

Two Days International Conference on
Environmental Law, Governance and Sustainable Development
(17&18 November, 2022)



A Brief Report

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Each session began with the address of coordinator and introduces the session chair with series of presenters. Each presenter was allowed for the presentation of 20 minute (inclusive Q&A round from audience and session chairperson). The Conference owes its success to the able guidance of Chairman Mr. Rohit Gupta, and the hard work put in by the entire organizing team led by Dr. Shobhna Jeet (Convenor) Dr. Inderpreet Kaur (School Coordinator) Dr. Megha Garg (Co-Convenor) Mr. Thomas Monterio, Ms. Shazia Siddiqui, Ms. Gargi Singh, Ms. Deepali Bansal, Ms. Sadhna and Mr. Deepak Gupta (Office Assistant).

Dr. Shobhna Jeet, Convenor of the conference presented the theme of the conference in a lucid manner for the understanding of the audience. Luminaries from the world of research and academics that graced the event included Professor Per Knutsson (University of Gothenburg) Dr. Swati Parashar (University of Gothenburg), Professor Satpathy Maheshwar (UCL, London), Dr. Pankaj Sharma (Hidayattulla National Law University, Ranchi), Dr. Anita Yadav (Law Centre, Delhi University) Dr. Anupam Kurlwal (University Institute of Law & Management Science) Ms. Mahima Kaushik (Maharaja Surajmal of Institute Technology). Annexure 1.

Dr. Megha Garg, Assistant Professor, SOLS and Ms. Shazia Siddiqui, Assistant Professor, SOLS welcomed everyone and facilitated the inaugural session. Dr. Shobhna Jeet, Program Chair introduced everyone about the purpose and objectives of the International Conference. They welcomed Dr. Adish to address the participants, students, and everyone present there.

Dr. Adish C Aggarwala, President of International Council of Jurists, Chairman of All India Bar Association in his opening remarks highlighted the importance of this International Conference on Environmental Law, Governance and Sustainable Development and gave a fillip to research in the area. He applauded the SOLS, KRMU for taking the initiative of bringing together leading academicians, researchers, technocrats, legal practitioners and students to exchange and share their experiences and research outputs on how we can understand and curb the impacts of human behaviours on it. He said as law students one will only be concerned with the environment and its issues when he sensitization relating to the matter comes from within. He asked students to stay up to date on environmental news, read books and other materials, and learn about the issues affecting your own community. It's much easier to talk to others about the environment if you've already taken the time to educate yourself, and education helps one to get a new layer of thought process and perspective on any topic. He also urged everyone to understand the gravity of the situation, he said, "All of history, humans have faced local challenges, but we have never faced such a

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confluence of massive global challenges at the same time. We don't yet have the institutions, the insight, or the moral outlook to handle this set of challenges, and yet they are bearing down on us very fast." He talked about increase of pollution in Delhi and different parts of the country and the role of neighbouring countries in the same. At last he shared his experiences and learnings from various international conferences in different countries and how we can implement their ways and knowledge in our process.

Hon'ble Ms. Justice Indira Banerjee then talked about the history and evolution of environmental law in India and its subsequent growth in the present time (Photo 1A & B). She addressed various legislations, the addition of Fundamental Duties, and duties of each citizen regarding environment is given in our constitution under Article 51A (g). She talked about "Right to clean and healthy environment" the role of citizens, students, especially law students in making clean and healthy environment. At last she emphasised that laws alone cannot improve our environment rather it is the sensitisation of human beings that can help us overcome the crisis of environmental degradation. The minute to minute is attached as Annexure 2. The students and participants enthusiastically participated in the conference (Photo 2)

The International Conference on environmental law, sustainable development and governance came to a successful end on 18/11/22. The valedictory ceremony started by welcoming the guests of the evening by Ms. Gargi Singh. The Guest of Honour of the event Group Captain Praveen Mahajan, Registrar, K R Mangalam University congratulated all the participants on their holistic performance displayed in the 2 day event. He also congratulated and thanked the different academicians who joined us from across the globe to make the event such a success. The chief Guest for the event Prof. Maheshwar Satpathy from University of London, London, UK gave a thorough insight on the present Environmental issues and discussed in detail about the COP 27 which are going on. He also compared as to the how many goals from COP 26 we could complete and how challenging it is becoming to adjust and make new goals in the COP 27 meetings.

The Program Chair Dr. Shobhna Jeet then announced the best paper award complementing the participants on providing such valuable insights on different environmental issues. The best paper award was a tie between Anjali Panwar (Research Scholar, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi) whose topic was "Plastic Pollution: An Impediment In The Course Of Attaining Sustainable Development Goals" and Dr. Misha Bahmani (Assistant Professor,

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ILM Law School, ILM University, Gurgaon) whose topics was "Greener Arbitration: A Way Towards Environment Sustainability".

At last the School Co-ordinator Dr. Indipreet gave a vote of thanks to all the dignitaries, academicians, scholars and participants for their valuable contribution in the event. She also thanked the whole organizing team, administrative staff of the University for Successful conducting the 2 day event.

Objectives

- Integration of the legal corporates community and academicians involved in different areas of materials.
- Presentation of the latest research in the field of materials and its related areas.
- Exchange of ideas and experience of the research and work in Green Constitution
- Identification of new research areas and practical challenges
- Training and development of the academic staff/ Research Scholar/ Industry persons.

Theme/ Sub Theme

Theme: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sub Theme

1. International Water Law and SDG 6: Reinforcing Paradigm
2. Sustainable Energy for All: Interface between Law, Policy and Government
3. Ecology Integrity as a Grund norm of International Law
4. Institutions and Approaches in Environmental law and Cooperative Remedies for Natural Disaster Risk
5. Green Constitution
6. Public Participation in Environmental Decision Making: A Legal Approach
7. Relationship between International Trade and Environment

Content for the event

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Expected outcomes of the conference are:

1. Shared understanding on recent development in Environmental Law and Public Policy.
2. Interactions among various researchers and academicians regarding advancement in the
3. The attendees learned about the interdisciplinary/ multi-disciplinary aspects approach for the optimization of research in the current scenario.
4. Provide a platform to interact with international aspirants in terms of latest research.

Conclusion

A successful international conference on "Environmental Law, Governance and Sustainable Development, lead to an exchange of innovative and remarkable work, ideas and upcoming future scope in the field of Environmental law and Public Policy, Successful implementation of Sustainable Development Goals and many more domains to count upon. Further, various paths of collaborative research work were opened and gave fruitful outcomes in near future in terms of publications. More than 61 young researchers shared a common platform to present their work in form of research papers.

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The Conference Paper Review Committee has accepted only 61 out of more than 80 research paper received. All the resource persons conducted very engaging and fruitful sessions. Total of Four plenary sessions were conducted during the conference and the details of each session are as below Table 1: Annexure: III

Table: 1

Session No.	Session Chair	Session Co-Ordinator
1	Dr. Pankaj Prakash	Ms. Deepali Bansal
2	Dr. Anita Yadav	Ms. Sadhna
3	Dr. Anupam Kuriwal	Ms. Gargi
4	Dr. Mahima Sharma	Dr. Megha Garg

Further, each plenary session was also awarded one best paper based on the various parameters viz, Research, Presentation, and Conclusion, time duration and Applicability to the public at large. All the details of attendees are attached as Annexure: IV. To provide the best paper in the session, the award sheet containing the detailed specification about the presenter was shared with both the session chairs. Based on scores given by both session chairs, the best paper was selected. The details of the best paper awardee from all the sessions are tabulated in Table 2.

Table: 2

Session No.	Paper ID	Presenter	Paper Title
1	1618	Dr. Mishra Behmani	Greener Arbitration: A Way Towards Environmental Sustainability
2	317	Ms. Anjali Panwar	Plastic Pollution: An Impediment in the course of attaining Sustainable Development Goals

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Photo1A: Hon'ble Ms. Justice Indira Banerjee, Retired Judge, Supreme Court of India during inaugural session sharing her words of wisdom with august gathering.



Photo1B: Hon'ble Ms. Justice Indira Banerjee, Retired Judge, Supreme Court of India during inaugural session sharing her words of wisdom with august gathering.

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Photo: 2: Students and participants enthusiastically participated in the conference.

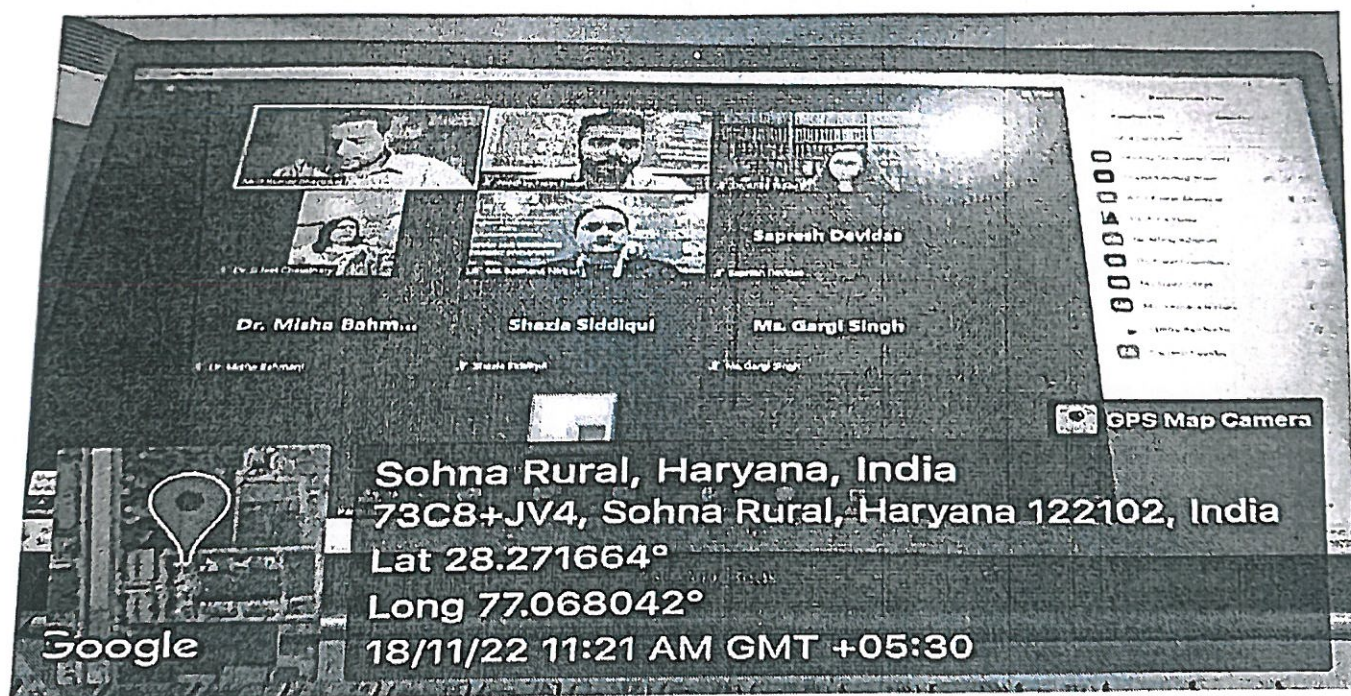


Photo: 3: Technical Session

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चिकित्सकों को विशेषज्ञता साझा करने और एक दूसरे से सीखने के लिए एक साथ लाना था कि भारत और उसके बाहर अंतरराष्ट्रीय पर्यावरण कानून के कार्यन्वयन और कार्यन्वयन में सुधार कैसे

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दिवसीय कार्यक्रम में प्रदर्शित समग्र प्रदर्शन पर सभी प्रतिभागियों को बधाई दी। उन्होंने इस आयोजन को सफल बनाने के लिए दुनिया भर से हमसे जुड़ने वाले विभिन्न शिक्षाविदों को बधाई और धन्यवाद दिया।

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पेर पुस्तकार अंग्रेजी पंवार (रिसर्च स्कॉलर, फ्रैन्कर्टी ऑफ़ लॉ, डिप्टी विप्रविद्यालय), जिन्का विषय था 'प्लॉस्टिक प्रदूषण-मृत विकास सध्यों को प्राप्त करने के दौरान एक बाधा' और डॉ. पीला बहमनी (सहायक प्रोफ़ेसर, आईआईएलएम लॉ स्कूल, आईआईएलएम विधिविद्यालय, गुडगांव) जिन्का विषय था 'ग्रीन कंविरिटेस एंड वेव्स एनवायरनमेंटल सस्टेनेबिलिटी' के बीच हुई राह।

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