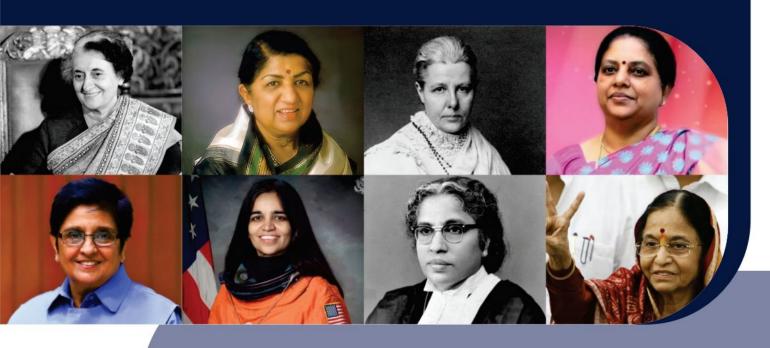




# 1ST NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AT THE FOREFRONT:



# INDIA'S JOURNEY TOWARDS EQUALITY

15th - 16th June 2024, INDORE, MADHYA PRADESH

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# **About The Conference**

India's rich cultural diversity is a testament to the dynamism and potential of its people, particularly its women, who are increasingly taking centre stage across various sectors. Despite the progress made in empowering women, there is a critical need for more robust policies and laws in the fields of entrepreneurship, finance, sports, politics, education, technology, entertainment and journalism to ensure they receive the opportunities and protections they deserve. This conference shall serve as a platform for engaging in thoughtful discussions on the current state of women-centric policies, laws and reforms pertaining to their roles in various walks of life. By convening voices from diverse sectors, this conference aims to foster a vivid and comprehensive discourse on the progress, challenges and the road ahead for women in India.

# About The National Commission For Women

The National Commission for Women, established under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990, reviews and recommends legislative safeguards for women, facilitates grievance redressal, and advises on policies affecting women. It conducts comprehensive state visits, compiles Gender Profiles, resolves complaints, addresses issues like child marriage, and promotes legal awareness and gender equality through workshops, expert committees and public campaigns against female foeticide and violence.



#### Ms. NIVEDITA CHAUHAN

Advocate, Hon'ble Supreme Court Of India and the State President, Youth & Community Empowerment Council (YCEC), Madhya Pradesh, Women's Indian Chamber Of Commerce and Industry (WICCI)

Ms. Nivedita Chauhan, being the President of YCEC, WICCI for the State of Madhya Pradesh and an advocate by profession, is passionate to work for the society and serve the community at large, particularly the youth of the country. She has organized various legal awareness camps in villages to educate underprivileged women and children of their legal rights and is an active participant in the promotion of Human Rights. She had also conducted a state level workshop on self-defence techniques free of cost for the underprivileged young girls, women and boys in association with the Directorate of Youth & Sports Welfare, Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Ms. Chauhan is also the Co-Founder of Chambers of Abhinav Mishra, Advocates & Solicitors and holds an extensive expertise in Real Estate, Corporate, Commercial and Intellectual Property Laws matters Pan- India. She also holds a Masters' Degree in IPR & Technology Law and has worked extensively with numerous startups, advising them on various legal and regulatory compliances and assisting them in execution of diverse agreements. She is also a legal consultant to Cadila Pharmaceuticals Limited, a Panel Counsel to Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board, Government of NCT of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Council, Government of India.

# **About Paper Presentation**

Based on the aforementioned concept, we have invited individuals from diverse fields, including researchers, scholars, professors, professionals, government officials, think tanks, and students, to present their research papers before the seven distinguished jury of eminent personalities from the varied fields, headed by the following distinguished Session Chairs.

#### SESSION CHAIRS OF PAPER PRESENTATION



# We have received an overwhelming response from Pan India, with research papers on topics related to the following sub-themes:

- Legal Milestones and the Path Ahead for Gender Equality in India
- · Assessing the Impact of Women-centric Policies and Yojanas
- Breaking Stereotypes: Women Behind and in Front of the Camera
- Legal Mechanisms Addressing Violence and Crimes Against Women
- Women in Film and Media as Agents of Change
- The Role of Technology and Law in Empowering Women
- Women's Property and Inheritance Rights: Legal Barriers and Reforms
- Legal Protection for Marginalized Women: Migrant, Rural, and Tribal Communities
- Women's Participation in the Legal Profession and Judiciary
- Gender Equality in Corporate Governance and Finance
- Labor Laws and the Protection of Women Workers
- Representation & visibility of Women in Sports
- Consumer Behavior Analysis: Gender Perspectives in the Indian Market
- Access to Training and Infrastructure for Women in Sports Challenges and Opportunities for Women in Non-Traditional Sectors
- Women's Entrepreneurship: Challenges and Growth in the Indian Context
- Female Leadership and Its Impact on Corporate Culture and Ethics
- Abortion rights and legal frameworks
- Women's Leadership and Participation in Infrastructure Development and Real Estate

# REWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- Top 3 Research Paper shall be awarded with a cash prize of INR 21,000/- each;
- Top 3 Paper Presenter shall be awarded with a cash prize of INR 15,000/- each;
- The Top 10 papers shall be published by Jus Corpus and next best 10 papers shall be published by the Journal
  of Legal Research and Juridical Sciences, and their authors shall be granted the ISSN Number by Jus Corpus for
  the formal publication of their papers;
- Internship opportunities for the top 10 Paper Presenters (being law students) at Top tier law firm(s)
   and Chamber(s);
- All participants will be honoured with a certificate of Participation
- Accommodation, food and local commutation shall be taken care of by the organizers subject to nominal fee;
- Extraordinary opportunity to engage directly with dignitaries from different sectors

#### PANEL DISCUSSION

#### **Format**

- Welcome address: A brief introduction
- Introduction of the Panelist(s)
- Initial Remarks on the allotted topic for 5 minutes by each Panelist(s)
- Moderator curated Questions directed to the Panelist(s
- Question-Answer session from the Audience directed to the Panelist(s)
- Concluding Remarks by the Panelist(s)
- · Vote of Thanks and concluding remarks by the Moderator

VENUE: BRILLIANT CONVENTION CENTRE, INDORE, M.P.

## **CHIEF GUEST(S)**

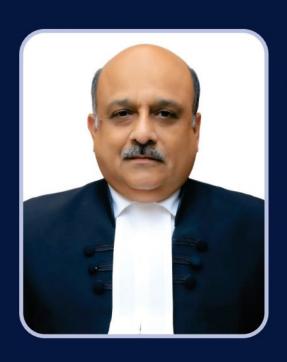


**Smt. Sumitra Mahajan**: She is the former Speaker of the Lok Sabha and holds the record as the longest-serving woman member. She was awarded India's third-highest civilian honor, the Padma Bhushan, in 2021. Remarkably, she is the only woman MP to have been elected from the same constituency (Indore, M.P.) eight consecutive times since 1989. She is the second woman, after Ms. Meira Kumar, to be elected Speaker of the Lok Sabha. Affectionately known as 'Tai' by her constituents, she has facilitated numerous projects for Indore through the railways, aviation, and urban development ministries.

HMJ (Retd.) Indira Banerjee: Her ladyship was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court, becoming the second woman in India to hold this position. Her Ladyship, a first-generation judge, in 2018 had become the 8th female judge of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Before her ladyship's tenure at the Supreme Court, her ladyship was appointed a permanent judge of the Calcutta High Court in 2002 and later served as a judge of the Delhi High Court in 2016. Her ladyship also chaired the Delhi State Legal Services Authority.



## **GUEST(S) OF HONOR**



HMJ S.A. Dharmadhikari, M.P. High Court: His lordship started his legal career in 1992 under Shri Y.S. Dharmadhikari at the M.P. High Court in Jabalpur. His lordship was the Standing Counsel for the Union of India from 2000 to 2015 and represented entities like the Income Tax Department, RBI, and Bhopal Gas Tragedy victims. He became an Additional Judge on April 7, 2016, and a Permanent Judge on March 17, 2018.

Smt. Mamta Kumari, Member, NCW: She got appointed to the National Commission for Women on March 10, 2023 and has championed women's rights and education since her childhood in Jharkhand. She founded schools for disadvantaged groups and planted thirty thousand fruit trees to promote environmental protection. A former teacher, she notably aided migrants during COVID-19. In her current role, she addresses women's issues like dowry deaths and sexual harassment and aims to empower women through education, legal advice, and leadership training.



## **DISTINGUISHED GUEST(S)**



**Dr. Davish Jain, Prestige Group**: He is a "Living Legend" in India's oilseeds sector, leads the Prestige Group of Industries with over 46 years of experience. Renowned for his contributions to agribusiness, education, and philanthropy, he holds multiple honorary doctorates. Under his leadership, the Prestige Group excels in various industries and educates over 15,000 students through the Prestige Education Foundation. Dr. Jain has been honored with numerous awards and has played key roles in national and international agricultural organizations.

Dr. Pam Rajput, Academician: She got appointed to the National Commission for Women on March 10, 2023 and has championed women's rights and education since her childhood in Jharkhand. She founded schools for disadvantaged groups and planted thirty thousand fruit trees to promote environmental protection. A former teacher, she notably aided migrants during COVID-19. In her current role, she addresses women's issues like dowry deaths and sexual harassment and aims to empower women through education, legal advice, and leadership training.



# PROMINENT PANELIST(S)



**HMJ (Retd.) Indira Banerjee**: Being the 8th female judge in the history of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, her ladyship presently serves as an Arbitrator, high-stake arbitrations, bothadjudicating domestically & internationally. Her Ladyship has also been the 2nd woman Chief Justice of the Hon'ble Madras High Court.

HMJ Rekha Palli: Known for her unwavering advocacy for gender equality, particularly within the Armed Forces, her Ladyship played an instrumental role in securing permanent commission for women in these services. Elevated as a permanent Judge of the High Court of Delhi on 15th May 2017, Justice Palli has authored numerous landmark judgments across a spectrum of legal disciplines, including Indian Constitutional law, Criminal law, Family law, Service law, Banking law, and Arbitration matters.





**HMJ Neena Bansal**: She was appointed as the First Director in the Department of Law and Justice, NCT of Delhi, for setting up Delhi Dispute Resolution Society, first institution set-up by any State Government for pre-litigation. Her Ladyship had joined Delhi Judicial Service as Civil Judge in the year 1992 and was promoted to Delhi Judicial Service in the year 2003, wherein she held various Civil and Criminal Courts. Her Ladyship was elevated as a Permanent Judge of Delhi High Court on 28.02.2022

#### Smt. Mamta Kumari, Member, National Commission

**for Women:** Being a Chairperson since August 7, 2018, Ma'am is recognized for her leadership and unwavering commitment to advocating for women's rights. Under her leadership, the NCW has launched several initiatives, including a 24/7 helpline for women affected by violence, gender sensitization programs for police, economic empowerment courses, and digital literacy campaigns.





**Dr. Pam Rajput**: A renowned academician & activist is known for her work on gender equality globally. She is the Co- author of "Women in State Politics in India: Missing in the Corridors of Power" & has headed the Pam Rajput Committee formed by the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India.

Ms. Anuradha Shankar, IPS: A serving Special DGP, M.P Police renowned for her strategic leadership, operational oversight & resource management. She is also known for her extensive work towards the Gender-Sensitive Police Reforms in M.P.





Ms. Radhika Dubey: She is the former partner at the Cyril Amarchand & Mangaldas & Co., and is currently serving as the Central Government Standing Counsel before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court. She is also an empanelled Arbitrator at Delhi International Arbitration Centre & a trained Mediator with Supreme Court Mediation Centre.

**Dr. Janak Palta McGullian:** She is a Padma Shree recipient and Director of the Jimmy McGilligan Centre for ustainable Development, renowned for her 30-year commitment to empowering rural and tribal women in India. As former Director of the Barli Development Institute for Rural Women, she trained over 6,000 women in solar cooking and food processing, benefiting 500 villages. A Global Advisor for Solar Cookers International, she champions clean, sustainable solutions worldwide. Her initiatives, including a solar-powered tea stall, exemplify her impactful advocacy for women's empowerment and environmental stewardship.





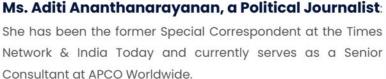
Ms. Nishi Misra: She has served as Chairperson of Indian Public Schools Conference for a period of 2 years and serves on the Governing Body of CBSE, New Delhi. Among the several awards to her credit, she was a recipient of the CBSE National Award to Principals' for the session 2018-19, Amity Excellence Award for outstanding contribution in the field of Education 2012 and Shrimati Sushma Swaraj Stree Shakti Samman 2022 by rethink India.

Ms. Neha Naik: A Partner of Phoenix Legal and a part of the litigation and dispute resolution team, she possesses proven expertise in advising and representing clients in complex intellectual property transactions, contractual disputes, insolvency and bankruptcy as well as infringement actions and conducting raids for seizing counterfeit products across various business sectors.





Ms. Jasmine Lulla, Founder & Owner of Cakes & Crafts: She is an entrepreneur and a former participant at the Master Chef India. She has earned her awards, including the prestigious titles of "Best Bakery in Central India" and "Best Women Entrepreneur".







Ms. Diwa Shah, Director & Writer: She has won the Kutxabank New Director's Award at San Sebastian Film Festival, Spain, a first for an Indian Film maker & Silver Gateway Award for her feature film, 'Bahadur the Brave', in India.

**Dr. Vinita Raj, Managing Director:** Word Dealers Pvt. Ltd, an Entrepreneur, an Academician, an Advocate a Writer, an Orator, and a beauty pageant, winning Mrs. Chennai 2023, started her professional life with IIM Indore, and thereafter served Narsee Monjee Mumbai, stands as a model of Women Empowerment. She started worlds first All Female Localization Company, providing genuine work from home opportunities to more than 200 females worldwide



# **EVENT ITINERARY**

PAPER PRESENTATION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW, PRESTIGE INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH, INDORE, M.P.

15.06.2024	
0930 Hrs - 1030 Hrs	Registration for Paper Presentation
1100 Hrs - 1300 Hrs	Paper Presentation in Hybrid Mode
1300 Hrs - 1400 Hrs	Lunch
1400 Hrs - 1600 Hrs	Paper presentation in Hybrid Mode

PANEL DISCUSSION AT BRILLIANT CONVENTION CENTRE, INDORE, M.P.

16.06.2024	
0900 Hrs - 1000 Hrs	Registration for Panel Discussion
1030 Hrs - 1130 Hrs	Session 1 of Panel Discussion followed by Q&A
1230 Hrs - 1330 Hrs	Session 2 of Panel Discussion followed by Q&A
1330 Hrs - 1420 Hrs	Lunch
1430 Hrs - 1755 Hrs	Valedictory Ceremony & Prize Distribution followed by Cultural Performances
1800 Hrs - 1815 Hrs	High Tea

# Education & Knowledge Partner





Prof. (Dr.) RH Gorane
Director - Department of Law

# Department of Law, Prestige Institute of Management and Research (PIMR),

under the leadership of Prof. Dr. R H Gorane, a seasoned professional with over 40 years in the field, is renowned for its academic distinction. PIMR is hosting the national paper presentation competition being part of the National Conference, drawing participants from across India to showcase their research on pertinent legal themes before the esteemed jury.

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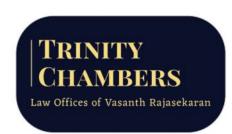


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