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**NATIONAL SEMINAR ON
SHIFTING PARADIGM OF
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE
21ST CENTURY**

*“Evolution of the Indian jurisprudence in the
realm of protection of victims belonging to
marginalized communities”*

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NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA

National Law University Odisha, Cuttack (NLUO), established under Act 4 of 2008 by the Odisha State Legislature, is dedicated to advancing legal education, research, and the dissemination of knowledge while fostering professional skills for careers in advocacy, judicial services, and other legal fields. National Law University, Odisha is committed to providing an atmosphere in which academic excellence for the betterment of society and the legal field is the foremost priority for students.



ODISHA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



The Commission mainly inquires into the violation of human rights by a public authority, namely; rights relating to life, liberty, equality and dignity of the individual guaranteed by the Constitution or embodied in the International Covenants and enforceable by Courts in India that issue appropriate direction necessary for the protection of such rights.

The Constitution of India, 1950 was inspired by the aspiration goals set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948. The preamble to the constitution underlines the need to secure to all citizens justice, liberty, equality and also dignity of the individual as important values.



INSTITUTIONS



LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Legal Services Committee (LSC) of NLUO, established in 2012, is a student-run body committed to advancing access to justice for disadvantaged and marginalized sections of society. It primarily focuses on promoting legal awareness and education through extensive legal literacy programmes conducted across Odisha, including in remote and underprivileged areas, thereby enabling individuals to better understand and exercise their legal rights.



CENTRE FOR PUBLIC POLICY, LAW AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

The Centre for Public Policy, Law and Good Governance (CPPLGG) of NLUO drives empirical research on democratic institutions and public policy, partnering with organizations which contribute meaningfully to their cause. It spearheaded the pioneering KHOJ dataset on High Court judges appointed since 1993, now hosted on Justice Hub, which has fueled media analyses and research on judicial appointments, diversity, and transparency. Guided by a vision of policy rooted in data and moral principles, CPPLGG aims to foster transparent governance through stakeholder collaborations, capacity building, and data-driven strategies addressing contemporary issues.



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ABOUT VIDHI

The Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy ('Vidhi') is an independent think-tank doing legal research to make better laws and improve governance for the public good. Vidhi does this through high quality, peer reviewed original legal research; through engaging with the Government of India, State Governments and other public institutions to both inform policy-making and to effectively convert policy into law; and through strategic litigation petitioning courts on important law and policy issues.

ABOUT JALDI

Vidhi started the Justice, Access and Lowering Delays in India ('JALDI') Initiative, a multi-year mission to comprehensively study, understand, and address systemic issues in the judiciary, manifesting in the form of judicial backlog, delays, and lack of quality access to justice in India. JALDI has, through its independent research and engagements, analysed various facets of the judiciary such as court administration, judicial infrastructure, judicial training, budgeting and planning, and the potential for judicial transformation through technology.

MEDIA & KNOWLEDGE PARTNER



Lawctopus, started in 2010, is India's leading online media and education portal for law students and young lawyers. The media vertical, Lawctopus.com, reaches to nearly 4 lakh readers every month. The ed-tech vertical, Lawctopus Law School (LLS), teaches more than 2000 learners every year. With a rating of 93.2/100, LLS' practical, online courses teach skills such as legal research, contract drafting, IP law, and more. On the media site, content such as law-related conferences, workshops, internships, jobs, and career advisory pieces and blogs make Lawctopus the young lawyer's go-to friend and guide.

THEME

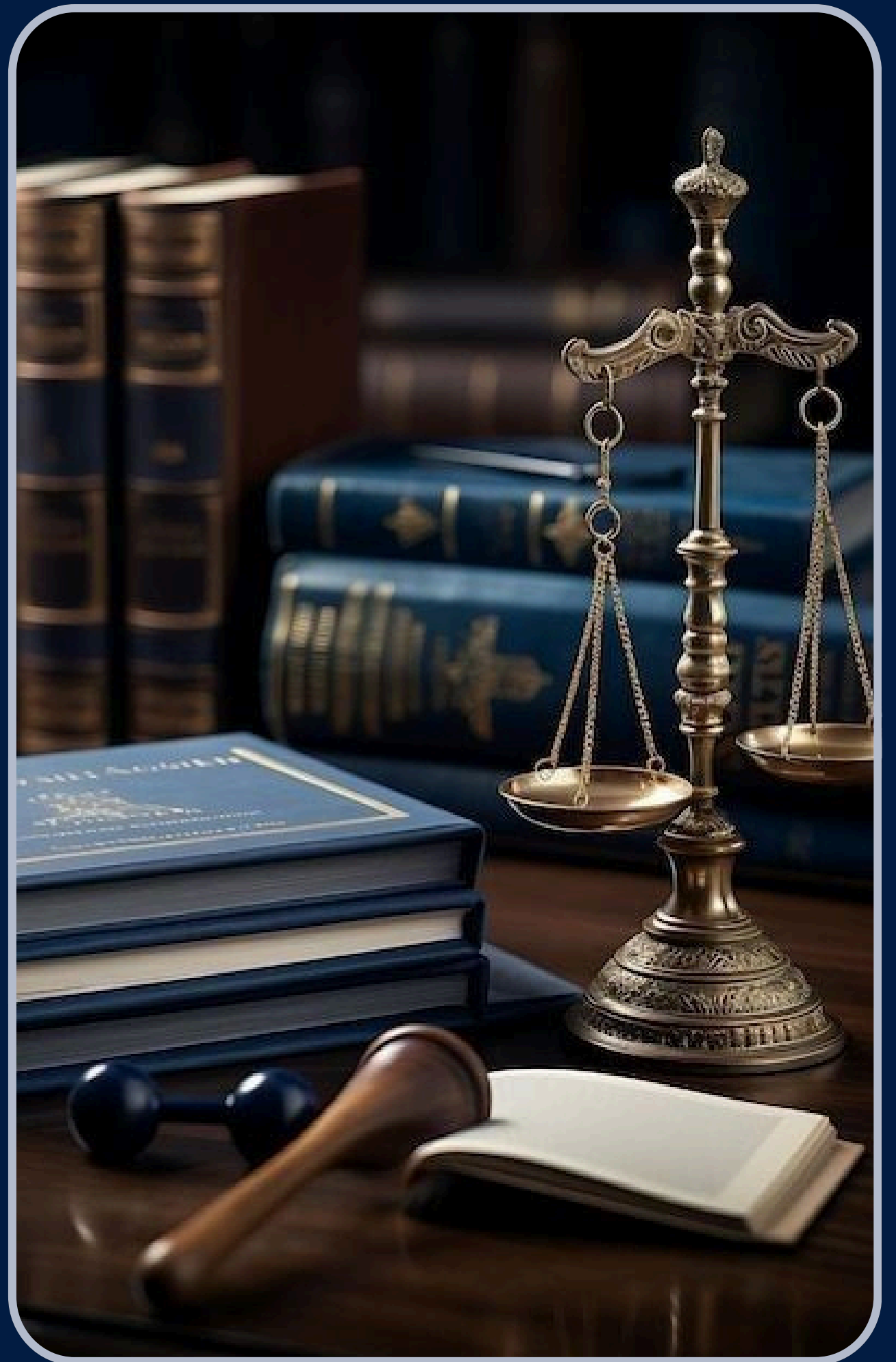
“Evolution of the Indian jurisprudence in the realm of protection of victims belonging to marginalized communities”

The twenty-first century has witnessed a significant expansion in the scope of human rights, moving beyond civil and political liberties to including socio-economic justice, dignity, and inclusivity. In India, this shift is reflected in the evolving jurisprudence by protecting marginalized communities, which includes Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women, religious minorities, and LGBTQ+ individuals. Constitutional provisions, particularly Articles 14, 15, and 21, have been instrumental in this development, alongside India's efforts in aligning with domestic laws and international human rights conventions and standards.

This seminar aims to examine the evolution of human rights jurisprudence in India, focusing on the role of the judiciary and regulatory bodies in advancing substantive equality and safeguarding the marginalized communities.

This will critically assess ongoing challenges in implementation, such as systemic discrimination, limited access to justice, and gaps in policy execution and accountability.

Moreover, the seminar will explore the need for reforms, including stronger enforcement mechanisms, intersectional policymaking, and the use of technology to enhance transparency and accessibility. This will encourage dialogue among scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to bridge the gap between legal principles and rights of marginalized communities.



SUB-THEMES

- **Analysing the role of state to protect victims belonging to marginalized communities**
- **Cyber victimization of marginalised communities and analysis of available legal protection**
- **Indian jurisprudence against the exploitation of migrant workers and labourers**
- **Advancing Equitable Access to Justice for Dalit, Tribal, and Minority Women**
- **Rights of tribal communities during Displacement, Land Alienation, and Cultural Erosion**
- **Judicial Trends in Addressing Hate Crimes and Discrimination against religious minorities**
- **Evolution of Indian Jurisprudence for Disability Rights in India**
- **India's approach towards refugees, migrants and other stateless persons**
- **Socio-Legal analysis of economically weaker sections of society**
- **Protection of child victims of minority communities against discrimination**

Note:

These are only suggestive sub-themes and the participants have the discretion to opt for a different sub theme, so long as it falls under the ambit of legal aid and co-relates to the broader theme of the Competition.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The paper presentation competition organised under the NATIONAL SEMINAR 2026 invites participants to explore the trajectory of Indian jurisprudence in protecting victims from marginalized communities, analyse the role of courts and legislation in shaping victim-centric justice, and critically reflect on the successes and limitations of the current legal framework. The competition will help students think beyond the existing jurisprudence.

Top 12 papers will be selected for presentation at the National Law University Odisha.

The one-day national seminar shall comprise two structured sessions, in which selected participants will be given the opportunity to present their research papers. Each session will begin with a panel discussion featuring experts in the field, followed by presentations by the authors of the selected papers, allowing for academic exchange and critical engagement on the themes of the seminar.

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The Seminar will confer various distinct Citations among the submitted papers, each accompanied by a certificate of recognition.

The following citations will also be awarded:

- Best Paper
- Best Presentation
- Best Speaker
- Top 12 Papers

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Cash Prizes

The Citation holders for Best Paper and Best Presentation will be granted cash prize from National Law University Odisha.

Please Note: Further announcements in this regard will be made in due course.

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Internship Opportunities

The Best Paper and Best Speaker awardees will be granted an internship opportunity at the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy.

Publications

Further, authors of the Top Three Papers will be selected to publish their findings on the official website of JALDI, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy.

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Scholarships

All participants of the event will be awarded 10% scholarship code for all courses organised by Lawctopus Law School.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Paper Submission

The paper should not exceed **3000-4000 words** and must be submitted on or before **11:59 pm, 7th June 2026**. The paper must highlight the structure and capture the essence of the topic. The paper will be assessed and selected on the basis of originality, application of law, and creativity.

All submissions must be submitted in .doc/.docx format to our email id: **nluohrc.nationalseminar2026@nluo.ac.in**.

Style Guidelines:

Body of the paper

- **Font: Times New Roman**
- **Font Size: 12**
- **Line Spacing: 1.5**
- **Alignment: Justified**

Footnotes

- **Font: Times New Roman**
- **Font Size: 10**
- **Line Spacing: 1.0**

Citation: Oscola 4th edition

Other Guidelines:

- **Co-authorship up to two authors is permitted.**
- **When using acronyms and short forms, the full phrase must be spelled out in the first instance and the short form must be mentioned in parentheses. *For example:* K.S. Puttuswamy v. Union of India (“Puttuswamy case”).** These acronyms or short forms must be uniformly followed at all further instances in the paper.
- **The file must be named after the title of the paper.**
- **The similarity index of the paper must not exceed 15%.**
- **The use of AI in writing is strictly prohibited.**
- **All submissions should be original and should not have been submitted for publication/published elsewhere in any form.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Registration	16th May 2026
Deadline for Full Paper Submission	7th June 2026
Selection of Papers	20th June 2026
Submission of presentation	8th July 2026
Paper Presentation at NLUO Campus	11th July 2026

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Eligibility:

We invite students from undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral qualifications as well as practitioners, academicians, policymakers, and scholars to participate in our paper presentation to share valuable insights on the subject and start a dialogue on issues that have not been discussed previously.

Registration Fees:

For valid registration, participants are required to make the requisite payment according to the details as provided. **The participants must fill the Google form and upload the fee receipt before 16th May 2026.**

For Students

Category	Registration Fees
Single Authorship	Rs. 300/-
Double Authorship	Rs. 500/-

For Professionals

Category	Registration Fees
Single Authorship	Rs. 700-
Double Authorship	Rs. 1000/-

Note: The registration fee is exclusive of any accommodation fee that will be required to pay by the participants upon selection. Details of accommodation and fee will be announced after selection of top 12 teams. No travel allowance shall be provided to any participant for such selection.

HOW TO REGISTER?

1. Visit <https://eazypay.icicibank.com>
2. Enter Institution Name as 'National Law University' and click on 'Go'.
3. Fill the details.
 - Email id
 - Mobile No.
 - Amount
 - Student Name (Enter your name)
 - Roll or Enrolment No. (Enter your Roll / Enrolment number for NLUO students and enter 131 for others)
 - Semester (Enter your Semester number for NLUO students and enter 11 for others)
 - Year
 - Payment Date
 - Purpose (Mention NLUO OHRC National Seminar 2026)
4. Once the required data is furnished, click on 'Submit' after entering the captcha and OTP.
5. After the payment, you will get the auto-generated payment receipt, which must be uploaded to the registration form ([link](#)).

Click the link below to Register:

<https://forms.gle/Bjas7AmRbUe3rNVM8>

CONTACT DETAILS

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please reach out to us at: nluohrc.nationalseminar2026@nluo.ac.in

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