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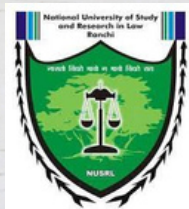
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# About VLS

Virtual Law School (VLS) was founded during the national lockdown in April 2020 as a pure teaching initiative. Since then VLS has facilitated law classes and critical thinking webinars/workshops for thousands of law students from across the country. It only offers certificate courses and does not offer any diploma or degree. VLS promotes easy and affordable access to legal education. At VLS, Pro Bono Law Teachers and resource persons include Former Judges of Supreme Court & High Courts, Senior Lawyers, Senior Law Professors, Vice-Chancellors, Registrars of NLUs, well-accomplished law scholars, foreign judges and professors, law firm and corporate professionals and civil society subject experts. VLS works on a unique concept of accepting donations of pro bono teaching hours. And VLS is registered as a not-for-profit organization u/s. 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 under the aegis of the KETAS Education Foundation.

## Our Founder



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### **Dr. Nachiketa Mittal**

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Discourse on Environment Justice is perpetual in nature. Save Earth, Soil, Save Forest, and Save Ozone have been common expressions of concern globally. World leaders have met innumerable times to arrive at a mutual consensus to protect the environment in the last fifty years. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) completed fifty years last year 2022 and also revisited the work done on climate protection so far and the road ahead. In keeping with the same spirit we started the Earth Conference last year. Despite uncountable climate action warriors and climate justice heroes relentlessly working with State Governments and private corporations the world over to protect Mother Earth against the unbridled growth of climate change, it's a long road ahead. We all are stakeholders in this discourse. Hence, every year the Earth Conference aims to bring together students, research scholars, teachers/professors, lawyers, policymakers, and practitioners of climate change to continue their dialogue for finding solutions to the unsolved and unanswered issues of climate change.

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# CONFERENCE INVITATION!

## Format of the Conference

- Panel Discussion
- Paper Presentations

## Who can Submit Paper & Attend?

- Working Professionals (Professors, Lawyers, Environment Scientists, etc.)
- Research Scholars associated with Degree Colleges, Universities, Civil Society Organisations, Think Tanks, etc.
- Students enrolled in Degree Colleges and Universities
- **Note:** Professionals, researchers, and students from all disciplines working on the broader issues of climate action and climate justice are welcome.

## Conference Fee for Paper Presentation

- INR 400/- For Indian Nationals for Single Author (Student & Research Scholars)
- INR 650/- For Indian Nationals for Co- Authors (Student & Research Scholars)
- INR 750/- For Indian Nationals for Single Author (Working Professionals)
- INR 1100/- For Indian Nationals for Co- Authors (Working Professionals)
- USD 35 – For Foreign Nationals for Single Author
- USD 60 – For Foreign Nationals for Co-Authors





# CONFERENCE DATES & GUIDELINES

**MAY 27**

**Submission of Paper &  
Fee Payment**

**JUNE 3-4**

**Conference  
Presentations**

**JUNE 5**

**Panel Discussion &  
Announcement of Best  
Paper Presentations**

## Paper Submission Guidelines

- **Submit Paper and Pay Conference Fee - [CLICK HERE](#)**
- **Length of Conference Paper: *Minimum 1800 words and maximum 2200 words*** (excluding footnotes in both cases). Submissions exceeding maximum word limit will be desk rejected.
- **Font Size:** Full Research Papers should be in Times New Roman 12 font size and double spaced. Main Title should be in full capitals, bold and centered with a 12 font size. Sub-titles should be in sentence case, bold and 12 font size. Author's names should be in small capitals and centered 12 font size. Footnotes should be in Times New Roman 10 point font.
- **Citation Format:** Authors are requested to use footnotes only. Footnotes should conform to OSCOLA 4th Edition. Footnotes to the title or authors of the article should be marked by asterisks and placed on the title page.
- **Originality of Manuscripts:** All the contributions should be the original work of the contributors and should not have been submitted for consideration in any other Publication. Any plagiarized work will be out-rightly desk rejected.

**Note:** Conference papers ***shall indicate:***

- central research idea,
- statement of problem,
- research questions,
- hypothesis (if any),
- research design including research methodology of collecting data if based on empirical work and the key – laws, rules, regulations, policy framework,
- practices- the author aspires to challenge or recommend changes therein.

***Revised Papers may be Invited from selected presentations for an Edited Book.***

# PRIZES & RECOGNITION

- **First Best Paper: *Cash Prize INR 5,500/-*** + Subscription of AIR Database
- **Second Best Paper: *Cash Prize INR 2,500/-*** + Subscription of AIR Database
- **Honorary Mention for Best Female Author: *Cash Prize INR 2000/-***
- E-Certificates will be awarded to all the paper presenters and participants

## EARTH CONFERENCE INTERNS



### **Riya Gupta**

Presidency University,  
Bengaluru

### **Tathagat Shivansh**

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# Earth Conference 2022 -Recap!

Last year's edition of the Earth Conference 2022 was organized in collaboration with the Centre for Environment Law, Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA) of National Law School of India University, Bengaluru; RGNUL Patiala, NUSRL Ranchi, NLU Odisha, and Jagran Lakecity University Bhopal. Our lead Sponsored Knowledge Partners were: Enviro Legal Defense Firm (23 years of Environmental Law Practice) and the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) India.

## Speakers



### Patrons:

- Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. K. Sikri
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kurian Joseph  
(Former Judges, Supreme Court of India)

### Speakers:

- Shri. Salman Khurshid, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India
- Prof. (Dr.) M K Ramesh, NLSIU, Bengaluru
- Shri. Sanjay Upadhyay, Founder, ELDF, New Delhi
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- Ms. Mansi Bhatija - Best Paper in Student's Category
- Ms. Priya Kumari (1st) and Ms. Dharshna Gupta (2nd) -  
Best Paper in the Professionals Category
- Ms. Anvesha Chaturvedi (Student), Ms. Shruti J. Eusebius  
(Ph.D Scholar) and Ms. Sushmita Das (Law Teacher)-  
Honorary Female Author Mention



**We invite you to practice 7 Days of EARTH ACTIONS-  
Each action counts!**

**You can tag us on Social Media @virtuallawschool #virtuallawschool**

**7 Days of Earth Actions**

<p><b>1</b> Bring a reusable tote or bag when you go shopping at the grocery store</p>	<p><b>2</b> Bring your own cup/mug to a coffee shop or the office</p>	<p><b>3</b> Go to your local thrift store: buy gently used clothing or furniture instead of new!</p>	<p><b>4</b> Visit a zero-waste store in your community or online!</p>	<p><b>5</b> Check your pantries: challenge yourself to make a meal using the ingredients you have before purchasing more!</p>	<p><b>6</b> Visit a Farmers Market! Consider buying local instead of from big box stores</p>	<p><b>7</b> Look at what items you can upcycle around your house: for example, use that old mug with the broken handle as a flower pot!</p>
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**THANK YOU!**  
**Meet you at the Earth Conference**

