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Concept Note

Today, it is trite that Human Beings and Nature share a co-existent relationship that any damage to one would jeopardize the life of other. However, what seems to be a fact now might not have been accepted so by plenty, two or three decades ago. 25 years since the adoption of Agenda 21, a comprehensive action plan devised by global leaders to achieve the goals of sustainable development, the world has witnessed a discernable change in not only the physical state of environmental conditions but also a shift in the corresponding approach towards addressing these problems

While various governments and international organizations continue to make endeavors towards engineering policies and frameworks to meet the burgeoning social, economic and environmental needs, we still seem to be at the epicenter of inexplicable climate change threats and large scale endangerment of species. The evident increase in the frequency of catastrophic floods, debilitating heat waves and record-breaking hurricanes in rapid succession in the Caribbean and Atlantic are testament to the reality that is climate change. The aftermath of these events is not only felt on the environment but also on factors closer to human concern such as food security and economic growth. Instances of erratic climate behavior would affect the food and water security of millions of people. Besides climate change and its adversities, we must also acknowledge the deteriorating condition of wildlife in India and across the globe. Living Planet Index recently reported that the number of wild animals living on Earth is set to fall by two-thirds by 2020.

Moreover, various studies have shown that an increase in temperature have an adverse impact on industrial output as well as aggregate investments. Catastrophic climatic events will cause damage to property and infrastructure and a loss in productivity.

An increase in the frequency of these events will therefore have a negative impact on investments. Of late India has witnessed various initiatives by the State to bring environmental issues to the mainstream through different schemes aimed at achieving behavioral and structural changes in the environmental governance of the country. However, it also needs to be assessed whether these schemes have even moved closer to what they aimed at achieving.

In light of this, the GNLU Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development is organizing a two-day National Conference on Environment & Sustainable Development with the objective of discussing, arguing, analyzing and suggesting probable roadmap for solutions to this imminent threat facing humanity in the eye. Therefore, we extend cordial invitation to dignitaries from diverse backgrounds to attend the conference.

ABOUT GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY (GNLU)

GNLU is a statutory university established under The Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003 for promoting education in legal and interdisciplinary fields of law. With the aim of advancing and disseminating the knowledge of law and legal process, GNLU is in the process of creating world class professionals to aid in the matters of legal advocacy, legal services, legislations, parliamentary practice, law reforms and allied matters. The University enjoys recognition from the Bar Council of India and the University Grants Commission under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act also. The University has been accredited with 'A' grade by NAAC.

ABOUT GNLU CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (GCESD)

An indiscriminate exploitation by man of nature's wealth and natural resources has resulted in an unhealthy transformation of the planetary environment. Man is now confronted with such large looming environmental scourges like, acid rain, climate change, extinction of species, depletion of ozone layer and loss of bio-diversity. Infrastructural developments like industries, mega dams, power plants, high ways, huge sky scrapers and other such human activities are driving many of the species to extinction, thus losing the genetic diversity, both in wild and in domestication and as we all know extinction is forever. GCESD is taking the initiative to offer study, research and expert consultation in the environmental matters.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of Full Paper: 25th February 2018
Review and Notification of Paper Selection for
Presentation: 02nd March 2018
Payment of Registration Fee: Latest by 10th
March 2018
Date of Conference: 17th - 18th March 2018

REGISTRATION

- ✓ For GNLU Students – INR 500
- ✓ For Students – INR 1000
- ✓ Others – INR 1500

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ELIGIBILITY

1. Original research papers are invited on the aforementioned themes.
2. Participation is invited from students enrolled bona-fide on a regular basis in an undergraduate/postgraduate law course or its equivalent conducted by any recognized college/ university/ institution in India.
3. Only one submission per author shall be entertained.

THEMES

Wildlife and Biodiversity

- ✓ Wildlife Trade and Crime: Challenges across the Borders
- ✓ Dilemma in Development: Rights of Indigenous Communities
- ✓ Paving Paradise: India's Diminishing Wetlands

Global Environmental Governance

- ✓ Deliberative Democracy: Outcomes of Inter-Governmental Climate Deals?
- ✓ Trans-boundary Environmental Harm: State Responsibility v. State Sovereignty
- ✓ Trade in 'Pollution': Carbon Markets

Urban Planning

- ✓ Balancing the Beam: Smart City v. Sustainable City
- ✓ Conflict, Cooperation, and Collective Action: Optimizing Land Use
- ✓ Gold in the Garbage: Waste Management

Energy

- ✓ How Green is Clean Energy?
- ✓ Energy Paradox: Sustainability of Nuclear Energy

Legislative and Regulatory Framework

- ✓ Trouble in the Tribunal: Justice to the Environment?
- ✓ Locating the Liability: Issues and Challenges in the Environmental Regime
- ✓ Governing the Greens: India's Forest Framework
- ✓ Resource Management: Environment and Bureaucracy (Natural Resources)
- ✓ Environmental Impact Assessment: Purpose, Implications and Lessons

Climate Change

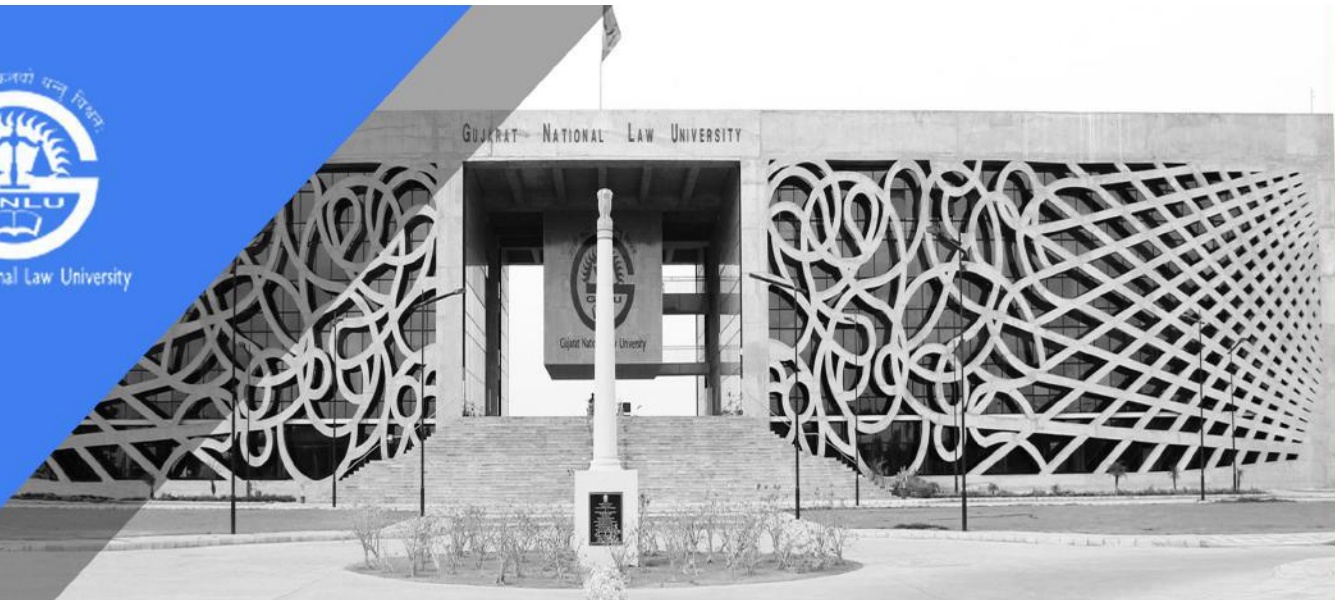
- ✓ 21st Century: A Global Potpourri of Climate Change Threats
- ✓ Disappearing Islands: Primitive Migration to Climate Refugees

Environment and Technology

- ✓ Artificial Intelligence for Good: Quantum Leap for Sustainable Development?
- ✓ Environmental Engineering: Biotechnology and Bioremediation



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IMPORTANT NOTE

1. Full Paper submission stand due on 25th February 2018.
2. Top twenty-five papers in total shall be shortlisted for presentation on 16th and 17th March 2018 at the 1st GNLU National Conference on Environment & Sustainable Development. Authors whose entries are shortlisted shall be intimated of their selection for full paper presentation via e-mail by 02nd March 2018.
3. Authors of the shortlisted entries will receive certificate of paper presentation. All other participants will be given electronic certificate of participation.
4. A Panel of Evaluators shall be constituted to select the Best Paper and the 2nd Best Paper.
5. Selected Research Papers shall be published in the form of a book with an ISBN/ISSN number.

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3. EACH PAPER MUST INCLUDE AN ABSTRACT. THE WORD LIMIT FOR ABSTRACT IS 300 WORDS.
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TIMES NEW ROMAN, FONT SIZE 10 AND LINE SPACING 1.
7. THE MARGINS SHOULD BE 1" OR 2.54 CM ON ALL SIDES.
8. ALL TEXT SHOULD BE JUSTIFIED.
9. EVERY CITATION MUST FOLLOW THE HARVARD BLUEBOOK, 19TH EDITION.

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SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

1. THE ENTRIES MUST BE SENT BY EMAIL TO GCESD@GNLU.AC.IN WITH THE SUBJECT 'GCESD 2018 RESEARCH PAPER'.
2. THE BODY OF THE E-MAIL MUST SPECIFY THE NAME(S) OF THE AUTHOR(S).
3. THE PAPER MAY BE ATTACHED IN '.DOC' OR '.DOCX' FORMAT.
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 - PROGRAMME ENROLLED IN & YEAR OF STUDY OF AUTHOR(S)
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2. THE AUTHOR(S) OF THE BEST PAPER OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATE OF MERIT, CASH PRIZE OF RS. 11,000 AND INTERNSHIP AT TRILEGAL.
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