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PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF SENIOR CITIZENS: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES

CONTEMPORARY LEGAL, POLICY AND
GOVERNANCE PERSPECTIVES



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ABOUT PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

Presidency University, Bengaluru, established in 2013 by the Presidency Group of Institutions, is a NAAC 'A' accredited multidisciplinary university committed to academic excellence, research, innovation, and industry engagement. The University offers a wide range of programmes across Engineering, Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Computing, Management, Law, Design, Media Studies, Commerce, Sciences, Liberal Arts, and Allied Health Sciences, fostering interdisciplinary learning and professional competence.

With a strong emphasis on research-driven education, industry collaboration, global exposure, and experiential learning, the University prepares students to become competent professionals, responsible citizens, and future leaders. The institution is supported by a distinguished faculty and a vibrant academic ecosystem that promotes innovation, critical thinking, and societal engagement.

ABOUT PRESIDENCY SCHOOL OF LAW

Presidency School of Law (PSOL), Bengaluru, established in 2015 under Presidency University, is a premier institution committed to excellence in legal education, research, advocacy, and social responsibility. Approved by the Bar Council of India, PSOL offers five-year integrated undergraduate programmes (B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.)), LL.M. programmes in Constitutional & Administrative Law, Corporate Law, Criminal Law, International Law, and IPR & Technology Law, as well as Ph.D. programmes in Law.

The school adopts a practice-oriented and research-driven approach to legal education through moot court training, ADR initiatives, legal aid activities, research publications, industry engagement, and global exposure opportunities. Through its Legal Aid Clinic, Pro Bono initiatives, academic committees, and collaborations with legal professionals and institutions, PSOL actively promotes access to justice, leadership, and community engagement.

PSOL has earned significant recognition for academic excellence and institutional quality. The School was recognised as the Best Emerging Law College in India in the India Today Best Colleges Survey 2025, awarded an AAA+ Rating by Careers360 India's Best Law Colleges 2025, ranked among the Top 4 Law Colleges in Karnataka in the CSR Rankings 2024, and secured the 16th position nationally in the IIRF Rankings 2023. In the India Today MDRA Best Colleges of India 2026, PSOL was ranked 6th in Bengaluru, 7th in Karnataka, and 36th in India. In The Week-Hansa Research Survey 2026, PSOL secured 6th position in Bengaluru, 7th in Karnataka, and 38th nationally, while the GHRDC Law Schools Survey 2026 ranked PSOL among the Top Law Schools of Eminence, placing it 5th in India, 8th in Karnataka, and 9th in South India.

With its commitment to academic rigour, experiential learning, research excellence, and social impact, PSOL continues to nurture future lawyers, judges, corporate counsels, policymakers, researchers, and leaders equipped to contribute meaningfully to the legal profession and society.



ABOUT THE KARNATAKA INSTITUTE FOR LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY REFORMS (KILPAR)

The Karnataka Institute for Law and Parliamentary Reforms (KILPAR) was established in 2005 under the Department of Law, Justice, and Human Rights, Government of Karnataka, following a State Cabinet decision. To ensure autonomy, it is registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960. The Governing Council, with the Chief Minister as President and the Law Minister as Vice President, oversees its functioning. KILPAR focuses on law and parliamentary reforms through research, drafting legislation, legal awareness, and training. It has published 85 research-based books, conducted over 300 seminars on socially relevant legal topics, and organized model legislative assemblies at zonal and state levels, including exclusive sessions for women. Additionally, it provides training for government advocates and prosecutors. Committed to its objectives, KILPAR continues to expand its initiatives with innovative programs.

BACKGROUND

India is witnessing a significant demographic transition with a rapidly growing elderly population, making the protection of senior citizens' rights an important legal, social, and governance priority. While legislative measures such as the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, constitutional safeguards, and various welfare schemes seek to protect the dignity, health, and well-being of older persons, challenges relating to effective implementation, elder abuse, financial exploitation, healthcare access, social security, digital exclusion, and access to justice continue to persist.

Karnataka is also experiencing a steady increase in its ageing population, necessitating continuous review of legal, policy, and institutional mechanisms to ensure the effective protection and welfare of senior citizens. In this context, there is a growing need for evidence-based dialogue and stakeholder engagement to address emerging challenges and strengthen governance frameworks for the elderly.

The proposed Regional Conference seeks to provide an interdisciplinary platform for academicians, legal professionals, policymakers, researchers, healthcare experts, civil society organisations, government representatives, and students to deliberate upon contemporary issues relating to senior citizens' rights and welfare. The Conference aligns with the objectives of the Karnataka Institute for Law and Parliamentary Reform (KILPAR) in promoting legal research, policy discourse, and law reform. The deliberations and recommendations emerging from the Conference are expected to contribute to informed policymaking and strengthen legal and governance frameworks for senior citizens in Karnataka and India.



OBJECTIVES

- To examine the evolving legal, policy, and institutional framework relating to the protection of senior citizens' rights.
- To promote interdisciplinary dialogue on contemporary issues affecting the elderly and ageing populations.
- To deliberate upon challenges in the implementation of laws, policies, and welfare schemes for senior citizens.
- To encourage research and scholarly engagement on ageing, healthcare, social security, digital inclusion, and access to justice.
- To generate evidence-based policy recommendations for strengthening the protection, welfare, and dignity of senior citizens.
- To facilitate collaboration among academia, government institutions, legal professionals, healthcare experts, civil society organisations, and other stakeholders working in the field of elder welfare.
- To publish selected peer-reviewed papers as Conference Proceedings with ISBN and disseminate key policy recommendations emerging from the Conference.

Sub-themes

Theme I: Legal Framework for the Protection of Senior Citizens

- Constitutional and Human Rights of Senior Citizens
- Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007
- Elder Rights and International Human Rights Standards
- Access to Justice for Senior Citizens
- Elder Abuse, Neglect and Legal Remedies
- Rights of Elderly Women
- Legal Aid and Alternative Dispute Resolution for Senior Citizens
- Comparative Perspectives on Elder Law
- Emerging Challenges in Elder Law and Policy

Theme II: Health, Social Security and Inclusive Governance

- Healthcare Rights and Geriatric Care
- Mental Health and Well-being of Senior Citizens
- Pension, Insurance and Social Security
- Age-friendly Public Policies
- Role of Local Governments in Elder Care
- Community-Based Support Systems
- Senior Citizens and Disaster Management
- Institutional Mechanisms for Elder Welfare and Protection
- Public Administration and Service Delivery for Senior Citizens

Theme III: Technology, Digital Inclusion and Financial Protection

- Digital Literacy among Senior Citizens
- Cybercrime and Financial Fraud against the Elderly
- Technology-enabled Healthcare and Telemedicine
- Artificial Intelligence and Elder Care
- Assistive Technologies for Independent Living
- Digital Governance and Accessibility
- Consumer Protection for Senior Citizens
- Financial Inclusion and Digital Banking Security for the Elderly
- Data Privacy and Protection of Senior Citizens in the Digital Age

Theme IV: Family, Society and Sustainable Ageing

- Changing Family Structures and Elder Care
- Intergenerational Equity and Family Responsibility
- Elderly Persons and Social Inclusion
- Ageing with Dignity and Human Rights
- Sustainable Development Goals and Healthy Ageing
- Role of NGOs and Civil Society in Elder Care
- Public Policy for Active and Productive Ageing
- Senior Citizens and Community Engagement
- Promoting Age-friendly Societies and Inclusive Development

Expected Participants

- Faculty Members from Law, Social Sciences, Public Policy, Healthcare, and Allied Disciplines
- Research Scholars and Doctoral Candidates
- Advocates and Legal Practitioners
- Judicial Officers and Members of Legal Services Institutions
- Policymakers and Government Officials
- Representatives from Social Welfare and Senior Citizens' Welfare Departments
- Cyber Security and Technology Professionals
- Representatives of NGOs and Civil Society Organisations working with Senior Citizens
- Healthcare Professionals and Geriatric Care Experts
- Students of Law, Public Policy, Social Work, and Allied Disciplines
- Members of Senior Citizens' Associations and Community Organisations

Tentative Schedule



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Expected Outcomes

- To facilitate informed discussions on contemporary legal, policy, and governance issues concerning senior citizens' rights and welfare.
- To strengthen collaboration among academia, government institutions, legal professionals, healthcare experts, and civil society organisations working in the field of ageing and elder welfare.
- To develop evidence-based policy recommendations for strengthening the legal and institutional framework for the protection of senior citizens.
- To promote research and scholarly engagement on ageing, healthcare, social security, digital inclusion, and access to justice.
- To publish peer-reviewed Conference Proceedings with ISBN containing selected research papers presented during the Conference.
- To prepare a Policy Recommendations Report highlighting key findings and suggestions emerging from the Conference.
- To contribute towards the development of inclusive, age-friendly, and rights-based governance frameworks for senior citizens.

Important Dates/Timeline:

- Call for Abstracts Opens: 10th August 2026
- Last Date for Abstract Submission: 20th September 2026
- Notification of Abstract Acceptance: 30th September 2026
- Last Date for Registration & Fee Payment: 10th October 2026
- Last Date for Full Paper Submission: 31st October 2026
- Conference Date: 13th November 2026

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

- Abstracts must be original and unpublished.
- The abstract should be 250–300 words.
- The submission should include the title of the paper, author's name(s), institutional affiliation, email address, and 3–5 keywords.
- The abstract should clearly indicate the research objective, methodology, key findings (where applicable), and conclusion.
- Abstracts should be submitted in MS Word (.doc/.docx) format.
- The submission should align with the conference theme or any of the notified sub-themes.

Full Paper Submission Guidelines:

- Full papers should be original and must not have been published or submitted elsewhere.
- The paper should be between 4,000–6,000 words, including footnotes.
- Citation style: Bluebook (21st Edition).
- Font: Times New Roman, Font Size 12 for the main text, 10 for footnotes, with 1.5 line spacing.
- Papers should include an abstract, keywords, introduction, main text, conclusion, and references.
- The full paper should be submitted in MS Word (.doc/.docx) format.
- Selected peer-reviewed papers will be considered for publication in the Conference Proceedings with an ISBN.

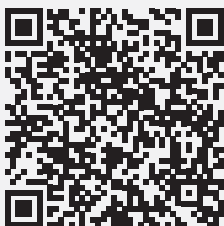
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- Academicians/Professionals: ₹500
- Students/Research Scholars: ₹300

Note:

- A maximum of two (02) authors are permitted per paper.
- In the case of joint authorship, both authors are required to register separately by paying the applicable registration fee.

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[Google Form link for Abstract Submission under the submission details.](#)

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