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is organising

## *National Conference*

on

*One Nation, One Election: Constitutional,  
Federal, and Democratic Dimensions*

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Dr. B.R. Ambedkar  
National Law University,  
Sonapat



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Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, established in Sonapat by the State Government of Haryana in 2012 through State Legislature Act No. 15, stands as a premier institution exemplifying India's commitment to justice and constitutional principles. Strategically positioned with excellent connectivity to the national capital Delhi through air, rail, and road networks, the university maintains distinct advantages over other institutions. The university operates eleven specialized research centres, three dedicated cells, and a Legal Aid Clinic, fostering comprehensive legal education and community service. The contemporary, environmentally sustainable campus integrates advanced facilities with inclusive design, creating an optimal environment for scholarly pursuit and embodying Dr. Ambedkar's vision of law as an instrument of social transformation.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University has established strategic partnerships through MOUs with V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies, University of Waikato New Zealand, and other Prestigious Institutions, fostering collaborative excellence.

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# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

India, the world's largest democracy, is almost perpetually in election mode. With 28 states, eight union territories, and nearly a billion eligible voters, polls have become a constant feature of the nation's political landscape often celebrated as a festival of democracy.

The idea of "One Nation, One Election" has once again taken center stage in India's democratic and policy discourse. The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Amendment) Bill, 2024 proposes synchronising elections to the House of the People (Lok Sabha) and all State Legislative Assemblies, with the stated objectives of enhancing governance efficiency, reducing electoral expenditure, and minimising the administrative and developmental disruptions caused by frequent elections.

Simultaneous elections were the norm in the early decades following independence. However, this alignment was disrupted in the late 1960s due to premature dissolutions of certain State Assemblies and the Lok Sabha, resulting in staggered electoral cycles. Over the years, expert bodies including the 170th Report of the Law Commission of India and the 79th Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee have recommended a return to synchronised elections.

Most recently, the High-Level Committee chaired by Shri Ram Nath Kovind, former President of India, has recommended a phased implementation of simultaneous elections. To enable this, the 2024 Bill proposes significant constitutional amendments, including the insertion of a new Article 82-A and modifications to Articles 83, 172, and 327 of the Constitution.

While the proposal offers compelling administrative and economic benefits, it also raises nuanced concerns about constitutional propriety, the preservation of India's federal structure, the vibrancy of voter engagement, and the functioning of a multi-tiered parliamentary democracy.

In this context, the proposed National Conference will provide a platform for academicians, legal scholars, policymakers, political leaders, students, and researchers to engage in a multi-dimensional dialogue on the subject. The discussions will aim to dissect the constitutional, legal, political, administrative, and socio-economic ramifications of this proposed reform.



# OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

- To critically examine the constitutional validity of the proposed amendments for implementing 'One Nation, One Election'.
- To assess the impact on India's federal structure
- To analyse the functioning of the parliamentary system under synchronised election cycles.
- To explore the effectiveness of civic engagement and voter participation under a unified electoral schedule.

## SUB THEMES

- Historical and Constitutional Context
- Legal and Constitutional Dimensions
- Political and Governance Implications
- Administrative and Economic Considerations
- Voter Engagement and Democratic Participation
- Comparative Perspectives
- Phased Implementation and Transition Strategies



# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

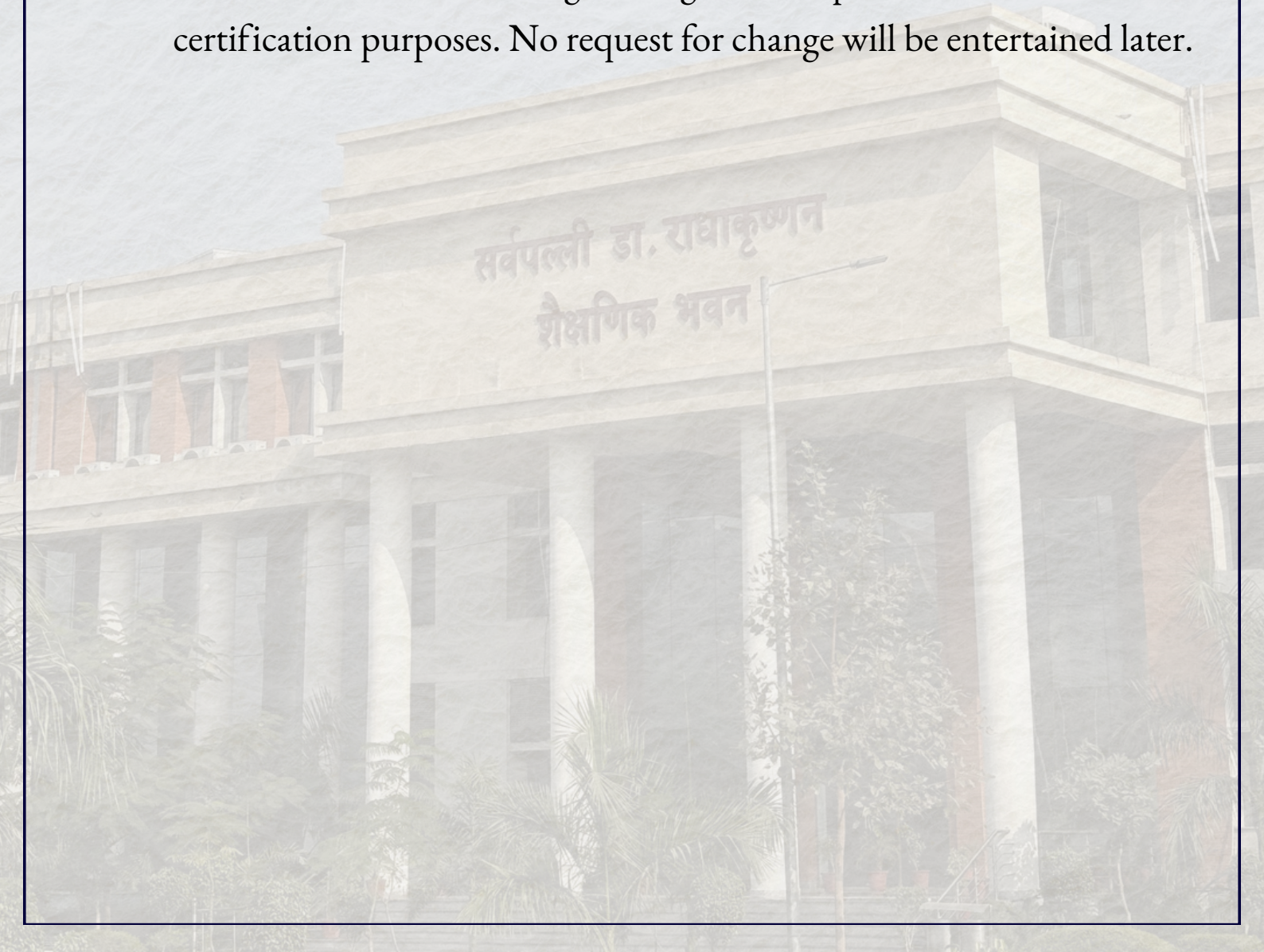
- Scholars, researchers, legal professionals, policymakers, and students are invited to submit original research papers related to the above sub-themes.
- The abstract must be 300-500 words and outline the methodology and tentative outcomes of the paper. It should contain 4-5 keywords.
- The word limit for the full paper submission is 3000 words. The file must be in Microsoft Word editable format (.doc/.docx).
- The citation style to be followed is the Harvard Bluebook 21<sup>st</sup> edition.
- Font: Times New Roman, Size: 12, Line Spacing: 1.5, Alignment: Justified
- Title must be of font size 14, Times New Roman and Bold





# GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Submission must be an original work of the author(s).
- A maximum of two authors is allowed per paper.
- Registration is required separately for every author.
- A self-declaration must be submitted along with the full paper stating that the paper is an original work of the author(s) and that it has not been published/sent for publication anywhere else.
- Selected Manuscripts will be invited for presentation. Presenters are required to submit their PowerPoint presentations along with the full paper.
- The details filled in during the registration process shall be used for certification purposes. No request for change will be entertained later.





# PARTICIPATION & REGISTRATION

- The conference shall be held in a hybrid mode.
- The registration fee for
  - **Category A: Academicians / Professionals– ₹2000**
  - **Category B: Research/PHD Scholars & Students – ₹500**
  - **Category C: DBRANLU Students– Free**
- Registration fee for offline participants doesn't include boarding and logistical charges
- No request for refund shall be entertained after the payment of registration fees
- Participants must pay the registration fee by clicking on the Registration Link below.
- The Abstract is to be submitted using the aforementioned link only.

## Registration Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbfkc1CRuTfsJ1K-nl-cgz-MhSCa92DNg4qnLRWK6pYPttNw/viewform?usp=header>

**Last Date for Registration: 25/08/2025**

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# IMPORTANT DATES

A detailed schedule of important dates is provided to highlight the principal milestones in the lead-up to and during the conference.

25/08/2025

*Last Date for Abstract  
Submission*

1

28/08/2025

*Last Date for Shortlisting  
of Abstracts*

2

25/08/2025

*Last Date for Registration*

3

04/09/2025

*Last Date for Submission of  
Final Manuscript*

4

06/09/2025

*Inaugural Ceremony,  
12 PM*

5

07/09/2025

*Valedictory ceremony,  
4 PM*

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# ORGANISING COMMITTEE



## PATRON IN CHIEF

Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

Professor (Dr.) Devinder Singh, a legal luminary and exemplary academician, has a distinguished career that spans over 25 years. It is marked by his significant international contributions to both legal scholarship and education. His global standing is evidenced by his active participation in prestigious academic forums and his substantial scholarly output. For instance, he was recently invited as a speaker to the Conference on Clinical Legal Education organized by the Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE) at Lazarski University in Warsaw, Poland, in July 2025.

He also presented a paper titled "Students' Perspectives & Reflections on Clinical Legal Education" at the 2nd Asia CLE Conference, held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from May 26-28, 2023. Additionally, his presentation titled "Imperial resonance: The colonial legacy's imprint on India's constitutional rule of law" at the IACL Roundtable in Rome showcased his expertise on a global platform, thereby enriching the international discourse on governance.

Dr. Singh's commitment to the legal and academic community is reflected in his numerous professional affiliations. He holds life memberships with the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies and The Institute of Public Administration, both in New Delhi. He is also a life member of the Indian Law Institute, New-Delhi. His international engagement is further highlighted by his voting membership in the Global Alliance for Justice Education, his membership in the International Association of Constitutional Law, and his membership with the Law & Society Association, Chicago, USA, which he held until 2025. His extensive scholarly work, which includes thirteen authored books and 55 published papers in both national and international journals, provides foundational resources for a global audience of legal practitioners and scholars.



## PATRON

Prof. (Dr.) Ashutosh Mishra

Registrar & Dean Academic Affairs

Prof. (Dr.) Ashutosh Mishra has joined as faculty of law at University of Delhi and has expertise in law, mediation, and public policy, complemented by advanced training in Global Academic Administration from the London School of Economics. He organised three consecutive international conferences on mediation in association with the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee, Supreme Court of India & Faculty of Law University of Delhi, sponsored by the Government of India. He presented paper on Mediation at Singapore International Mediation Centre and Ministry of Law Singapore Government. Also Invited as resource person on academic engagements with University College Dublin.

Dr. Mishra's leadership is further evidenced by his role as an Eminent Educationist and his membership on the Board of Governance for the Sainik School Society, Ministry of Defence, Government of India. He is also a Chancellor's Nominee to the Academic Council at Hidayatullah National Law University and a General Council member at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law. He serves as Project Investigator on key research projects for the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Ministry of Women and Child Development, as well as a project on Mediation and Ease of Doing Business for the Ministry of Law and Justice. The outcomes of this project were highly appreciated and submitted to the Ministry and Parliament. Recognized with the Global Prestige Award 2024 (UK House of Lords) and the Soul of India Award 2023 (UK House of Commons), Dr. Mishra has held strategic leadership roles, including Officer on Special Duty at the Delhi School of Public Policy. His expertise was also sought by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, where he was nominated to an advisory committee for a research course. His work as a Nodal Officer for Vice-Chancellor appointments in Maharashtra further highlights his significant administrative and academic leadership.



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