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1st HNU National Conference on Energy Law

Empowering India's Energy Future Navigating the Legal Landscape

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About HNLU >>

Hidayatullah National Law University, a premier institute for legal education and research is celebrating its 20th Year of establishment. The University's motto, 'Dharma Sansthapanartham,' translates to 'for the sake of establishing the primacy of laws of eternal values.' In line with this ethos, HNLU strives to provide advanced legal education that shapes students into more than just legal professionals; it instils in them a profound responsibility to contribute to the society.

The University has launched several innovative programmes in the last few years like Lex Osmose, Ex Arca, HNLU Press, Sui Generis, HEXA, HAAI and R-HaS.

About CSERC >>

The Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (CSERC) was established by the Government of Chhattisgarh to regulate the electricity sector within the State. Operating since August 23, 2002, under the Electricity Act, 2003, its main goal is to ensure fairness, efficiency, and transparency in the industry while safeguarding consumer interests, promoting competition, and supporting sectoral growth.

CSERC's functions encompass tariff determination, electricity procurement regulation, facilitating intra-state transmission, licensing, promoting renewable energy, dispute resolution, enforcing service standards, specifying the State Grid Code, and advising the State Government on promotion of competition, promotion of investment, efficiency and economy in activities of electricity industry. The Commission's mission centers on providing accessible quality power to Chhattisgarh's residents while ensuring affordability and commercial viability. It aims to enhance efficiency, competition, and consumer satisfaction in the electricity sector, fostering investment in thermal, hydel, and renewable energy resources with a commitment to environmental sustainability. CSERC is pivotal in regulating and overseeing Chhattisgarh's electricity industry, ranging from tariff regulation to promoting renewable energy. Its mission underscores a commitment to reliable, affordable, and high-quality electricity services for all consumers in the State.

About The Conference

“Empowering India's Energy Future - Navigating the Legal Landscape” is a conference that aims to highlight the vitality of energy laws in India's journey towards an energy prosperous future which shall quintessentially require a flawless regulatory structure. The conference will focus on various aspects of energy law, including licensing, transmission, distribution, and regulatory enforcement hurdles, while also focussing on intersection of energy laws with other disciplines like environment, human rights, and development goals, the possibilities of which are ever-evolving.

India is one of the fastest-growing economies in the world and has ambitious plans to achieve energy security and reduce carbon emissions. India has committed to achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including ensuring access to affordable and clean energy for all, and taking responsible action towards tackling climate change. Also, 'Energy Transition' and 'Environment and Climate Sustainability' are focus areas for India in the G20 which further accentuates the thematic relevance of the discourse.

The conference will also cover emerging areas of energy sector, including the legal implications of using new technologies in the sector, including blockchain, artificial intelligence, and the internet of things. In addition, the conference will also highlight the social and environmental aspects of energy law, including ensuring access to energy for marginalized communities and mitigating the negative impacts of energy projects on the environment. This is predominantly relevant to sustainable development, as it is important to ensure that all communities, especially marginalized ones, have access to clean and affordable energy.

The conference will bring together researchers, academics, jurists, legal experts, policy wonks, and industry leaders to deliberate upon various conundrums related to energy jurisprudence in India. By bringing together experts from the field, this conference aims to deliver a discourse on comprehensive understanding of the legal landscape of India's energy sector and empower stakeholders to navigate the challenges and opportunities of building a sustainable and prosperous energy future. Especially Chhattisgarh, being in the heart of India, is an energy surplus state and has the capability of paving the path for burgeoning energy jurisprudence in the country and beyond. However, achieving these goals necessitates the navigation of a complex-yet-practical legal landscape, and this conference aims to provide insights into the challenges and opportunities in doing so.

SUB-THEMES

Falling within the broad theme of the conference, are the following sub-themes:

- ◆ **Energy and Environment**
- ◆ **Energy and SDGs**
- ◆ **Energy & Sustainable Science/Engineering**
- ◆ **Energy, Human Rights, and Social Justice**
- ◆ **Energy Infrastructure Development and its regulation**
- ◆ **Energy Management**
- ◆ **Energy Economics - Sustainable Finance or Tax**
- ◆ **Energy Sector and Insolvency Resolution**
- ◆ **Energy Security**
- ◆ **Energy Sustainability**
- ◆ **Energy Regulation in India**
- ◆ **Interface of Energy and Technology: AI, Blockchain, smart metering, and 'what-not'**

The themes are suggestive in nature, and authors may write on any theme not enlisted but relevant to the broader theme of conference.

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

Apart from the inaugural and valedictory session, the International Conference will be organised in the following two parts:

Part A: Theme based Panel Discussions

Part B: Paper Presentations in Technical Sessions

WHO SHOULD ATTEND >>

The conference invites wide participation from

- ◆ Energy sector regulators,
- ◆ Legal experts including advocates and law firms dealing in energy practices,
- ◆ Industry representatives including personnels engaged in energy generation, transmission, distribution, etc.
- ◆ Non-governmental organisations dealing in energy justice and advocacy,
- ◆ Researchers and PhD scholars,
- ◆ Academics,
- ◆ Jurists,
- ◆ Policy wonks,
- ◆ Students,

and all energy law enthusiasts.

CALL FOR PAPERS >>

Research papers/articles in English language are invited from academicians, professionals, practitioners, researchers, students of law, social science and environmental science, and other stakeholders on the emerging issues and related areas on the broader sub-themes given above.


One paper from each technical session will be awarded with **'Best Paper Presentation Award'**.

The selected papers based on quality may be considered for publication.

IMPORTANT DATES >>

Event	Date
Abstract Submission	Thursday, 21 st September, 2023
Notification of Selected Abstracts	Thursday, 28 th September, 2023
Last Date for Submission of Full Paper	Thursday, 19 th October, 2023
Last Date for Registration & Payment of Fees	Thursday, 19 th October, 2023
Conference Date	Saturday-Sunday 4 th -5 th November, 2023

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES >>

1. Abstracts should be submitted via the following link <https://forms.gle/PscSBct3kFrjbw1dA>
(Gmail account required)
or scan the QR Code. 
2. Co-authorship is permitted to a maximum of 2 authors only.
3. Please name your attachment as follows: <personal name><family name>_<abstract> e.g. if author's name is John Doe then the file name should be JohnDoe_abstract.
4. Accompany your abstract with a brief author(s) profile of not more than 50 words. (In the same file just below abstract)
5. Abstracts should be based on any of the suggested themes for the Conference and allied themes.
6. Contributors will ONLY be notified in case of acceptance of the abstracts submitted on or before the submission deadline, i.e. 21/09/2023 and an e-mail with a link for submission of full paper will be sent post acceptance.
7. Rejection of abstract will NOT be notified.
8. By submitting an abstract you grant the organisers permission to publish the abstract in hard copy and electronic formats for distribution during Conference.

9. The conference conveners reserve the right to accept and reject abstracts for inclusion in the program.
10. The invitation to submit an abstract or the acceptance of an abstract does not constitute an offer to reimburse travel, accommodation, or registration fee or any allied costs.
11. Presenters must be registered conference participants before their papers can be scheduled into the program.
12. In case of Co-authorship both the authors are required to pay the registration fee separately.
13. In case of Co-authorship, at least one author must attend the conference to present the paper, in case paper is selected.
14. The abstract should be in following format:
 - Main Text: Times New Roman, Font Size 12 & Line spacing 1.5, Justified
 - Footnote: Times New Roman, Font Size 10 & Line spacing 1, Justified
 - 1-inch margins on all the four size.
 - Paper size: A4
 - All submission are to be made in MS word format only.

GUIDELINES FOR FINAL SUBMISSION

1. The final paper should be submitted after the intimation of acceptance of abstract, via link provided in your registered G-mail id, provided at the time of abstract submission after 1200 Hrs on 28th September 2023 till 2400 Hrs 19th October 2023.
2. The final submission shall be concluded within the prescribed deadline.
3. Information once submitted will be frozen and no change of any kind e.g., Author/Co-author Name, Title etc will be allowed.
4. The word limit of the final paper should be up to 4000 words, exclusive of footnotes.

5. Abstract should NOT be included in final paper.
6. Final submission, shall be accompanied with duly filled in and scanned 'DECLARATION OF RESPONSIBILITY & ASSIGNMENT OF COPYRIGHT FORM' to be provided with the communication of acceptance.
7. The citation style must conform to 'The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation, 20th Edition.'

The final paper should be in following format:

- Paper size: A4
- Margins: 1 inch on all the four size.
- Main Title: Times New Roman, Bold, Font Size 14 & Line spacing 1.5, Center Aligned.
- Sub Titles (inside the paper): Times New Roman, Bold, Font Size 12 & Line spacing 1.5, Justified.
- Main Text: Times New Roman, Font Size 12 & Line spacing 1.5, Justified
- Footnote: Times New Roman, Font Size 10 & Line spacing 1, Justified
- All submissions are to be made in MS word format only. Please name your attachment as follows: <personal name><family name>_<FinalPaper> e.g. if author's name is John Doe then the file name should be JohnDoe_FinalPaper.
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VENUE

Hidayatullah National Law University Campus, Opposite Jungle Safari, Sector 40, Uparwara, Atal Nagar-Nava, Raipur - 493661 (Chhattisgarh)

REGISTRATION FEE

Participant	Full fee registration
Students (UG and PG)	Rs. 1500/-
Ph.D. Scholars	Rs. 2000/-
Other participants	Rs. 2500/-

**In case of co-authorship, both the authors shall pay the registration fee under their respective heads.*

***No fee submitted shall be refunded.*

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