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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Constitution of India establishes several constitutional and statutory institutions to uphold democracy, protect constitutional values, ensure accountability, and maintain the rule of law. Institutions such as the Election Commission of India, Parliament, the Office of the Speaker, Governors, Information Commissions, Lokpal and Lokayuktas, investigative agencies, regulatory bodies, and the judiciary play a crucial role in the functioning of India's constitutional democracy.

In recent years, the functioning of many of these institutions has come under increasing public, academic, and judicial scrutiny. Concerns relating to institutional independence, transparency, accountability, effectiveness, appointment processes, and public trust have raised important questions about their ability to discharge their constitutional responsibilities effectively.

Against this backdrop, the Conference welcomes interdisciplinary perspectives and seeks to provide a platform for meaningful discussion on the contemporary challenges facing constitutional institutions in India. It aims to critically examine their role, assess issues affecting their functioning, and explore legal, constitutional, and policy reforms necessary

to strengthen institutional accountability, democratic governance, and public confidence in constitutional democracy.

THEME OF THE CONFERENCE

“CONSTITUTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AT A CROSSROADS: INDEPENDENCE, ACCOUNTABILITY AND PUBLIC TRUST IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA”

SUB-THEMES

The following sub-themes are indicative and not exhaustive:

- **Electoral Institutions, Electoral Integrity and Democratic Legitimacy**
(including the Election Commission of India, electoral reforms, delimitation, simultaneous elections, electoral transparency, political finance, and democratic representation).
- **Parliament, Legislative Functioning and Constitutional Accountability**
(including parliamentary oversight, legislative scrutiny, anti-defection law, committee systems, legislative productivity, and deliberative democracy).
- **The Office of the Speaker and the Constitutional Crisis of Legislative Neutrality**
(including disqualification proceedings, anti-defection adjudication, legislative autonomy, and comparative parliamentary practices).
- **Governors, Federalism and Centre-State Constitutional Relations**
(including gubernatorial discretion, constitutional conventions, state autonomy, federal disputes, and cooperative federalism).
- **Right to Information, Information Commissions and Transparency in Governance**
(including RTI jurisprudence, information commissions, access to information, transparency mechanisms, secrecy, and democratic accountability).
- **Constitutional Institutions, Democratic Dissent and Civic Participation**
(including protests, civil society, media freedom, public participation, freedom of expression, state regulation of dissent, and constitutional protections for democratic engagement).
- **Lokpal, Lokayuktas and the Constitutional Architecture of Anti-Corruption Governance**
(including anti-corruption institutions, integrity systems, whistleblower protection, ethics regulation, and accountability frameworks).
- **Investigative & Enforcement Agencies: Constitutional Limits, Accountability & Due Process**
(including the ED, CBI, NIA, investigative powers, financial investigations, civil liberties, and constitutional safeguards).
- **Judiciary, Judicial Independence and Public Confidence in the Justice System**

(including judicial appointments, transparency, accountability, access to justice, judicial reforms, and institutional legitimacy).

➤ **Constitutional Institutions in the Digital State**

(including digital governance, data protection authorities, artificial intelligence, surveillance, algorithmic decision-making, and technology-driven administration).

➤ **Appointment Processes, Institutional Design and Constitutional Reform**

(including appointments, tenure, removal mechanisms, institutional safeguards, constitutional conventions, and structural reforms).

➤ **Comparative Constitutional Institutions and Global Best Practices**

(including comparative studies of election commissions, ombudsman institutions, anti-corruption bodies, parliamentary institutions, federal systems, and constitutional watchdogs).

➤ **Any Other Topic Relevant to the Theme.**

ELIGIBILITY

The Call for Papers is open to:

- ✓ Undergraduate and Postgraduate Law Students
- ✓ Academicians
- ✓ Scholars and Researchers
- ✓ Advocates and Legal Practitioners
- ✓ Professionals from Allied Disciplines

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

- ❖ Cash Prizes for the Best Paper & Presentation
- ❖ Best Paper Award
- ❖ Best Presentation Award
- ❖ E-Certificates shall be provided to all registered participants and presenters

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

Selected high-quality papers will be considered for publication in the Indian Journal of Interdisciplinary Research and Policy (IJIRP) - <https://www.ijirp.in/>

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- Word Limit: 300-350 Words
- Five Keywords of the paper should be mentioned at the end of the abstract.
- The abstract should clearly indicate the title, objectives, and key arguments of the proposed paper.

FULL PAPER SUBMISSION

- Word Limit: 3,000–6,000 Words (including abstract and footnotes)
- Citation Style: Harvard Bluebook Citation Style (21st Edition)
- Font: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Footnote Size: 10
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Format: MS Word (.doc/.docx)
- The paper must be original and unpublished.
- Co-authorship is permitted subject to a maximum of two authors.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Interested participants may submit their abstracts through this form - [Abstract Submission](#) on or before the stipulated deadline along with all the details of the author/co-authors.

The Registration Fees has to be paid only after the communication of acceptance of the abstract through mail to the participant(s).

MODE OF PARTICIPATION

- Online Paper Submission
- Online Presentation (through PPT)

[On the days of conference, the participants will have to present their papers with the help of a 10-15 Pages PowerPoint Presentation (PPT) prepared by the respective participants.]

REGISTRATION FEES

CATEGORY	REGISTRATION FEE
Students	Rs. 400/-
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- In case of co-authors, for each one 50-50% of their category has to be paid.

IMPORTANT DATES

PARTICULARS	DATE
Release of Call for Papers	25 th August, 2026
Last Date for Abstract Submission	20 th September, 2026
Notification of Acceptance of Abstract	22 th September, 2026
Last Date for Registration & Payment	24 nd September, 2026
Conference Date (PPT Presentation)	10-11 th October, 2026
Last Date for Full Paper Submission	30 th October, 2026

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