



**National Seminar  
on**

**“Right to Freedom of Speech & Expression under  
National & International Laws”**

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## ABOUT THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES-



The Indian Institute of Legal Studies was established in the year 2010 under the aegis of the Bar Council of India (BCI), New Delhi and the University Grants Commission (UGC). The Institution has successfully and positively caught the fancy of various students and law experts from all over the nation. The primary purpose of Indian Institute of Legal Studies (IILS) has been to ensure an ideal dissemination of excellent academic opportunities for legal education. The possibility for providing an access to such a basic yet crucial educational platform for the betterment of the society in general has been due to the vision and endless determination of Shri Joyjit Choudhary, Hon'ble Chairman, Indian Institute of Legal Studies. A visionary who, believed to provide for every individual the right to proper and fair education, as their fundamental right, has been venturing with a superior fervour for enhanced academic prospects untiringly.

The Institution is nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas, situated in the heart of Darjeeling District, Siliguri, West Bengal. The Institution's vital location, its active participation in imparting knowledge and moulding its students into sensible and responsible individuals has brought to its credit to serve as the nucleus for education in the hills of North Bengal. The emphasis in the academic development with its adoption of inter-disciplinary and practical approach has aided its students to gain deeper understanding of the learning process and value for education. Additionally, it has not merely laid the importance for the value and the need to be educated individuals, or to serve as efficient lawyers, but more essentially, to be reborn as a socially viable, constructive and to construct appropriate mechanisms for building a better society for the coming future.

## **ABOUT THE INDIAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW-**

The Indian Society of International Law (ISIL), a premier national institution for teaching, research and promotion of international law, was established in 1959, primarily due to the efforts of the late V.K. Krishna Menon. It has indeed been a long and fulfilling journey for the ISIL that it has earned a pride of place among the community of international lawyers throughout the world. ISIL, under the leadership and guidance of distinguished persons, has grown into a prestigious research and teaching centre of international law in India. At present it enjoys the dedicated stewardship of its President Shri Pravin. H. Parekh.

In its endeavour to disseminate international law, the ISIL has traditionally received whole-hearted support and cooperation from the various Ministries, particularly External Affairs, Finance, and Environment and Forests, of the Government of India. The ISIL has benefited from the guidance and support of many judges-present and former-of the Supreme Court of India and Delhi High Court.

## **CONCEPT NOTE-**

The Freedom of Speech and Expression has emanated from the intrinsic dignity of man being a member of society to cater the need for societal interaction essential for his survival. Freedom of speech is considered as a major facet of liberty which is required to be preserved on all accounts in order to encourage freedom to express ones views and ideas without any impediment or any fear of punishment leading to the development of an informed citizenry in a well functioning democracy. The people of India declared their solemn resolve to secure to all its citizens, liberty of thought and expression enshrined in the Preamble to the Constitution of India. This right is further affirmed under Article 19 of the Constitution being a guarantor of various fundamental rights with the right of freedom of speech and expression enshrined under Article 19(1)(a). Every citizen is entitled to this right which includes right to express one's ideas and opinions whether through writing, printing, films or even by word of mouth leading to freedom of communication and also the right to publish views. However, the state has imposed reasonable restrictions in the exercise of such rights namely restrictions in "the interests of the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States, public order, decency or morality or in relation to contempt of court, defamation or incitement to an offence"

Under International law, freedom to express ideas and opinions is considered an indispensable international human right being crucial at both individual levels contributing to his overall development and on a broader level as an essence of a democratic society. Freedom of expression is recognized by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). It is also recognized under regional conventions and Charters like the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), the American Convention on Human Rights (ACHR), the Arab Charter on Human Rights (Arab Charter), and the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). While these conventions and charters do place limitations on the exercise of the freedom of

expressions however, there is inadequate clarity as to how these rights can be reasonably and legitimately restricted in the contemporary world. Taking the case of the advent of novel technologies and internet being a fast growing medium of communication posing unforeseen ramifications in control the regulation of content, is challenging the conventional constraints on free speech and expression.

On this note the participant may take up any Topic/Trend/Issue/Development covered under the purview of the theme.

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES-**

- The submissions shall consist of an Abstract and Full Paper.
- An Abstract shall not be more than 200 words excluding title and keywords.
- The length of the paper should be of 3000-5000 words.
- Footnotes must conform to the authoritative standards rules of legal citation and must include a description of each authority adequate enough to allow a reasonable reader to identify and locate the authority in a publication of general circulation.
- Paper in MS Word format with the subject “IILS-ISIL NATIONAL SEMINAR-2019”.
- Cover page must contain name, nationality, e-mail, contact no., and name of the college/university along with the address of the participant.
- In case of co-authorship, the covering letter should include details of both the authors.
- Submissions must be made to [iilsseminar.lawdepartment@gmail.com](mailto:iilsseminar.lawdepartment@gmail.com).
- The paper should follow the following format:
  - Font Type- Times New Roman
  - Font Size- 12
  - Line Spacing- 1.5
  - Foot note size- 10 pt.

### **REGISTRATION DETAILS-**

- There is no registration charge.
- The participant(s) have to send their registration form along with the full paper.

### **IMPORTANT DATES-**

- Submission of Abstract with Full Paper: 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019
- Intimation of selected papers for presentation: 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2019
- Seminar Date: 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 (Saturday)

### **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEMBERS-**

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