



Deccan Education Society's
Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune
In Association with
Heritage Foundation, India



A TWO DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON
“TRANSFORMING HIGHER EDUCATION THROUGH
INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM: A GLOBAL
PERSPECTIVE”

CONVENORS

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Date: 13.02.2026 & 14.02.2026
Venue: Kundanmal Firodia Auditorium,
Fergusson College Campus, Pune.



THEMISIA 4.0

Events at glance

SEMINAR DEPARTMENT

A TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON
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LEGAL RESEARCH CELL

INTERCOLLEGIATE LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING COMPETITION

INTERCOLLEGIATE LEGAL QUIZ

INTRA-COLLEGIATE ALTERNATE JUDGEMENT
WRITING COMPETITION

ABOUT DECCAN EDUCATION SOCIETY

Founded in 1884 by the illustrious luminaries like Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Gopal Ganesh Agarkar, the **Deccan Education Society (DES)** serves as a venerable bastion of India's intellectual and nationalist renaissance. It was conceived as a crusade to democratize knowledge, offering a potent synthesis of academic excellence and affordable accessibility to dismantle colonial intellectual hegemony. With its one of the crown jewels, **Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College**, the Society catalyzed a culture of self-reliance and social reform by imparting legal education & values of justice. Today, DES presides over a sprawling **pedagogical empire**, seamlessly weaving traditional heritage with contemporary scholarship, nurturing future thinkers and leaders.

ABOUT DES'S SHRI NAVALMAL FIRODIA LAW COLLEGE, PUNE

A vanguard of legal excellence, DES's **Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College** stands as a peerless fortress of jurisprudential mastery in Pune. Named for a visionary titan of industry, the institute serves as a sacrosanct crucible, transmuted by the Deccan Education Society's storied heritage of intellectual defiance and scholastic rigor. Within its hallowed halls, the abstract complexities of the law are refined into sharp-edged advocacy. By synthesizing ethical fortitude with profound erudition, the institution empowers a new generation of sovereign thinkers to navigate the labyrinthine corridors of justice and uphold the majestic pillars of constitutional democracy by a profound legal research culture and ethical inquiry into law & justice!

ABOUT SEMINAR DEPARTMENT

The **Seminar Department** at DES's Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College functions as the institution's intellectual heartbeat, a high-octane forum where nascent legal minds collide with contemporary jurisprudential thought. This department orchestrates a sophisticated tapestry of **national symposia** and colloquia, inviting luminaries from the bench and bar to ignite discourse on the shifting paradigms of justice. By curating these vibrant intellectual arenas, the department transcends traditional pedagogy, fostering an atmosphere of rigorous inquiry and dilectical brilliance. It is here that students sharpen their analytical acumen, transform abstract legal doctrines into potent catalysts for social and legislative evolution. The Department has organised seminars on vibrant contemporary themes like Reservation policy in India, Data privacy, Agricultural laws, Labour laws, Gender Sensitisation (LGBTQ), etc.

ABOUT LEGAL RESEARCH CELL

The **Legal Research Cell (LRC)** at DES's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College is the intellectual forge where scholastic curiosity is transmuted into authoritative jurisprudential inquiry. As an innovative platform, it also serves as a hallowed sanctuary for rigorous academic exploration, overseeing the publication of the prestigious journal *Fiat Justitia*,

Seminar & Conference proceeding etc. Through pioneering initiatives like the National Bill Analysis, Judgment Analysis, Legislative Drafting & Legal Quiz competitions, the department cultivates a culture of profound dialectical scrutiny. It empowers budding jurists to dissect complex legislative frameworks, ensuring they emerge as sovereign scholars equipped to influence the grand tapestry of legal evolution across the globe.

ABOUT THEMISIA

Themisia stands as the Elevated Choice Tour de Force, organised by the Legal Research Cell and Seminar Department at DES's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College where intellectual rigor meets professional mastery.

This multi-dimensional odyssey transcends conventional learning, featuring a high-stakes **International Seminar**, a rigorous **National Legislative Drafting Competition**, and an exhilarating **Legal Quiz**. By meticulously dissecting complex precedents and legislative frameworks, wherein participants undergo a metamorphosis from students into astute jurists. Themisia serves as a vibrant crucible for dialectical brilliance, fostering a formidable culture of research that fortifies the scholarly bedrock of the legal fraternity and the grand architecture of Indian justice.

Themisia is inviting the legal eagals to the 4th edition which is going to follow the footprints of ancient wisdom blended with legal reasoning with ethical parameters & higher education with a foundation of knowledge, skills & experience!

A CONCEPT NOTE

A profound structural renaissance is challenging the intellectual constraints of the Macaulayite legacy, re-anchoring Indian Higher Education in the Indian Knowledge System (IKS). This is a deliberate, sovereign act of educational decolonization, moving beyond mere technical training to the cultivation of a Dharma-centric citizenry. The strategic integration of IKS principles particularly Dharma धर्म (righteous duty), Nyaya न्याय (justice), and Niti नीति (ethics) provide the moral and philosophical bedrock that the colonial model sidelined. By integrating such sacrament into modern disciplines from law and governance to technology, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, ensures that knowledge is intrinsically tied to virtue of quality life & not merely to the employability.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 constitutes a transformative philosophical reckoning, serving as the definitive break from the limiting, job-centric Macaulayite framework. It heralds a genuine renaissance in Higher Education by strategically foregrounding the Indian Knowledge System (IKS). This is not curriculum addition, but a radical epistemic shift. The infusion expects to instill ethically enlightened consciousness amongst the technically competent human resources for actively cultivating a sense of order and harmony within society. The deep rooted indigenous values is the prerequisite for a robust, equitable, and sustainable welfare

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- I. To Reclaim Jurisprudential Identity
- II. To Synthesize NEP 2020 with Legal Pedagogy
- III. To Cultivate Ethically Fortified Advocacy
- IV. To Evaluate Legislative & Judicial Evolution
- V. To Pioneer a Global-Local (Glocal) Legal Framework

SEMINAR THEMES

**Main Theme:- Transforming Higher Education Through IKS:
A Global Perspective**

Sub-Themes:-

1. Historical Foundation of IKS - Application in Ancient Era
2. Tracing Decline in Colonial Era (Law & IKS)
3. The Pedagogical Pillar: NEP 2020 & Legal Education (Equitable & Inclusive)
4. The Contemporary Pillar: IKS in a Globalized Era
5. The Jurisprudential Pillar: Dharmoprudence – Dharma as a Legal Framework
6. The Administrative Pillar: Governance, Public Administration & IKS
7. The Ethical Pillar: IKS in Judicial Ethics, Digital Ethics & AI Ethics
8. The Religious Pillar: IKS in Judicial Ethics, Digital Ethics & AI Ethics
9. Legal Protection of Sacred Spaces and Heritage
10. Gender and Justice in IKS
11. IKS influencing Art, Aesthetics, and Law
12. Any other dimension allied with IKS

The paper presentation themes are only indicative & not exhaustive!

**The Best Paper Presentation will be awarded in the
Valedictory function of the International Seminar!!**

IMPORTANT NOTE

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Number of authors	Amount
Single	Rs. 1000/-
Co-Author	Rs. 1500/-
Only participation	Rs. 500/-

IMPORTANT DATES

11.01.2026	Notification for acceptance of abstract
20.01.2026	Submission of final paper
20.01.2026	Last date for payment of registration fee
04.02.2026	Last Date for registration of the Legislative drafting & legal quiz
13.02.2026	Day 1 of seminar commencing with inaugural session
14.02.2026	Day 2 of seminar concluding with valedictory session
14.02.2026	Day 2 of seminar concluding with valedictory session

ABOUT LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING COMPETITION

THEME FOR THE LEGISLATIVE DRAFT

**The Indian Knowledge System Integration in Higher
Education Bill 2026**

PRIZES

- Winning team-Rs. 25,000/-
- Runner up- Rs. 15,000/-
- A Certificate of participation will be awarded to each participant.

ABOUT LEGAL QUIZ COMPETITION

THEME FOR THE LEGAL QUIZ

Right to Education & NEP 2020

PRIZES

- Winning team - 15,000/-
- Runner up - 10,000/-
- A Certificate of participation will be awarded to each participant.

Registration Fees - Rs. 1200/-

DAY 1

13.02.2026

- INAUGURAL SESSION
- TECHNICAL SESSION I
- LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (PRELIMINARY ROUND)
- TECHNICAL SESSION II
- LEGAL QUIZ (PRELIMINARY ROUND)
- TECHNICAL SESSION III

DAY 2

14.02.2026

- TECHNICAL SESSION IV
- LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (FINAL ROUND)
- TECHNICAL SESSION V
- LEGAL QUIZ (FINAL ROUND)
- VALEDICTORY SESSION

INAUGURAL CEREMONY



CHIEF GUEST

Prof. Dr. Vivek Maheshwari
Vice Chancellor
Lakulish Yoga University
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GUEST OF HONOR

Shri. Avinash Dharmadhikari
Founder & Director
Chanakya Mandal

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY



CHIEF GUEST

Dr. Radhakrishnan Pillai
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RESOURCE PERSONS



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PARTICIPANT'S INSTRUCTIONS

- Mode of Organizing : Offline Mode
- Date of the Seminar : 13.02.2026 & 14.02.2026
- Abstract: Participants must submit Abstracts of 350-500 words on mail at - ***dessnflciks26@gmail.com*** on or before **10.01.2026**
- Method of Citation : Harvard Blue Book 20th Ed.
- The acceptance of abstract will be communicated on - **11.01.26**
- Applicant has to submit final paper to ***dessnflciks26@gmail.com*** on or before - **20.01.2026**
- Selected Full Papers will be published in proceedings with ISBN.
- Only one co-author is permitted.
- The registration fee once paid is non-refundable.
- Registration Fee:
 1. Single author : 1000/-
 2. Co-author : 1500/-
 3. Only Participation : Rs.500/-
- Fees to be paid at - **Account Number 501003023351126**
IFSC : HDFC0000103.
- **Attendance** : Participants must attend all the sessions of the Seminar including inaugural and valedictory sessions
- Certificates can be received only after the conclusion of the Seminar.
- Registration Google form link For The Seminar -
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSVPzZDK0StrTGv6gGmZR4b0YCZ2llPhl8Gwh2Mfy-wLHQJw/viewform?usp=header>
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