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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Last date for Abstract Submission  
**15th February, 2020.**
- Communication of Selected Abstract  
**19th February, 2020**
- Last date of Registration  
**26th February, 2020**
- Full paper Submission  
**7th March, 2020**
- National Seminar  
**14th March, 2020**

## REGISTRATION

Participants must fill in the online Registration form by clicking the link below or by scanning the QR code.



<https://qr.go.page.link/95gj6>

**Note:** The Registration Fee does not include accommodation / travel allowance. The participants are herewith required to make their own arrangements for boarding and lodging. Please note that Registration Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances.

## REGISTRATION FEES

- Students: **Rs. 500/-**
- Students (co-authorship): **Rs. 750/-**
- Academics/ Professionals / Research scholars: **Rs. 1000/-**
- Academics/ Professionals / Research scholars (co-authorship): **Rs. 1250/-**
- The Registration Fee includes a seminar kit, a working lunch and refreshments on the day of the Seminar.
- **Note: DD (from Nationalized Bank preferably) shall be drawn in favour of "PES UNIVERSITY GENERAL FUND" payable at Bengaluru.**
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## PRIZES

Cash prizes will be presented for two best presentations under the following two categories

- I Academics / Professionals / Research scholars
- II Students
- I Best Paper Presentation  
**INR 5000**
- II Best Paper Presentation  
**INR 3000**

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**PES UNIVERSITY**  
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# One-Day National Seminar on "Indian Supreme Court : An Audit"



Date  
**14th March  
2020**

Venue  
**Faculty of Law,  
PES University, Bengaluru**

## ABOUT PES UNIVERSITY

PES University, located in Bengaluru, India is one of the country's leading teaching and research universities. The University is committed to providing "education for the real world" that inspires students to realize their potential. Our students graduate with the ability to adapt to an intellectually and technologically changing environment. Over the years, we have accomplished this with the participative efforts of the management, staff, students and parents.

## LAW AT PES UNIVERSITY

The Faculty of Law, PES University, offers a five-year integrated BBA LL.B (Hons.) and BA LLB (Hons.) program spread over ten semesters. The curriculum is designed and oriented to impart education in contemporary Business Management, Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Accounting and on Laws and Legal procedures, apart from integrating modern technology enabled systems, processes and procedures in the process of imparting an optimal blend of teaching in Indian laws as well as International laws to make sure that our students are globally employable in a globalized world. The program has been innovatively designed to cater to the growing challenges and complexities of the dynamic legal and business environment of India and abroad.

## CONCEPT NOTE

### Indian Supreme Court: An Audit

It would not be an exaggeration to say that the Supreme Court of India has been, ever since its inception, an institution of great eminence and scholarship, having produced non-pareil judges, and laid down path-breaking doctrines. Indeed, the seven decades of its journey reflect the eventful saga of India as a nation. It can be said, without doubt, that the apex court has shone the dark, turbulent waters with its beaconing light and helped steer our polity safely to the shore. Perhaps, no other top court in the world may boast of the laudable role that our Supreme Court has played.

Of course, it is not without its share of blame. It too had its own bumpy, roller-coaster ride. The judicial odyssey, of the last seventy years, is marked with highs and lows, and ups and downs so much so that it is criticized, '*supreme, but not infallible*'. Like any other great institutions, the Supreme Court has been at the receiving end, off and on.

In fact, each of the past 7 decades has been testimony to this legal juggernaut. In the very first ten years, while the fledgling political system manoeuvred to dilute the constitutional foundations, the apex court left no stone unturned to hold the citadel intact. The second and third decades virtually saw the Supreme Court in logjam with the legislature and the executive to ensure that the law of the land and rule of law are not stifled by the latter. While this exercise resulted in strengthening of the Constitution with, *inter alia*, the 'basic structure doctrine' and others, it also showed the vulnerable part of the top court during and after emergency.

The fourth decade witnessed the apex court virtually giving the most purposive interpretation to the Constitution by reading Fundamental Rights into Directive Principles of State Policy, and reasserting its independence. But this period also saw an escalating tension between the judiciary on the one hand and the legislature and the executive on the other.

The fifth decade, the last decade of the 20th century, was influenced by *glasnost* and *perestroika*. The Supreme Court seized the initiative and introduced its own version of liberalization, i.e., judicial activism. While this policy led to many a sweeping change, in the arena of cleansing of political and environmental pollution, the apex court was criticized for being over-zealous and indulging in 'judicial-overreach'.

The sixth decade saw the judiciary virtually consolidating the policy of the previous decade. In addition, it harped upon the contentious centre-state relations, electoral reforms, economic legislation and others. Human rights were given priority during this period.

The seventh decade has been quite complicated wherein socio-cultural-religious issues with wide legal ramifications were being resolved. Of course, the court has undergone severe criticism in the matters of personal law, religious issues, transgender matters, etc.

That, in a nutshell, is what apex court has delved into so far.

At the outset of these winds of change, backed by the omnipresence of internet and technology

amongst human beings across continents and nations, there is, clearly a case for a changing global order with expanding and infinite consequences, on every perceivable way of life, both at the international and national level. In this context, the Faculty of Law, PES University, thought it fit to reflect on the working of the Supreme Court at this momentous juncture. Hence, the seminar focuses on the following themes:

**The following themes are only generic; the participants are free to work on more specific areas under the above-mentioned themes.**

- 01 Judiciary *vis-a-vis* a Living Constitution
- 02 Shifting Paradigms of Criminal Law Jurisprudence and Apex Court
- 03 Appointments, Accountability, Independence: Indian Judiciary at Crossroads
- 04 Artificial Intelligence, Internet and Supreme Court
- 05 ADR and the Waning Significance of the Supreme Court
- 06 Apex Court and Environmental Governance
- 07 Expansive Interpretation of Fundamental Rights: in Retrospect and Prospect
- 08 Religion, Secularism and Judiciary
- 09 Affirmative Action and Judicial Process
- 10 Judicial Activism or Overreach?
- 11 Supreme Court and Centre – State Relations
- 12 Supreme Court on the Doctrine of Basic Structure

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

### ABSTRACT

The abstract shall be a minimum of 300 words and shall not exceed 750 words. It must be accompanied by a cover page, containing the following details:

Title of the Paper and Sub-Theme, Name of the Author(s), Name of the Institution, E-mail Address and Contact number, Postal Address.

### PAPER

Papers regarding the above mentioned sub-themes can be submitted for discussion at the seminar subject to the following submission guidelines.

- Co-authorship is permitted to a maximum of two authors. In case of co-authorship both the authors need to be physically present on the day of the seminar.
- No Proxy presentations will be allowed.
- The paper must be accompanied with the following details:
  - A cover letter mentioning the Name of the Author(s), Course, Year of Study (if applicable), Name of the College/University (if applicable), Professional Position (if applicable), with Postal Address, Email Address and Contact Number.
  - Subject to the decision of the University Editorial Committee, the final papers will be published.
  - On the day of the presentation, the presenters are required to submit 3 Hard Copies of the Paper thus submitted.
  - The Faculty of Law, PES University in keeping with its mandate of publishing original material, adopts a stringent anti-plagiarism policy. Any paper containing any unattributed work is liable to be rejected.

### FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS

- The main text should be in Times New Roman, Font Size 12, Line Spacing 1.5.
- The footnotes should be in Times New Roman, Font Size 10, Line Spacing 1.0.
- One-inch margins should be maintained on all four sides.
- Citation Style: Bluebook - 20th Edition.
- All the submissions are to be made in Microsoft Word (.doc) 2007/2010 format. Full paper has to be submitted in PDF.