

ABOUT THE INSTITUTIONS

MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY MUMBAI (MNLU)

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai is established under Maharashtra National Law University Act 2014. Since its inception in 2015, the University has made serious and sincere efforts to excel in the field of legal research and education. In recent years the University has taken long strides in areas of research and has established Research Centres in the University. The prime goal of the University is to impart advanced legal education and promote society-oriented research in legal studies

MAR GREGORIOS COLLEGE OF LAW (MGCL)

The College is administered by the Major Archdiocese of the Malankara Syrian Catholic Major Archiepiscopal Church through the Malankara Catholic Educational Society of the Archdiocese of Trivandrum. Mar Gregorios College of Law was envisioned as a centre of excellence in legal education. The college was instituted in the name of His Grace Most Reverend Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios, who was the second Metropolitan Archbishop of the Malankara Syrian Catholic Major Archiepiscopal Church. The college is affiliated to the University of Kerala and recognized by the Bar Council of India.

ABOUT THE CENTRES

JUSTICE M L PENDSE CHAIR IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

Mr. Justice Madhav Laxman Pendse started his career in law in 1958 as an Advocate in the Bombay High Court. After having an excellent practice in the bar for two decades, he was elevated to the bench as an Additional Judge of Bombay High Court in the year 1978. He was appointed as the Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court on 28th July, 1995. He was a Judge of exceptional calibre and high repute. He stood for principles and values both in professional as well as personal life. Justice M. L. Pendse Foundation has established a Chair in Environmental Laws in his memory. Several outreach activities and awareness programmes are undertaken by the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai under the banner of the Chair.

CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Centre for Research in Criminal Justice (CRCJ) was established to promote and advance national and comparative research and scholarship in the area of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, Criminology, Victimology, International Criminal Law and Human Rights. Key objectives of the Centre include researching, analysing and critically examining the laws, policies, and programs related to criminal laws, communicating the findings and recommendations to the agencies of Government concerned with the same and disseminate the finding through publications, workshops, seminars, and other means.

CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

The centre for environmental studies was established with an aim to inculcate environmental ethos in budding young lawyers. It is dedicated towards promoting environmental awareness, educate students, inculcate eco-friendly attitude, conduct research and disseminate solutions for community issues. The Centre aims to develop skills and best practices for sustainable development and make significant contributions towards environmental protection.

INTRODUCTION

Environmental Protection is one of the basic and the most important prerequisite for the overall development of any country. To protect the environment from pollution and other degrading activities is a moral obligation of human beings because environmental pollution is not only a threat to the health of animals, humans and plants but also a long-term challenge to the existence of the planet Earth itself. Air, Water, Noise pollution, global warming, Acid rain, Deforestation are a few instances of environmental pollution. For the past few decades, environmental law has evolved into the legal system of almost every country in the world. These laws not only tend to address the issues related to the natural environment but also stipulates how humans shall interact with the natural environment and ecological systems. Environmental legal regime brings in multiple layers of regulatory control where the Governments at all levels are active participants.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The national conference of environmental law faculties is a comparatively new and creative initiative with an aim to create a National level network of environmental law faculties so that fruitful interventions can be made with respect to the policies and laws relating to environment. It is the need of the hour to have healthy outcome-based debates on key environmental issues and policies. The conference is committed towards having lively discussions on feasibility and appropriateness on different mitigation pathways as well as highly debateable topics such as carbon neutrality, net zero emissions. The conference will be held virtually on 21st December 2021.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The evolving environmental jurisprudence has brought in a new area of crimes namely environmental crimes. Of late, there had been elaborate discussions and deliberations about the nature and ambit of emerging environmental crimes. It is necessary to spread awareness about environmental crimes and the present and future trends of environmental crimes. With this objective in view, the Justice M. L. Pendse Chair in Environmental Laws in association with the Centre for Research in Criminal Justice organises a one-day National Seminar on Environmental Crimes- Current and Emerging Issues. The seminar will be held on 22nd December 2021.

PARTICIPATION FEES

- Registration with paper presentation/ publication: ₹ 700/-
- Registration without a paper presentation/publication: ₹ 200/-
(Fees will not be refunded)

PAYMENT GUIDE

Bank Details:

- Name of the Payee: **MNLU Centre for Research in Criminal Justice**
- Account No: **8709000100020465, Saving Account**
- Name of Bank & Branch: **Punjab National Bank, Powai**
- IFSC Code: **PUNB0870900**

WHO SHALL ATTEND?

Academicians, legal practitioners, research scholars, law students, Environmentalists, Activists and others may participate in the Seminar.

PUBLICATION OF SELECTED PAPERS

The selected papers will be published in the upcoming Journal of Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai or/and published in the form of a book depending on the quality of the papers and subject to University Policy.

Sub-Themes: Following are the thematic areas spread in various sessions, the themes are purely indicative in nature

1. **Conventional Crimes of pollution**
2. **Trade-related environmental crimes including smuggling of certain chemicals and Wild Life Products**
3. **Pollution and Crime arising out of Improper disposal of Waste**
4. **Forest and Wildlife related Crimes**
5. **Polluting Oceans and Marine Resources**
6. **Polluting Air and Outer space**
7. **Falsifying data pertaining to environmental regulations**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- All submissions must be in the Microsoft word Format with a one-inch margin on all sides.
- The text must be in Times New Roman with font size 12 and line spacing of 1.5.
- Footnotes must be in Times New Roman, font size 10 with single line spacing
- Citation Style: Bluebook 20th Edition style of citation should be followed throughout.
- Word Limit: 4000-4500 words (excluding footnotes).
- Research Papers should be written in the English Language

OTHER GUIDELINES

- All submissions must be original and unpublished work of the author/s and should not have been submitted, accepted or published elsewhere.
- Co-authorship of entries (maximum two) among individuals from the same or different institutions is allowed. Multiple entries same authors are not allowed.
- Articles will pass through blind peer review and acceptance will be subject to the report of the peer review team. Submissions not meeting the requirements mentioned will not be reviewed. The Editorial Board reserves the rights to accept and reject the submissions at any stage of the review
- Citations are required and the links to the citations should be added along with it. Authors may include links of rich media in their submissions as well, including embedded media like Tweets and video.
- Articles found plagiarized will be summarily rejected. Plagiarism > 10% will be a ground for rejection.
- Papers can be presented in absentia also without any additional charges.

DATES FOR SUBMISSION

Date of abstract submission	:	25 November 2021
Date of acceptance or rejection	:	28 November 2021
Full paper submission	:	15 December 2021

Please submit the completed article in word format, along with a short bio including (Name of the author/s, occupation, designation & name of the institution, email id, mobile phone no and contact address).

Please click the link below

[National Conference of Environmental Law Faculties and National seminar on Environmental Crimes. \(21st and 22nd December 2021\) \(google.com\)](#)

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