

Banaras Hindu University

The Banaras Hindu University is an internationally reputed seat of learning, situated in the holy city of Varanasi on the banks of pious river Ganga. This university was founded by the great nationalist and prodigious leader Pandit Madan Mohan Malviyaji in the year 1916 under the Parliamentary legislation- *the Banaras Hindu University Act 1915*. The Banaras Hindu University ranks among the top universities in the field of academic and research output all over the country.

Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law is completing its 100 years of a rich legacy. The Faculty of Law has been a pioneer in introducing the Three-year LL.B. course and Two-year LL.M. Programme. It has taken lead in introducing a two-year full-time Masters programme in Human Rights and Duties Education and presently offers Five-year B.A. LL.B. integrated course and 1-year LL.M. programme under the scheme-special courses of studies. The faculty of Law also runs post-Graduate part-time Diploma Courses in various fields- Taxation, Corporate Governance, Media, Forensic Science and Human Resource Management. This Faculty has been the first in India in introducing Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid programmes as a part of legal education to cater the needs of the poor.

Faculty is organizing a National Seminar on the topic '*75 Years of Parliamentary Democracy in India: Retrospect and Prospect*'. The seminar will be held for two days (March 4-5, 2023) wherein, eminent speakers and scholars will discuss, deliberate, and interact on key issues relating to parliamentary democracy in India.

Concept Note

The basic philosophy of the entire Constitution is contained in brief in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution. The Indian Constitution has effectively met various challenges since its formation, without giving up the inherent ideology of its objective, i.e., achievement of established democracy and a continuous up-gradation. However, this fact should also be taken into consideration that even after the continuous and tremendous attempts to build a robust democracy along with a fearless and nepotism-free democratic approach amongst the citizen, much more has to be done in this regard. Therefore, seventy-five years later, there is a need to relook at the performance of the Parliamentary democracy in India. Today, there exists a wide spectrum of issues and challenges that require extensive research, discussion, and deliberation. Strict adherence to the implementation of the objectives of the Indian Constitution, factual accessibility of social, economic, and political justice to the last person of the society, and creating a fearless and progressive society based on the scientific temperament, is the need of the hour. A sincere and dedicated engagement from our side can go a long way in building a secured future for us that will nurture a culture of democracy and efficient governance.

Theme of the Seminar

The representative democracy and the institutions that have endured in India for 75 years are a great tribute to their strength and resilience. However, in recent

years, there has been much speculation about the ups and downs of the Parliament. Certain trivialities towards parliamentary institutions are presenting a disturbing scenario. It seems to analyse what ails the Parliament or to find-out reasons for the erosion of the traditional power, high respect, and ancient glory of Parliament.

Therefore, the theme "*75 Years of Parliamentary Democracy in India: Retrospect and Prospect*" has been chosen as the subject of the National Seminar as a part of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotashav* to achieve social, economic and political justice.

Sub-Themes

The following sub-themes are proposed for abstract submission and paper presentations:

1. Historical Perspective of Parliamentary Democracy
2. Foundations of the Democracy (Justice, Liberty, and Equality)
3. Federalism and its Contemporary Horizons.
4. E-Governance and Good Governance
5. Role of Opposition in Strengthening the Democracy
6. Fourth Pillar of Democracy
7. Electoral Reforms and use of Technology
8. Access to Public Information
9. Role of Judiciary in Strengthening Democracy

Note: The above-mentioned sub-themes are not exhaustive and any other allied issues may be considered for paper presentation.

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Registration Fee

The fee per participant (without accommodation) is as follows:

- Type of Delegates Up to 28th February 2023 - Students (UG & PG) **Rs. 1000**
- Academicians, Research Scholars, & Professionals **Rs. 1500**

For Electronic Transfer, kindly use the following details:

- Beneficiary's Name: National Seminar
- Bank Name: State Bank of India
- Branch Address: Main Branch, BHU, Varanasi, UP
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- IFSC Code: SBIN0000211

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Accommodation

- Outstation candidates need assistance for accommodation (on payment basis) may contact the Organizing Secretary of the Seminar.
- No TA/DA will be provided.

Call for Papers

Original contributions and case studies; based on research, surveys, and practices, related to the sub-themes mentioned are invited. The contributors may also include any other topic under the broad categories of the main theme of the Seminar.

Paper Submission Guidelines

Papers on the Theme and Sub-Themes listed, or any other issue related to the broad Theme of the Seminar, based on research in the field and case studies may be submitted accepted for presentation. The authors should strictly follow the following structure and guidelines while submitting paper:

- Paper should not exceed 4000 words, Single Space, 12 Point Font Size (Times New Roman for English and Krutidev 10 for Hindi) in MS-Word.
- Abstract should not be exceeding 200 words, including 3-5 key words.
- Follow proper style of Referencing.
- Only selected papers will be published in book, bearing ISBN.
- The authors of the accepted papers must submit their 'Declaration of Originality and transfer of Copyright'.
- Last date of abstract submission is 24th February, 2023 and Full Paper may be sent on or before 28th February, 2023 on seminar seminarlawschool@gmail.com
- The Certificate will be provided only on physical presence of delegates in Seminar.



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'75 Years of Parliamentary Democracy in India: Retrospect and Prospect'

भारत में संसदीय लोकतंत्र के 75 वर्ष :
पुनरावलोकन और संभावना'

March 4-5, 2023

Venue

**Mahamana Hall,
Faculty of Law**

Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi-221005