



The Climate Breakdown and Blame Games: Individual Responsibility *versus* Policy Changes

Discussion Session by The Centre for Environmental Law, Policy and Research,
National Law University, Delhi
November 30, 2019 [14:30 hours onwards]

Introduction:

Right to clean and healthy environment is the constitutional mandate and is imperative for a healthy lifestyle. Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Subhash Kumar v. State of Bihar stated that,

“Right to life is a fundamental right under Art. 21 of the Constitution and it include the right to enjoyment of pollution free water and air for full enjoyment of life.”

In line with the above mandate of Hon'ble Supreme Court, several legal and policy measures have been adopted by the State regarding protection and conservation of environment. However, in the modern era there are several challenges such as Climate (breakdown) Change, Loss of Biodiversity, Air Pollution, unprecedented rainfall and floods etc. that need serious policy and legal deliberations both at the International level and national level. The present session is one such attempt to deal with the seminal issue of Climate Change and its policy logjam at the local level.

Issue at Hand:

A recent scientific report, as covered by The Guardian, revealed that one-third of the global emission is done by 20 energy firms across the globe (including one Indian state-owned company at the eight position). The report further asserted that the governing regimes across the world are spending an enormous amount of money in awareness campaigns which may not be fruitful as more than 98% of climate breakdown is directly or incidentally related with the laws and policies in place rather than individual choices. While 11,000 leading scientists across the world

have declared “climate emergency”, a few countries, specifically New Zealand, have placed zero-carbon economy plans. However, such drastic measures look unimplementable in Indian economic and geopolitical scenarios. This situation has been a root cause of many emerging economic, political, and governance-related conundrums that require a discussion on the role of state and non-state actors in the wake of this “climate break down” era.

Objectives of the session:

- 1.To facilitate discussion on the role and contribution of legal and policy frameworks vis-à-vis individual choices in climate change.
2. To analyse the role of state and non-state actors in climate change decision making.
3. To examine the present legal regime in the wake of current climate break down and subsequently suggest policy changes.

Registration details:

The Centre for Environmental Law, Policy and Research, NLU-D invites concerned members of society (namely, researchers, policymakers, academics, professionals, and other stakeholders) to first of its kind discussion on “The Climate Breakdown and Blame Games: Individual Responsibility versus Policy Changes”.

The prospective candidates are required to register for the program. There are only 25-30 seats, admission to the program shall solely be at the discretion of the organizers.

Click on the link below for Application Form

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Last date of registration: 25th November 2019

Participation certificates will be provided to the attendees.

Venue:

National Law University, Sector 14, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078

Date and Timings:

November 30, 2019 (Saturday)

2:30-5:30 pm

For further details, kindly contact session's moderator, Mr. Shashi Kant Yadav at shashikant8@live.com or Mr. Vishwendra Panwar (Co-ordinator) at panwar.vishy@gmail.com, 8884280831