



**TWO-DAY  
NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**ON**

**CONCEPTUALISING LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND POLICIES FOR  
COASTAL ZONES IN INDIA: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES**



**Organised by**

**CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (CSEL)**

**SCHOOL OF LAW**

**THE NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY, GURUGRAM**

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## **ABOUT THE NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY**

The NorthCap University (formerly ITM University) was founded in 1996, to promote excellence in Technical and Management education by Educate India Society, registered under the Registration of Societies Act of 1860. The University imparts education in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in engineering, management, sciences and law. It is recognized by various government and regulatory bodies for teaching and awarding degrees. The University is approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and recognized by the Bar Council of India (BCI).

## **ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF LAW**

The NorthCap University's School of law (SOL) is amongst the premier law schools in North India and the preferred destination for every law aspirant. In the National law schools survey published in 2017, SOL was awarded 2nd rank in the Northern Region and 1st Rank in the Category of 'Eminence by Global Human Resource Development Centre (GHRDC), New Delhi in the state of Haryana. The school of law is recognized as the best emerging law school in India in the survey conducted by careers 360 published in January 2017. The NCU is offering 5 years integrated BBA.LLB (Hons.) Degree Programme, 3 years LLB Programme, one-year LLM programme with specialization in Human Rights, Corporate Law and IPR and Ph.D. in law with emphasis on clinical legal education.

## **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

The Centre for Studies in Environmental Law (CSEL) at School of Law, the NorthCap University (NCU), Gurugram, invites abstracts for the National Conference on "Conceptualising Legal Framework and Policies for Coastal Zones in India: Issues and Challenges" on 28th February and 1st March 2025 at the NorthCap University, Gurugram. The conference will be conducted both physically as well as in an online mode.

## **BACKGROUND**

Coasts are not just ecologically significant. They are considered to be important because of their productive ecosystems, ability to support livelihoods, capacity to sustain high human population density and their enormous business potential. Coastal ecosystems such as mangroves are linked with high fish production. Small-scale fisheries in its waters provide livelihoods to many artisanal fishers. Coral reefs are also sites of rich living and non-living resources. They are one of the most productive oceanic ecosystems. Mangroves and sand dunes together form the first line of defence on the coast providing protection against windstorm surges.

Existing institutions and legal frameworks may not be adequate to plan and implement adaptive responses for the protection and sustenance of coastal zones and their ecosystems. New institutions and legal authorities may be needed in many coastal states. National legislation and institutions for coastal zone management can and do provide the needed planning. However, legal structures are required further for advance consideration of likely impacts such as environmental impact review by those planning new projects. An accelerated rate of increase in the global sea level also raises the possibility of legal issues pertaining to maritime boundaries and jurisdiction, and transboundary matters. In the worst-case, sea-level rise may result in the total land loss of an island nation; the resulting legal implications, thus, are difficult to predict.

This conference, therefore, can encourage and generate the all-needed prudence pertinent for national, international as well as regional partakers and platforms.

## **SIGNIFICANCE**

It is important to have deliberations on the said theme from various stakeholders, like, the academia, lawyers, judges, and enforcement agencies, etc. to successfully create effective outcomes for preservation and sustainable development of the coastal areas of India. India's coastal zones are important to be conserved and protected as they are home to a variety of ecosystems and support the livelihoods of coastal communities. It is an established fact that coastal zones can help mitigate the effects of climate change and cyclones. For example, mangroves and sand dunes act as a first line of defence against cyclone and storm surges. Keeping in view, the geographical importance of coastal zones of the world and India in particular, the proposed national conference would be inviting prominent resource persons in the field of environmental law and would also invite academic paper presentations from practitioners, faculty members, students and research scholars from both public and private Universities to participate and share their opinions and views on the theme of the Conference.

# THEMES

The major themes for the proposed conference would include but are not limited to the following: —

1. General Legal Framework on Coastal Zone Management
2. Coastal Zone and Marine Waste
3. Protection of Ecologically Sensitive Areas
4. Improving the Lives of Coastal Communities
5. Mitigating Impacts of Climate Change
6. Balancing Development with Conservation of Coastal Environment
7. Corporate Social Responsibility towards Coastal Zone Management
8. Ecotourism and Sustainable Development
9. Judicial Discourse on Coastal Zone Management

# SUBMISSIONS

A. Abstracts for the aforesaid conference should reach the following email: "cselconference@ncuindia.edu", by 6th February 2025, 11:59 pm.

B. The submissions will be adjudged and selected purely on the basis of merit and originality by a team of experts.

C. Candidates will be informed by 8th February, 2025, if their submissions have been selected for presentation.

D. The selected papers, completed in every manner as informed below, should be sent to the aforesaid email by the 25th of February 2025.

E. Each submission should include the following:

- i. It should be between 5,000 and 6,000 words, excluding footnotes.
- ii. The font used should be Times New Roman with sizes of 12 and 10 in the main content and footnotes respectively, and line spacing of 1.5.
- iii. The citation provided should either be in that followed by the Indian Law Institute (ILI) as available at: <https://www.ili.ac.in/cstyle.pdf> or in the OSCOLA style.
- iv. There should not be more than 10% similarity in the main content as well as less than 5% usage of Artificial Intelligence.

F. The submission should be original and not simultaneously considered by any other seminar, conference, journal, chapter in a book, etc.



# IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Deadline for Abstract Submission</b>	<b>13th February 2025 (11:59pm) (extended deadline)</b>
<b>Notification of Acceptance of Abstract</b>	<b>15th February 2025</b>
<b>Last Date of Registration for Conference and Payment</b>	<b>17th February 2025</b>
<b>Deadline for Full Paper Submission</b>	<b>25th February 2025</b>
<b>Date of Conference</b>	<b>28th February and 1st March 2025</b>

# REGISTRATION AND FEE STRUCTURE

Every author whose abstract gets selected should register for the conference after paying the fees through the link provided to them (via email) by 14th February 2025. An author who has not registered for the same, shall not be allowed to make a presentation under any circumstance.

## Fee structure:

### Single authors

Academics: Rs. 1,200

Practitioners: Rs. 1,500

Students: Rs. 800

### Co-authored papers (up to 2 authors including the first author):

Academics: 2,000

Practitioners: 2,500

Students: 1,000

## **PRESENTATION**

The presentation of the selected papers will be both in physical as well as online modes. In case of papers that are co-authored, at least one of the authors should present their paper before the respective expert panel allotted for them. However, the presenters are encouraged to present their papers physically at the NorthCap University (NCU) campus. It should be noted that no travel or other allowances are to be provided by the university. The schedule of the conference including the respective sessions and their timings will be communicated to the authors at an appropriate date and time prior to the conference.

## **PUBLICATION**

Selected papers, after having undergone a thorough peer review, will be published by a publisher of repute from the legal world. It may be noted that there could be slight variations in the published version of these papers in order to meet the criteria of the publisher concerned.

Note: All the participants will be provided with certificate of presentation. Detailed schedule of the Conference will be circulated soon.

In case of any queries, write to us at [cseconference@ncuindia.edu](mailto:cseconference@ncuindia.edu).

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