge. It enables the pooling of various reflections and dimensions on a specific topic that can be further probed for deeper understanding of the subject. JusManthan Meemamsa is the title under which CSSRL formalises its research endeavours in the form of modern-day seminars.



# About the Seminar

All quests of human life are directed towards fulfillment of material or spiritual pursuits. These pursuits may translate into attainment of goals, desires, happiness, liberation etc. What sets human lives apart from other forms of life is the observance of a 'way of life' in our material and spiritual affairs. In our time-tested Indic intellectual heritage, this 'way of life' has been identified under the idea of 'Dharma'. Our society is known to have existed in an ideal statelessness owing to the consonance and conformity to the principles of 'Dharma'. This word which has received multiple interpretations, has been derived from the root 'Dhr' which means to uphold, support and nourish. It is that which provides a foundation for life, existence, happiness and liberation.

One of the connotations of this term peculiar in the context of law which is widely accepted by the scholars of this domain is that of 'duty'. The Indic society had always been a duty-based society until the revolution of rights replaced this approach. Dharma - as duty is studied in Indic literature in various contexts like aacharah, aashram, vyavahaarah, rajadharmah etc. The notions and nuances of this concept has lead the society to develop multiple ideas of ethics, virtues, morality and law.



As the relevance of the concept of Dharma came to be identified in modern day and age, it began assuming importance as a theory potent with principles for regulating the ethical and virtue jurisprudence that have the potential to modify the state's approach towards positive laws. Today, we are at a juncture in the revival and advancement of Indic Knowledge Systems where 'Dharmoprudence' has become an integral facet of jurisprudence. As a society, to find our path on the lines of 'Yato dharmah tato jayah' (where there is dharma, there is victory) we need to do a manthan of the Indic and global perspectives of dharma in the light of law and jurisprudence. CSSRL, as a research centre dedicated to exploring Indic intellectual heritage for innovations in law recognizes it to be its duty to promote the development of a scientific temper, spirit of inquiry, humanism and reform in this crucial exercise and create a platform to deliberate upon the various perspectives of Law and Dharma for the benefit of the society.



# Theme: "Law and Dharma: Exploring Globularity of Indic Perspectives"

## SUB-THEME 1: DHARMA: IDEAS AND INTERPRETATIONS

- Functions of Dharma in a Changing Society and a Globalizing World
- Sources of Dharma and Challenges in their Interpretation
- Dharmasutra Narratives for Modern Jurisprudence
- Dharma: Common Misconceptions and Comparative Perspectives

## SUB-THEME 2: DHARMA AND THE INDIVIDUAL

- Conscience, Conduct, Individuality and Dharma
- Principles of Dharma for Reasoning, Critical Thinking and Scientific Temperament
- Foundations of Law and Dharma for Human Behavior
- Role and Utility of Dharma as a Purushartha in Promoting Humanism and Reform

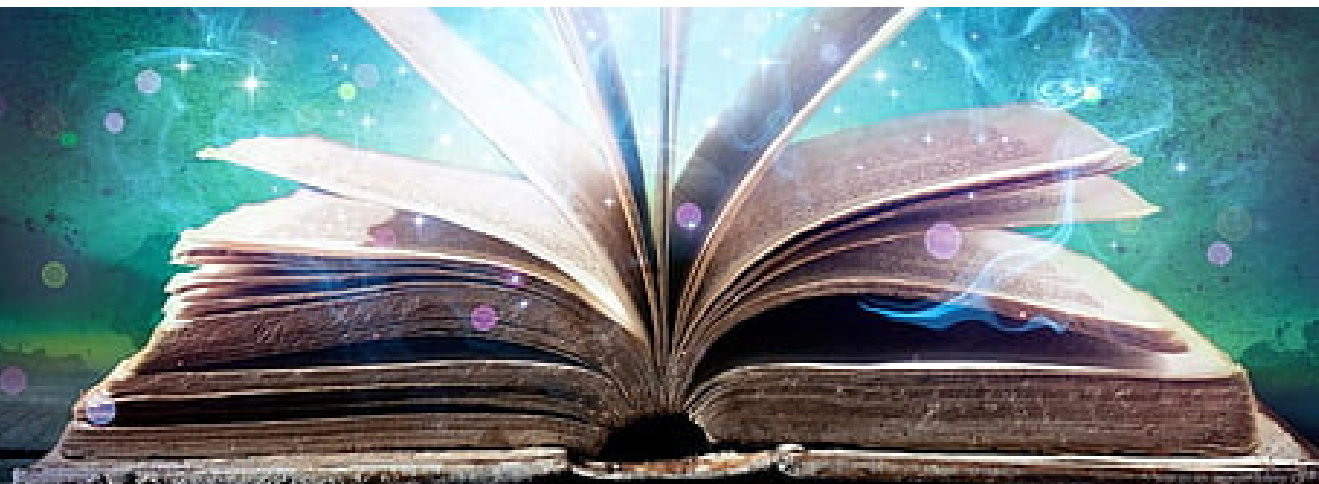
## SUB-THEME 3: DHARMA AND THE STATE

- Facets of Dharma for Constitution and Constitutionalism
- Social Progress, Religious Practices and Legal Control
- Foundations of Dharma for Reforms in a Welfare State and International Relations
- Criminology, Victimology, Social Justice and Dharma

## SUB-THEME 4: DHARMA AND THE CURRENT LEGAL FRAMEWORK: REVISITING JURISPRUDENCE

- Indic Approach for Global Environmental Sustenance.
- Dharma and Progressive Gender Laws
- Principles of Dharma for Evidence and Judicial Inquiries
- Dharma and Violence: War and Peace Negotiations
- Role of International Organizations in Protection of Dharma

**The sub-themes mentioned above are illustrative and not exhaustive. Papers that strike practical relevance of the Indic Knowledge Systems to modern discipline of law and demonstrate the utility of Indic knowledge for contemporary issues and problems of law shall be preferred. Selected papers from this seminar are proposed to be published.**



## **A Venture of the CSSRL's IKS Research Project**

**The Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Division of Ministry of Education (MoE) at All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) envisions the promotion of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research on all aspects of IKS, updating and disseminating IKS knowledge for further innovations and societal applications. MNLU, Nagpur's CSSRL – a multidisciplinary research centre with the vision of *'Innovation in Law by Exploring Shaastric Wisdom'* is one of the awardees of the Research Proposals Programme of IKS Division.**





# Call for Papers

WE CORDIALLY INVITE STUDENTS, RESEARCHERS, FACULTIES, ACADEMICIANS, MEMBERS OF THE BAR AND BENCH, PROFESSIONALS AND STAKEHOLDERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO ENGAGE IN THIS RESEARCH ENDEAVOR OF **JUSMANTHAN MEEMAMSA ON “LAW AND DHARMA: EXPLORING GLOBULARITY OF INDIC PERSPECTIVES”** BY SUBMITTING THEIR ABSTRACTS OF RESEARCH PAPERS ON THE SUB-THEMES OF THIS INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR. CO-AUTHORSHIP IS ALLOWED UP TO MAXIMUM TWO CO-AUTHORS FOR A PAPER.

## Procedure for Submission of Abstracts

An abstract of 250-300 words is expected and should be accompanied by the following details:

- Sub-Theme
- Title of the Abstract
- Name of the Author(s)
- Official Designation/Institutional Details
- E-mail Address
- Postal Address and Contact Number

The abstracts are required to be e-mailed to ***jusmanthan.cssrl@gmail.com***. The subject line of the e-mail should read: Abstract Submission for JusManthan Meemamsa on ‘Law and Dharma: Exploring Globularity of Indic Perspectives’.

# Guidelines for Submission of Papers

The author(s) of the selected abstracts will submit their papers observing the following guidelines:

- The title of the paper should be followed by the Name, Designation, Institutional Affiliation, E-mail Address and Contact Number
- The paper should be submitted in MS Word (Compatibility Mode)
- The paper should be in single column layout.
- There should be 1 inch margin from all sides.
- The font used should be Times New Roman
- Font size for the content should be 12 and for footnotes it should be 10.
- There should be single spacing between the text
- the alignment of the text should be justified.
  
- All submissions should be the original work of the author(s) and should not have been submitted for publication/published elsewhere in any form.
- Selected papers are to be e-mailed to [jusmanthan.cssrl@gmail.com](mailto:jusmanthan.cssrl@gmail.com) and the subject line of the e-mail should read: Research Paper Submission for JusManthan Meemamsa on 'Law and Dharma: Exploring Globularity of Indic Perspectives'.





## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Date of Official Notification** November 3, 2022
- **Last Date for Submission of Abstracts** December 25, 2022
- **Notification of Selection of Abstracts** December 27, 2022
- **Last Date of Registration and Fee Payment** December 30, 2022
- **Last Date for Submission of Papers** January 15, 2023
- **Date of Seminar** January 19 and 20, 2023

## REGISTRATION

### INDIAN NATIONALS

**Students and Research Scholars** INR 1200/-  
**Co-Authorship** INR 1500/-

**Faculty, Academicians, and Professionals** INR 2200/-  
**Co-Authorship** INR 2500/-

### FOREIGN NATIONALS

**Students and Research Scholars** USD 30/-  
**Co-Authorship** USD 35/-

**Faculty, Academicians, and Professionals** USD 40/-  
**Co-Authorship** USD 45/-

## ACCOMMODATION

Organisers shall provide accommodation on a shared basis to those who need it, at the rate of 800/-. If an arrangement for accommodation is required then the organising committee is to be informed in advance by the participants, so that the necessary arrangements can be made conveniently.

## **PATRON**

Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar

## **ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

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