



One-Day National Conference

On

"Laws and Policies relating to Agricultural Sector in India"

(Virtual)



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Organized by

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About Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow



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Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, was established by an Act of Govt. of Uttar Pradesh in 2005, U.P. Act No.28 of 2005 and came into being on 4th of January 2006 to meet up the new challenges in legal field and to strengthen the vision that was given by the establishment of first National Law School of the country. The vision of Dr. RMLNLU is to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of law and legal processes and their role in national development and also to develop a sense of responsibility among the student and research scholar so as to serve society in the field of law by developing skills in regard to advocacy, Judicial and other legal services, legislation, law reforms in the existing laws and the like. It further aims to organize lectures, seminars, symposia and conferences, to promote legal knowledge and to make law and legal process an efficient instrument of social development.

Objectives of the Conference

India is predominantly an agriculture-based economy wherein 58% of the population relies on agriculture as source of their livelihood. It accounts for 17.1% of the country's Gross Value Added (GVA). Despite the fact that agriculture employs majority of the labour force in the country, it is seen as an inefficient sector incapable of fulfilling the aspiration of the large number of people employed in it. After independence, the government of India initiated a series of ground-breaking milestones measures in the form of land reforms including abolition of Zamindari to provide equitable access to land, Green Revolution, etc. to increase the agricultural productivity. In addition, agriculture being the *State* subject, various State Governments has also undertaken numerous initiatives in the form of legislations like the Gujarat Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1963, U.P. Krishi Utpadan Mandi Adhiniyam, 1964, Madhya Pradesh Krishi Upaj Mandi Act, 1972, with the object of developing efficient marketing system for sale and purchase of agricultural produce.

The Government of India has made a clarion call for doubling farmers' income by 2022. Wide range of reforms have been initiated covering areas like procurement and support through MSPs, mitigating risks and securing livelihood through crops and livestock insurance scheme, reformation of trade and marketing systems through e-NAM, ensuring financial inclusion through various instrumentalities like NABARD and other PSUs, building infrastructure and creating value chains through Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies, etc. Following are the policy initiatives of the Government:

- Pradhan Mantri FasalBima Yojana (PMFBY) & Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWCIS), Parampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Soil Health Cards (SHC), PM MatsyaSampada Yojana, e-Gopala
- Pradhan MantriKisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN), Pradhan Mantri KisaanMaanDhan Yojana (PM-KMY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana
- National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs) and National Dairy Development Program (NDDP), Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) and FPOs, and the Model Agricultural Produce and Livestock (Marketing Promotion & Facilitation) Act, 2017

Recently, three farming legislations namely the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020, the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 have been enacted with the object of revolutionizing the farming sector and provide the farmers with freedom of choice to sale their produce according to the best market rates anywhere in India. In spite of all these efforts the farmers remained at the brink persistently struggling with low income, diminishing profitability and risk-laden livelihood which ultimately leads to agrarian crisis.

With these developments in mind and with the objective:

- To understand the linkage between law and agriculture in India and to provide an understanding for policy initiatives undertaken to rejuvenate this sector;
- To provide measures for resolution of the ongoing agrarian crisis which has ripened after the post economic period following the neo-liberal model of development because the focus has been shifted from agriculture to the services and manufacturing sector;
- To give suggestions for the effective implementation of schemes and policies of the current and previous governments which have focused upon crop insurance, low income, poor land governance, commercialization of agriculture, problem of irrigation, inadequacies of the credit system and dismantling the role of middle man in the APMCs,
- To provide a forum for discussion on law and agriculture and establish it as a significant discipline of study in National Law Universities and other institutions providing legal education;
- To provide a platform for academicians, advocates, scholars, and students to publish their research work in this often-overlooked discipline of study;

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, is organizing a one-day Virtual Conference on interface of Law and Agriculture to bring together eminent scholars, academicians, advocates, agriculturalists, government officials and members of civil society to put forth their ideas and provide valuable insights and discuss the nuances of law and its interface with agriculture in India. The Conference also aims at enabling the students and academicians and other members of society to learn about the intersection of law with agriculture by offering a diversity of opinion on the contemporary issues relating to farming.

The object of the Conference will not only be the discussion of theoretical underpinnings rather an effort to bring some change in the lives of the people living in villages and especially to the marginalized sections of society.

Themes of the Conference

- Agriculture and Sustainable Development Goals
- Food Security, Nutrition and SDGs
- Interface of Agriculture, Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- Laws and policies relating to agriculture and farming sector in India
- Interface of Intellectual Property Rights and Agriculture
- Agricultural Land Reforms
- Strengthening Democracy at grass root level
- World Trade Organization and Agriculture
- Role and contribution of farmer's leaders towards reorganization of agriculture sector in India
- Judicial approach on Agricultural issues.
- Agrarian crisis– Reasons and Responses.
- Recent Farm Laws of 2020 – Myth versus Reality.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow National Conference On “Laws and Policies relating to Agricultural Sector in India” invites contribution in the themes of the Conference in the form of:

- a. Abstract of around 250 words for preliminary selection of papers;
- b. Full length scholarly research papers/articles/essay of exceptional academic quality.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- a. The Work should be original and must not be previously published/under consideration for publication elsewhere. The word limit, excluding footnotes should be between 3500- 5000 words.
- b. Font: Times New Roman
- c. Font Size: 12 with single line spacing, justified and a margin of one inch on all sides.
- d. Footnotes – Times New Roman (size 10) Footnote Style: As applicable to Journal of Indian Law Institute, (JILI), available at <http://www.ili.ac.in/cstyle.pdf>
- e. Soft copy of the paper/article/essay/abstract (.doc/.docx format only) along with brief resume of the author and covering letter should be submitted via email to contactrml81@gmail.com
- f. Authors of accepted papers/articles/essay will be required to confirm their attendance by registration through Google form that will be circulated after the acceptance of the submissions made.
- g. Only few papers will be accepted for online presentation
- h. Editorial Board will follow the Anonymous Peer-Review policy, and reserves the right to reject or edit any paper whose content is offensive or defamatory, explicitly unethical etc.
- i. Selected Articles/Papers/Essays will be published in the form of Chapters in a book with ISBN number.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE

- Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University One-Day Virtual Conference is primarily a Conference focusing on various aspects of interaction of law with agriculture; hence, the participation is open for academicians, advocates and bona-fide students enrolled in undergraduate/postgraduate, or doctoral courses in any recognized University/Institution in India.
- Participants are required to register for the Conference using the following link: <https://forms.gle/7z8hp1yippH4s8RG7>
- **E-certificates** will be provided to all the registered attendees.

NOTE: Due to Covid-19 crisis, the conference will be conducted through online-mode only. For any queries, you may leave us an email at contactrml81@gmail.com.

MODALITIES OF THE CONFERENCE

- Conference will be organised in online mode using **Microsoft Teams** and the link for the meeting will be shared to the registered candidates on the e-mail id provided by them.
- Tentative schedule of the Conference and the list of speakers will be mailed to the registered participants before the Conference.

REGISTRATION FEE

There will be no registration fee for the Conference.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission of Abstract (soft copy): January 26th, 2021
- Submission of Full Paper/Article/Essay (soft copy): January 29th, 2021
- Review and Notification of Paper Selection for Presentation: January 30th, 2021
- Date of Conference: January 31st, 2021.

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