



One Day E-Conference on **ELDERLY WOMEN AND LAW: RIGHTS, CARE AND DIGNITY**

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Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

In Collaboration with
Madhyanchal Sociological Society (MSS)
Madhya Pradesh

About : The Dharmashastra National Law University

Dharmashastra National Law University (DNLU), Jabalpur, established in 2018 by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, is a premier institution dedicated to excellence in legal education and research. As a National Law University, DNLU offers a dynamic academic environment that integrates rigorous legal training with interdisciplinary and socio-legal perspectives. The University strives to nurture competent legal professionals, scholars, and policymakers committed to justice, constitutional values, and social transformation.



About : The Centre for Socio-Legal Studies and Research

The Centre for Socio-Legal Studies and Research (CSLSR) is a recently constituted an academic and research-oriented centre dedicated to the study of law in its social context. It serves as a platform for interdisciplinary engagement, promoting scholarly research, dialogue, and knowledge dissemination on contemporary legal and social issues. Through academic activities, research initiatives, and collaborative programmes, the Centre seeks to contribute to a deeper understanding of law, justice, and social change.

About : The Madhyanchal Sociological Society

The Madhyanchal Sociological Society (MSS) is an academic body based in Madhya Pradesh that seeks to promote the study and understanding of society through sociological research and scholarly engagement. It provides a common platform for sociologists, academicians, researchers, practitioners, and students to exchange ideas and discuss social issues relevant to the region, while also engaging with broader national and global sociological perspectives.

About : The Conference

In celebration of International Women's Day, this conference provides a platform to discuss the rights, care, and dignity of elderly women. It brings together scholars, researchers, practitioners, and students to examine legal, social, and policy frameworks, highlight challenges faced by elderly women, and explore solutions that promote justice, empowerment, and well-being. Through interdisciplinary dialogue, the conference aims to contribute to policy reforms and social awareness in line with the principles of gender equality and women's rights.

Theme of the Conference

Elderly Women and Law: Rights, Care and Dignity

Ageing is a gendered experience, and elderly women often face compounded disadvantages arising from social norms, economic dependency, health vulnerabilities, and unequal access to legal protections. Despite constitutional guarantees and evolving legal frameworks, many elderly women continue to experience neglect, abuse, insecurity, and exclusion from decision-making processes. The theme "***Elderly Women and Law: Rights, Care and Dignity***" seeks to critically examine the legal, social, and policy dimensions affecting elderly women, with a focus on ensuring substantive rights, adequate care, and dignified living in later life. It invites interdisciplinary engagement to explore gaps in existing laws, challenges in implementation, and pathways for strengthening legal and institutional responses to safeguard the dignity and well-being of elderly women.

We are glad to invite Academicians, Policy Makers & Regulators, Research scholars, Students and Social Scientists for a one-day interdisciplinary E-Conference on "***Elderly Women and Law: Rights, Care and Dignity***"

Objectives of the Conference

- Examine legal rights, protections, and social security for elderly women.
- Address issues of care, neglect, and abuse.
- Explore gendered aspects of ageing, dignity, and autonomy.
- Promote interdisciplinary dialogue and policy solutions for their welfare.

Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced understanding of legal and social challenges faced by elderly women.
- Identification of gaps in law, policy, and implementation.
- Recommendations for improved care, protection, and empowerment.
- Promotion of research collaboration and policy advocacy for elderly women's rights.

Thematic Options

THEME I: RIGHTS, IDENTITY, AND LEGAL STATUS OF ELDERLY WOMEN

Sub-Themes:

- Constitutional guarantees and the right to live with dignity
- Legal identity, autonomy, and decision-making capacity
- Age, gender, and intersectional discrimination
- Access to justice and legal aid for elderly women
- International human rights standards on ageing and women

THEME II: CARE, FAMILY, AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Sub-Themes:

- Changing family structures and elderly women's care
- Legal duties of children, caregivers, and the State
- Neglect, abandonment, and emotional abuse
- Community-based care and institutional support
- Ethics of care and intergenerational responsibility

THEME III: ECONOMIC SECURITY, PROPERTY, AND LIVELIHOODS

Sub-Themes:

- Property, inheritance, and succession rights
- Economic dependence and financial abuse
- Pensions, social security, and welfare entitlements
- Informal labour, unpaid care work, and ageing women
- Poverty, widowhood, and economic vulnerability

THEME IV: VIOLENCE, HEALTH, AND DIGNITY IN OLD AGE

Sub-Themes:

- Domestic violence and elder abuse against women
- Health rights, geriatric care, and mental well-being
- Consent, guardianship, and end-of-life decision-making
- Institutional abuse and State accountability
- Ensuring dignity, privacy, and bodily autonomy



Call for Research Papers

The Conference invites original research papers, doctrinal and empirical studies, case analyses, and policy-oriented submissions from academicians, Faculty members, researchers, practitioners, and students. Interdisciplinary perspectives are encouraged. Selected papers may be considered for publication, subject to review.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

- Abstract Topic: abstracts must be allocated to a specific Theme, Topic and Sub-Topic.
- Use Times New Roman 12-point font, double spaced. References may be single spaced.
- Abstract title: limited to 15–20 words in UPPER CASE
- Abstract: 250–300 words
- Keywords: 5–6 words
- Through Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/UJPrZJk1BtTB9ahHA>

Certificate & Paper Publication

1. Selected papers will be published in an Edited Book with an ISBN.
2. All the presenters and attendees will be awarded the Certificate of Paper Presentation & Certificate of Participation respectively.

Paper Submission Guidelines

- Papers must be **original and unpublished**.
- **Abstract:** 200–250 words with **3–5 keywords**.
- **Full paper length:** 3,000–3500 words.
- **Format:** APA 7th Edition, Times New Roman, 12 pt, double-spaced.
- **Author details** on a **separate cover page** (for blind review).
- **File format:** MS Word (.doc/.docx) only.
- Papers will be **peer-reviewed**.

Important Dates

Last date of Abstract Submission	04 March 2026
Last Date for Payment of Registration Fee	04 March 2026
Notification of Acceptance	06 March 2026
Full Paper Submission	30 April 2026
Date of Conference	08 March 2026

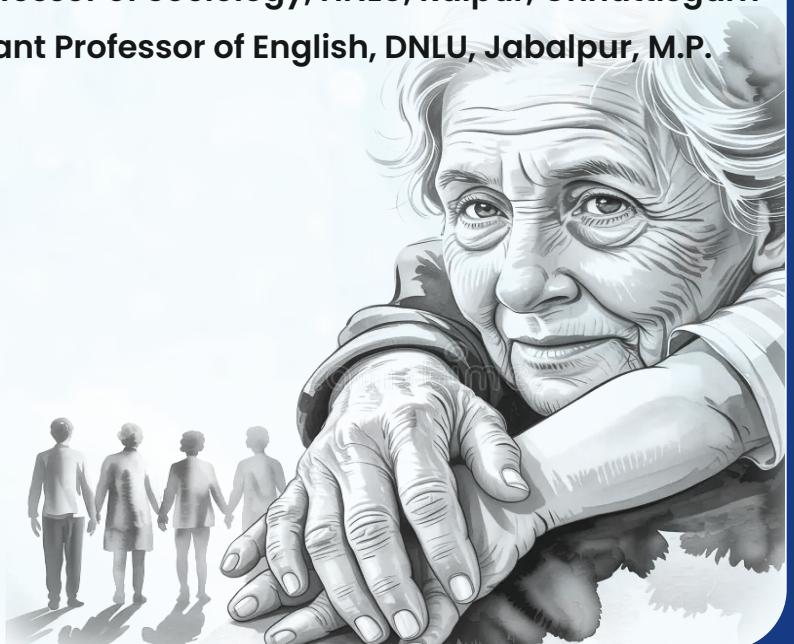
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Category	Registration Fees	SCAN TO PAY
Academicians/Faculty Members	199 INR	
Research scholars/Students (UG/PG)	99 INR	
Industry Experts/Practitioners/Legal and Policy Professionals	199 INR	

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