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DEPARTMENT OF LAW



**Call for papers**  
**Two-day Regional**  
**Seminar**  
**On**  
**Transformative**  
**Constitutionalism:**  
**Emerging Trends and**  
**Challenges**

22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March,  
2024

Organised by

Department of Law,  
University of North Bengal,  
Raja Rammohanpur, West  
Bengal

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## **Concept Note**

The Constitution of India embodies movements of profound transformation since 1950, in general and post 1976 in particular. Transformative constitutionalism is based on the fundamental goal of transforming society for the better, i.e., making it more progressive and inclusive and places its trust on Judiciary as a tool for social and political change. It embodies a dynamic approach that recognizes constitutions as living documents capable of responding to the evolving needs and aspirations of society.

In India, the State has never been the power center, deeply pervasive hierarchies have been maintained by structures that took various forms like caste, religion, etc. where the state has limited authority to interfere. It has been necessary to transform these institutions of hierarchies to enable a social pedestal on which the politico-legal structure can stand.

This form of transformative constitutionalism has been pivotal in recent judgments addressing issues such as same-sex relationships, animal rights, the practice of triple talaq, and the annulment of beggary laws of colonial origin. In line with this theme, the Department of Law, University of North Bengal plans to organise a Regional Level Seminar. The seminar aims to provide a comprehensive overview of current developments, emerging trends, and challenges related to these transformative issues. The Seminar, also, tends to unveil the trend of transformation that hitherto fore has taken place under the Constitution of India and uncover the untrodden areas and portray the challenges that lie therein.

### **Sub-themes:**

- The golden triangles in the Constitution and Transformative Constitutionalism
- Right to Equality under Constitutional Transformation
- Socio Economic Justice under Constitutional Transformation
- Socio Political Justice under Constitutional Transformation
- Any other topic reflecting Transformative Constitutionalism

### **About the University of North Bengal**

Welcome to the University of North Bengal, an esteemed educational institution seamlessly blending education with nature. Our campus is renowned for its verdant surroundings, creating a tranquil and conducive atmosphere for both academic pursuits and relaxation. Established in

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1962 through an Act of the West Bengal Legislature, the University of North Bengal is committed to nurturing education, training, and research across diverse disciplines. Our mission is to propel and disseminate knowledge, tailoring higher education to meet the evolving needs of society. Nestled on 315.99 acres at the foothills of the Himalayas, our university provides breath-taking views of the Kanchenjunga peak, enveloped by tea gardens and forests. In a commitment to expanding educational opportunities, we have also set up a second campus in Jalpaiguri, further enriching avenues for higher education and research. For additional information, please visit [<https://www.nbu.ac.in>].



## **About the Department**

The Department of Law is prominently situated on Asian Highway 2 between Bagdogra and Siliguri in the District of Darjeeling. The distance from Bagdogra is six kilometers and from Siliguri is seven kilometers. The Department has its own campus in the South Block of the University of North Bengal. The sprawling campus of the University enjoys the pristine beauty of the eastern Himalayas and is the intellectual hub of North Bengal. Siliguri is an important subdivision of the district and commercial capital of North Bengal. Located at the foot hills of eastern Himalayas, Siliguri is the gate way to North eastern India and land locked countries like Bhutan and Nepal. It shares a huge and porous international border with Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan. It is well connected with all metropolis and major cities by air and rail.

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The Department of Law, formerly known as the North Bengal University College of Law, was established in the year 1974 and upgraded as the Department of Law in the year 2000. Presently the Department offers B.A. LL.B. [Honours] 5-year integrated course, LL.M. course and Ph.D. The intake at the LL.B. level is onehundred twentyfive, and the LL.M. course which was started in 1993 has forty seats. The criteria of admission both at B.A. LL.B.[Honours] under CBCS mode and LL.M. under CBCS mode are on merit. The department has a rich Ph.D. programme. It was started in 1999 and since then more than 50 Ph.D. degrees have been awarded. Presently, there are about Eighteen scholars engaged in doctoral research under various faculty members under the UGC Regulation, 2009 and UGC Regulation, 2016. The Department attracts scholars and students from all over India and especially from Sikkim, Assam, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Orissa. It also attracts students from Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh. The Department was jointly selected by the British Council, Delhi, University of Warwick, U.K. and the National Law School of India University to carry out the 'Human Rights Outreach Project'. It was also a partner institution with CEERA, National Law School of India University for carrying out environment education for forest personnel, Tea Garden personnel and judicial officers. The Department has published Booklets in Human Rights, Environment Legislations in Bengali and Nepali. It has a Legal Aid Clinic in collaboration with the State Legal Services Authorities. It runs a very successful NSS programme. The Centre for Child Rights was formed in 2018 at the behest of the UNICEF in collaboration with the Legal Aid Committee has been successfully conducting outreach programmes in relation to child rights and child welfare. One of the monumental works of the Department of Law is the publication of the Indian Journal of Law and Justice for the last fourteen years. The Indian Journal of Law and Justice (ISSN-0976:3570) is a double-blinded, peer-reviewed, refereed, UGC CARE Listed bi-annual journal which has been internationally and nationally acclaimed and indexed with the SCOPUS and HeinOnline. Authors from distinguished institutions from all over the world have contributed to the contents of this highly acclaimed journal to add to its value and standard. The journal can be accessed from its official website [ijl.nbu.ac.in](http://ijl.nbu.ac.in). The Department hosts a robust Moot Court Society, formed in 2018, which has the credit of organising National Moot Court Competitions and Inter-Department Moot Court Competitions where teams representing distinguished Law Schools and Colleges participate. The Moot Court Society provides opportunities to students to develop their advocacy skills and facilitates the participation of the students to participate in National and International Moot Court Competitions. It is also



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noteworthy that the Department has established the Centre for Cyber Law and Cyber Security in 2018 which organises various workshops to spread awareness on Cyber Law and Cyber Security. Last but not the least the Department has been organizing Regional, National and International Seminar / Conference / workshop /Symposium etc. at regular intervals (38 programmes in last 18 years. The Department also undertakes a number of Research Projects sponsored by different National and International bodies on regular basis. Moreover, it has close collaboration with renowned national and international institutions.



## **Submissions - Details and Guidelines:**

- Abstracts of not more than 300 words, for original research papers on the above-mentioned themes are invited, submitted as Word documents, with a cover letter containing the name and designation of the author(s).
- There can be a maximum of two Authors only for each Abstract/Paper. .
- Authors of shortlisted abstracts shall be required to send their full-length papers who would have the privilege of presenting their papers at this seminar.
- Full-length research papers in the form of articles within 5000 - 7000 words (inclusive of footnotes), should be sent.
- Potential contributors are required to adhere to a uniform mode of citation (19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> Bluebook mode of Citation)
- Selected papers may be considered for publication in our journal, Indian Journal of Law and Justice or in the edited book.

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- *All Abstracts are to be sent by filling the Google Form, the link of which is given below: <https://acesse.one/WXX6D>*

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## **Important Dates:**

*I. Submission abstract- 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2024*

*II. Communication of acceptance of abstract from Organisers' side- 09<sup>th</sup> March 2024*

*III. Submission of Full Paper- 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2024*

*IV. Communication of acceptance of Full Paper- 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2024*

*VI. Regional Seminar- 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2024*

## **Who May Attend the Seminar**

- *Lawyers, Academicians, Government Officials, Officials from NGOs and INGOs from the Eastern and North Eastern States including West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Sikkim and the Seven Sister States*
- *Research Scholars and Students from the Eastern and North Eastern States including West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Sikkim and the Seven Sister States*

## **REGISTRATION DETAILS**

<b>Participants Category</b>	<b>Registration Fee</b>
<b>Teachers/ Academicians/Government Officials/ Advocates/NGOs/INGOs officials</b>	<b>2000/-</b>
<b>Research Scholars and students</b>	<b>1500/-</b>
<b>Registration Link</b>	<b><a href="https://acesse.one/WXX6D">https://acesse.one/WXX6D</a></b>

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**No Accommodation/TA/DA will be provided by the organisers for the participants.**

## SEMINAR ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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