



Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab
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in Collaboration with



Consortium of National Law Universities

is organizing

One-day National Seminar

**SPORTS LAW IN INDIA : ISSUES,
PERSPECTIVES AND CHALLENGES**

on

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, was established by the State Legislature of Punjab vide Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006. The Act incorporated a University of Law of national stature in the State of Punjab, thereby fulfilling the need for a Centre of Excellence in Legal Education in the modern era of globalization and liberalization. The University has been accredited with 'A' grade by NAAC. RGNUL has been ranked among top 10 Law Institutions in the country by National Institutional Ranking Framework. The University has been ranked first i.e. cleanest amongst Government Residential Universities in India by MHRD in Swachh Campus Rankings 2019.

In a short span of one and half decade, RGNUL has established its niche in legal education, moots, debates, parliamentary debates, sports and other curricular and extra-curricular activities. University is equipped with latest state of the art infrastructure and is one of the best in the country. The University is dedicated to provide holistic legal education and to promote quality research in law and allied disciplines. Over the years, it has addressed a large number of contemporary social issues and invested a lot of innovative thinking in its instructional and research programmes.

RGNUL is committed to promote research in various areas of law. With this in view, RGNUL has established eleven Research Centres to promote advanced study and research in the emerging areas of the respective fields, independently or in collaboration with various professional institutions at the national and international levels; to bring about publications and produce study material in the respective fields of knowledge; to organize seminars, workshops and conferences on contemporary and significant issues.



ABOUT THE CONSORTIUM OF NLU'S

The Consortium of National Law Universities was established on 19th August, 2017 with the aim of improving the standard of legal education in the country and justice system through legal education.

The Consortium became the legal entity when it was registered at Bangalore under the Karnataka Co-operative Society Act, of 26-03-2019 in which 16 NLU's signed and became the founding members of the Consortium. The remaining NLU's (except National Law University, Delhi) subsequently joined the Consortium. It has three permanent member, i.e., National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR), Hyderabad, National Law Institute (NLIU), Bhopal. Twenty-One National Law Universities have joined the Consortium as founder members.

The Consortium aspires to facilitate better coordination amongst National Law Schools to achieve highest standards of legal education in the country. Consortium was established to accomplish various objectives including to provide the highest standards of legal education to make Indian legal education comparable with the most reputed international institutions of legal education and to consider, initiate and promote reforms in legal education and disseminate learning and knowledge of law and legal processes and their role in national development.



THEME OF THE SEMINAR

India is home to plenty of sports, which are played throughout the length and breadth of the country. Sports have been acknowledged by United Nations as a method of advancing health, education and development. Sports have moved from being the source of individual entertainment and fitness to professional sports involving billions of dollar industry. Some sports like Game of Cricket are pursued like religion in India.

In such a billion dollar industry disputes and legal issues are bound to arise especially with the rise of franchisee/league sports like IPL (Indian Premier League), Football, Kabaddi Leagues etc. Therefore, host of legal disputes including disputes regarding franchisee agreements, broadcasting rights, arbitrary actions of sports bodies/authorities have surfaced in India and as well as across the globe requiring examination of plethora of laws including law of contract and other general laws of the country. Zee Telefilms Ltd. (referred to as *Magna carta* of sports law) is a classic example of litigation in sports.

This apart, with the rise of professional competitive sports, rising pressure on sportspersons to perform, greed and due to other issues, various problems have surfaced including the problem of doping in sports, corruption, betting, match fixing, offences on the field and off the field requiring legal intervention. Betting, gambling, match fixing etc are regulated by general criminal law of the country whereas offences on the field and off the field are regulated by the Codes of different sports organizations/associations.

However, there is no specific legislation dealing with sports law in India. Government of India has enacted National Sports Development Code, 2011 for regulating National Sports Federations in India. In the absence of specific legislation dealing with various aspects of sports, regulation of sports presents a big challenge, highlighting the need for development of law and need for having sports lawyers in India.

In this backdrop, the seminar is proposed on various aspects of sports. The seminar is aimed at providing the participants with the nuances of sports and the need for regulating the sports; intricacies of various laws dealing with sports and the issues and challenges of sports law in India. Seminar will involve various technical sessions wherein experts and participants will discuss and debate various aspects of sports and the legal provisions regulating such aspects.

SUB THEMES OF THE SEMINAR

Broad list of sub-themes is given hereunder. List is illustrative and papers on the broad theme of the conference are welcome.

- Global Governance of Sports Bodies and Law
- National Sports Development Code, 2011
- Broadcasting, ticketing, merchandising, Sponsorship of Sports and Legal governance thereof
- Disciplinary Codes, Internal Discipline procedures, On-field offences
- Taxation of Sports Organizations
- Dispute Resolution Mechanism in Sports
- Age Fraud in Sports and Law in India
- Doping and Anti-Doping Law
- Legal Wagering and Sports : Match Fixing, Betting, Gambling and law
- Sports and Intellectual Property Issues
- Anti Corruption Code in Sports
- National Sports Development Bill

CALL FOR PAPERS

Research papers are invited from the academicians, researchers, research scholars, lawyers, practitioners and students. It is proposed to publish the selected papers in the form of an edited book with ISBN number. However, submission/presentation of paper does not guarantee publication and decision of the editors regarding suitability for publication shall be final. Participants shall be required to present their papers during the seminar in person or through web conferencing.

PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Participants shall be required to submit an abstract of around 350 words. Abstract shall also contain, name of the author/authors, email Id of the author/s, contact number and designation. Full paper should not exceed 6000 words. It shall be typed in in Times New Roman, Font Size 12 on A4 size paper with 1” margin on all sides with 1.5 line spacing using MS Word. Citations shall be strictly in accordance with the Bluebook (20th Edition).

WEB CONFERENCE

Web Conference facility shall be provided to selected presenters (only on prior payment of registration fee) who have registered for web conferencing in advance by sending an email at seminar@rgnul.ac.in.

REGISTRATION FEES

Students : 800 INR
Teachers: 1000 INR

Co-authors*: 1500 INR *(A maximum of 2 authors are permitted per paper)

All payments to be made through this link:
<https://www.rgnulrp.org/lisa/eventPortal/loginFrom.jsp>

REGISTRATION

Participants may register by filling the form available at
<https://forms.gle/NweUTov3exmFqzJq9>

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation, if available, shall be provided on prior intimation and on payment basis.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Last date for Submission of the registration form and abstract: 24th March, 2020

Intimation of abstract selection and opening of Payment link: 25st March, 2020

Last date of payment: 2nd April, 2020

Full paper submission (Soft copy): 11th April, 2020

Abstracts and full-length papers are required to be emailed at seminar@rgnul.ac.in.

Participants are requested to adhere to the abovementioned dates

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