



THE LAW SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU
in collaboration with
NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, INDIA
organizes
National Conference on

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND HUMAN
RIGHTS FOR AN EQUITABLE FUTURE:
A PRISMATIC PERSPECTIVE**

Conference Dates
4th– 5th December, 2025



ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

THE LAW SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU

The Law School, University of Jammu, established in 2003 and approved by the Bar Council of India, is a premier institution dedicated to converging theoretical knowledge with experiential learning.



Through its B.A. LL.B. (5 Years) program and Postgraduate Diploma in Human Rights & Duties Education, the School cultivates a dynamic intellectual community of dedicated faculty, talented students, and a distinguished alumni network making its mark in the judiciary, civil services, litigation, leadership, and the corporate sector. The institution has a demonstrated capacity for organizing high-impact national events, such as its flagship National Seminar on 'Satyagraha, Self-Discipline & Gandhi,' held in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC, 2014), and a recent Workshop on the Transgender Persons Act with the National Institute of Social Defence, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India (2024). This expertise is further reinforced by strategic national and international collaborations, including a partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), participation as an academic partner in an International Conference on Comparative law, co-organization of the prestigious Stetson and Surana & Surana International Moot Court Competitions, and robust internship programs with the J&K Anti-Corruption Bureau, prestigious law firms, and Legal Services Authorities. Through its commitment to holistic development via moot courts, seminars, and legal literacy camps, The Law School is uniquely positioned to host this national conference, furthering its mission to create a transformative impact on both the legal profession and society at large.

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (NHRC)

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India, established on October 12, 1993, under the Protection of Human Rights Act (PHRA), 1993, stands as a statutory embodiment of the nation's unwavering commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights. Guided by its foundational mandate, the NHRC operates on the principle that human rights are the rights relating to life, liberty, equality, and dignity of the individual, as guaranteed by the Indian Constitution and international covenants.



A core function of the Commission is to spread human rights literacy and promote awareness of the available safeguards. It achieves this through strategic initiatives, including publications, media engagement, and organizing seminars in collaboration with educational institutions. It is in this spirit of fostering dialogue and legal awareness that the NHRC partners with The Law School, University of Jammu, for this national conference. This collaboration brings together the Commission's statutory authority and national reach with the academic rigor and intellectual energy of a premier law school, creating a powerful platform to advance human rights education and discourse in the country.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Law School, University of Jammu, in a pivotal collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), New Delhi, is delighted to host a two-day National Conference on the theme '**Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights for an Equitable Future: A Prismatic Perspective**' on **December 4th-5th , 2025**. This initiative aims to critically examine the integral and intersecting connection between human rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

It is a matter of common understanding that the traditional approaches to development have often treated critical issues—such as poverty, gender inequality, climate vulnerability, accountability mechanisms, and other socio-legal challenges of contemporary era—as isolated problems. This conference challenges that siloed mindset by adopting a "prismatic perspective." This perspective allows us to confront the stark reality that discrimination is not a single-axis experience. It is a complex, overlapping web where caste, class, gender, indigeneity, displacement, and disability intersect to create profound and compounded marginalization and vulnerability. To turn a blind eye to such complexities is to perpetuate the very inequities the SDGs and human rights frameworks pledge to eradicate.

The conference is, thus, designed as a dynamic platform:

- To diagnose the structural barriers that perpetuate inequitable development;
- To amplify cross-cutting strategies capable of advancing multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) simultaneously; and
- To forge actionable alliances among human rights activists, academicians, policymakers, development practitioners, scholars, and budding lawyers.

Through an engaging agenda of plenary sessions, panel discussions, technical sessions, theatrical performances, and case studies, we will center the voices and experiences of the most excluded. By focusing on the realities of marginalized and vulnerable groups, we seek to reframe the SDGs not merely as technical targets, but as powerful tools for liberation and transformative change, anchored in the inviolable principles of human dignity and justice.

CALL FOR PAPERS

In keeping with the overarching theme “**SDGs and Human Rights for an Equitable Future: A Prismatic Perspective,**” the themes & sub-themes have been framed to invite interdisciplinary engagement across law, literature, political science, sociology, philosophy, policy studies, women’s studies, environmental sciences, computer science & IT, business administration, psychology, legal practice, and marginalized studies. The themes seek to provide distinct yet interconnected entry points into the discourse on sustainable development, ensuring that no single dimension—be it legal, cultural, social, technological, or environmental—is overlooked. While the list below is non-exhaustive, it is designed to help scholars, practitioners, and policymakers identify areas most relevant to their expertise and interests, while fostering dialogue across disciplines.

THEMES & SUB-THEMES

Theme 1: Intersectional Discrimination and SDG Access

- Gender, Class, and Caste Intersections in Access to SDGs
- Disability, Inclusivity, and the Right to Development
- Discrimination in Health (SDG 3) and Digital (SDG 9) Access
- Minorities, Migration, and Exclusion from Sustainable Development

Theme 2: Right to Development and Human Dignity in the Framework of the SDGs

- Human Dignity as the Ethical Core of Sustainable Development
- Balancing Economic Growth with Social Justice and Human Rights
- Global Inequalities, Development Justice, and Human Rights Obligations
- Stigma and Social Exclusion in the Pursuit of Basic Services (SDGs 3, 4, 6)

Theme 3: Marginalized Identities and Legal Remedies in SDG Enforcement

- Constitutional Guarantees and SDG realization for Marginalized groups
- Judicial Activism, PIL, and Transparency Laws to Claim SDG Entitlements
- Legal Remedies for Marginalized in Development Programs
- International Human Rights Law, Treaty Obligations, and Domestic Enforcement of the SDGs
- Access to Justice, Legal Aid, and the Empowerment of the Vulnerable in the SDG Era

Theme 4: Climate Vulnerability and Intersecting Inequalities

- Climate Justice and the Disproportionate Burden on Marginalized Communities
- Human Rights, Climate-Induced Migration, and Legal Protection Gaps
- Intersecting Inequalities in Access to Climate-Resilient Resources
- Policy, Governance, and Inclusive Climate Action for Equitable SDG Implementation

Theme 5: AI and Emerging Technologies for Equitable and Sustainable Development

- AI applications in Health, Education and Climate Justice
- Digital Inequality, Bias, and Ethical Challenges in Emerging Technologies
- Human Rights, Data Protection, and Responsible Innovation
- Grievance Mechanisms and Legal Liability in the Age of Autonomous Systems

Theme 6: Critical Perspectives, Narratives and Strategies for Sustainable Development

- Subaltern Narratives of Development
- Ecocriticism, Environmental Humanities, and the SDGs
- Intersectionality, Identity, and the Storytelling of Inequalities
- Utopias, Dystopias, and Critical Imaginations of Sustainable Futures

CONFERENCE FORMAT

The two-day conference will be conducted in physical/offline mode at the University of Jammu (Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium & The Law School), opening with an inaugural session featuring a keynote address by the Hon'ble Chairman/esteemed representative from the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). This will be followed by a plenary session with a panel of eminent speakers from premier institutions across India. The first afternoon will transition into parallel technical sessions for presenting research papers selected by the Organizing Committee based on the designated sub-themes.



The second day will continue with further plenary and parallel technical sessions, complemented by a theatrical performance that highlights marginalized voices in alignment with the conference theme, and will conclude with a valedictory ceremony.

While the event is planned for in-person attendance, any unforeseen shift to a hybrid mode will be communicated in advance to all presenters. Please note that the Organizing Committee reserves the right to make any necessary modifications to the conference format, and all decisions made by the Committee or the appointed jury is final and binding.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Abstract Submission:

Applicants must submit an abstract of 250-300 words with five or six keywords in a word file, providing a concise overview of their proposed paper, via email to **conferencetlsju2025@gmail.com** no later than **November 05, 2025**. The word file should include the name and academic/institutional affiliation of the applicant. The abstract should clearly demonstrate how the paper aligns with the conference theme and sub-themes.

Submissions are expected to offer a substantial scholarly contribution, for instance, by advancing new knowledge, forging connections across disciplines, providing a critical analysis of existing legal and policy frameworks, or proposing innovative reforms through a prismatic, rights-based lens.

Please indicate 'Submission to the SGDs & Human Rights Conference - 2025'

Communication of Abstract Acceptance:

The Organizing Committee will notify applicants of their abstract's acceptance status by **November 07, 2025**. The Committee's decision regarding the selection of papers for presentation shall be final.

Full Paper Submission:

Authors whose abstracts are accepted must submit their complete papers by **November 25, 2025**.

Paper Formatting Guidelines:

Length:	4,000 - 6,000 words (inclusive of references).
Structure:	Must include headings and sub-headings.
Citation Format:	The APA 7th Edition style is recommended.
Document Settings:	MS Word format, A4 size paper, 1-inch margins on all sides, Times New Roman font, size 12, and 1.5 line spacing.

Ethical Standard:

All submitted research papers must be the original work of the applicant. We enforce a strict policy against plagiarism, which includes the uncredited use of others' ideas, text, or data.

Registration & Payment Details:

Successful applicants(whose abstract has been selected) must pay the prescribed non-refundable conference registration fee on or before **November 10, 2025**. Only one co-author is permitted per paper. Details regarding the payment mode will be communicated via email to selected authors. The break-up of registration fee for different categories are as follows:

For Presenters:	
<i>Academicians/Professionals:</i>	<i>Rs. 1000- / Per Author</i>
<i>Research Scholars:</i>	<i>Rs. 500-/ Per Author</i>
<i>Students:</i>	<i>Rs. 300-/ Per Author</i>
For Attendees:	
<i>Academicians/Professionals/ Research Scholars/ Students</i>	<i>Rs. 200-/ (Conference Kit & Certificate)</i>

Accommodation:

Accommodation may be available upon special request made at the time of registration. All associated costs must be borne by the participant. No TA/DA will be provided to the presenters/participants.

Attendance & Certification:

Paper Presenters: Must attend the conference to present their work and will receive a presenter's certificate. Presenters will have approximately 20 minutes for their presentation, including comments and questions from the jury and audience.

Attendees: Other interested individuals may register to participate in the sessions upon payment of a minimal fee. Attendees may pose questions and access conference literature, and will receive an attendee certificate. They will not be acknowledged as paper presenters.

All participants must attend both days of the conference to be eligible for a certificate, which will be provided at the conclusion of the event, either in physical or e-certificate format.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings. Selected high-quality papers will be considered for publication in an edited book with an ISBN from a publisher of international repute. Furthermore, based on editorial committee discretion and peer-review feedback, some papers may be recommended for publication in associated peer-reviewed journals. Further details will be provided in due course. The decision of the editors and judges in this regard shall be conclusive.

IMPORTANT DATES

LAST DATE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:	November 05, 2025
COMMUNICATION OF ACCEPTANCE:	November 07, 2025
REGISTRATION FEE DEADLINE:	November 10, 2025
FULL PAPER SUBMISSION:	November 25, 2025
DATE OF CONFERENCE:	December 04 -05, 2025

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