



4TH NLIU-INDIA FOUNDATION CONSTITUTIONAL LAW SYMPOSIUM 2026

ABOUT NLIU BHOPAL

The National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal, holds a distinguished position in the landscape of Indian legal education. Established in 1997 through the Rashtriya Vidhi Sansthan Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyam by the Madhya Pradesh State Legislature, it proudly stands as the second National Law University in the country. Since its inception, NLIU has rapidly ascended to become one of India's most reputed and consistently top-ranked law institutions. Its enduring prestige is a testament to its commitment to fostering academic brilliance and producing highly capable legal professionals who contribute significantly to the judiciary, corporate world, and legal practice across the nation.

ABOUT NLIU-MANTHAN

CENTRE FOR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND POLICY DISCUSSION

The NLIU Manthan - Centre for Knowledge & Policy Discussion holds regular dialogues and discussions on topics of contemporary significance. It aims to foster an open environment for the sharing of opinions, thoughts, and ideas, and works towards building that environment. The Centre has been instrumental in bringing important issues to the attention of students and has endeavored to engage with the student community continuously and effectively.



ABOUT INDIA FOUNDATION

India Foundation is an independent research centre focused on the issues, challenges and opportunities of the Indian polity. The Foundation believes in understanding contemporary India and its global context through a civilizational lens of a society on the forward move. Based on the principles of independence, objectivity and academic rigour, the Foundation aims at increasing awareness and advocating its views on issues of both national and international importance.

It seeks to articulate Indian nationalistic perspective on issues. India Foundation's vision is to be a premier think tank that can help understand the Indian civilizational influence on our contemporary society. With a team of dedicated professionals based at its office in New Delhi, the Foundation works with partners and associates both in India and overseas to further its stated objectives.



THE NLIU-INDIA FOUNDATION CONSTITUTIONAL LAW SYMPOSIUM

The aim of the Symposium is to provide a platform for discussion on contemporary constitutional law issues in India. It is open to students, researchers, faculty members, academicians, lawyers and legal experts in the field of constitutional law. The event consists of a paper presentation competition and multiple panel discussions held over a period of two days.

PAPER PRESENTATION COMPETITION

On the first day of the Symposium, a paper presentation competition on the theme of “Intersection of Constitutional Law and Technology” will be organized. The symposium explores how constitutional law is reshaped by the growing influence of technology and the movement toward digital forms of justice. It examines the transition from traditional judicial processes to technology-driven systems, focusing on how digital tools can support fair, transparent and accessible justice. It also considers how technological advancement affects constitutional principles, including privacy, accountability and the protection of fundamental rights. Through these discussions, the event aims to highlight ways in which constitutional values can guide the development of a transformative and rights-respecting digital justice ecosystem.

*** Kindly note that the top 20 (tentative) papers will be selected for presentation in strictly offline mode, and no exemptions regarding the mode will be granted.***



PANEL DISCUSSIONS

On the second day of the Symposium, multiple panel discussions on contemporary constitutional law issues take place, with the panels consisting of highly reputed academicians and dignitaries. Some of the panelists in the previous edition were Justice A. P. Misra (Former Judge, Supreme Court, and Chairman, Legal Education Committee), Prof. Faizan Mustafa (Vice Chancellor, CNLU Patna), Prof. N. L. Mitra (Former director, NLSIU Bangalore and Founder Vice-Chancellor, NLU Jodhpur), Mr. Vikramjit Banerjee (Additional Solicitor General, Supreme Court) and Sr. Adv. J. Sai Deepak (Lawyer, Supreme Court). The panel discussions were held on topics such as “Faith and the Indian Constitution” and “Freedom of Speech and Expression in the Age of Social Media.”



SYMPOSIUM 2026

NLIU, in collaboration with India foundation is set to organize the fourth edition of the Symposium, invites entries for the paper presentation competition of the Symposium, as per the submission guidelines provided below.

Eligibility:

- Academicians
- Lawyers
- Social activists
- Research Scholars
- Students

Structure:

The manuscripts will be subjected to review by the Editorial Board of the Manthan. Manuscripts selected by the Content Review Team will be sent for an external Peer Review. The shortlisting of the top manuscripts will be done based on evaluation of the Editorial Board and the Peers, the confirmation of the participation in the paper presentation competition of the Symposium, the shortlisted manuscripts will be published in an edited book bearing ISBN published by the NLIU Manthan - Centre for Knowledge & Policy Discussion.



THEMES

The paper submissions and presentations by the author(s) must be strictly original, in conformity with the broader theme of “Intersection of Constitutional Law and Technology”. suggestive list of topics has been provided below in order to aid the participants; however, participants are free to include any issue(s) within the main theme:

Theme 1-Transitioning from Courts to Code: Building a Transformative Digital Justice Ecosystem

- E-Courts and Beyond: Reimagining Judicial System in Digital Arena
- Integration of AI in India’s judiciary and Law Enforcement
- Bridging the Digital Divide in Access to Justice
- Safeguarding Data Security and Privacy in Digital Courtrooms and Criminal Trials
- Comparative Approaches in Building a Digital Judicial System

Theme-2-Constitutionalism in the Age of Technology

- Digital Surveillance and Right to Privacy
- Free Speech in the Age of AI and Algorithms
- Safeguarding Electoral Integrity in the Digital Age

Any other constitutional law topic with contemporary relevance in India

AWARDS AND CASH INCENTIVES

To encourage high-quality submissions and competitive spirit, we propose a total prize pool of **₹55,000**, distributed as follows:

Award Category	Amount (INR)
Best Presenter	₹ 25,000
1st Runner-Up	₹ 15,000
2nd Runner-Up	₹ 10,000
Best Research Paper	₹ 5,000
TOTAL PRIZE POOL	₹ 55,000

MANUSCRIPTS

Manuscripts should be within 5000-8000 words. Co-authorship of papers (maximum three) between individuals from the same or different institutions is allowed, The manuscripts must be of a highly analytical nature wherein the author(s) arrive at a definite conclusion on the subject-matter at hand.

- Abstract: Each manuscript must contain an abstract of not more than 300 words. This is inclusive of the above mentioned word limit of 5000-8000 words.
- Citations: Citations must conform to the standards laid down in the OSCOLA 4th edition. Submissions must use only footnotes as a form of citation. Substantive footnoting in the manuscripts is not permitted.
- Kindly note that the word limit is inclusive of footnotes. Strict adherence to the word limit is highly advised.

FORMATTING

The following format must be strictly adhered to for all the submissions:

- Title: Times New Roman, size-15, Bold, 2.0 line spacing, centre-aligned.
- Abstract: Times New Roman, size-11, italicised, 1.5 line spacing, justified, Margins of 2.0.
- Main Body: Times New Roman, size 12, 1.15 line spacing, justified.
- Heading: Times New Roman, size 14, 1.5 line spacing, centre-aligned.
- Sub-headings: Times New Roman, size 13, Italicised, 1.5 line spacing, centre-aligned.
- Footnotes: Times New Roman, size 10, 1.0 line spacing, justified.
- Margins: One inch (2.54 cm) on all four sides.



DEADLINES

- Abstract Submission: 2nd December 2025
- Intimation of Acceptance: 9th December 2025
- Date for Registrations: 12th December 2025
- Full Paper Submission: 25th December 2025
- Intimation of Final Acceptance: 6th January 2026
- Conference Date: To be notified

HOW TO SUBMIT?

Interested candidates can submit their abstracts online via this [Link](#).

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