



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, TRIPURA

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📍 Narsingarh, Agartala – 799015,
West Tripura, India

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

STRENGTHENING GRASSROOT DEMOCRACY IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES: CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

In Collaboration with

Department of RD (Panchayat),
Govt. of Tripura



SAVE THE DATE
23rd & 24th
September, 2026
(Wednesday & Thursday)



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(In-Person & Online)



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1 ABOUT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, TRIPURA

National Law University Tripura, established in 2022 at Agartala, is envisioned as a premier institution of legal education and research in India's North-East. With a commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and social relevance, the University nurtures competent legal professionals, policymakers, and scholars who contribute meaningfully to justice delivery and governance.

The University emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to law, integrating contemporary issues such as technology, environment, human rights, and tribal justice etc. NLU Tripura actively engages in research, policy advocacy, training, and community outreach to strengthen grassroots democracy and uphold constitutional values.

2 OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. To deliberate on the status and effectiveness of PRIs and ULBs in North-Eastern States.
2. To deliberate on the interface between constitutional institutions and customary/local governance structures.
3. To identify capacity, financial, and institutional challenges in strengthening grassroots democracy.
4. To share best practices and innovations from across the region and beyond.
5. To evolve a set of policy recommendations and actionable strategies for empowering grassroots democratic institutions in the North-East.

3 THEMES FOR DELIBERATION

Research papers on the following sub-themes (or any aligned sub-theme) are invited:

▶	Constitutional Framework and Grassroot Democracy in the North-East
▶	Role of Autonomous District Councils under the Sixth Schedule
▶	Customary Practices, Traditional Institutions, and Local Self-Governance
▶	Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDP) as a Micro-Level Administrative and Participatory Tool
▶	Women, Youth, and Marginalized Groups in Local Governance
▶	Fiscal Decentralization and Resource Mobilization
▶	Capacity Building, Digital Governance, and Service Delivery
▶	Best Practices and Way Forward for Strengthening Grassroots Institutions

4 WHO MAY ATTEND?

- College & University Teachers from Multi-Disciplines (Law, Political Science, Sociology, Economics, Arts & Humanities, Engineering and others) from across India.
- Ph.D. Scholars of Law and other disciplines.
- Masters and Undergraduate Students of Multi-Disciplines.
- Policy makers and representatives from Union and State Governments.
- Members of Autonomous District Councils, PRIs, and ULBs.
- Representatives from civil society organizations, NGOs, and grassroots leaders.

5 REGISTRATION FEES

Category	Fee (INR)
Paper Presenter (Single Author)	₹ 1,000/-
Co-Authors	₹ 1,700/-
Participants	₹ 500/-

Registration Link for Participants : <https://forms.gle/FoKCHaXr2V2qZoVy7>

Account Details for Registration :

Registrar, National Law University, Tripura

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6 PAPER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

1. Submit an abstract of 350 words with five keywords, clearly outlining the title, research problem, methodology, and key argument/conclusion/suggestions.

Submit abstracts at :- conferences@nlutripura.ac.in

2. After abstract shortlisting, full papers of 4,000–6,000 words are required.
3. Formatting: Times New Roman, Font Size 12, Line Spacing 1.5, OSCOLA citation style only.
4. Cover page must include name(s), affiliating institution, and contact details.

7 IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of Abstract :	September 2, 2026
Confirmation of Abstract Selection :	September 7, 2026
Online Registration :	September 8 to September 22, 2026
Submission of Full Paper :	September 18, 2026
Conference Date :	September 23 & 24, 2026
Publication of Selected Paper by :	January, 2027

8 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chief Patron	Prof. (Dr) Yogesh Pratap Singh Vice-Chancellor, NLU Tripura
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