

- ◆ French Judicial system in India
- ◆ Legal Education & Legal Profession before and after the Independence of India
- ◆ Women's Rights and legal reforms
- ◆ States Reorganization and Official Language Policy
- ◆ Growth of legal system in South East Asian Countries
- ◆ Roman Law and its impact on other continents
- ◆ Anglo-Saxon Jurisprudence
- ◆ Napoleonic Code and its relation to India
- ◆ Contemporary Challenges in Legal History
- ◆ History of the various legislations in India since the Colonial days
- ◆ Social reform legislations during the British rule of the subcontinent

The above sub themes are only illustrative and the participants are free to write on any topic directly connected to the central theme of the Congress

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- Abstract: Not exceeding 300 words
- Keywords (Maximum of 5)
- Full Research Paper: 4000-4500 words
- Font style & Size: Times New Roman & 12
- Line spacing: Double & justified alignment
- Endnotes: Times New Roman (size 10), Endnotes style: MLA style 8<sup>th</sup> Edition
- Soft copy of Abstract along with a covering letter should reach to [ailhc2021@tnnlu.ac.in](mailto:ailhc2021@tnnlu.ac.in) on or before **13<sup>th</sup> March 2021**
- Abstract submitted by the registered participants only will be shortlisted for the online presentation
- Editorial Board will reserve the right to reject or edit any paper
- Selected papers will be published in the Legal History Journal
- There will be cash awards for two of the best research papers one in each category:
  - Best research paper by a faculty member or other scholars
  - Best research paper by a student

#### WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

- ◆ Academicians, Legal Professionals, Research Scholars, PG & UG students of History and law and anyone else who is interested in learning and researching in Law and History.

#### DATES TO BE NOTED

- ◆ **Submission of Abstract on or before – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021**
- ◆ **Selected abstracts will be intimated by the Editorial Board on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021**
- ◆ **Submission of full Research Paper on or before – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021**
- ◆ **Registration opens – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**
- ◆ **Registration link and the detailed programme of the Congress is available on the web site of TNNLU: [www.tnnlu.ac.in](http://www.tnnlu.ac.in)**
- ◆ **Last Date for Registration – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021**
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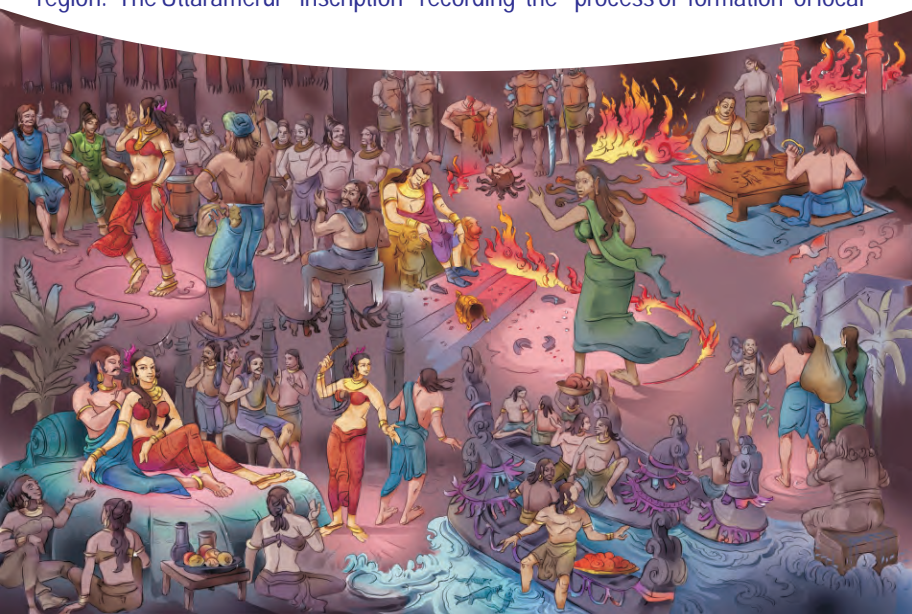
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The first ever All India Legal History Congress was organized and conducted by the Gujarat National Law University in February 2020 in Gandhinagar. It brought together teachers, students and other aficionados of Legal History. There were quite a few interesting papers presented demonstrating how much such a platform was needed and the immense possibilities for research in this field. While history of law and the judicial system, in different periods, have been taught in law colleges for quite a long time in India and a few books written, there has been very little interest shown by either historians or law teachers in India in the actual pursuit of Legal History. Most good scholarship is the result of the painstaking work of foreign scholars, mostly from Western countries. At the same time with the proliferation of the institutions offering the five years integrated Under Graduate law programmes Legal History is being systematically taught in all of them across the country. However, till last year there was no platform for sharing their research interests and findings. The 1<sup>st</sup> All India Legal History Congress followed by the formation of the All India Legal History Association filled that need. It is in this background that the Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU), Tiruchirappalli is organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> All India Legal History Congress (AILHC) on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 online. This Legal History Congress is being organized with the generous financial support of the Government of Tamil Nadu. We are grateful to our Pro Chancellor, the Hon'ble Thiru C. Ve. Shanmugham, Minister for Law, Courts, Prisons and Mines & Minerals of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

We hope that this Congress will provide an opportunity for everyone interested in various facets of legal history whether they are legal historians, historians from other fields, academicians from the social science disciplines, judges, advocates, research scholars and students across the country to present papers on the sub-themes indicated at the end, in order to enhance our knowledge of the Legal History of India and other parts of the world. The theme for this year is "Pursuit of Legal History of India in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". There will be 8 Sections divided on the basis of chronology and interested persons are invited to submit their abstracts on the sub-themes, enumerated at the end, according to the time period of their interest.

### LEGAL CENTRE FOR HISTORY OF SOUTHINDIA

A research centre for the pursuit of the study of Legal History, especially that of South India in general and of Tamil Nadu in particular, is urgently needed in order to document the very rich and well developed legal and judicial systems of this region. The Uttaramerur inscription recording the process of formation of local



government during the Cōḷa period is very well known. However, much of the immense treasures of similar records are yet to be taken note of by teachers and students of legal history. The Government of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned an initial grant to set up a Legal Centre for History of South India at TNNLU. The objective of the Centre is to carry out the research into the Legal History of South India from the earliest times till the creation of India. Organising this Congress under the aegis of this Centre is the first step in that direction.

### LEGAL HISTORY MUSEUM

In order to preserve and exhibit the rich and diverse legal history of Tamil Nadu, a Legal History museum was inaugurated on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in the building housing the Library. There is a small collection of epigraphs dealing with some aspects of the Legal History of Tamil Nadu in the ground floor of the Library. On 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020, the former Chancellor of TNNLU, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi, Chief Justice of the Madras High Court unveiled a mural of scenes from the Silapathikaram in the foyer of the Library in TNNLU. In February



2020 the government of Tamil Nadu granted a generous fund to procure copper reliefs, models, photographs etc., to extend the museum and digitalize documents, for registration and insurance for the same and to create digital archives in the Legal History Museum at TNNLU. We hope to establish a fully functional Legal History Museum before the end of 2021.

### TNNLU : A GLANCE

TNNLU is located in Srirangam Taluk of the Tiruchirappalli Corporation, formerly known as Trichinopoly. This institution of learning was established by the Government of Tamil Nadu by an Act of State Legislature (Act No. 9 of 2012) to provide quality legal education. TNNLU is the brainchild of the former Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. J Jayalalithaa who laid its foundation stone on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Tiruchirappalli, known as Rock Fort City, is well connected by road, rail, and air. This city was the capital of the Cōḷas in the Sangam period, i.e., in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century B.C. It passed through the hands of the Pallavas, the imperial Cōḷas, the Pandyas, the Delhi Sultanate, and the rulers of Vijayanagara. Tiruchirappalli was also a battlefield in the Carnatic Wars of the 18<sup>th</sup> century during the administration of the East India Company.

TNNLU offers two five years integrated Under Graduate Programmes, B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) & B.Com.LL.B. (Hons.) and three one year LL.M. Programmes:- Corporate and Securities Laws, Intellectual Property Laws and Natural Resources Laws. TNNLU aims to develop among the students and faculty a sense of responsibility to the society through an interdisciplinary approach to the study of law. TNNLU is a fully residential campus with separate hostels for men and women. The library aims to have state of the art with an updated Web OPAC system, Remote Access facility, and air-conditioned discussion rooms. TNNLU is located about 10 kilometers from the District and Sessions Court and other Subordinate Courts, thus facilitating easy and effective interaction between the students and faculty of TNNLU and the Bar and Bench of Tiruchirappalli.

### THEME

### PURSUIT OF LEGAL HISTORY OF INDIA IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

### THE SUB THEMES WILL BE ORGANISED ACCORDING TO THE SECTIONS MENTIONED BELOW:

1. Legal History from 600 BC to 600 AD
2. Legal History from 600 AD to 1200 AD
3. Legal History from 1200 AD to 1700 AD
4. Legal History from 1700 AD to 1947 AD
5. Constitutional History
6. Legal History of South Asia
7. History of Women & Law in India
8. Methods of Legal History (workshop for students)

### SUB THEMES

- ◆ Approaches to the study of Law and History
- ◆ Law, custom and usage in the pre colonial periods
- ◆ Law and judicial system in the brahmanical texts
- ◆ Idea of justice as reflected in the Sanskrit texts
- ◆ Idea of justice as seen in the Pali texts
- ◆ Idea of Justice in the Sangam literature
- ◆ Law and judicial system in the South Indian kingdoms in the pre colonial era
- ◆ Local governments and administration of justice in pre colonial times
- ◆ Court procedures under imperial Cholas
- ◆ Judicial institutions during the medieval period
- ◆ Legal system of South Indian kingdoms in medieval period
- ◆ Need for an understanding of the past in judicial practice
- ◆ Caste and gender in the practice of law in pre colonial history
- ◆ The East India Company Courts in India
- ◆ Rule of law and constitutional developments
- ◆ Khap Panchayats and administration of justice
- ◆ Framing of Indian Constitution and Legal system in India
- ◆ Women and Law in India – A historical perspective
- ◆ Sexual assault as seen through the brahmanical texts
- ◆ Development of the laws relating to rape in Colonial Times
- ◆ Privy Council and the Indian legal system
- ◆ Judicial reforms vis-à-vis the British administration in India
- ◆ Impact of Portuguese Judicial System in the Indian Sub-Continent