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Constitutionalism and Sustainable Development Goals: Ensuring Governance & Rule of Law in India's Transformative Journey

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THE TIMES GROUP

**A 186+ YEAR JOURNEY OF LEADERSHIP,
INNOVATION & GROWTH MARCHES ON!**

1835-95

1838 The original precursor of The Times of India (TOI) is launched as The Bombay Times and Journal of Commerce.



1861 The paper acquires The Telegraph and Courier to form Bombay Times & Standard & is then renamed as The Times of India. A truly national platform is born.

1892 T.J. Bennett partners with F.M. Coleman to form Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd (BCCL).

1940-86

1946 Ramkrishna Dalmia buys BCCL & the paper passes from British to Indian hands.



1947 Launch of Hindi newspaper Navbharat Times & the Delhi edition of The Times of India

NBT
नवभारत टाइम्स

1952 Movie industry magazine Filmfare is launched.

FILMFARE

1954 First edition of the iconic Filmfare Awards, to honour artistic & technical excellence in the Hindi-language film industry. These became an institution with the upgradation and broadcast of not just the national Filmfare Awards, but also their regional variants.

1987

1955 Sahu Shanti Prasad Jain buys BCCL from his father-in-law Ramkrishna Dalmia.



1959 Femina, magazine for women, is launched.

FEMINA

1961 The Economic Times, No. 1 business newspaper in India, is launched.

1962 Marathi newspaper Maharashtra Times is launched.

महाराष्ट्र टाइम्स

1964 The first Miss India pageant is held. This became a pathbreaking platform for women's empowerment, especially when it was telecast across the country in later years.



In 1987, a brand new era began with **Vineet Jain** joining the BCCL Group, transforming it from a newspaper and magazine company into one of the largest media and education conglomerates, with leadership across **Print, Radio, Digital, TV, and Out of Home Media.**

1988-2004

1990 Times School of Marketing is launched. It, along with Times' Media School (which was set up earlier), emerges as a major source of talent for the media industry.

1991 BBC features The Times of India among the world's six great newspapers. BCCL ventures into TV programme production for Doordarshan under the brand Times TV.

1993 Vineet Jain launches India's first private FM radio entity under the brand name Times FM for FM radio programming on a single channel shared by many media companies.

1994 Vineet Jain conceives of and launches TOI's trailblazing entertainment and lifestyle supplements namely Bombay Times, Delhi Times, etc. They were the first of their kind by any newspaper in the world and became a template for others.

1996 Launch of economicstimes.com - ET's news website and timesofindia.com - TOI's news website- The Group's first foray into the Internet, as conceived of by Vineet Jain, followed by Indiatimes.com a year later.

1998 In a major initiative for a media company, the group launched Times Music which currently owns ~45,000 musical tracks across genres.



1999 Vineet Jain incorporated Times Internet Limited - India's biggest digital media entity.

2001 Radio Mirchi - Nationwide private FM broadcasting company is launched by Vineet Jain.



2004 Group enters TV broadcasting with the launch of Zoom, a Bollywood & Lifestyle channel.



2004 JV with BBC to form magazine publishing company Worldwide Media. Subsequently, the Times Group bought BBC's share to make WWM a wholly-owned company.

2005-15

2005 Times OOH, the No.1 Out of Home advertising company in India, is established by Vineet Jain. The Times of India is acclaimed as world's No. 1 selling English daily broadsheet newspaper.



2006 Vineet Jain conceives of and launches leading property services entity Magicbricks.com. Launch of leading TV news channel Times Now.



2007 Launch of Junglee Music, a brand of Times Music dedicated to film music, with acquisition of music rights of Akshay Kumar starrer 'Welcome'.



2009 Launch of ET Now business news channel.



2010 Launch of English movie channels Movies Now & Remedy Now 3 years later.



2013 Vineet Jain conceives of and launches Times Pro, an award-winning EdTech initiative, for Indians who want to advance their careers; tie-ups with IITs/IIMs for executive education courses.



2014 Vineet Jain expands Times Group into film production and distribution with the launch of Junglee Pictures, whose first movie (Dil Dhadakne Do) was released in 2015. It has released 10 award-winning movies till 2024 including Talvar, Bareilly ki Barfi, Raazi, Badhaai Ho, Badhaai Do, Doctor G, etc.

2014 ET Panache, the lifestyle supplement of The Economic Times conceived of and launched by Vineet Jain.



2015 Inaugural edition of India's leading business summit - ET Now Global Business Summit (GBS); graced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as Chief Guest & in subsequent years.



2016



BENNETT UNIVERSITY
THE TIMES GROUP

A PEERLESS LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION IS LAUNCHED - With the vision to nurture and empower the youth, **Vineet Jain** launches Bennett University - in the multi-disciplines of **Engineering, Applied Sciences, Management, Law, Media and Liberal Arts.**

2017-24

2017 Radio Mirchi expands to a total 74 stations in 64 cities and becomes the No. 1 radio company in India by revenue and number of stations. Extension of English news channel space through the launch of Mirror Now & Times Now World.



2021 Launch of Hindi general news channel (Times Now Navbharat) and Hindi business news channel (ET Now Swades).



2023 Times Music forges long term equity partnership with Primary Wave, USA-based music publishing company & home to legends like Bob Marley, James Brown, Whitney Houston, etc.



2023 Launch of Maverik Movies, a film production house focussing on South Indian languages. Mirchi expands its digital offering by acquiring Gaana.



2024 Entry into sports on global scale: Major presence in new age & fastest growing sport - Pickleball- with the launch of Pickleball World Rankings (PWR), the PWR World Series, PWR World Tour, PWR India Tour & League in partnership with Pickleball Asia.



ABOUT BENNETT UNIVERSITY

Extending the core journalistic principles of trust, knowledge, and public service, Bennett Coleman and Co. Ltd. (BCCL) established over 180 years ago, has continually undertaken initiatives for the betterment of Indian society. The group started expanding into the education sector with the launch of TimesPro which focuses on short-term courses for enhancing employability. It then launched Bennett University, a State Private university in Uttar Pradesh with the aim of providing Ivy League quality education to undergraduate and postgraduate students making them 'life and career ready'.

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Indian Constitution stands as an aspirational charter of social transformation, envisioning not only political democracy but also social and economic justice as foundational commitments. It embodies a moral dedication to human dignity, equitable distribution of resources, and accountable governance. In the twenty-first century, these constitutional ideals closely align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which integrate economic growth with social inclusion and environmental sustainability. This convergence is intrinsic to India's constitutional philosophy.

Through Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy, and Fundamental Duties, the Constitution establishes a normative framework for sustainable development. Article 21, as judicially expanded, encompasses rights to life, health, environment, livelihood, and dignity. Directive Principles particularly Articles 38, 39, 41, 47, and 48A mandate social welfare, reduction of inequalities, public health, and environmental protection. Article 51A further places a duty upon citizens to safeguard the natural environment. Together, these provisions resonate with SDGs relating to poverty eradication, gender equality, climate action, and institutional accountability.

Contemporary challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic and migrant labour crisis to climate emergencies and digital inequality underscore the Constitution's continuing relevance. Environmental degradation, urban flooding, heatwaves, and technological divides raise concerns directly linked to equality, privacy, and the right to life.

During Constitution Week 2026 (21–26 November), the School of Law, Bennett University, proposes an international conference to examine the interface between constitutionalism and sustainable development goals. The conference aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and reimagine development through a constitutional lens, positioning the Indian Constitution as a dynamic instrument for a sustainable, just, and humane future.



THEMATIC AREAS FOR SUBMISSION

To ensure a focused and multidimensional engagement with the theme, the conference will be organized around carefully curated thematic axes that explore the intersection of constitutionalism and sustainable development. Original research papers and scholarly contributions aligned with these themes are invited from students, academicians, scholars, and researchers. The conference seeks to foster critical inquiry, comparative perspectives, and innovative ideas that meaningfully advance discourse on constitutional governance, rights-based development, and sustainable futures in India and beyond. We welcome all papers that address the broader themes and nuanced sub-themes outlined below:

- Sustainable Development Goals: Interface of Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles, and Fundamental Duties
- Environmental Constitutionalism and Climate Justice
- Renewable Energy and Constitutional Mandates of Resource Distribution
- Energy Security vis-à-vis National Security within the Constitutional Framework
- Centre–State Roles in Environmental and Energy Governance
- Public Trust Doctrine, Intergenerational Equity, and Natural Resource Governance
- Socio-Economic Rights and Sustainable Development Goals: Health, Livelihood, Food, Shelter, Education, etc.
- Disaster Management, Climate Resilience, and Tortious Responsibilities of the State
- Corporate Social Responsibility and ESG Norms
- Policy Accountability and Sustainable Development Governance
- Role of Judiciary in Realisation of Sustainable Development Goals



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The extended abstract should be between 1000–1200 words and must indicate the theme of the proposed research no later than **30th June, 2026**.
- **The abstract must be submitted in MS Word (.doc or .docx) format only.**
- Abstract upload link: <https://forms.gle/SawpYrfDyjcZB4EWA>
- Each abstract must contain a cover page inclusive of the following details:
 - Name(s) of the author(s)
 - Designation
 - Institutional affiliation
 - Email ID
 - Contact number(s) of the author(s)
- A maximum of 5 keywords is to be provided along with the abstract.
- Authors are requested to adhere strictly to the following abstract formatting guidelines:
 - **Title:** Font: Times New Roman | Size: 16 | Alignment: Center; Bold
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 - **Sub-Heading:** Font: Times New Roman | Size: 12 | Alignment: Left; Bold
 - **Main Text:** Font: Times New Roman | Size: 12 |
Spacing: 1.5 | Alignment: Justified
 - **Footnotes:** Font: Times New Roman | Size: 10 | Spacing: 1.0
 - **Referencing:** Bluebook (21st Edition) style Citations
- Co-authorship is permitted (**maximum of 2 authors**).
- Plagiarism in any form and the use of AI are strictly prohibited and would render the submission disqualified.
- All references used must be duly cited, and a **similarity index of up to 10% is permissible**.
- Acceptance of the abstracts shall be communicated via our official email by **15th July, 2026**, along with the registration form and payment link.
- The author(s) must pay the required registration fees for conference presentation only upon acceptance of their abstract, no later than **31st July, 2026**.
- **Kindly note that the registration fee shall be non-refundable subsequent to the completion of payment.**

FULL PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The full paper must have a word count of approximately 5000–8000 words. Originality, coherence, thoroughness and contribution to discourse and knowledge will be taken into consideration for selecting papers.
- All papers will undergo rigorous “double blind review” process.
- **The full paper must be submitted in MS Word (.doc or .docx) format only.**
- The mode of submission of full paper shall be communicated via our official email with the participants whose abstracts shall be accepted.
- Full Paper must contain a cover page inclusive of the following details:
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- Co-authorship is permitted (**maximum of 2 authors**).
- Selected full papers will be published by reputed publishers with an ISBN.
- Plagiarism in any form and use of AI is strictly prohibited and would render the submission disqualified. All references used must be duly cited and a **similarity index of up to 10% is permissible**.

PERKS

- **Best Paper Presentation:** Certificate of Best Paper Presentation
- Selected papers will be published in an **ISBN Book**.
- All participants who successfully present their paper shall be issued a certificate of Paper Presentation*

***Note:** Only E- Certificates shall be issued to online participants.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last Date for Submission of Abstract: **30th June, 2026**

- Acceptance of Abstract: **15th July, 2026**

- Last Date of Registration & Payment: **31st July, 2026**

- Submission of Full Papers (selected abstracts): **16th August, 2026**

- Acceptance of Full Paper (for publication): **31st August, 2026**

REGISTRATION FEES

- **Students:** **INR 600** (For single authorship)
INR 500 (For each co-author in co-authored paper)

- **Research Scholars:** **INR 1200** (For single authorship)
INR 1000 (For each co-author in co-authored paper)

- **Academics:** **INR 2000** (For single authorship)
INR 1800 (For each co-author in co-authored paper)

- **International Participants:** **USD 45** (For single authorship)
USD 40 (For each co-author in co-authored paper)

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