



**NLSIU-CEERA  
TWO-DAY WEBINAR**

**“FUTURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION IN INDIA”**



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**NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY,  
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**PAPER PRESENTATIONS INVITED**



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#### ABOUT THE WEBINAR

In an age when India is witnessing a staggering rise in industrialisation and development, the country is correspondingly facing environmental degradation at a rapid pace. Large scale deforestation, increasing levels of pollution, rise in frequency of natural disasters, rampant depletion of natural resources, extinction of wildlife among many other anthropogenic induced factors are evidence of this deteriorating ecological condition. At the outset, there is no denying that such drastic changes have severe consequences to the natural world. As the human race also makes up a significant portion of the ecosystem, such environmental degradation also poses dire consequences to the lives and well-being of humans, over and above creating a strain on natural environment. In order to deter these damaging consequences from materialising, it is essential that a robust legal system regulating environmentally damaging anthropogenic activities exist. In particular, the presence of a sound judicial system to reinforce these regulations is crucial. Today, there is a plethora of constitutional and legislative provisions on environmental protection in India. In addition to this, over the past few decades, environmental activism and litigation has captured an increased momentum. Several NGO's, non-state actors, public spirited individuals and members of civil society have taken to courts to vindicate the 'rights of nature' by fighting unwarranted attacks on the environment. Parallely, the National Green Tribunal and the mainstream judiciary have demonstrated the zealous vehemence in combating environmental assaults by enforcing accountability on authorities duty-bound to protect the environment. Besides this, the judiciary has also played a pivotal role by developing and strengthening the environmental jurisprudence in India.



Despite such a robust system in place, there are several challenges to environmental governance in India. From the improper implementation of policies and callousness in enforcing judicial rulings to the lack of expertise and technical know-how amidst the legal fraternity and loopholes in the legislative framework, there are several glaring concerns that underpin the overall legal mechanism. Moreover, owing to the dynamic nature of environmental problems, there is a possibility that the institutional structure to ensure environmental protection may not be well-equipped to meet the need of the hour. Therefore, in circumstances such as these, there is a need to reflect on the role of environmental litigation to best address environmental issues. In light of this, the webinar on “The Future of Environmental Litigation in India” aims to understand and analyse the contours of environmental litigation in India and its future prospects as an instrument for achieving environmental justice.

***THE WEBINAR WILL INVITE PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS ON THE FOLLOWING THEMES:***

- ❖ Judicial/Legal Activism in ensuring Environmental Justice
- ❖ Environmental Justice/ and Public Interest Litigation
- ❖ Vindication of Rights in Environmental Law (human rights, rights of nature, animal rights)
- ❖ Intersectional Environmentalism, human rights and health.
- ❖ Role of adjudicatory Bodies in interpretation and implementation of environmental legislation in India.
- ❖ Environmental non-compliance and role of the Judiciary
- ❖ Ex Ante and post facto litigation challenges
- ❖ NGT: Quasi-Judicial impact assessment.
- ❖ Environmental Justice and International law
- ❖ Application of Environmental Justice to combat global challenges

## *LIST OF EMINENT SPEAKERS*



**ARMIN ROSENCRAZ**  
Dean, Jindal School of Environment & Sustainability, JGU



**SHYAM DIVAN**  
Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India



**RITWICK DUTTA**  
Founder and Managing Trustee, Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment



**BHARAT H. DESAI**  
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**NAWNEET VIBHAW**  
Partner, Khaitan & Co



**BHIBU PRASAD TRIPATHY**  
Advocate, High Court of Odisha



**GAURI MAULEKHI**  
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**SANJAY UPADHYAY**  
Founder, Enviro-Legal Defence Firm



**SHIBANI GHOSH**  
Public Interest Lawyer & Fellow at Centre for Policy Research



**ARVIND JASROTIA**  
Professor, Department of Law, Jammu University (Formerly Head & Dean)



**M K RAMESH**  
Professor of Law, NLSIU



**ABHAYRAJ NAIK**  
Co-Founder, Initiative for Climate Action



**SAIRAM BHAT**  
Professor of Law, NLSIU



**DEVA PRASAD M**  
Assistant Professor, IIM Kozhikode



**MRINALINI SHINDE**  
Fellow, Legal Affairs Division, UNFCCC Secretariat

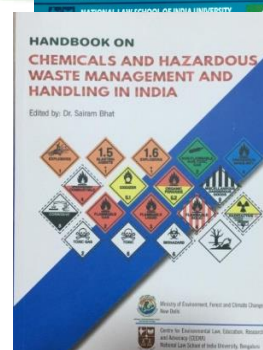
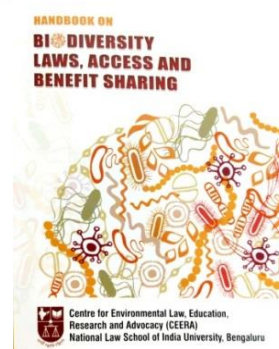


## ***ABOUT CEERA, NLSIU***

Centre for Environmental Law Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA), established in 1997 at National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru is a benefactor of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of Karnataka, the Bar and the Bench in India and abroad. Building an environmental law database, effectively networking among all stakeholders, building up an environmental law community and policy research in the area of environment are CEERA's main objectives. To achieve the aforesaid, CEERA has incessantly and successfully been able to build functional and professional linkages with government agencies and non-governmental organisations in India, the South Asian Region and at International levels. CEERA annually organises, a University Grants Commission recognized, One-week Law Teacher's Refresher Course.

CEERA, has been partnering with Central Pollution Control Board in organising Training programs for the officers of various State Pollution Control Boards and other industry professionals for over eight (8) years.

One of the first in India, to be granted a five year World Bank project on Environmental Law capacity building and thereafter being a steady choice for the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, CEERA has been entrusted with research projects and workshops to impart training to Forest Officers, Revenue Officers, Officers of the Central Pollution Control Board and also of the Government of Karnataka. CEERA is proud to have completed a two-year Research Project granted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) under the Global Environment Facility (GEF), and as one of the deliverables, organised, convened and conducted over twenty workshops at Institutions of national repute creating awareness on the Biodiversity Law and Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) in less than 2 years. Two research publications on the scanty research area of biodiversity laws were also the outcome of this project.



CEERA has also made several publications in the area of environmental law, the law and public policy along with Newsletters, CEERA March of the Environmental Law, NLSIU's first e-Journal – Journal on Environmental Law, Policy and Development and manages two websites viz., [www.nlsenlaw.org](http://www.nlsenlaw.org), wherein the law and policy on Environment is regularly updated, and [www.nlsabs.com](http://www.nlsabs.com), a dedicated portal wherein the law and policy on Biodiversity Access and Benefit Sharing is updated periodically. All our publications are duly updated on our online portal [www.nlspub.ac.in](http://www.nlspub.ac.in), which is open for subscription to all readers. Currently CEERA is implementing a three-year project for MOEF on Chemicals and Waste Related Multilateral Environmental Agreements.



### ***WHO MAY ATTEND THE WEBINAR?***

- ❖ Lawyers, Legal Professionals, Consultants, Academicians and Law Students
- ❖ Officers of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Officers of the various Pollution Control Boards, etc.
- ❖ Industry Professionals, Environmental engineers, EHS managers
- ❖ Representatives from Companies or other Institutions
- ❖ Representatives of Governing and Regulatory Bodies
- ❖ Government Officers, Officers of Public Sector Undertakings



### ***IMPORTANT DATES:***

- ❖ **Last Date for Submission of Abstract: 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**
- ❖ **Last Date for Registration: 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**
- ❖ **Submission of Full-Length Papers: 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020**
- ❖ **Dates of Webinar: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**

### ***SUBMISSIONS - DETAILS AND GUIDELINES:***

- ❖ Abstracts of not more than 500 words, on the above-mentioned themes are invited, submitted as Word documents, with a covering letter containing the name and designation of the author(s).
- ❖ There may be a maximum of only two Authors for each Abstract/Paper; and all participants are permitted to enjoy as co-author for a maximum of one Abstract/Paper only.
- ❖ The full-length research papers in case of short articles should be 3500 – 5000 words (inclusive of foot notes), and around 8000 words (inclusive of foot notes) in case of long articles.
- ❖ Potential contributors are required to adhere to a uniform mode of citation (20th edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation is recommended).
- ❖ All Abstracts to be sent via e-mail to [geethanjali@nls.ac.in](mailto:geethanjali@nls.ac.in) or [lianne@nls.ac.in](mailto:lianne@nls.ac.in) on or before **4<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**.

**After peer review, select papers/articles will be published at [www.nlspub.ac.in](http://www.nlspub.ac.in) in the form of INLAW Magazine.**

REGISTRATION FEES	
Each Participant/Paper Presenter	INR. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only)

Participant(s) shall register by paying a registration fee of **INR 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred Only)** per participant.

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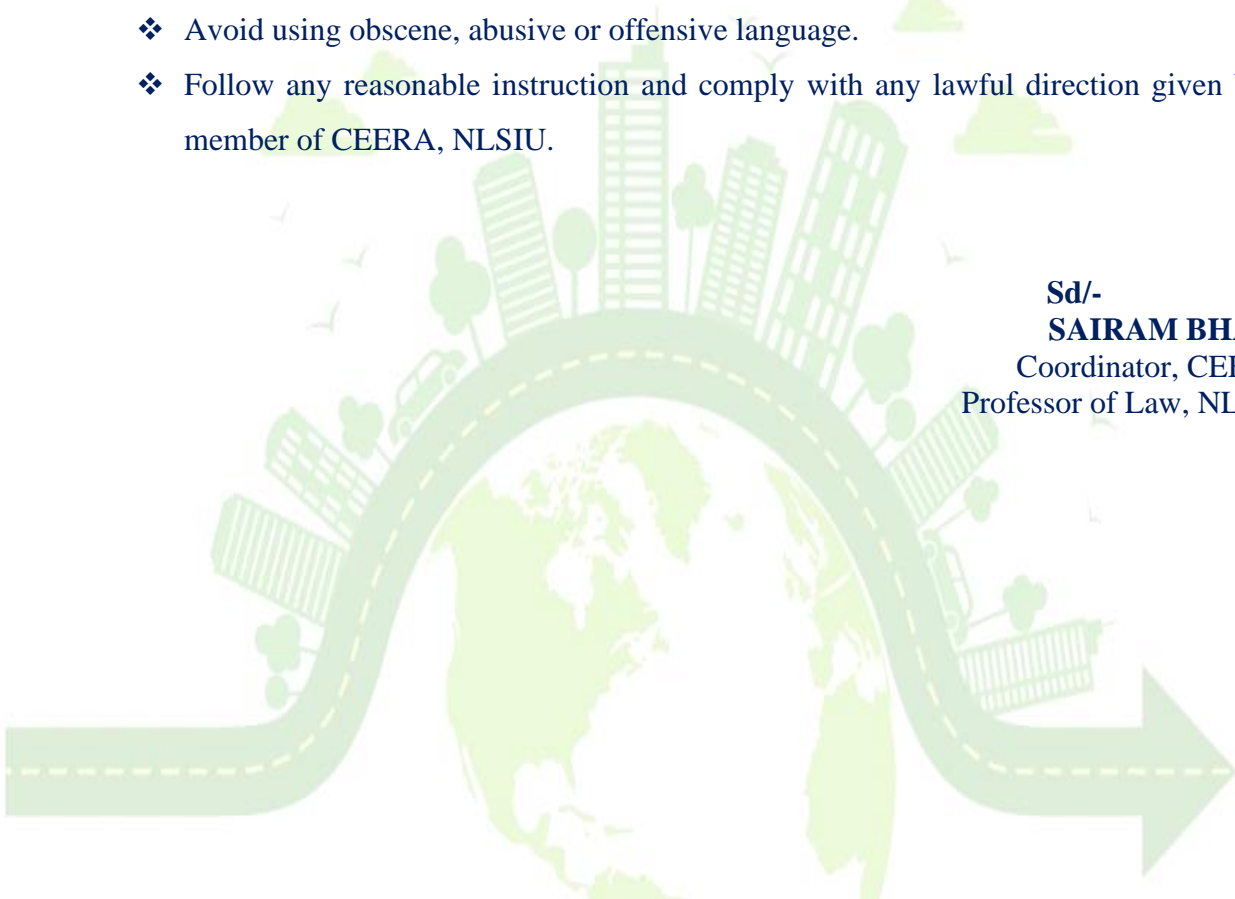
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- ❖ Accommodate and tolerate different opinions and perspectives, and sort out disagreements by rational and respectful discussion, and without criticism.
- ❖ Avoid using obscene, abusive or offensive language.
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