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2-DAY STATE LEVEL SEMINAR *on* “GERIATRIC JURISPRUDENCE: FOSTERING A RIGHTS-BASED PARADIGM FOR DIGNIFIED AGING”

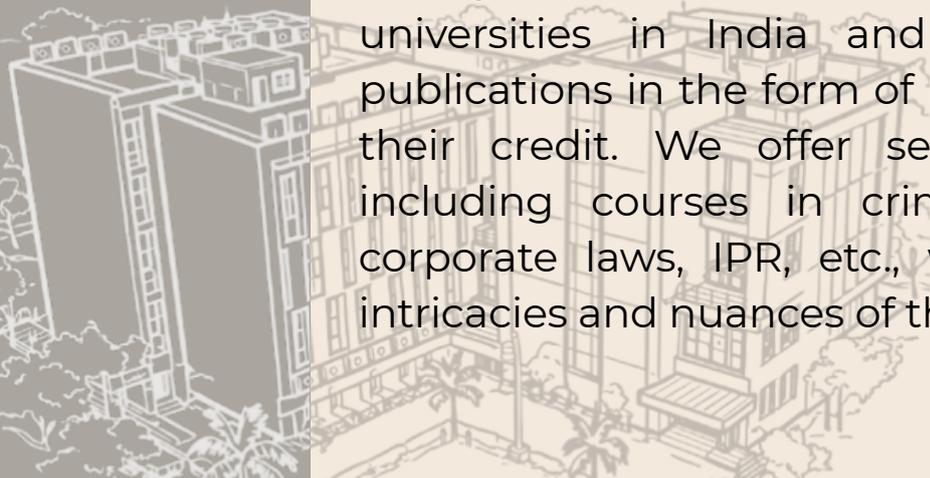
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ABOUT NUSRL

The National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi, is an institution dedicated to the cause of imparting legal education, established by the Jharkhand Government vide National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi Act 2010. The Chief Justice of the High Court of Jharkhand, Hon'ble, Mr. Justice Mahesh Sharadchandra Sonak, is the Chancellor. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India is the visitor and His Excellency Santosh Gangwar, Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand, is the rector of NUSRL, Ranchi. Prof. (Dr.) Ashok R. Patil is the Vice-Chancellor of NUSRL. We are a Law University offering B.A.LL.B.(Hons.), B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., Ph.D. in law, and postgraduate diploma courses.

Since 2010, NUSRL has been dedicated to the task of providing world-class legal education to students pursuing our courses. Many of our past students are serving as judges and law officers in various government departments, and many of them have settled into practice at the Bar. Students from NUSRL have consistently demonstrated excellence in their respective fields. To impart quality education, we have specialised faculty who have obtained their education from the best universities in India and abroad and have several publications in the form of research papers and books to their credit. We offer several specialisation courses, including courses in criminal law, forensic science, corporate laws, IPR, etc., wherein students study the intricacies and nuances of the subjects.



ABOUT NISD

The National Institute of Social Defence was set up originally as the Central Bureau of Correctional Services in 1961, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, in pursuance of the recommendations emerging at various National Forums. In 1964, the Bureau was transferred to the then Department of Social Security.

The National Institute of Social Defence is the nodal training and research institute in the field of social defence. Though social defence covers the entire gamut of activities and programmes for the protection of society, it is currently focusing on human resource development in the areas of drug abuse prevention, welfare of senior citizens and transgenders, beggary prevention, and other social defence issues.

What is the National Institute of Social Defence?

- NISD is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.
- NISD is a centre to carry out research on social defence.
- NISD coordinates and liaises between the government and the non-government organisations at state, national and international levels.
- The institute develops preventive, curative and rehabilitative tools, programmes and policies in the field of social defence, and also undertakes research, training, consultancy, documentation and publication in the field.

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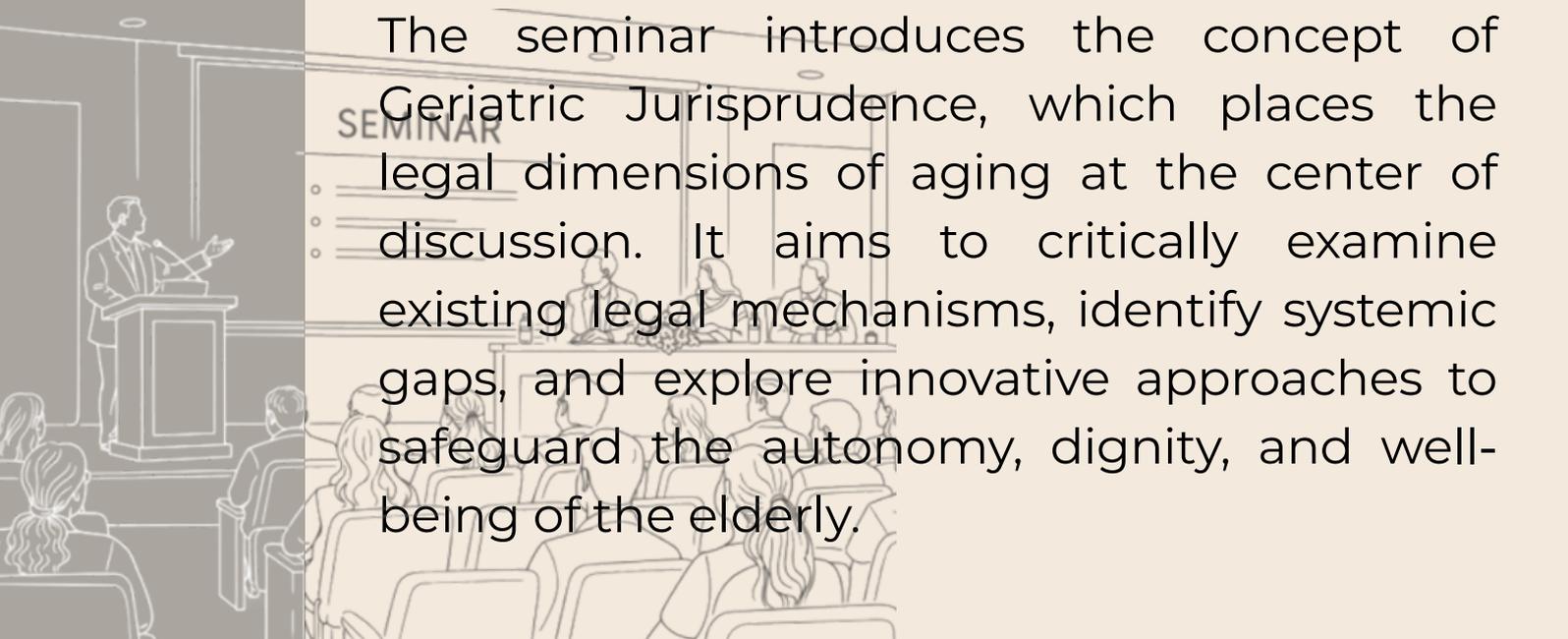
The mandate of the institute is to provide inputs for the social defence programmes of the Government of India through training, research and documentation.



ABOUT THE SEMINAR

India is experiencing a significant demographic transition, with the elderly population growing rapidly. This shift demands renewed attention to the legal, social, and ethical frameworks governing the lives of older persons. While public discourse often focuses on welfare and assistance, the seminar emphasizes that dignified aging must be understood as a matter of rights and justice, rooted in constitutional values and supported by robust legal structures.

The seminar introduces the concept of Geriatric Jurisprudence, which places the legal dimensions of aging at the center of discussion. It aims to critically examine existing legal mechanisms, identify systemic gaps, and explore innovative approaches to safeguard the autonomy, dignity, and well-being of the elderly.

A faint line-art illustration of a seminar room is visible in the background. It shows a speaker at a podium on the left, a panel of four people seated at a long table in the center, and an audience of people seated in rows of chairs on the right. A screen or banner in the background displays the word "SEMINAR".

OBJECTIVES

The seminar seeks to:

- Deconstruct and Re-conceptualize the existing legal framework concerning elderly rights and welfare.
- Forge an interdisciplinary nexus among law, public health, gerontology, and social sciences.
- Formulate a progressive agenda for legal and policy reform relating to aging.
- Cultivate a new cadre of thought leaders committed to advancing geriatric jurisprudence in India.



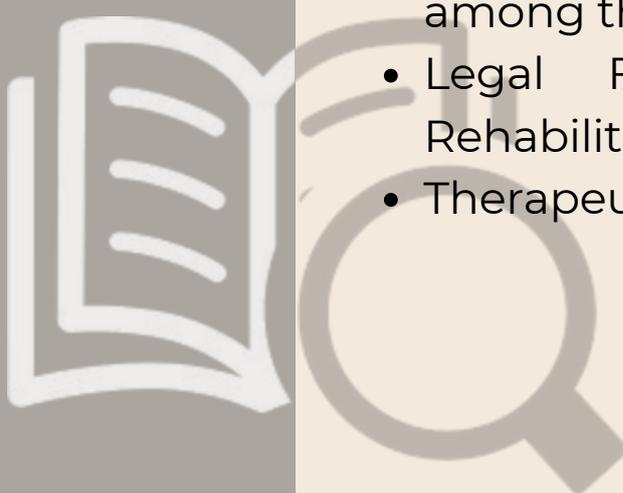
THEMES

Theme I: The Juridical Architecture of Elder Care

- Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Criminal Justice
- Rights-Based Frameworks for Institutional and Home-Based Care
- Testamentary and Property Rights of the Aged
- The Constitutional Mandate of Dignity
- A Critique of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007
- Legal and Testamentary Autonomy in Later Life

Theme II: Substance Abuse in Later Life – Policy, Prevention, and Legal Intervention

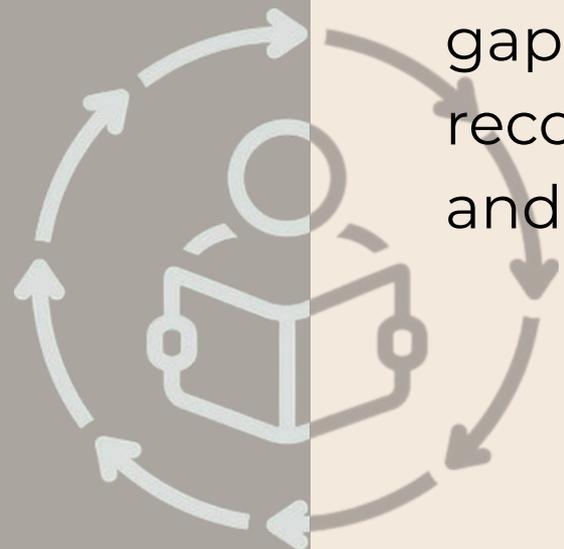
- Legal and Policy Responses to Geriatric Addiction
- The Role of Law in Facilitating Access to Care
- The Jurisprudence of Vulnerability
- The Silent Epidemic: Substance Dependency among the Elderly
- Legal Frameworks for De-addiction and Rehabilitation
- Therapeutic Jurisprudence and the Elderly



METHODOLOGY

The seminar will include:

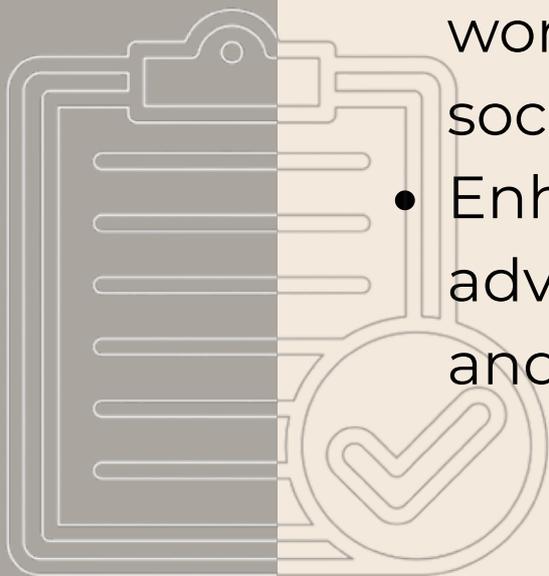
- Keynote Address by a distinguished legal scholar or policymaker.
- Paper Presentations selected through a rigorous double-blind peer-review process.
- Panel Discussions and Roundtable Sessions aimed at identifying policy gaps and proposing practical recommendations for government and institutional stakeholders.



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The seminar aims to generate meaningful intellectual and policy outcomes, including:

- A policy document containing legal and administrative recommendations for the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- Academic publications featuring selected peer-reviewed research papers.
- Capacity building for professionals working in elder care, law, and social welfare sectors.
- Enhanced public awareness and advocacy regarding the rights and welfare of senior citizens.



IMPORTANT DATES

22 MAR
2026

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

23 MAR
2026

LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION OF ATTENDEES (PARTICIPANTS)

25 MAR
2026

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR PRESENTERS & LAST DATE FOR PLACING ACCOMODATION REQUIREMENTS

27 MAR
2026

SUBMISSION DATE FOR FIRST DRAFT OF FULL PAPER

28 & 29 MAR
2026

SEMINAR DATES

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7	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

GENERAL RULES

- The mode of seminar is offline
- Slots are open for around 60 presenters and 100 attendees. First-come-first-serve basis will be followed.
- Paper presenters requiring accommodation facilities are requested to contact accommodation incharge (Mr. Sannoy, 9830260863) by 25th of March. Accommodation charges of Rs 1500/- for 2 days would be payable for the same.
- Each paper must be accompanied by an abstract highlighting the objectives, methodology, major findings, and implications of the study. The word limit for the abstract is around 500 words whereas that for the full paper is 4000-5000 words.
- The papers must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration for publication elsewhere.
- Papers should be written in English only, in MS Word (.doc/.docx) using Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.15 line spacing. The length of the paper should be between 2,000–5,000 words, including the abstract but excluding references. All references should follow MLA edition format.
- A maximum of three authors is allowed per paper. All authors are required to register for the seminar separately.
- The cover page must include the title of the paper, name(s) of the author(s), designation, institutional affiliation, email ID, and contact number. The presenting author's name should be underlined.
- Selected papers must be presented during the seminar using PowerPoint, within a presentation time of 8–10 minutes.
- Papers must not be plagiarised. Authors are required to submit a self-declaration of originality of the paper as and when required
- High-quality papers selected by the review committee will be published in an ISBN book volume or a peer-reviewed journal. The decision of the review committee regarding publication will be final.

RULES



OUR SPEAKERS



**Hon`ble Shri. Justice
Shivashankar Amarannavar**
Judge, Karnataka High Court
CHIEF GUEST

Tanya Sengupta, Research
Officer, National Institute of
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GUEST OF HONOUR



Dr Masroor Jahan, Additional
Professor, Dept of Clinical
Psychology, Ranchi Institute of
Neuro-Psychiatry and Allied
Sciences (RINPAS), Kanke, Ranchi

OUR SPEAKERS



Dr. Shashi Nath Mandal,
W.B.E.S., Associate Professor,
Government Centre of Legal
Education, West Bengal

Dr. Abhijit Dam

HoD Anesthesiology, Palliative &
Perioperative Medicine, Bokaro
General Hospital, Bokaro,
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OUR SPEAKERS



Dr. Narendra Narottam

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HR Management, NUSRL



Ashish Silswal

Faculty of Psychology, NUSRL

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REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Registration for presenters is **free of cost**.

Attendee registration is **free of cost**.

To register, **click on the link below** or **scan the QR code**.

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