



**CENTRE FOR LABOUR STUDIES,
DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY,
SONEPAT**

IN COLLABORATION WITH

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT STUDIES,
PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH**

ORGANISES A ONE-DAY

NATIONAL SEMINAR

ON

**INDIA'S WASTE LAWS:
CHALLENGES & SUSTAINABLE
SOLUTIONS**

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ABOUT THE ORGANISERS



Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, established in Sonapat by the State Government of Haryana in 2012 through State Legislature Act No. 15 of 2012, stands as a premier institution exemplifying India's commitment to justice and constitutional principles.

The university operates eleven specialized research centers, three dedicated cells, and a Legal Aid Clinic, fostering comprehensive legal education and community service. The contemporary, environmentally sustainable campus integrates advanced facilities with inclusive design, creating an optimal environment for scholarly pursuit and embodying Dr. Ambedkar's vision of law as an instrument of social transformation.

Under the distinguished guidance of *Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh*, the university maintains its trajectory toward academic excellence and social relevance, is organising a **National Seminar on "India's Waste Laws: Challenges & Sustainable Solutions"** in April 2026.

The **Centre for Labour Studies** at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Sonapat was established to promote research, dialogue, and policy engagement in the field of labour laws and labour rights. Guided by its motto — “श्रमस्य यत्र सम्मानः, तत्र राष्ट्रं भवति महान्” (Where labour is respected, the nation becomes great), the Centre is devoted to upholding the dignity of labour and advancing the cause of social and economic justice under the guidance of our Centre Director, **Dr. Balwinder Kaur**, Associate Professor, DBRANLU.

ABOUT THE COLLABORATOR



Panjab University, founded in Lahore in 1882, is one of India's oldest universities, renowned for its excellence in teaching and research across diverse fields. After India's independence, it moved to its iconic Chandigarh campus, designed by Pierre Jeanneret under Le Corbusier. Following the 1966 reorganization of Punjab, it became an Inter-State Body Corporate.

Today, the university has a distinguished national and international character, comprising a main campus with numerous academic departments, 202 affiliated colleges spread across Punjab and Chandigarh, and several regional centers, continuing its legacy of scholarly and societal contribution.

Under the leadership of its *Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Professor Renu Vig*, Panjab University aims to pursue excellence and innovation in academic programs, promote outstanding research and teaching, and serve societal needs. It is committed to attracting the best students and faculty to maintain its position at the pinnacle of teaching, research, and community outreach.

The Department of Environment Studies has achieved good visibility in India and abroad. The faculty and the research students have fetched many national and international awards.

Faculty members have been members of editorial boards of various national and international journals.

Faculty members have been publishing research papers in relatively high impact journals, and supervising students for research in a variety of environmental aspects.

ABOUT THE *SEMINAR & THEME*

The National Seminar is being organised jointly by the Centre for Labour Studies, DBRANLU, Sonapat, and the Department of Environmental Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh, to promote interdisciplinary dialogue on environmental sustainability, labour, and governance.

According to the United Nations Environment Programme Global Waste Management Outlook (2024), global waste generation is projected to reach 3.8 billion tonnes by 2050, largely due to inadequate waste management. The report urges a global shift toward a zero-waste approach to prevent socio-economic and environmental impacts.

Similarly, a report by the Central Pollution Control Board (2021–22) states that India generates about 1.6 lakh tonnes per day (TPD) of waste, increasing to 1.7 lakh TPD, of which only 50% is treated while the rest is unaccounted for or landfilled. The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change reports that India currently produces 62 million tonnes of waste annually, projected to rise to 165 million tonnes by 2030 due to changing consumption patterns and economic growth.

Waste management is a growing environmental and public health concern due to rapid urbanisation and changing consumption patterns. The seminar will bring together academicians, policymakers, legal professionals, researchers, and students to examine existing waste laws, identify implementation gaps, and discuss sustainable solutions aligned with environmental protection, public health, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The seminar focuses on critically analysing India's waste management frameworks, including the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, while highlighting solutions such as technological innovation, decentralised processing, and circular economy models. It emphasises the link between effective waste management, climate action, urban sustainability, ecosystem protection, and public well-being.





SUB-THEMES

- Beyond Disposal: Reimagining Waste as a Resource in Circular Economies
- Governing Plastic Pollution in the Age of Single-Use Convenience
- E-Waste, Informality, and Regulatory Gaps in a Digital India
- Managing Risky Waste: Biomedical and Hazardous Streams under Law
- When Waste Becomes a Climate Risk: Legal Pathways for Mitigation
- Industry, Compliance, and Accountability in Waste Governance
- From Dumpsites to Recovery Landscapes: Rethinking Landfill Futures
- Producer Responsibility and Market Accountability in Waste Management
- Waste in the Wake of Disasters: Legal Preparedness and Response Gaps
- Managing Mountains of Debris: Law, Logistics, and Post-Disaster Recovery
- Emergency Waste Governance during Floods, Cyclones, and Earthquakes
- Disaster Waste as an Environmental Risk: Regulatory and Liability Concerns
- Climate-Induced Disasters and Surging Waste Streams: Governance Challenges
- Pandemics, Climate Extremes, and the Changing Nature of Waste
- Rebuilding without Polluting: Sustainable Waste Practices in Disaster Recovery
- Community Participation, Local Governance, and Waste Justice



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. The abstract should be in **250-300 words**, including 4-5 keywords; must clearly indicate the objective of the paper, research methodology, and tentative conclusions.
2. The full paper should not exceed **3500-5000 words** (excluding footnotes); must be submitted in both **Microsoft Word format (.doc/.docx)** and **PDF Format**.
3. **FORMATTING GUIDELINES:**
 - Submissions must be typed in Times New Roman, font size 12, justified and 1.5-line spacing.
 - Footnotes must be in Times New Roman, Font Size 10, with 1.0-line spacing.
 - The title should be in **Font size 14 (Bold)**, and center aligned.
4. Submissions must strictly follow the **Indian Law Institute (ILI) Method of Citation**.
5. All submissions must not exceed 15% on similarity index and must be **original and unpublished** work of the author. Furthermore, the submission shouldn't be under consideration for publication elsewhere.
6. The Abstract and Full paper must be submitted on-nationalseminar@dbranlu.ac.in on or before the submission deadline.
7. Authors may choose to present their work either through an oral presentation or a poster (1 meter * 1 meter in dimension) presentation

NOTE:

- Selected papers may be published in an Edited Book after the Seminar.
- Certificate of participation/ presentation will be provided to the participants.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last Date for Abstract Submission: 5th March 2026
- Last Date for Registration: 5th March 2026
- Full Paper Submission Deadline: 28th March 2026 (This is the deadline for submitting the final paper (for presenters))
- Date of Seminar: 6th April 2026

PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION

- The National Seminar will be conducted in **Hybrid (Offline & Online) Mode**.
- Interested participants are required to register by paying the prescribed registration fee.
- Registration is **mandatory** for all participants, including paper presenters.

THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR:

1. Category A: Academicians / Professionals– ₹ 2000
 2. Category B: Research/PHD Scholars & Students– ₹ 1500
 3. Category C: DBRANLU Students, Scholars & Faculty– ₹ 500
- Registration fee for offline participants **does not include** boarding and lodging expenses.
 - Students and faculty members involved in the technical session and organising the seminar will be exempt from paying the registration fee.
 - **No request for refund of registration fees** shall be entertained once the payment has been made.
 - *Participants are required to complete the registration process by filling out the online registration form and uploading proof of payment.*

REGISTRATION LINK

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/FmeWLhPhf4CwWuE39>

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