

National Conference  
on  
**Nation and Nationalism**

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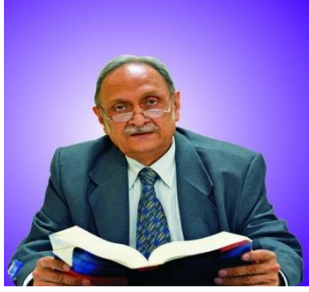
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SGT University, Gurgaon is exultant to organize the ‘National Conference on Nation and Nationalism’ where the insight of scholars from various parts of country will be showered. The event will surely illuminate the thoughts of not only the attendees but who see the recorded proceedings on Legal Bites, YouTube and social media. I am sure it will encourage to do something back for the country that has given them their identity.

Seeing the overwhelming response from the profound thinkers from various universities/institutions of the country on such a critical topic i.e. ‘Nation and Nationalism’, I am delighted the country is moving forward in the right direction. The papers have demonstrated the boldness of the writers, their passion and concerns for the country. The theme and sub themes of the paper were set up keeping in mind the hard hitting scenarios taking place in the country at present and expectations of submissions were kept low. But immense interest shown by the writers on such a daring topic shows how the responsibility of an active true citizen of the country has to be fulfilled.

I am highly obliged to host (a) Maj. Gen. P. K Sharma, Retd., Judge Advocate General (India), (b) Mr. B Naveen Kumar, Joint Director (Law), Enforcement Directorate and (c) Mrs. Krishnamurthy, Deputy Legislative Counsel in Ministry of Law and Justice to chair the conference and all the other dignitaries to present their ruminative visions. Their designations reflect the variety of views which they represent i.e. Defence personnel, executives, professors and many more in the field of law. I emphatically believe that attending the conference will be a win-win for all.

Our partner for this event, Legal Bites has played an integral part in making this event conceivable. The idea of the theme touched off from them only where they wholly took the responsibility to broadcast the invitations/calls for the papers. All the volunteers in organizing the event are thanked from deep of my heart for their diligent work and I wish them all the very best for their future endeavors.



**MAYANK SHEKHAR**

**CEO, LEGAL BITES**

Greetings!!!

I greet each one of you with utmost delight and with immense pleasure welcome you to present and be a part of the National Conference on Nation and Nationalism, 2017 presented by SGT University, Gurgaon.

It is our most humble faith in dedication and hard work that we are progressing and contributing towards social development through the esteemed efforts put in by my team at Legal Bites. I express my most humble regards for Prof. Rajiv Khanna, Dean, Faculty of Law, SGT University for his assent and incessant help and support towards making this National Conference on Nation and Nationalism, 2017 happen.

The inception of this theme was not a premeditated concept. However, the rise of anguish and agitation in the minds and hearts of the youth of this country with reference to the uproar in the Indian democracy and media regarding incidents of Forced Nationalism, Fanaticism vis-à-vis Indian Politics, Internal and External Security Threats, Cultural Emergency and Journalistic Ethics.

In addition, I invite and welcome the presence of our eminent guests – 1) Maj Gen P.K. Sharma (Retd), Judge Advocate General (India); 2) Mr. B. Naveen Kumar, Joint Director (Law); Enforcement Directorate and; 3) Mrs. Krishnamurthy, Deputy Legislative Counsel in Ministry of Law and Justice; to chair the panel for this Conference and guide our participants towards a bright future.

Lastly, I wish my best to all participants, attendees, volunteers, organizers and students who have strived to make this event a successful and edifying opportunity for all. May this Conference serve its purpose and help us realize the real promises of Democracy.

## ABOUT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Patriotism has forever been in the blood of Indians but the first instance of its spectacle was in 1857 when India decided that it wants its independence and respect back from the British Monarchy. This little spark was kindled into a blazing fire amongst the people and a struggle against inequality, conformity, injustice and slavery was instigated.

Various incidents of the revolutionary movement have been fabricated and re-invented several times over in admiration and appreciation of the “favourite” leaders based on the subjective concept of violence and anti-violence. The truth is way beneath the surface of deception and falsehood. However, we have accepted all claims made by newspapers, books and stories, willingly and unwillingly too.

What lies ahead in Modern India is a revolutionary uproar, similar to the one during the independence movements, against crime, corruption and irregularities which are of much significance to a learned and reputable humanitarian society. And now it is sufficiently evident to a sensible citizen of this country that India is going through a socio-political turmoil.

**Forced Nationalism:** It is a well-established fact that “committed patriotism and nationalism” are being instilled post November 2016 when the Supreme Court issued several directives for marking a sense of respect for the National Anthem of India. In addition to this, the Madras HC passed another reformatory order in July 2017 to “play and sing” the National Song – Vande Mataram – that apparently instilled confidence in people.

The concept of patriotism and respect for the country is well embedded in the minds of Indians but such directives including many other instances force us to raise the question whether India is turning into a nation of hyper-nationalists?

**Fanaticism vis-à-vis Indian Politics:** Article 48 of the Indian Constitution expressly provides directive principles for the state to endeavour and initiate steps to preserve and prohibit the slaughter of cows and calves and other milch and draught animals. However this was created to stabilize and enhance the economy of the country; and quite distinct from a religious context that it has been recently interpreted as. There are umpteen numbers of instances where selected fanatics have degraded and disgraced the modesty of the Indian Society and even to the extent of committing savage murders.

In parts of Jammu and Kashmir and other northern states of the country, episodes of lynching by mobs and religious extremists have been reasonably on the rise. This is quite irrationally leading towards an uncivilized and barbaric communal violence, and this by hook or by crook needs to change.

**Internal and External Security Threat:** For inexplicably bizarre reasons India has always been a victim of security breaches externally and communal violence and disturbances internally. Territorial disputes have been constantly in the news since the time of our independence. Countries like Pakistan and China have made several attempts to encroach on Indian soil.

On the internal scale, Naxalites operate in more than 60 districts spread over 8 states, and surprisingly, this is not being comprehended as a grave affair. Human casualty is being estimated at more than 13,000 spanning from 2006 to 2016. That – folks – is a lot of preventable deaths.

In addition, Kanni Jung, popularly known as stone pelting is almost a tradition in Jammu and Kashmir (pun intended). Residents of Kashmir have been insatiably protesting against unjustifiable operations of the Indian Army with mob riots and stone pelting.

**Cultural Emergency:** India is turning rather insensitive and abnormally unruly in its approach towards social governance. Considering events like protests in West Bengal regarding Gorkhaland and the demand for a State Flag in Karnataka quite evidently portray something called a Cultural Emergency in India. Political differences between the Centre and State governments are primary causes of these inevitable occurrences.

**Journalistic Ethics:** The concept of “paid media” and unregulated news coverage is growing relentlessly. Media channels are dominated by political parties, thus, losing their credibility and ethics. Objectivity is overpowering subjectivity in terms of news reporting. It is necessary for a responsible media channel to not fame or shame any person until a judicial trial is conducted. Subjects like media trials are doing rounds in some part of the country or the other at all times. It is now being observed that some news channels are deviating from news reporting in their demeanor.

## **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

India is evidently going through a socio-political turmoil. Its citizens are extremely disapproving of the outrage that is being created in various parts of the country regarding superfluous havoc and fury. The media, both electronic and print, play an integral role in making and breaking news and information for the masses. A revolution is necessary but not one that causes death, anger or pain to another. It is equally important to preserve the integrity of a humanitarian civilization.

And keeping alive the famous quote first used in 1839 - "The Pen is mightier than the Sword" - Legal Bites takes an initiative in association with SGT University in persuasion of revolution through its National Conference on Nation & Nationalism, 2017 to invoke feelings of patriotism and to establish the fact that Indians are enthusiastic about the growth and development of our country, in spite of being disapproving of certain unnecessary regulations set by the government.

Our panel consists of learned and esteemed academicians who have years of experience as Senior Professors and Deans of various National Institutes of the country

### **Theme of the Conference**

Nation and Nationalism

### **Sub Themes**

- Forced Nationalism
- Fanaticism vis-à-vis Indian Politics
- Internal and External Security threat
- Cultural Emergency
- Journalistic Ethics

### **Call for Attendance**

Scholars, Researchers, Practitioners, Academicians and Students are invited to attend the conference on issues related to the above themes.

### **Number of Seats**

There is a maximum cap of 40 participants and seats will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis.

## **Registration:**

1. The Registration Fee is INR 500/-
2. The participants must submit the duly filled registration form via Google Form.
3. A confirmation mail will be sent on approval of registration.

## **Mode of Payment**

Registration Fees should be paid online via Legal Bites Portal.

## **Important Dates**

- Date of Release of Official Notification – 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2017
- Last Date of Registration – 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2017
- Date of Conference: 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2017

## **Transport**

Transportation to and from the venue shall be provided to all the participants from IFFCO Chowk Metro Station, Gurgaon.

## **Certificate**

All the participants will be provided with certificate of participation.

## **Organising Committee**

1. **Rachna S Iyengar** (Student Convener)
  2. **Nihal Rao** – (Guest Coordinator)
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