

### Guidelines for Seminar Paper

The authors/presenters should apply research skills and use appropriate research methodology. Research paper should be thematic and not consist of more than 8000 words (4000–6000 words is appreciable). It must be typed in Times New Roman, Font Size 12 on A4 size paper with 1” margin on all sides with 1.5 line spacing using MS Word application. Footnotes should follow uniform Standard Indian Legal Citation (SILC) style of citation. At the top of the abstract and paper, the author should give Name, E-mail, contact number and Name of the Institution.

### Important Dates

Abstract Submission	March 10, 2017
Approved Abstract Notification	March 15, 2017
Submission of Complete Papers	March 30, 2017
Notification of Approved Papers	April 3, 2017

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NATIONAL SEMINAR ON

**CASTE PANCHAYATS, DEMOCRACY AND CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES**

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## About the Organisers

### National Law University, Delhi

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### Dr. Ambedkar Chair in Social Justice, Indian Institute of Public Administration New Delhi

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### Indian Council of Social Sciences Research, (ICSSR) New Delhi

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## About the Seminar

Historically speaking, Indian society is a caste ridden society. Caste Panchayat is a traditional institution existing since time immemorial in almost all over rural India. However, ugliest manifestation of its functioning can be seen in Northern and North Western part of the country. Structurally, Caste Panchayat is an institution formed only by the members of a particular caste and sub-castes. This is essentially a body of unelected members. Caste Panchayat is an illegal and unconstitutional parallel structure to that of the formal Panchayat structure created under 73<sup>rd</sup>

Constitutional Amendment. Being an illegal and unconstitutional institution when it forms a wider conglomerate of Panchayats of multiple villages (known as Khap in northern India) it poses a wider challenge to the democratic structure and the Constitution polity in various ways. Caste Panchayat is not only a social institution but also a political and quasi-judicial institution. Caste panchayats claim legality and justification of their existence by virtue of their antiquity under customary law. However, the legal position is clear. Mere antiquity of an institution cannot be a legal justification for its existence, more so when it reinforces practice of untouchability, and perpetuates caste system and caste disabilities. Caste Panchayat remains the single most powerful institution that determines power structure and power relationship in village society. The institution is all pervasive and determines and affects all aspects of lives of Dalits and backward communities from birth to death. In this background, the proposed Seminar has been conceptualised.

## Objectives

The objective of this National Seminar is not to pass any legal or moral judgment against the institution of Caste Panchayat but to understand its structural and functional dynamics interfacing the constitutional values. The objective also extends to understand social, legal and constitutional nuances and angularities of Caste Panchayats and its overall impact on the rural society. Accordingly, the outcome of the Seminar would facilitate the organizers, participants and other stake holders to make legislative and policy interventions to bring about positive social transformation. This Seminar would also provide excellent opportunity to the participants to put across their own views and exchange of ideas in order to have a holistic understanding on the subject matter.

## Sub-Themes

1. Caste Panchayats and Rule of Law
2. Caste Panchayats and Human Rights
3. Caste Panchayats and Constitutional Values i.e., Justice, Equality, Liberty, Fraternity and Pluralism
4. Dispute Resolution and Justice System in Caste Panchayats
5. Role of Caste Panchayats in Reinforcing Caste System in India
6. Role of Caste Panchayats in Electoral Politics
7. Caste Panchayats and Educational Opportunity : Dalits and Backward Communities
8. Caste Panchayats and Distribution of Natural Resources and Politics of Development
9. Caste Panchayats and Practice of Manual Scavenging
10. Caste Panchayats and Panchayati Raj System under 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment
11. Panchayati Raj System before and after *Rajbala and Others v. State of Haryana and Others* ( Civil Writ Petition No. 6171/2015 decided on 10/12/2015) Judgment

## Call for Papers

Well researched original papers and case studies are invited from academics/scholars, researchers, bar & bench, non-state actors and students. Only one co-author is permitted. Co-author is also required to pay registration fees. All research papers shall be scrutinized through blind review of Editorial Board. All papers shall be subjected to anti-plagiarism software 'TURNITIN'. Selected papers may be published in the form of a book with ISBN number.