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*International Conference*

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*Climate Justice*

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*Sustainable*

*Environment*

25th, 26th and 27th July, 2025

Venue: Gujarat National Law University,  
Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India

**GNLU Centre for Environment,  
Sustainability and Climate Justice**



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# ABOUT GNLU

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) is committed to excellence in teaching, research, and holistic development of the students and staff. It aims to develop a sense of responsibility among the students and research scholars to serve society with the help of the field of law by developing skills concerning advocacy, legal service, legislation, law reforms, and the like. It aims to promote legal knowledge and to make law and the legal process efficient instruments of social development and social justice.

GNLU's commitment to facilitate research in various interdisciplinary areas of law is strengthened by the establishment of various Centres for Research Excellence, one of which is the Centre for Environment, Sustainability, and Climate Justice.

The University actively engages in community outreach, collaborating with NGOs and government agencies to address environmental, legal, and social challenges.

# ABOUT GCESCJ

The Centre for Environment, Sustainability and Climate Justice established by GNLU (GCESCJ), offers to study, research, and provide expert consultation in environmental matters. The Centre aims to provide a platform to all stakeholders, including grassroots people, government, industries, and administrative authorities. With student members passionate about the environment, it is a community of changemakers. The Centre is dedicated to safeguarding our planet's future and advancing the cause of sustainability and climate justice through legal means.

Moreover, the Centre has established an Eco Club as a part of its initiative to take on ground actions. The Centre has organised and hosted multiple successful national and international conferences. Recently, it hosted the prestigious 21st IUCN AEL Annual Colloquium at GNLU for the first time ever in the Indian Sub-continent, in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme.

# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

ICCJSE aims to serve as a vital platform for addressing the most pressing environmental challenges of our time. This multidisciplinary gathering brings together leading researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and international judges to share cutting-edge insights, best practices, and innovative approaches to combating climate change and promoting sustainability and climate justice.

The first edition of ICCJSE took place in March 2023; it acted as a platform for like-minded individuals to interact and network. After its success, we are back with the 2nd edition of the Conference!

This time, the Conference will involve not just paper presentations, but it will also give you a chance to learn from the professionals. There will be round table discussions and breakout rooms spread across the three days with an aim to facilitate intense discourses on academic as well as on-field experiences.

# CONFERENCE THEMES

## Rethinking Environmental Law and Policy: A Call for Action and Accountability in Challenging Times

The main theme of the Conference underscores the urgency to revisit and reformulate legal and policy frameworks in response to the escalating environmental crises. This theme serves as a clarion call for legal scholars, policymakers, environmentalists, and stakeholders to unite and explore pathways to a more sustainable and accountable future.

### Sub-themes

- Achieving Sustainability through Technology
- Balancing Human Rights with Environment
- Climate Change and Its Effect on Health
- Climate Finance, Greening Trade and Emergence of Carbon Markets
- Corporate Responsibility in Mitigating Climate Change



- Effect on Marginalized Communities and Climate Change Refugees
- Environmental Crimes and their Regulation
- Emerging Trends in Environmental Governance
- Rights of Indigenous and Local Communities and integration of their Knowledge in Climate Change Action
- International Environmental Law and Enforcement

### **Best Paper Awards**

Winner: INR 25,000

1st Runner-up: INR 15,000

2nd Runner-up: INR 10,000

Selected papers will be published in the inaugural issue of GCESCJ's Journal.

Keep an eye on our Social Media channels for information on the prizes and associated perks!



PRIZES

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

**Abstract Submission** - Authors are invited to submit an abstract not exceeding 500 words. The abstract should be clear and concise, providing a brief introduction to the topic, the intended research focus, and the expected conclusion. Abstracts can be submitted via this [link](#).

- Title of the Paper to be at the top.
- Name of the Authors to be written under the title in the following format: Name, Designation, Affiliated organisation; Co-author Name, Co-author Designation, Co-author Affiliated Organisation (if any)
- *Font*: Times New Roman, 12 for body, 14 for headings, and 10 for footnotes.
- *Margins*: Top, Bottom, Left and Right - 2.5 cm.
- *Spacing*: Line spacing of 1.5 for text and 1.0 for footnotes.
- *Alignment and Layout*: Justified text, A4 size.
- *Citation Style*: Bluebook 20th edition.
- *Plagiarism Policy*: Papers with plagiarism exceeding 10% shall not be considered.
- Use of generative AI is prohibited.
- Co-authorship of upto 2 (two) authors is permissible. Separate registration fee to be paid by both.
- Abstracts to contain keywords at the end in the following format: Keywords: xvn, zcb.

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

**Complete Paper Submission** - Once the abstract is accepted, authors must submit their complete papers adhering to the following guidelines:

- *Font:* Times New Roman, 12 for body, 14 for headings, 12 for sub-headings, and 10 for footnotes.
- *Margins:* Top, Bottom, Left and Right - 2.5 cm.
- *Spacing:* Line spacing of 1.5 for body and 1.0 for footnotes.
- *Word Limit:* No minimum word limit. Maximum 15,000 words (including footnotes).
- *Page Numbers:* Bottom center.
- *Alignment and Layout:* Justified text, A4 size.
- *Citation Style:* Bluebook 20th edition.
- *Originality:* Submitted papers must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere.
- *Plagiarism Policy:* Papers with plagiarism exceeding 10% will be automatically disqualified. Use of AI is prohibited.
- Co-authorship of upto 2 (two) authors is permissible.

Complete papers are expected to be submitted for holistic evaluation and feedback.



# IMPORTANT DATES

*Last date for submission of Abstracts*

**May 30, 2025**

*Communication of Acceptance by*

**June 5, 2025**

*Last Date of Registration*

**June 20, 2025**

*Submission of full paper*

**July 5, 2025**

***For Indian Academicians,  
Professionals and Others: INR 1000\****

***For Indian Students : INR 500\****

*\*(exclusive of accommodation)*

Please note that if you avail accommodation through the organisers, it will be provided at a subsidised rate and transportation will also be given. Form for accommodation shall open in late June.

# REGISTRATION FEES

# INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

If you are an international participant, i.e. not a citizen of India or require visa for joining the Conference in person, we request you to mail us at [gcescj@gnlu.ac.in](mailto:gcescj@gnlu.ac.in) with the subject 'Name\_ICCJSE Visa Required'. To avoid any last minute roadblocks, we will expedite the review process of your abstract and assist you in getting the visa. All the international participants requiring a visa are requested to share their abstracts at the earliest.

Further, international participants shall also have the option of presenting online. To facilitate this, hybrid sessions shall be conducted on the days of the Conference. However, this provision is only available for the international participants and selected Indian participants to be availed only depending on circumstances communicated to the committee. Please note that this slot will be limited and the registration fee will remain the same.

# ORGANISING COMMITTEE



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