



1ST EDITION
of
**CERTIFICATE COURSE
ON GENDER, LAW
&
PRACTICE**

3rd to 5th April, 2026

3-Day Online Certificate Course

ORGANISED BY:

**Centre for Gender Studies [CGS]
National Law University, Jodhpur**

Supported by the Women's Collective Forum





ABOUT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY JODHPUR

National Law University, Jodhpur (NLU Jodhpur), established in 1999 in Rajasthan, is one of India's leading institutions for legal education, renowned for its academic rigour and commitment to excellence. As a premier National Law University, it seeks to develop highly competent legal professionals equipped to address the evolving challenges of law, policy, and justice in contemporary society. The University offers well-structured undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes that integrate strong doctrinal foundations with practical and experiential learning. Its curriculum promotes critical thinking, interdisciplinary engagement, and research-driven inquiry, ensuring students are prepared for diverse professional and academic pathways. NLU Jodhpur's vibrant academic environment is further enriched through regular seminars, workshops, conferences, and interactions with distinguished scholars and practitioners.



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PATRON-IN-CHIEF



Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur, Vice-Chancellor of National Law University Jodhpur is a distinguished scholar in corporate and regulatory law, her academic work spans Company Law, Securities Regulation, Competition Law, and Consumer Protection. Through her leadership, the university continues to encourage interdisciplinary engagement with contemporary socio-legal issues, including gender and justice. Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur has been serving as the Vice-Chancellor of National Law University Jodhpur since September 18, 2023. Prior to this, she was a Professor of Law and Registrar at National Law University Delhi. An accomplished academic and internationally recognized scholar, she has been a Fulbright-Nehru Scholar at Emory Law School, USA, and a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence at Miami Dade College, USA. She has authored and edited several widely used legal textbooks and scholarly works.



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ABOUT CENTRE FOR GENDER STUDIES

The Centre for Gender Studies at National Law University Jodhpur (hereinafter referred to as “NLUJ”) is an interdisciplinary centre. The objective of the Centre is to study questions of gender in an interdisciplinary and comparative framework, thereby providing the space for creating a vibrant community of feminist academics, students, activists, and artists concerned with issues of gender, sexuality, and power in society. The Centre aims to make a difference in existing gender equations in multi-disciplinary spheres that deal with social and cultural aspects. The Centre is a locus for international gender research. It runs a series of academic events including PoSH seminars, panel discussions, and workshops. The Centre is currently striving to increase its scope and outreach by undertaking various new initiatives such as feminist reading circles, blog posts, informal dialogue on contemporary issues and judgment, etc.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dr. Asha Bhandari is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Law University Jodhpur, where she has taught since 2001 courses including Applied Ethics, Sociology of Law, Crime and Society, and Law and Society and the Executive Director of the Centre for Gender Studies. Specializing in Gender Studies, Legal Reasoning, and Sociology of Law, she has led ICSSR- and UGC-funded projects on women prisoners and their children in Rajasthan jails and logical fallacies in Indian judicial reasoning, published in journals like the Indian Journal of Gender Studies and Sociological Bulletin, contributed to edited volumes including a recent Routledge book, and explored topics such as menstrual leave, gender and crime, and women prisoners' reintegration. An internationally recognized scholar, she has presented at major global conferences including the ISA World Congress of Sociology (Toronto, 2018), World Congress of Philosophy (Athens, 2013), and events in Oxford, Bangkok, Colombo, and Moscow. She served as Head of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Examination Superintendent, and Chief Course Coordinator at NLU Jodhpur. Further She actively contributes to academic governance as a member of the Academic Council, Research Board, Internal Complaints Committee, and various university committees.



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ABOUT THE WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE FORUM



Women's Collective Forum (WCF) is a forward-looking platform dedicated to advancing gender equality and equity through women's health, education, and enterprise. Championing women-led development with a strong focus on community-driven solutions, WCF works at the intersection of policy, practice, and grassroots engagement.

WCF bridges grassroots action with global expertise, delivering scalable and actionable solutions to address systemic challenges. Supported by leading global organizations, the Forum drives transformative initiatives that empower marginalized communities, foster inclusive growth, and create lasting impact.

Through its sustained efforts and strategic associations WCF continues to shape inclusive ecosystems that enable women and communities to thrive with dignity, agency, and opportunity.



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OUR PAST INITIATIVES

- **1st NLUJ-MAP Essay Writing Competition on Gender and Law**

This initiative aimed to encourage young minds to articulate their perspectives on the equitable representation of women and address gender disparities prevalent in society, and foster critical discussions on the intersection of gender, law. This encouraged the exploration of how legal frameworks impact diverse identities and marginalized communities through the analysis of the interplay of gender with social factor

- **Second Innings Movement**

The Centre for Gender Studies collaborated with the National Commission for Women to organise a career counselling programme for homemakers under the Second Innings Movement. The initiative aimed to support homemakers who wished to begin or resume professional or entrepreneurial pursuits, by helping local women entrepreneurs showcase their products and home businesses, thereby encouraging their financial independence.

- **Workshop on Senior Citizens in Collaboration with the Ministry of Social Justice**

The Centre in collaboration with National Institute of Social Defence under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India organised a workshop on the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 with the aim of bridging legislative intent of the act with practical implementation. The workshop witnessed the presence of Anuradha Advani (Director of Anubhodb Vruddhajan Kutir Sanstha) and esteemed speakers delivering insights on constitutional protections and combating elder abuse.



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- **PoSH Workshop**

On April 5, 2024, the Centre for Gender Studies conducted two Prevention of Sexual Harassment (PoSH) initiatives. In collaboration with Team Himmat, a student initiative from WBNUJS, Kolkata led by a survivor of sexual harassment and active in supporting survivors and providing training on ICC processes, a workshop featuring Megha Rana Ray, Esha Shekhar, Veena Gowda, and Aparmita Pratap addressed the definition and scope of sexual harassment, complaint mechanisms, confidentiality, mental health considerations, and recent updates in PoSH guidelines, with the aim of enhancing awareness, promoting safe practices, and reinforcing institutional accountability. On the same day, the Centre also organised a PoSH capacity building workshop for university faculty and officials led by Prof. Ritu Gupta from NLU Delhi, who explained the legal framework of PoSH, the duties of Internal Complaints Committee members, and the importance of preventive measures and empathetic redressal within institutions.

- **Seminars and Training Programmes**

The Centre organised several academic initiatives focused on gender and legal issues. A National Seminar titled “Revisiting the Nexus between Women’s Right’s, Patriarchy and Legal Issues” was held on 27th and 28th January, 2018. Earlier, a National Seminar on “Capacity Building among Women in India: Entrepreneurship & Estate”, sponsored by the National Commission for Women (NCW), was organised on 2nd and 3rd October, 2015. The Centre also organised a National Seminar on the theme “Forthcoming Feminisms: Gender Activism in Law, Literature & Society” on 8 and 9 February, 2014. In addition, a training programme was organised in collaboration with Lawyers Collective, New Delhi in 2014.



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- **AROHA: Panel Discussion Series**

The Centre for Policy and Research in International Law, in collaboration with the Centre for Gender Studies, organized the AROHA panel discussion series focusing on gender justice and social inclusion. One session examined gender and sexual violence in armed conflict, featuring Ms. Sweta Singh, Kalyani Jayasekera, Asst. Prof. Rudra Chandra, and Ms. Varsha Singh, who discussed integrating gender perspectives in peacebuilding, strengthening international humanitarian law protections, and ensuring accountability for violence against women. The Centre also conducted a session on ‘The Non- Binary in the Gender Spectrum’.

A second event, held virtually on 22 January 2023, addressed acid attacks in India, focusing on the legal, social, and psychological dimensions of acid-based violence and the need for stronger prevention and survivor support. The series also included a discussion with Nivedita Menon on marriage from a feminist perspective, and a panel featuring Mihir Samson and Muskan Tibrewala on LGBTQIA+ representation in courts and the need for a more inclusive legal system.

- **Gender Sensitisation Workshops in Schools**

The Centre has conducted a series of gender sensitisation workshops for school students and faculty in Jodhpur with the aim of fostering awareness, critical reflection and empathy. The sessions covered gender roles, equality and stereotypes through interactive activities, storytelling and legal awareness quizzes on laws like POCSO Act. The sessions have aimed to encourage open discussion on gender, inclusivity and discrimination.



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- **“PUKAR” - Theatrical play in collaboration with Akanksha Sansthan**

The Centre, along with the Cultural Committee organized a stage performance of the socially significant play “Pukar” performed by Akanksha Sansthan, Jodhpur on November 6, 2025. The performance aimed to initiate meaningful dialogue on sexual violence, emotional trauma, and the social stigma faced by rape survivors, bringing attention to the deep-rooted patriarchal attitudes that continue to silence survivors and normalize victim-blaming.

- **Women’s Day Celebration**

The Centre, in collaboration with the Legal Aid and Awareness Committee, organised a Women’s Day celebration at the University. Women from Surpura village and families of students from PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya BSF, Jodhpur were invited as special guests. The celebration saw an address on women’s leadership and the importance of gender equality and women’s empowerment across diverse fields. This event aimed to honour the contributions of women and foster a spirit of empowerment and inclusivity.



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ABOUT THE EVENT

The proposed 3-Day Online Certificate Course on Gender, Law, and Practice is envisioned as an intensive academic and practice-oriented programme for law and liberal arts students. The course is premised on the recognition that questions of gender justice occupy an increasingly central position within constitutional interpretation, criminal law, social welfare legislation, and judicial decision-making in India. Despite significant developments in jurisprudence and legislative reform, gender-related legal issues continue to present complex challenges in interpretation, implementation, and access to justice. These challenges are further intensified when gender intersects with caste, disability, class, sexuality, and ecological contexts. The certificate course seeks to respond to this gap by offering a structured platform for critical engagement with gender-centric legal theory, statutory frameworks, and institutional practices. The programme aims to equip participants with analytical clarity, doctrinal grounding, and practical insights necessary for gender-sensitive legal practice, research, litigation, and policy engagement.

Further event details and resource persons will be announced soon on our social media handles.



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COURSE STRUCTURE AND SCHEDULE

The course is structured to progress from conceptual and theoretical engagement to doctrinal analysis and, finally, to practice-oriented learning. The three-day structure of the course is designed to ensure that the participants develop a strong foundational understanding of intersectionality of gender with law and various other disciplines before engaging with contemporary legal scenarios and professional practices relating to gender justice.

DAY ONE: INTERSECTIONALITY

The first day of the course will focus on intersectionality as a foundational analytical framework for understanding gender justice. The sessions will examine how gender interacts with caste, disability, and environmental contexts to produce layered forms of marginalisation and exclusion. Particular emphasis will be placed on the ways in which legal systems often fail to account for intersectional disadvantage, and the implications of such omissions for access to justice and substantive equality.

Tentative Sessions:

- Intersection of Gender and Caste
- Intersection of Gender and Disability
- Intersection of Gender and Environment

These sessions will explore how gender intersects with caste, disability, and environmental contexts to produce layered forms of marginalisation and exclusion.



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DAY TWO: TRANSGENDER/LGBTQ+ RIGHTS AND WOMEN-CENTRIC THEMES

The second day of the course will focus on emerging legal and jurisprudential developments relating to gender in contemporary contexts. The sessions will examine transgender and LGBTQ+ rights, the gendered implications of technology, and the role of international criminal law in addressing gender-based harms. Through a reform-oriented and procedural lens, the discussions will analyse how legal institutions respond to evolving gender concerns and the extent to which existing frameworks address the realities faced by marginalised genders.

Tentative Sessions:

- Transgender and LGBTQ+ Rights: Jurisprudential Developments and Continuing Challenges
- Intersection of Gender and Technology
- Intersection of International Criminal Law and Gender

These sessions aim to critically reflect on the effectiveness of current legal mechanisms, while exploring the challenges that remain in ensuring meaningful protection, accountability, and gender justice across domestic and international legal systems.



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DAY THREE: PRACTICE ORIENTED SESSIONS

The third day of the course will focus on practice-oriented engagements that bridge theoretical understandings of gender justice with their application in real-world contexts. The sessions will examine issues such as economic empowerment in the digital age, reproductive justice and bodily autonomy, and the practical realities of gender justice litigation. Through interactions with practising lawyers and professionals, participants will gain insight into the challenges, strategies, and institutional processes involved in advocating for gender justice within courts and allied legal systems. The sessions aim to equip participants with a grounded and practical perspective on how legal principles operate in everyday advocacy and adjudication.

Tentative sessions:

- Reproductive Justice, Bodily Autonomy, and State Regulation
- Perspectives of Practising Lawyers on Gender Justice Litigation
- Economic Empowerment and Digital Marketing

The course will be conducted through a combination of interactive lectures, moderated discussions, and practitioner-led sessions. Participants will be required to attend all sessions to be eligible for certification.



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ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION

Eligibility: The competition is open to undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral students, as well as academicians, scholars, practitioners, consultants, researchers, and policymakers, from diverse backgrounds, including but not limited to law, social sciences, liberal arts, humanities, public policy, media, management. There can be multiple participants from the same university

Registration Fee for Participants: Rs. 1,500/- (Rupees One Thousand and Five Hundred)

Mode of Registration:

The payment is to be made on this link - [click here](#)

Payment Guide - [click here](#)

Fill the Google Form to register - [click here](#)

Please ensure that the registration form is filled out after making the payment.



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TIMELINE

14TH
MARCH

Registration Opens

1ST
APRIL

Registration Closes

03-05
APRIL

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PRIZES & INTERNSHIPS

Evaluation Criteria: Participants shall be required to submit an article of approximately 2000 words within two weeks of the completion of the course. Comprehensive submission guidelines and details would be conveyed to the participants towards the end of the course.

The Certificate of Completion shall be awarded only upon the successful submission of the article.

Furthermore, the top entries, as determined by the evaluation committee, shall be recognised with opportunities for publication and/or internship.



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Stay Tuned!

Further information on resource persons, internship programmes, and publications will be shared on our official social media platforms in due course.



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