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on
Sustainable Development Goal-16:
Harnessing Law, Technology and Human Rights



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ABOUT CHRIST UNIVERSITY

CHRIST (Deemed to be University), a premier educational institution, is an academic fraternity of individuals dedicated to the motto of Excellence and Service. The University is a nurturing ground for individual holistic development to effectively contribute to society in a dynamic environment. It was established as a college in July 1969 by the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), founded by Blessed Kuriakose Elias Chavara. It was conferred the Deemed University Status in 2008 by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. CHRIST (Deemed to be University) has five campuses, three in Bengaluru and one in Pune and Delhi NCR (off campuses). Ranked as one of India's top and reputed multi-disciplinary universities, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Bangalore has been placed between 401-600 globally in the Times Higher Education Impact Ranking 2020. As per the latest NIRF 2023 rankings, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) enters the list of top 100 universities in India and grabs the 67th position. The School of Law has secured the 16th position in the Law category, retaining itself in the top 20s. According to QS Rankings, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) ranks in the 601-650 band amongst top Asian universities.



ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW

School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) (SLCU), Delhi NCR, commenced its journey in 2019. It already has a proven history of success in the field of education. The School of Law offers Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Doctoral programs in Law as per the guidelines of the Bar Council of India and the University Grants Commission. It has a flexible curriculum offering several options in different areas of specialisation, and the same is designed with the requirements of the legal profession and academia kept in mind. The academic programmes offered at School of Law incorporate special opportunities such as Internships, Legal Aid, Moot Court, Trial Advocacy, Client Counselling, Value-added Courses, Skill Enhancement Workshops and Career-Oriented Training with outcome-based legal education. Students are provided opportunities to interact with members from the legal profession regularly, and the pedagogy of School of Law caters to the needs of students to be career-ready.

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 aims to promote peaceful and inclusive societies, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels. SDG 16 and human rights are mutually reinforcing, as both seek to create environments where individuals can live free from fear and oppression. The key focus areas of SDG 16, such as reducing violence, promoting the rule of law, combating organized crime, reducing corruption, and ending abuse and exploitation, are inherently aligned with human rights principles. Conversely, the protection and promotion of human rights are essential for achieving the goals of SDG 16, as they lay the foundation for peace, justice, and inclusive societies.

While promoting peace and inclusivity is often seen as the responsibility of the state, achieving these goals in today's interconnected world requires a collaborative approach involving technology and law. Technology plays a pivotal role by facilitating transparency, accountability, and access to justice through digital platforms and data analytics. Leveraging advancements such as blockchain for secure transactions and AI for legal research can streamline legal processes, making justice more accessible and efficient. This alignment supports SDG 16's objectives of promoting the rule of law and ensuring equal access to justice, fostering an environment conducive to sustainable development. Technological innovations and legal frameworks that navigate the right to a fair trial, legal remedy, and the right to participate in public affairs ensure transparency and accountability. Similarly, access to information is interlinked with reducing corruption and maintaining the rule of law. The use of technology is promising in these areas for monitoring and protecting human rights, further solidifying the connection between SDG 16 and human rights.

The conference aims to harness the synergetic study of human rights, technology and law with SDG16 in order to make the present 'decade of action' truly instrumental in achieving the goals of peace, justice and inclusivity for all. Integrating these areas necessitates strategic frameworks that encourage cross-sector partnerships and innovative solutions. Collaboration between tech innovators and legal experts can drive initiatives like legal tech startups that simplify legal procedures or digital platforms that enhance public participation in governance. Regulatory frameworks must evolve to accommodate technological advancements while upholding principles of fairness and equity. By integrating technology, human rights, and law, societies can advance towards achieving SDG 16, fostering peace, justice, and strong institutions worldwide.



OBJECTIVES:

The aim of the conference is to share practical solutions for achieving the SDG16 at global and national levels keeping in view innovative entrepreneurial ventures and the dimensions of law. The conference aims to:

1

Facilitate dialogue among technology innovators, legal experts and human rights enthusiasts to advance SDG 16.

2

Showcase technologies improving legal processes and governance.

3

Assess legal frameworks for technology integration in law, ensuring equity and justice.

4

Create practical recommendations for advancing SDG 16 globally.



The conference will accept abstracts directly relevant to one of the following themes:

A Justice, Peace and Accountability

1. Peaceful and inclusive societies for SDG 16 key goals
2. Strengthening national institutions and protecting fundamental freedoms
3. Role of civil societies and sustainable development
4. Building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions

B Human Rights principles and SDG16 integration

5. Comparative perspectives on SDG16 targets and human rights protection in constitutions
6. Innovative strategies for addressing violence and exploitation.
7. Innovations supporting human rights by ensuring security and safety.
8. Reducing corruption and organized crime to uphold human rights.

C Technological Innovations and Inclusivity

9. Utilizing digital platforms and data analytics to facilitate access to justice.
10. Digital identity systems and online dispute resolution platforms
11. Implementing blockchain and AI to streamline legal processes and ensure fairness
12. Digitization and AI in legal services for sustainable development

D Collaborative models, adaptive strategies, and proactive policies for SDG16

13. Emerging Technologies for promoting inclusive decision-making processes.
14. Leveraging technology to enhance transparency and accountability in governmental actions.
15. Encouraging cross-sector partnerships and innovative solutions.
16. Fostering collaboration between technology innovators and legal experts to advance SDG 16.

The themes above are suggestive and topics related to the said themes can be a part of the conference proceedings. _____

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Confirmation of Abstract:	5 January, 2025
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