

THE PLANET IN PERIL

A ONE-DAY SEMINAR

Environmental Law at the Edge of Irreversibility

Shaping the Global Ecological Justice



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14 November 2026 | 10:00 am to 4:00 pm



Venue: Silver Jubilee Hall, J.S.S. Law College (Autonomous), Mysuru



About JSS Law College, Autonomous



JSS Law College
Autonomous
Kuvempunagar, Mysuru

JSS Law College, Autonomous, located in Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, Karnataka, India, was established in 1982 under the aegis of JSS Mahavidyapeetha and is recognized as India's first autonomous law college. The college is affiliated with Karnataka State Law University (KSLU), approved by the Bar Council of India, recognized by the University Grants Commission, and accredited with B++ grade by NAAC. It offers B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), LL.B., and LL.M. programmes. The college actively promotes legal education through seminars, conferences, workshops, moot court competitions, legal awareness programs, debates, guest lectures, internships, legal research, and clinical legal education. These activities provide students with practical exposure, strengthen their professional skills, and prepare them for careers in the legal profession and public service.

About the Seminar

Climate breakdown, depleting water reserves, toxic air, and mounting waste are no longer distant warnings. Many ecological harms are now approaching the point of no return. This raises a hard question for the law: when damage cannot be undone, can retrospective clearances, monetary penalties, and procedural compliance still protect the environment?

The Planet in Peril brings together judges, scholars, and students to examine how environmental law and governance are responding to this crisis and where they fall short. Through an inaugural address, keynote, technical session, panel discussion, and paper presentations, the seminar seeks to advance the idea of ecological justice for present and future generations.



Who can participate?

The Seminar is expected to bring together:
Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students;
Research Scholars;
Faculty Members;
Legal Professionals and Practitioners;
Academicians;
Researchers and other stakeholders.

Programme Schedule

Time	Session
10.00 AM - 10.30 AM	<i>Inaugural Session</i> <i>Introductory Remarks</i> Prof. K S Suresh, Chief Executive, JSS Law College, Autonomous, Mysuru. <i>Keynote Address</i> Dr. A.N. Yellappa Reddy, Environmentalist, Former Indian Forest Services Officer, Author, and Educator
10:30 AM - 11.00 AM	<i>Address by the Chief Guest</i> Prof. (Dr) M. K. Ramesh, (Retired) Professor of Law, NLSIU, Bengaluru, Adviser to Chancellor, Vidyashilpa University, Jurist Professor, Hidayatullah National Law University, Chhattisgarh
11.15 AM - 12.00 PM	<i>Technical Session</i> Prof. (Dr) Sairam Bhat, Professor of Law, Centre for Environmental Law, Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA), NLSIU, Bengaluru, Faculty Advisor, PACE
12.15 PM - 12.55 PM	<i>Panel Discussion cum Q&A</i> Dr. S. Nataraju, Director, Vidya Vikas Institute of Legal Studies, Mysuru, Former Principal & Chairman of PG Department of Law, JSS Law College, Autonomous, Mysuru. Dr. N. Vani Shree, Principal, JSS Law College, Autonomous, Mysuru. Smt. Sheela Ganesh, Assistant Professor, JSS Law College, Autonomous, Mysuru.
12.55 PM - 1.00PM	<i>Concluding Remarks</i> Dr. N. Vani Shree, Principal, JSS Law College, Autonomous, Mysuru.
1.00 PM - 2:00 PM	<i>Lunch Break</i>
2.00 PM - 3:30 PM	<i>Paper Presentations</i>
3.30 PM - 4:00 PM	<i>Valedictory Session and Distribution of Certificates</i>

Seminar Themes and Sub-themes

Papers are invited on the following themes. Sub-themes are indicative, and original contributions within the broader theme are welcome.

1. Retrospective Environment Clearance

- Ex Post Facto Environmental Clearance under the EIA Notification, 2006: Doctrinal Analysis
- Judicial Divergence on Post-Facto Clearances: Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Vanashakti and Subsequent Developments
- Precautionary Principle and the Rule against Regularising Illegality
- Violation Cases: Remediation Plans, Natural and Community Resource Augmentation
- Public Consultation and Community Participation in Post-Facto Appraisal
- Sustainable Development versus Polluter Pays in the Regularisation of Projects

2. Global Water Bankruptcy

- Water Bankruptcy: Concept, Indicators and Legal Implications
- Right to Water as a Component of the Right to Life
- Groundwater Over-Extraction, Transboundary Water Governance and Regulatory Gaps in India
- Public Trust Doctrine and the Protection of Lakes, Rivers and Wetlands
- River Rejuvenation, Ecological Flows and Restorative Approaches
- Glacier Melt, Climate Change and Water Security

3. Urban Air Quality and Governance Paralysis

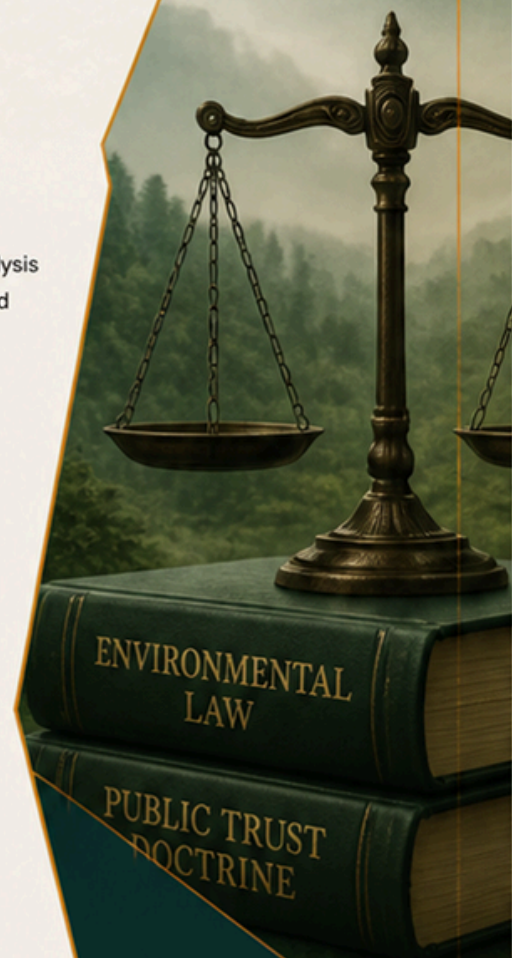
- Right to Clean Air under Article 21: Judicial Trends
- Institutional Fragmentation: CPCB, SPCBs, Urban Local Bodies and the Commission for Air Quality Management
- National Clean Air Programme and Graded Response Action Plans: Implementation Deficits
- Vehicular Emissions, Urban Mobility and Electric Vehicle Policy
- Air Quality Standards: NAAQS versus WHO Guidelines
- Comparative Urban Air Governance: Low Emission Zones and Congestion Pricing

4. Climate Change and Climate Justice as a Fundamental Right

- Right against the Adverse Effects of Climate Change: M.K. Ranjitsinh and Beyond
- ICJ Advisory Opinion on State Obligations in respect of Climate Change
- Intergenerational Equity and the Rights of Future Generations
- Right to a Clean, Healthy, and Sustainable Environment in International Law

5. Ecological Compliance vis-à-vis Monetary Penalty

- From Deterrence to Due Diligence: Reconfiguring environmental enforcement through preventive obligations and corporate environmental accountability.
- The Economics of Ecological Illegality: Whether monetary penalties render environmental violations a commercially viable cost of doing business.
- Beyond the Polluter Pays Principle: The inadequacy of financial compensation in addressing irreversible ecological damage and ecosystem loss.
- Environmental Enforcement Asymmetry: Corporate impunity, regulatory failures, and the unequal application of environmental sanctions.



Seminar Themes and Sub-themes



6. Forest, Bio Diversity and Community Rights

- Forest Governance: Forest Laws, Community Rights and Gram Sabha Consent.
- Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge: Benefit sharing and indigenous conservation.
- Wildlife and Ecological Integrity: Habitat fragmentation, corridors and development conflicts.
- Ecological Justice: Rights of Nature and Global Biodiversity Commitments.

7. Irreversible Ecological Crisis

- Irreversibility in Environmental Law: Defining Thresholds, Indicators and Legal Consequences
- Biodiversity Loss, Extinction and the Legal Protection of Endangered Ecosystems
- Climate Tipping Points, Glacier Melt and Irreversible Water Insecurity
- Intergenerational Justice and the Rights of Future Generations in the Face of Irreversible Harm
- Rights of Nature, Ecological Personhood and Remedies for Irreversible Ecological Loss
- The "Point of No Return" in Judicial Reasoning: NGT and Supreme Court Trends

8. Waste Management: Biological, Chemical, Terrestrial, Hydrological, etc.

- Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016: Implementation Gaps and Compliance
- Plastic Waste Management: Extended Producer Responsibility and Recycling Regimes
- Bio-Medical Waste Management: Standards, Segregation and Institutional Accountability
- E-Waste and Hazardous Waste: Regulation, Transboundary Movement and Informal Sector
- Construction and Demolition Waste: Urban Governance Challenges
- Battery Waste, Radioactive Waste and Emerging Waste Streams

9. Environment Management System: Legal and Regulatory Regime

- The Role of CPCB, SPCBs and Pollution Control Committees in Enforcement
- Environmental Audits, ESG Disclosures and Greenwashing: BRSR and Corporate Accountability
- Environmental Federalism: Union, State and Local Governance Roles
- Environment (Protection) Act, 1986: Framework Legislation, Delegated Powers and Enforcement
- The National Green Tribunal: Jurisdiction, Powers and Enforcement Mechanisms
- ISO 14001 and Voluntary Environmental Management Systems: Relationship with Legal Compliance
- Environmental Impact Assessment: Process, Participation and Post-Clearance Monitoring

10. Environmental Jurisprudence

- Anthropocentric versus Ecocentric Approaches in Environmental Law
- Environmental Personhood: Rivers, Lakes and Natural Entities as Legal Persons
- Judicial Activism and Environmental Constitutionalism in India
- The Role of PII, Continuing Mandamus and Environmental Courts
- Harm, Causation and Remedial Limits in Irreversible Environmental Damage
- Comparative Environmental Jurisprudence: Global South Perspectives
- Customary International Law and Emerging Principles of Environmental Justice



Call for Papers

Participants are invited to submit original papers on any of the seminar themes. Selected papers will be published by the organizers.



Important Dates



- Last Date for Abstract Submission: 5th November 2026



- Intimation of Acceptance: 6th November 2026



- Last Date for Registration: 10th November 2026



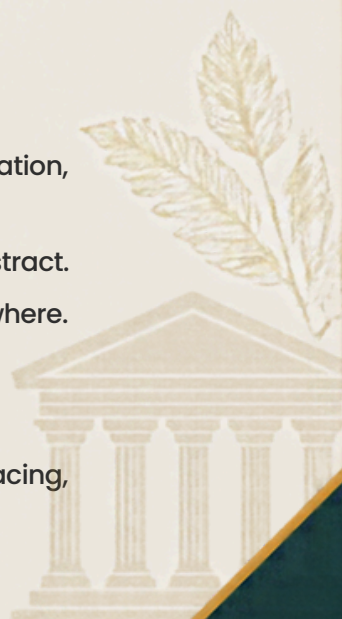
- Seminar Date - Paper Presentation: 14th November 2026



- Last Date for Full Paper Submission: 30th November 2026

Submission Guidelines

- Abstract: 250 to 300 words, with 3 to 5 keywords, along with the name, designation, institution, email and contact number of the author(s).
- Full paper: 3,000 to 5,000 words (including footnotes), accompanied by an abstract.
- Papers must be original, unpublished and not under consideration elsewhere. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.
- Co authorship: a maximum of two authors per paper.
- Format: Times New Roman, font size 12 for text and 10 for footnotes, 15 line spacing, justified, MS Word (.docx).
- Citation style: Bluebook (21st edition), footnotes only.
- Abstract and Papers must be submitted by email to jsslc.planetineril@gmail.com with the subject line "Seminar Paper Submission: [Author Name]".
- Presenting authors will be awarded certificates of presentation.



Registration

- **Registration fee:** Rs. 150/-
- **Registration link:**
<https://forms.gle/KpzWPVA1a1s5Abfe7>
- **Certificates:** Certificates will be distributed to participants at the Valedictory Session.

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