



**5-YEAR INTEGRATED LAW COURSE (ILC)
FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**



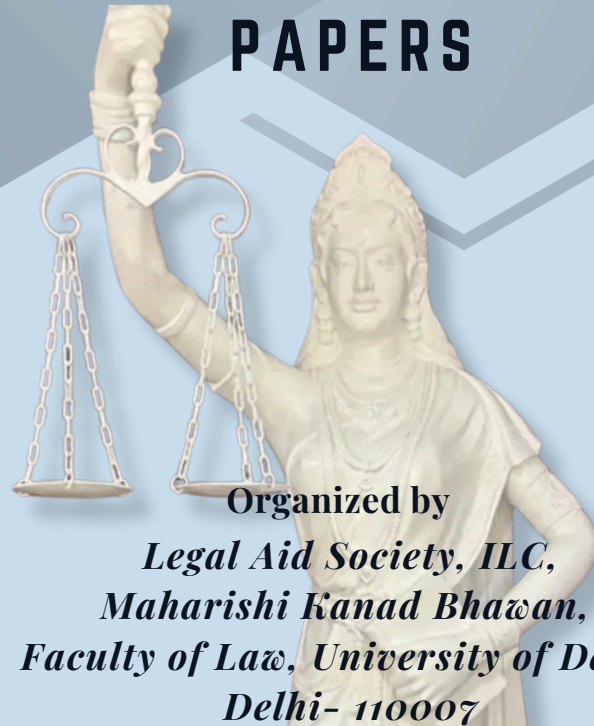
*National Conference
on*

Transforming Access to Justice: Innovations in Legal Aid Delivery

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Hybrid Mode

**CALL FOR
PAPERS**



Organized by
*Legal Aid Society, ILC,
Maharishi Kanad Bhawan,
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ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

Established in 1922, the University of Delhi is a premier institution of higher education in India, known for academic excellence and innovation. With over 90 colleges and diverse programs across disciplines, it fosters intellectual growth, interdisciplinary research, and global collaborations. Renowned for its distinguished faculty and vibrant campus life, DU has a legacy of producing leaders and changemakers. Upholding its motto, "Nishtha Dhriti Satyam" (Dedication, Steadfastness, and Truth), DU continues to shape a brighter and inclusive future.

ABOUT INTEGRATED LAW COURSE

In the centenary year of the University of Delhi (2022-2023), the 5-year Integrated Law Course (ILC) was started under the Faculty of Law which is considered one of the prestigious and flagship programmes of the University. The Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, established in 1924, stands as a tall and renowned institution of legal education recognized nationally as a premier centre for legal studies. With its 100 years of successful legal education, the department has consistently produced influential figures in the legal field, including Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, prominent advocates, political leaders, policymakers, and trailblazers across various sectors.

With the launching of the Five-year integrated law course, the department maintains its status as a top-tier institution, attracting talented students from diverse backgrounds across India and beyond. With a faculty of unparalleled expertise, a multicultural environment, and its strategic location in the heart of the national capital, the Faculty of Law continues to draw exceptional individuals seeking a world-class legal education. The flagship Five-year integrated law programme is successfully running two courses i.e. B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A. LL.B.(Hons.).

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Access to justice serves as a cornerstone of any just and equitable society, ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their socio-economic background, can assert their legal rights and seek redress. However, systemic barriers—ranging from financial constraints and social inequalities to technological gaps and procedural complexities—continue to impede marginalized and vulnerable populations from accessing justice effectively. Traditional legal aid models often fall short in addressing these challenges, necessitating the exploration of innovative solutions. The integration of emerging tools such as artificial intelligence, digital platforms, and data-driven legal services, alongside grassroots legal empowerment initiatives, presents a transformative opportunity to enhance the accessibility, efficiency, and inclusivity of legal aid systems worldwide.

In response to these pressing issues, this national conference aims to convene a diverse group of legal scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and technology innovators to deliberate on groundbreaking advancements in legal aid delivery. By fostering discussions on global experiences and innovative methodologies, the conference will examine key questions that shape the future of justice accessibility. How can technology bridge the justice gap and enhance legal service delivery? What impact do the community-based legal aid models have in empowering underrepresented groups?

Through interactive panel discussions, research paper presentations, and collaborative exchanges, the conference aspires to generate actionable insights that can be translated into policy reforms and on-the-ground solutions. By facilitating cross-border cooperation, it seeks to create a sustainable framework for the evolution of legal aid services, ensuring that justice is not just a theoretical ideal but a tangible reality for all. Participants will have the opportunity to contribute to a forward-looking discourse that embraces both technological advancements and human-centered legal interventions, paving the way for a future where justice is universally accessible, efficient, and equitable.

The Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, under the auspices of Integrated Law Course proudly announces the National 'Conference on "Transforming Access to Justice: Innovations in Legal Aid Delivery." This event aims to explore innovative mechanisms and strategies for legal aid delivery to ensure equitable access to justice for all.



OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

- To identify current challenges in legal aid delivery and access to justice.
- To explore innovative and technological solutions in legal aid practices.
- To encourage collaboration between academia, legal professionals, and policymakers.
- To share research and experiences, promoting best practices in legal aid delivery.
- To design actionable strategies for enhancing access to justice, particularly for marginalized communities.

THEMATIC AREAS

The conference will focus on the following THEMES:

- Challenges in legal aid delivery
- Barriers to access and equity in legal aid
- Addressing gaps in legal aid provision for underserved populations
- Effectiveness of existing legal aid frameworks
- Innovative approaches to legal aid
- Technology driven advancements in legal aid delivery
- Community based legal aid models
- Integrating alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms
- Collaborative efforts of governments, NGOs, and legal institutions
- Digital platforms, artificial intelligence, and machine learning in legal aid
- Online dispute resolution mechanisms
- Virtual legal services
- Legal aid for vulnerable groups
- Legal aid in rural and remote areas
- Social stigmas and legal aid
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Victim advocacy and victim assistance
- Collaborative models for legal aid
- Public private partnerships in legal aid
- Role of universities and law schools in promoting legal aid
- International collaborations to improve legal aid systems
- Sustainability of legal aid programs
- Exploring sustainable funding models for legal aid
- Donor driven initiatives and their impact
- Ensuring long term viability of legal aid programs

These are suggested themes; however, presenters are welcome to submit topics on additional areas that align with the main theme.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Professors, scholars, researchers, law students from universities, lawyers, legal aid providers, public defenders, policymakers, representatives from NGOs, civil society organizations, and international delegates contributing to community justice, advocacy, and comparative insights on legal aid systems.



IMPORTANT DATES

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| <i>Last Date for Submission Abstract</i> | <i>22 February 2025</i> |
| <i>Intimation of Acceptance of Abstract</i> | <i>24 February 2025</i> |
| <i>Last Date for Registration</i> | <i>21 February 2025</i> |
| <i>Submission of Draft Paper</i> | <i>25 February 2025</i> |
| <i>Date of Conference</i> | <i>01 March 2025</i> |

Last date for submission of full and final paper for publication in seminar proceedings is **31 March 2025**.

NOTE

Upon abstract selection, detailed registration instructions shall be sent to the participants. Completion of the registration process by the specified deadline shall be mandatory. The registration fee shall be non-refundable. Accommodation Services shall be provided to all the offline presenters at minimal additional charges. All the selected articles will be published in an edited book.



REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration Fee and Payment Details

| | Single Author | Co Author |
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| Faculty, Research Scholars/ Students of Faculty of Law, University of Delhi | NIL | NIL |
| Students/Research Scholars of other University/College | INR 300/- | INR 500/- |
| Faculty of other University or College and Professionals | INR 500/- | INR 800/- |
| Foreign Delegates | USD 25/- | USD 35/- |

Link for Registration: <https://forms.gle/JqRkYY6udf8fhR2C8>

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

GUIDLINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- Abstracts must not exceed 300 words and should be written in Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing and 1-inch margins on all sides.
- Include up to 5 keywords relevant to the research topic.
- Each submission must include a cover letter specifying the following details:
 - Author's Name
 - Designation
 - Department
 - Institution,
 - Email ID,
 - Contact Number, and
 - Official Address.
- Abstracts should be submitted in MS Word format.
- All abstracts will undergo peer review by the Conference Organising Committee, Department of Law, University of Delhi.
- Selected abstracts will be invited for full paper submissions and presentations.



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

FULL PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The following guidelines shall be followed:

- Papers should be submitted in both MS Word (.doc or .docx) and .pdf format.
- Papers must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere. A written declaration confirming originality and no copyright infringement must accompany the submission.
- The paper should have a length of 7000 to 10,000 words (exclusive of footnotes).
- Co-authorship is permitted to a maximum of 2 authors. Both authors must register, and only registered participants with accepted papers will be allowed to present.
- The final paper should be sent to ilcdconference@gmail.com

Selected papers will be published as seminar proceedings/Edited Book/Journal.

Last date for submission of full and final paper for publication is 31st March, 2025.

FORMATTING GUIDELINES

- The paper shall be in Times New Roman, Font Size 12, 1.5 line spacing, Justified text, and 1-inch Margins on all sides of an A4 sheet.
- The Footnotes should be in Times New Roman, Font Size 10, 1.0 single line spacing. Title of the Submission: Upper-Case, Bold, Font Size 14, Center-Aligned.
- Headings should follow the given standards:
 - Headings: Upper-Case, Bold, Font Size 12, Left-Aligned.
 - Sub-Headings: Title-Case, Bold, Font Size 12, Left-Aligned.
 - Sub-Sub-Heading: Title-Case, Italics, Font Size 12, Left-Aligned, Italicized.
- Citation Format: Please use footnotes rather than endnotes. Footnotes should conform to the Bluebook Citation Format (21st Edition).
- Plagiarism: Plagiarism shall not exceed more than 10%. The paper should not be plagiarized and should be free from grammatical, spelling, and other errors. If plagiarism is found to be more than 10%, the paper shall be rejected. Originality of Manuscripts: All the contributions should be the original work of the contributors and should not be submitted for publication at any other place.
- AI-Generated Content: Submissions containing AI-generated content will not be considered and shall be a strict ground for rejection.
- Copyright: Upon acceptance of your paper, you hereby transfer, assign, and convey to the organizers of the event, i.e. Integrated Law Course, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, all copyright and ownership rights in and to the submitted content.
- Timeline: Papers submitted on or before the designated deadline will be considered for review, no late submission will be considered.
- Selection Process: The decision of the Editorial Committee on the acceptance and rejection of the research paper shall be final.

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