



FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

ENVIRONMENT AND JUSTICE:

A TRIBUTE TO
JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH

ORGANIZED BY

**BIRLA SCHOOL OF LAW,
BIRLA GLOBAL UNIVERSITY**

IN COLLABORATION WITH
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Theme: Reimagining Environmental Jurisprudence:
Lessons from Justice Kuldip Singh's Legacy

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About Birla Global University

Birla Global University (BGU), recognized as one of India's leading private universities, is a self-financed institution established under the Birla Global University Odisha Act, 2015. Spread across a sprawling 30-acre campus at IDCO Plot No. 2, Gothapatna, Bhubaneswar, the University offers a serene and intellectually stimulating environment for academic excellence. Managed by a Board of Governors chaired by Smt. Jayashree Mohta, Chairperson of the Birla Academy of Art & Culture and the principal promoter of the University, BGU operates under the guidance of the Honourable Governor of Odisha, who serves as its Chancellor. Committed to shaping future-ready professionals, the University strives to redefine excellence in education through cutting-edge infrastructure, modern facilities, and a distinguished faculty. Presently, BGU operates with seven schools—Birla School of Management, Birla School of Communication, Birla School of Commerce, Birla School of Economics, Birla School of Law, Birla School of Applied Sciences, and Birla School of Engineering & Technology—making it a preferred destination for aspiring new-generation professionals seeking transformative education.

About Birla School of Law

The Birla School of Law (BSOL) at Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar, envisions becoming a premier destination for grooming next-generation legal professionals, judges, academicians, and administrators. With a commitment to redefining the benchmarks of quality in legal education, BSOL offers state-of-the-art facilities, exceptional infrastructure, and a faculty comprising distinguished academicians and industry experts.

The school delivers top-notch legal and interdisciplinary education, equipping students with skills and knowledge through opportunities for internships, placements, and research. Since its inception, BSOL has made a remarkable impact on the legal education landscape in India, with its students excelling in moot court and mediation competitions, debates, and essay contests. Graduates of BSOL have secured prestigious placements in leading law firms and gained admission to renowned institutions for further studies both in India and abroad.

BSOL's focus on student success is strengthened by strategic MoUs and collaborations with universities, law firms, and civil society organizations, fostering enriching opportunities for internships, research, and skill development. The school also emphasizes holistic education, encouraging active participation in sports and cultural activities alongside academics.

About LawLearnizo

LawLearnizo, a premier platform legal education accessible and engaging for all, where the mission is to empower individuals, from students and legal professionals to those simply curious about the legal world, by demystifying the complexities of the legal landscape. LawLearnizo, offers a diverse range of meticulously crafted courses that blend theoretical concepts with real-world applications. Our team of experienced legal professionals and educators employs innovative teaching methods, cutting-edge technology, and a user-friendly platform to provide an immersive learning experience. Committed to inclusivity, it is ensured that the courses are accessible to learners from diverse backgrounds, fostering a supportive environment for collaborative learning. Constantly updated to reflect the latest legal developments, the content equips learners with the knowledge needed to make informed decisions and contribute meaningfully to society.

About Justice Kuldip Singh

Justice Kuldip Singh, often referred to as the "**Green Judge**" of India, was a distinguished jurist known for his pioneering contributions to environmental jurisprudence in India. Serving as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India from 1988 to 1996, Justice Singh's tenure was marked by landmark judgments that significantly strengthened environmental protection and sustainable development in the country.

He was instrumental in expanding the scope of **Public Interest Litigation (PIL)** to address pressing environmental issues, enabling ordinary citizens to seek judicial intervention for the protection of the environment. His proactive approach to judicial activism laid the foundation for environmental law as a vital area of public policy.

Beyond his judgments, Justice Kuldip Singh was a passionate advocate for ecological balance, sustainable development, and the preservation of India's rich biodiversity. His legacy extends beyond the courtroom, inspiring legal and non-legal communities to champion environmental justice.

The **First International Conference on Environment and Justice** is a tribute to his unparalleled contributions, aiming to honour his vision and continue the dialogue he initiated for a more sustainable and just world.

About the Conference

The **First International Conference on Environment and Justice: A Tribute to Justice Kuldip Singh** is a ground-breaking initiative that seeks to address the critical, underexplored challenges of environmental governance while honouring the legacy of Justice Kuldip Singh, a pioneer in environmental jurisprudence. Organized by **Birla School of Law, Birla Global University** in collaboration with **LawLearnizo**, this conference aspires to be a platform for transformative dialogue among diverse disciplines. It brings together experts from the fields of law, environmental science, policy-making, sociology, economics, technology, and grassroots activism to engage in meaningful discussions and propose innovative solutions for pressing ecological issues.

Justice Kuldip Singh's profound judgments and commitment to environmental justice have left an indelible mark on Indian and global jurisprudence. This conference aims to extend his legacy by delving into contemporary environmental challenges, such as transboundary pollution, climate-induced displacement, microplastics, corporate accountability, and sustainable urbanization.

The conference is uniquely designed to transcend the boundaries of the legal fraternity, inviting participation from researchers, educators, industry professionals, activists, and students from varied disciplines. It seeks to foster a multidisciplinary exchange of ideas, enabling participants to explore the intersections of law, science, and technology in achieving environmental justice and sustainable development.

Through a combination of keynote sessions, panel discussions, and paper presentations, the conference will provide an inclusive platform for collaboration, advocacy, and action. Participants will not only have the opportunity to engage with leading experts but also to contribute to shaping innovative policies and frameworks that address the multifaceted dimensions of environmental challenges.

This conference is not just an academic event; it is a call to action for all stakeholders to unite in envisioning and building a sustainable future.

Objectives of the Conference

The **First International Conference on Environment and Justice** aims to create a multidisciplinary platform for dialogue, collaboration, and innovation in addressing critical environmental challenges. The objectives include honouring the legacy of Justice Kuldip Singh by promoting discourse on environmental justice, exploring unaddressed ecological issues, and fostering interdisciplinary approaches to sustainable development. The conference seeks to bring together diverse stakeholders—legal professionals, policymakers, scientists, educators, and activists—to share insights, propose actionable solutions, and inspire collective action toward achieving environmental resilience and justice for future generations.

Theme for the Conference

Reimagining Environmental Jurisprudence: Lessons from Justice Kuldip Singh's Legacy

Sub- Themes for the Technical Sessions During the Conference

1. Environmental Justice and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Legal frameworks for achieving SDG targets.
- Role of judiciary in balancing environmental protection and development.
- Green economy: Challenges and opportunities in policy integration.

2. Silent Disasters: Unaddressed Environmental Issues

- The hidden cost of groundwater depletion.
- Noise and light pollution: Emerging concerns.
- Microplastic pollution and marine ecosystem degradation.

3. Transboundary Environmental Challenges

- Legal frameworks for addressing cross-border pollution.
- Climate refugees: International law and challenges in recognition.
- Role of regional cooperation in managing shared ecosystems.

4. Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Environmental Conservation

- Protecting indigenous rights amidst rapid industrialization.
- Integration of traditional ecological practices with modern policies.
- Cultural heritage as a tool for biodiversity preservation.

5. Climate Litigation and the Role of Judiciary

- The evolving landscape of climate litigation in national and international courts.
- Justice Kuldip Singh's impact on public interest litigation in environmental matters.
- Challenges in implementing court directives in environmental cases.

6. Corporate Accountability and Green Governance

- Assessing the role of CSR in environmental conservation.
- Legal remedies for corporate-induced environmental harm.
- Greenwashing: Identifying and addressing corporate deceit in sustainability claims.

7. Urbanization and Environmental Governance

- The future of sustainable cities: Policy and legal challenges.
- Urban waste management and legal responsibilities.
- Climate-resilient urban planning and zoning laws.

8. Technological Innovation in Environmental Law

- Legal challenges in regulating AI and geoengineering solutions for climate change.
- Blockchain for environmental governance: Ensuring transparency in emissions trading.
- Use of technology in wildlife conservation and anti-poaching laws.

9. The Role of Media and Public Awareness in Environmental Advocacy

- Ethical reporting on environmental issues.
- Social media's impact on grassroots environmental movements.
- Addressing misinformation in environmental debates.

10. Youth Participation in Environmental Advocacy

- Law and policy reforms for empowering young climate activists.
- Bridging the gap between academia and real-world environmental activism.
- Strategies for nurturing the next generation of environmental leaders.

11. Sustainable Living Practices and Community Initiatives

- Promoting eco-friendly lifestyles and practices at the individual and community levels.
- Role of local and grassroots initiatives in addressing environmental challenges.
- Community-driven conservation models and their impact on biodiversity.

12. Environmental Education and Awareness

- Integrating environmental education into school and university curricula.
- The role of educators and students in fostering a culture of sustainability.
- Innovative tools and technologies for spreading environmental awareness.

13. Art, Culture, and Environmental Storytelling

- Using art, literature, and media to highlight environmental issues.
- Documenting traditional stories and practices for ecological conservation.
- Role of cultural heritage in fostering environmental stewardship.

14. Health and Environment: Addressing Human Well-Being

- Exploring the link between environmental degradation and public health crises.
- Mental health impacts of climate anxiety and ecological grief.
- Role of healthcare professionals in advocating for environmental policies.

15. Sustainable Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- Encouraging green start-ups and entrepreneurial ventures in sustainability.
- Innovations in renewable energy, waste management, and water conservation.
- Collaborative projects between industries and communities for sustainable solutions.

Organizing Committee

1. **Patron in Chief** : Prof. (Dr.) Kulbhusan Balooni, *Vice-Chancellor, Birla Global University*

2. **Co- Patron in Chief** : Prof. (Dr.) B.K. Das, *Registrar, Birla Global University*

3. **Patron** : Prof. (Dr.) Sukanta Kumar Nanda, *Dean, Birla School of Law, Birla Global University*

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Submission Guidelines

- 1. Eligibility** We invite students from undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral qualifications, practitioners, academicians, policymakers, and scholars to participate in our conference to share valuable insights on the subject and start a dialogue on issues not discussed before.
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- 2. Abstracts** Abstracts shall be within the range of 300-350 words, with a minimum of 5 keywords (not counted in the word limit). To submit the abstract, kindly fill up the Google form- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaz1RNolvNnsJ17W43Is_CtiXjT1bbTJp8m3XD-GRYT7RBUw/viewform?usp=preview
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- 3. Word Limit** Papers shall be in the length of 3000-5000 words. Detailed guidelines are as follows:

Author(s) should not mention their personal details at any places in the manuscript. Personal Details and Institutional Affiliations should be mentioned in a separate cover letter. The Cover Letter should have the Following Details:

- Name of all the Authors
- Email Address of all the Authors
- Contact Details of all the Authors
- Designation of all the Authors
- Institute Name of all the Authors
- Title of the Paper

The main body text in the manuscript must be in Times New Roman in a font size of 12, 1.5 line spacing and in justified alignment. For footnotes, maintain Times New Roman Style with a font size of 10 and 1.0 line spacing. For Headings, Times New Roman style must be followed with a font size of 14 and must be Bold and Underlined.

Abstracts are to be submitted in .doc or .docx format only.

Participants are requested to only submit their Abstract initially.

Participants should follow the Bluebook 20th Edition for the purpose of Citing the footnotes.

- 4. Co- authorship** Co-authors up to 3 shall be permitted. However, the registration fee will be charged per individual and not per abstract/paper.
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5. **Paper presentation** The participants whose papers are accepted will present their ideas in a 10-minute presentation before a panel.
6. **Book Release** All the selected papers shall be published in a book as a Conference Proceedings. The Book shall be bearing an ISBN Number.

Schedule of Dates

Submission of abstracts:	15th January 2025.
Notification on Acceptance/ Rejection of Abstracts:	16th January 2025.
Registration Opens on:	20th January 2025.
Last date for registration:	14th February 2025.
Last date for paper submission:	10th February 2025.
Date of conference:	15th-16th February 2025. (Virtual)

Registration Fees

#	Category	Fee
1.	Students Birla School of Law, Birla Global University and LawLearnizo	INR 800/-
2.	U.G. & P.G. Students	INR 1000/-
3.	Research Scholars	INR 1200/-
4.	Academicians from Birla School of Law, Birla Global University	INR 1200/-
5.	Academicians, Practitioners, and Policy Makers	INR 1500/-
6.	International Authors	\$30/-
7.	Conference Attendees	INR 500/-

*For every addition in Authorship, there shall be an addition of INR 500/-

** There shall not be any separate publication charges. Publication Charges are included in the registration fees. The registration fees are to be paid only after the selection of Abstracts.

Awards

1. **Best Paper Award:** INR 2500 Cash Prize + Medals +Trophy + Certificates

2. **Best Presentation Award:** INR 2500 Cash Prize + Medals +Trophy + Certificates

3. Additional Courses, Books, Scholarships in Course Enrolments by LawLearnizo

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