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Gwalior Fort – One of India's most magnificent historic forts, perched on a sandstone plateau and renowned for its impressive architecture and rich historical legacy. Its remarkable monuments, temples and palaces reflect the diverse cultural heritage.

Tansen Tomb – The historic tomb of Tansen, one of the greatest figures of Hindustani classical music and one of the celebrated Navratnas of Emperor Akbar's court. The site reflects the city's enduring association with Indian classical music and the Gwalior Gharana tradition.

Jai Vilas Palace – A magnificent 19th-century royal palace showcasing the grandeur of the Scindia dynasty and European-inspired architecture. Its Scindia Museum houses an impressive collection of royal artefacts, paintings, furniture and the famous Durbar Hall.

Maharaj Bada – The historic and vibrant heart of Gwalior, surrounded by heritage buildings, bustling markets and iconic landmarks, offering visitors a glimpse into the city's cultural and urban heritage.

Sarod Ghar – A renowned museum dedicated to the rich legacy of Indian classical music and the Sarod. It showcases rare musical instruments, photographs and memorabilia associated with the legendary Ustad Amjad Ali Khan.

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INVITATION

The Seminar Organising Committee with immense pleasure invites you and warmly welcomes your presence to participate in National Seminar on "State, Society and Justice in Indian Legal History: From Ancient to Modern Period" on 28 and 29 November, 2026 in Gwalior. The event will continue with Lectures, Events, Panel Discussion, Paper Presentation, Poster Presentation etc.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Indian legal history represents an ancient and continuously evolving legal tradition. From concepts of Eusebeian, Mythological, Religious and Indigenous Justice institutions to medieval legal practices, colonial codification and the constitutional order of independent India, the relationship between State, society and justice has undergone significant transformation.

The seminar seeks to critically examine these historical developments and their contemporary relevance. It will provide an interdisciplinary platform for academicians, legal scholars, researchers, policymakers, legal professionals and young scholars to examine India's legal heritage and its implications for contemporary governance, social justice and legal reform.

The seminar will particularly seek to connect historical scholarship with contemporary policy concerns and generate actionable recommendations.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

The main objectives of the seminar are:

- To critically examine the historical evolution of Indian legal systems across different periods.
- To analyse the interrelationship between state, society, and justice in historical context.
- To evaluate the impact of colonial legal legacy on contemporary legal structures.
- To develop evidence-based policy recommendations for strengthening legal and institutional frameworks.

SUB-THEMES

Ancient Indian Legal Traditions and Justice Systems

- Eusebeian concepts of justice
- Mythological concepts of justice
- Religious concepts of justice
- Economic concepts of justice
- Indigenous dispute-resolution mechanisms

Medieval Legal Institutions and Socio-Religious Norms

- Legal institutions and administration of justice
- Legal jurisprudence and governance
- Customary law and community institutions
- State, society and legal pluralism

Colonial Legal System and Its Legacy

- Colonial courts and judicial administration
- Codification and institutional transformation
- Development of modern legal justice system
- Colonial legal legacy v/s Modern Legal Legacy

Constitutional and Judicial Development

- Evolution of the Indian judiciary
- Constitutionalism and Rule of Law
- Fundamental Rights and social justice
- Judicial review and constitutional values

Law, Society and Marginalized Communities

- Law and social transformation
- Caste, gender and justice
- Rights of marginalized and vulnerable communities
- Access to justice and legal empowerment

Contemporary Legal Reforms in Historical Perspective

- Historical perspectives on recent legal reforms
- Criminal law reforms
- Legal pluralism and access to justice
- Future directions of Indian legal institutions
- Law, technology and emerging challenges

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Jiwaji University, Gwalior came in to existence on May 23, 1964. The foundation stone of the Jiwaji University was laid by the then President of India, Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, on 11 December 1964 in sprawling campus at Naulkha Parade Ground. Stands as a premier institution of higher education recognized for its commitment to academic excellence, research, and societal development. The university encompasses a diverse range of departments in Law, science, environment, and social sciences actively contributing to research on natural resource management, ecology, and sustainable development. The territorial jurisdiction of the university is spread over the districts of Gwalior, Bhind, Morena, Sheopur, Datia, Shivpuri, Guna and Ashoknagar. In the beginning, the university had 25 affiliated colleges but today over 400 government aided and private colleges are under its jurisdiction.

ABOUT DEPARTMENT

The School of Studies in Law was established in August 1999 on the recommendation of the Bar Council of India, New Delhi. Since its inception, B.A.LL.B. (Five year integrated course) was started in this department with a motto to provide an opportunity to the students who want to make their Career in Law. Right from the beginning, it was the main goal of the department to produce well qualified Lawyers and Judges with well-equipped proficiency and integrity towards their profession. In a journey of about 27 years, the SOS in Law has succeeded in its goal. Moreover, the institute has also been successful in starting the post graduate programme of Law i.e. LL.M; Ph.D. and B.Com.LL.B. (Five year integrated course). The passed out students are successfully rendering their services at various places and in various capacities in the country and abroad. Besides the academic knowledge the students are given practical training of Law.

WELCOME TO GWALIOR CITY

Gwalior, a city of heritage and cultural resilience, is situated in the northern part of Madhya Pradesh. It is a historic city renowned for its majestic fort, rich cultural legacy, and evolving urban landscape. In 2023, Gwalior was designated as a UNESCO Creative City of Music, further strengthening its identity as an important centre of Indian classical music and the land of the legendary maestro Mian Tansen.Set amidst a distinctive landscape of rocky terrain and surrounding hills, Gwalior reflects a unique blend of natural and cultural heritage. The city experiences a subtropical climate, characterized by hot summers, a moderate monsoon season, and cool and pleasant winters.

GUIDELINES FOR PAPER CONTRIBUTORS

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- Full paper should be within 4000 words.
- Paper can be in both English and Hindi Language.
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