



**FACULTY OF LAW
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**



in collaboration with

**Dr. SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE
RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

organizes

**National Conference
on
RELEVANCE OF THE BHAGAVAD GITA
IN THE INDIAN LEGAL SYSTEM**

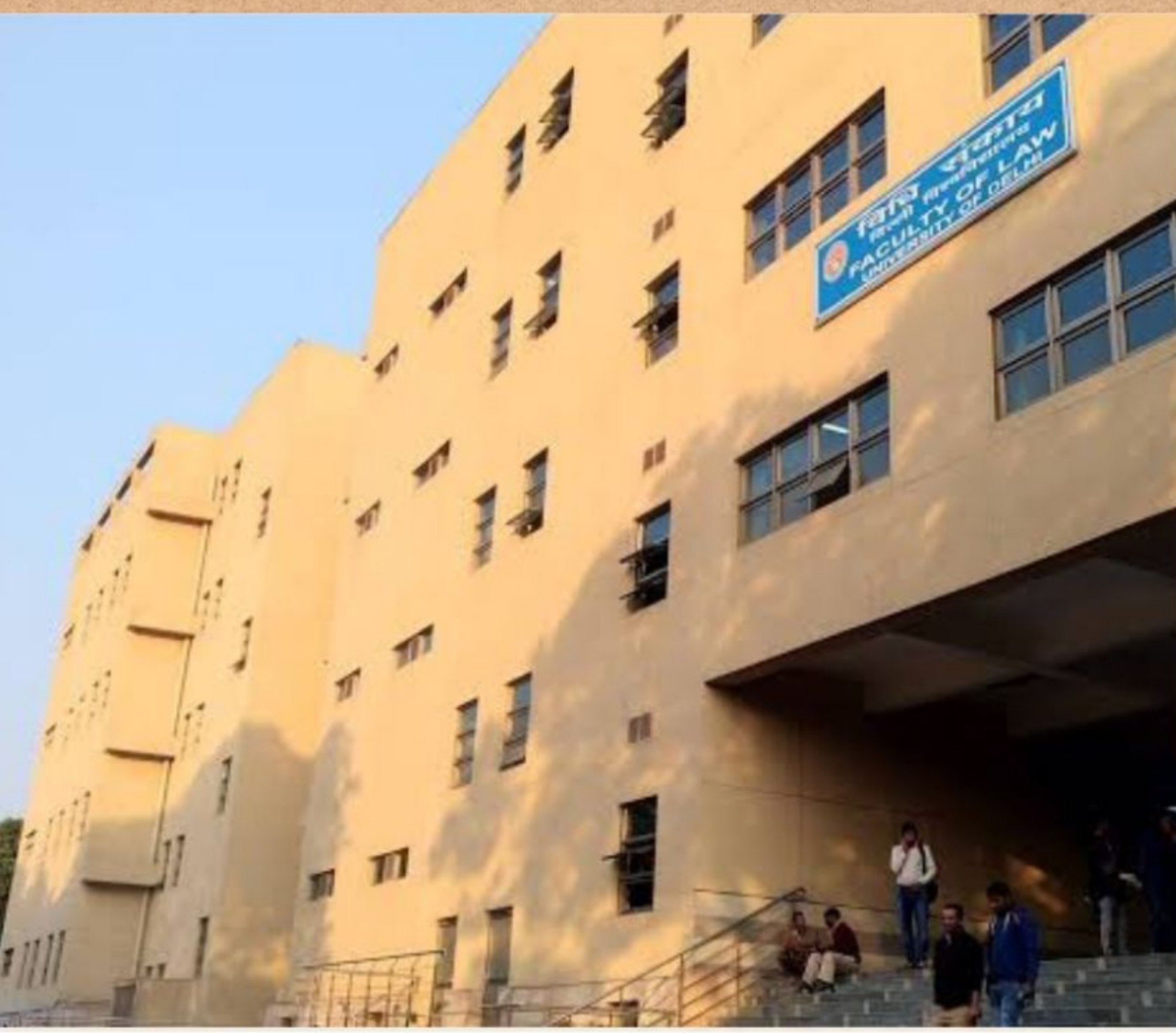
Conference Dates



13th to 15th November, 2025

Inaugural Session- 13th November, 2025

Valedictory Session- 15th November, 2025



ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

The University of Delhi, established in 1922, is recognized as an *Institution of Eminence* by the University Grants Commission (UGC). It is one of the largest Universities in India with over 16 faculties, 80 academic departments, and 91 affiliated colleges offering diverse educational programmes. The University is a premier institution accredited by NAAC with an 'A++' grade, continuously fostering intellectual growth, interdisciplinary research, and global collaborations. Over the years of its existence, the University has sustained the highest global standards and best practices in higher education. The University adheres to its commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and social outreach, which has made the University a role-model and trend setter for other universities. Drawing students and faculty from across India and abroad, the University has emerged as a symbol of excellence, integrity, and openness of *manasa* (thought), *vaacha* (speech), and *karmana* (action). Its long-term commitment to nation building and unflinching adherence to universal human values reflect in its motto: 'Nishtha Dhriti Satyam' 'निष्ठा धृति सत्यम्' (Dedication, Steadfastness and Truth).

ABOUT THE FACULTY OF LAW

Established in 1924, the Faculty of Law is a premier department of the University of Delhi, an institution of national importance under Entry 63 of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. It is a time-tested legal institution par excellence, which has produced generations of eminent jurists, the judges of Supreme Court and High Court, Senior advocates, political leaders, public intellectuals, and policy-makers. With the unparalleled expertise of faculty members, it is situated in the heart of the National Capital, attracting brilliant students and scholars from all over the country and beyond. Offering Five year B.A LL.B. (H) and B.B.A LL.B. (H), LL.B.(3yr), LL.M.(2yr & 3yr) and Ph.D. programmes to over 10,000 students, it operates with minimal fees and national funding. The department follows the case method, updates materials regularly, and provides free resources. The Faculty of Law has a dedicated library that provides access to large databases of journals, judgments, and reference material to cater to the needs of students and researchers engaged in legal studies and intensive research. The Faculty fosters academic excellence through its dedicated teaching staff, engaging diverse and intellectually vibrant student community, and robust calendar of seminars, conferences, moot court competitions, and legal experimental workshops. With the evolving legal landscape and rapid technological advancements, the Faculty remains aligned with India's vision of emerging as a global leader. With the commitment to nurturing socially conscious and conscientious legal professionals, it fosters leadership, research, and legal reform through academic rigor.

ABOUT DR. SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF) is a premier think tank dedicated to fostering ideas and perspectives that strengthen India's unity, integrity, and holistic development. Inspired by the nationalist vision of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, SPMRF engages in research, publications, debates, and policy advocacy on issues of national importance. SPMRF strives to create an intellectual environment where nationalist thought and cultural rejuvenation find free expression, while addressing contemporary challenges in their historical and civilisational context. The Foundation also works to inspire youth by sharing the legacy of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee a visionary leader, educator, and founder of the Bharatiya Jan Sangh. SPMRF provides a vibrant platform for scholars, experts, and practitioners to contribute to India's progress and vision of "One India, Great India."

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project “The Relevance of the Bhagavad Gita in the Indian Legal System” is a shared effort of the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, and the Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation, New Delhi. It aims to explore how the perdurable teachings of the Bhagavad Gita, in particular, those on duty (dharma), justice (nyaya), Karma, and ethical action remain relevant to the Indian legal system. The philosophical tenets of the Bhagavad Gita offer an insight on moral framework for guiding professional conduct, responsibility, and justice, values that are reflected in India’s constitutional ideals and judicial pronouncements. Several judges, including in landmark cases, have invoked references to the Bhagavad Gita to explore moral clarity and ethical responsibility.

Under the leadership of Hon'ble Dean and Head, Professor Dr. Anju Vali Tikoo, the project has been launched as comprehensive research initiative. In this direction, the Faculty of law has already inaugurated the Gita Sabhagaar and Podcast Studio at Umang Bhawan, Faculty of Law. The project engages 20 students from B.A LL.B. (H) and B.B.A LL.B. (H), LL.B.(3yr), LL.M.(2yr & 3yr), PhD programmes, offering them stipends to carry out research, case analysis, and comparative studies. A dedicated research hub, equipped with a podcast studio and seminar facilities, has been established. In addition, the project envisions nationwide seminars and two major conferences, one national and one international in collaboration with leading global universities. Initiatives include a weekly expert session, podcast series and a Global Saints’ Conclave aimed at bridging legal and philosophical thought with spiritual wisdom. The project envisages the publication of a comprehensive research book on the Relevance of Bhagavad Gita in the Indian Legal System. Overall, it seeks to revive and integrate the Indian Knowledge System into legal education, practice, and policymaking, positioning the Bhagavad Gita as a philosophical foundation for modern Indian Jurisprudence.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, in collaboration with the Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF), is proud to host a 3 day National Conference on the Relevance of Bhagavad Gita in Indian Legal System. The Conference will take place in offline mode at the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. This unique academic initiative seeks to explore the ancient wisdom of the Bhagavad Gita and its continuing influence on legal thought, ethical governance, and the practice of law in India.

The Bhagavad Gita is often regarded as a cornerstone of ethics and philosophy in Indian civilization. The Bhagavad Gita provides profound insights into duty (*dharma*), justice (*Nyaya*), and moral responsibility. The teachings transcend religions, and offer a universal guide to ethical conduct and principled decision-making. In the context of law, the Bhagavad Gita raises vital questions about the relationship between duty and rights, the ethical obligations of individuals and institutions, and the role of justice in ensuring social harmony. By applying ancient wisdom to the modern legal issues, The Conference seeks to encourage a holistic understanding of law thereby promoting peace and social harmony in the contemporary social order. The Conference aims to explore the principles, values embedded in the Bhagavad Gita and seeks to juxtapose with the current legal order.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

- To bring together Scholars, Jurists, Practitioners, and Students for critical dialogue on law and philosophy.
- To analyse the relevance of Bhagavad Gita in the development of legal and constitutional philosophy of India.
- To examine how the principles of the Bhagavad Gita resonate within the Indian legal framework be it constitutional morality, the pursuit of justice under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, or the ideals of fairness and equity in administrative and judicial decision-making.
- To promote integration of Indian philosophical traditions into modern legal education and policy framework.
- To inspire future directions in legal scholarship and pedagogy by integrating ethical philosophy with legal reasoning.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- Academicians, Legal Practitioners, Researchers, Students pursuing LL.M. and LL.B. and Experts interested in the theme of the conference.
- (Note: LL.B. / LL.M. students are required to mandatorily submit their Research Papers with Research Scholars or Faculty members.)

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date to submit abstract	25th October 2025
Notification of abstract acceptance	28th October 2025
Last date of payment and final submission of full paper	4th November 2025
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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Organizing Committee cordially invites original research papers and articles from Scholars, Academicians, Practitioners, Students and Experts for Presentation at the Conference.

THEMES & SUB-THEMES

Theme 1: The Bhagavad Gita and the Constitution of India

- Dharma and the Preamble – Justice, Equality, and Liberty.
- The Bhagavad Gita's Influence on Indian Constituent Assembly Debates.
- The Bhagavad Gita and the Rule of Law in Constitutional Governance.
- Equality versus Equity: A Dharmic Vision in Constitutional Provisions.
- Dharma and Right to Life with Incidental Aspects.
- Access to Justice and Social Inclusion through Legal Aid.
- Fundamental Rights, Duties, and DPSPs: Reception of Principles ingrained in the Bhagavad Gita.

Theme 2: The Bhagavad Gita and Governance: A Jurisprudential Perspective

- Dharma in Governance and Public Administration.
- Schools of Jurisprudence and the Bhagavad Gita.
- Duty, Rights, and Power: Dharma-based Perspectives.
- Detachment (*Nishkama Karma*) and Impartiality in Governance.
- Code of Conduct: A Principled Approach.
- *Svadharama* and Decision-making as an Adjudicator.

THEMES & SUB-THEMES

Theme 3: The Bhagavad Gita and Indian Criminal Law

- Purpose underlying Criminal Law.
- Causes and Contributing Factors of *Mens Rea* (*Kaam, Krodh, Moh, and Lobh*).
- Procedural Safeguards in Criminal Law (Witness and Victim Protection, Fair and Speedy Trial).
- Sentencing Policy through the lens of the Bhagavad Gita.

Theme 4. The Bhagavad Gita at the Intersection of the Normative Framework of International Law

- Universal Brotherhood and Global Governance (*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*).
- Just War and Humanitarian Principles.
- Collective Obligations for *Lokasaṅgraha*.
- Soft Power and Diplomacy: India's Role as a Global Mediator.

Theme 5. The Bhagavad Gita and Environmental Law: Dharma, Sustainability, and Legal Framework.

- Ecological Dharma and Constitutional Environmentalism.
- *Svadharma* and Intergenerational Environmental Justice.
- Circular Waste Management and the Bhagavad Gita's Cycle of Renewal.
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Ethical Environmentalism.
- Principles of Environmental Law and Tortious Liability: Insights from the Bhagavad Gita.

Theme 6. The Bhagavad Gita and Alternative Dispute Resolution: Dharma, Dialogue and Due Process

- Addressing Docket Explosion through Traditional Litigation and Modern ADR.
- Mediation and Access to Justice.
- Grassroots Justice: Community-Based Mediation.

Note: Any paper aligning with the sub-themes or objectives of the conference, may also be considered for presentation.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. The paper should be based on original research work that has not been published yet.
2. A maximum of two authors is allowed per paper.
3. If any LL.B./ LL.M. student desires to participate and present a paper, such participant must mandatorily participate along with his/her teacher/research scholar of the institution as an author/co-author.
4. The author must submit an abstract of 350 words with five keywords.
5. The abstract should clearly outline the title, research problem, methodology, and key arguments/conclusions.
6. After the shortlisting of the abstract, the author must submit a full paper of 6000-8000 words.
7. The participant shall submit the abstract in the given google link <https://forms.gle/gf9h5KTB7gm8c3av6> ONLY. (Kindly do not send an abstract through the mail). After acceptance of the abstract and payment of registration fees, the participants will receive a separate Google link for submission of a full working paper.
8. The details provided during the registration process will be used for all purposes including issuing of Certificates. No request for change will be entertained later.
9. The submissions should be in Times New Roman Font size 12, Line spacing 1.5, and Bluebook 21st edition or ILI mode of citation style only.
10. The cover page of the abstract and manuscript should include the name of the author/co-author, affiliating institution, and contact details.
11. The selected paper shall be peer-reviewed and evaluated based on the originality.
12. Payment details will be communicated in due course to the participants after the abstracts have been shortlisted by the review committee.
13. The cover letter shall contain the name of author(s), affiliation(s), themes, contact detail(s), email address and **DECLARATION OF ORIGINALITY OF THE PAPER.**

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DETAILS

AUTHORSHIP	DU PARTICIPANTS	NON-DU PARTICIPANTS
Single author	2000 INR	2360 INR (Inclusive of 18% GST)
Co-authorship (Two Authors Combined)	3000 INR	3540 INR (Inclusive of 18% GST)
Participation Only	2000 INR	2360 INR (Inclusive of 18% GST)

**Awards will be presented to 3 BEST PAPERS!*

**Participants (attendees who are not presenting papers) are required to pay the applicable fee as mentioned above*

TRAVEL ALLOWANCES & ACCOMMODATION

No TA/DA will be provided to participants. They are advised to make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation. However, upon prior request a limited number of accommodations may be facilitated. The expense for such accommodation shall be borne by the participant making such request.

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OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS & SESSIONS

<i>Day & Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Programme</i>
Day 1- November 13, 2025	4 PM Onwards	Inaugural & Introductory Session - Welcome Address, Special Address of the Chief Guest & Vote of Thanks
Day 2- November 14, 2025	Session 1 10:00-11:30 AM	The Bhagavad Gita and Constitutional Law
Day 2- November 14, 2025	Session 2 11:45 - 1:15 PM	The Bhagavad Gita and Jurisprudence
Day 2- November 14, 2025	Session 3 2:00 - 3:30 PM	The Bhagavad Gita and Indian Criminal Law
Day 2- November 14, 2025	Session 4 4:00 PM onwards	The Bhagavad Gita at the Intersection of the Normative Framework of International Law

Last date for submission of the **full and final paper** is **4th NOVEMBER 2025**.

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Day 3- November 15, 2025	Session 6 11:45 - 1:15 PM	The Bhagavad Gita and Alternative Dispute Resolution: Dharma, Dialogue and Justice
Day 3- November 15, 2025	2:00 PM Onwards	Valedictory Session - Address, Reflections, Vote of Thanks.

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