

Important Dates

2026

Last Date for Registration **2nd March**

Last Date for Submission of Abstract **4th March**

Last Date for Submission of Full Paper **8th March**

Dates of the Conference **12th - 13th March**



Publication Opportunity

An edited volume of the papers presented in the Conference shall be published with an ISBN Book.

Registration Fees

Students: Rs. 400/- For Offline Mode
Rs. 250/- For Online Mode

Academicians/ Research Scholars/ Professionals: Rs. 500/- (Single Author) For Offline Mode
Rs. 750/- (Dual Authors) For Offline Mode
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SRI SATHYA SAI UNIVERSITY FOR HUMAN EXCELLENCE,
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

(Hybrid Mode)

On

From Dharma To Justice:
Law, Ancient Indian Knowledge
Systems and
Human Excellence

About the University

Mangalayan University Jabalpur is established by the Gazette notification of the Madhya Pradesh Government and approved by the UGC under 2(f) of the UGC Act. Being the first private university of Jabalpur has established itself as a pioneer institute of higher education within the Mahakaushal region. Apart from educational activities, the University is also associated with various social welfare and extension activities.

About the Conference

The proposed National Conference aims to create a robust academic platform for engaging with the evolving relationship between law and society in India. By bringing together scholars, legal practitioners, researchers, and students from diverse disciplines, the Conference seeks to encourage critical reflection on how legal ideas, institutions, and practices have been shaped by India's rich historical traditions as well as by colonial and post-colonial influences. The Conference emphasizes the understanding of law not merely as a set of rules, but as a social institution deeply embedded in cultural, moral, and historical contexts.

Objectives of the Conference

The Conference centers on Indigenous Jurisprudence and Dharma–Nyaya traditions, which shaped the moral and ethical foundations of Indian legal thought in ancient and medieval periods. It will explore traditional conceptions of justice, duty, and social order, while critically examining how British legal epistemology encountered and reclassified indigenous norms as “customary law.” The discussions will analyze the colonial processes of codification and the rise of legal positivism that marginalized Dharma–Nyaya systems, assessing their enduring impact on Indian legal consciousness. Through an interdisciplinary lens, the Conference seeks to evaluate the historical and contemporary relationship between law and society in India, critically engage with colonial legacies, encourage comparative and methodological reflections, and promote the reintegration of indigenous legal knowledge into contemporary legal discourse, research, and pedagogy.

Overview of the Conference

The Conference will be conducted in hybrid mode, allowing participants to attend either physically at Mangalayan University, Jabalpur, or virtually through an online platform, ensuring broader academic participation and inclusivity for scholars, professionals, and students across India and abroad. Structured as a rigorous academic programme, it will feature intellectually engaging plenary sessions and panel discussions aligned with the central theme. Each day will include two plenary sessions of two hours each, chaired by keynote speakers of international repute and accompanied by distinguished national and international experts, fostering meaningful thematic deliberation and scholarly interaction.

Call for Papers

We call for the papers from academicians, research scholars, students and other stakeholders from the fraternity to submit their research papers in the prescribed format on the below mentioned sub themes within the stipulated time. Paper presentations may be conducted in both offline and online modes, subject to the choice of the presenter and approval of the Organizing Committee. E-certificates will be issued to online participants.

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Theme of the Conference

Theme I: Indigenous Jurisprudence and Dharma–Nyaya Traditions

- Concept of Dharma and Nyaya in ancient and medieval India
- Justice, duty, and social order in traditional legal systems
- British legal epistemology and its encounter with Indian legal traditions
- Reclassification of indigenous laws as “customary law”
- Codification, positivism, and displacement of Dharma–Nyaya systems

Theme II: Constitutionalism and Post-Colonial Legal Continuities

- Colonial legacies in the Indian Constitution and legal institutions
- Judicial engagement with Dharma, morality, and tradition
- Continuities and discontinuities in post-independence legal frameworks
- Constitutional morality vis-à-vis indigenous moral orders

Theme III: Knowledge Systems, Power, and Comparative Perspectives

- Colonial construction of legal knowledge and authority
- Marginalization of indigenous jurisprudential thought
- Law, power, and the politics of knowledge
- Intersections of law with sociology, anthropology, philosophy, and history
- Methodological challenges in studying indigenous legal systems
- Reclaiming indigenous legal knowledge in contemporary scholarship

Theme IV: Law and Contemporary Legal Developments

- Doctrinal analysis of Indian legal institutions and judicial reasoning
- Statutory interpretation and evolution of legal principles
- Role of courts in shaping modern Indian jurisprudence
- Artificial Intelligence and Law:
- Use of AI in legal research, case management, and judicial processes
- Legal, ethical, and regulatory challenges of AI-driven decision-making

Rules for Submission

An abstract of maximum 500 words indicating the theme of the Conference with five keywords shall be submitted beforehand within the stipulated time.

The paper shall consist of a maximum of 5000 words excluding Footnotes and References. (Descriptive footnotes are permitted)

The citation style for the paper is the BLUE BOOK 22nd Edition.

Abstract and full paper shall be submitted in soft copy in MS Word. (Font type – Times New Roman, Font Size – Body 12, Heading 14 and footnotes 10 with 1.5 spacing for body and 1 spacing for footnote)

A separate word file shall be submitted containing the Title, Name of the Author (Co-Author if any), Designation, Email and Contact details.

The author/s shall also submit a declaration stating that the work is original and bonafide.

Only one Co-author is permitted.

The research paper shall be sent to law.department@mangalayan.ac.in

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