



**SHRI DHARMASTHALA MANJUNATHESHWARA LAW COLLEGE**  
**CENTRE FOR POST GRADUATE STUDIES & RESEARCH IN LAW, MANGALURU- 575003**  
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**SDM Law College Centre for Post Graduate Studies & Research in Law in  
Association with Indian Council of Social Science Research - SRC  
(ICSSR)**

*Presents*

**ONE DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR**

*On*

**REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND LEGAL FRAMEWORKS  
ADDRESSING POPULATION ISSUES**



**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025**

**Venue: Moot Court Hall (SDM Law College)**



## ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Dharmasthala is a famous temple town on the bank of river Nethravati with a magnificent backdrop of Western Ghats. The place is known for its religious sanctity and religious harmony. Here, Dharma is expressed in the form of Dhana (charity) and lakhs of devotees pray here for the blessings of Lord Manjunatha swamy.

Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Law College, Centre for Post Graduate Studies and Research in Law is a professional college functioning under the aegis of SDM Education Society® Ujire. The college was established in the year 1974. Since its inception, college is striving to search for innovative methods in imparting legal education. The college has commemorated as a Golden Jubilee in the year 2024. Presently, the college is affiliated to Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi and recognized by Bar Council of India. The college is re-accredited by NAAC with “B++” grade with CGPA 2.9 in 2019.



## **ABOUT THE SEMINAR**

SDM Law College Seminar and Conference Committee and PG Department of Law in association with Indian Council of Social Science Research – SRC (ICSSR) is conducting one day National Seminar on “Reproductive Rights and Legal Frameworks addressing Population Issues.

The main aim of the seminar is to investigate the crucial role of laws in protecting individual autonomy, particularly women rights to reproductive choices. Reproductive rights include the right to family planning, safe abortion, maternal healthcare and the opportunity to make educated reproductive decisions without discrimination or compulsion. Legal frameworks play an important role in ensuring that these rights are respected and safeguarded, fostering gender equality and empowering women to make decisions that impact their health, social, and economic well-being.

These frameworks also have an important consequence for population issues, since they help to inform family planning decisions, promote sustainable population development, and improve public health. Furthermore, granting women reproductive rights enables them to participate more completely in social and political decision-making, resulting in more equal policy formation and societal advancement.

This seminar aims to improve awareness of legal safeguards accessible to individuals, particularly women, surrounding their reproductive health, such as access to contraception, abortion and maternal care. We anticipate that by educating participants about their legal rights, they will be able to make educated decisions regarding their reproductive health and better grasp the broader implications of reproductive justice.

One of the most significant effects of the seminar is its ability to affect policy and legal frameworks. Participants will be better able to advocate for required reforms after reviewing the current condition of reproductive rights and understanding the legal structures that govern them. This could involve advocating for more progressive abortion legislation, increased access to contraception, and stronger protections for maternal health rights. This seminar can also look into how current laws can be strengthened to better reflect international human rights norms.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

1. To raise awareness on reproductive rights as essential human rights.
2. To emphasize how crucial it is for people and communities to have access to family planning, abortion, contraception, and maternal health care.
3. How to balance the population issues in view of reproductive rights?

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Legal Professionals
- Academicians
- Research Scholars
- Students
- NGOs

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers are invited for presentation in the seminar. The original manuscript must be sent to [Sdmlcicssr25@gmail.com](mailto:Sdmlcicssr25@gmail.com). The email must contain the manuscript in .doc/docx format. The email must also contain a cover letter containing the name(s) of the author(s) & co. authors (if any), designation, the institution, the course and the year of study (applicable for students) along with a declaration about the originality of the manuscript.

## SUB THEMES

1. Right to Access Reproductive Health Care.
2. History of Reproductive Rights.
3. Global Legal Frameworks for Reproductive Rights.
4. Population control policies.
5. Role of Healthcare Workers in Reproductive Rights.
6. Reproductive Rights & Gender Equality.
7. Socio Economic Factors & Reproductive Choices.
8. Mental Health and Reproductive Issues.
9. Impact of religion & Cultural Norms on Reproductive Laws.
10. Reproductive Rights in the context of Environment Sustainability.
11. Technological Advances & Reproductive Rights.
12. Connection between Reproductive Rights and LGBTQ+ Rights
13. Reproductive Rights and Population Explosion.

14. Legal Challenges & Advocacy for Reproductive Rights.

15. Impact of Aging Population on Reproductive Policies.

The above-mentioned themes are only illustrative in nature. Any relevant research paper on the main theme can also be submitted.

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

- Each manuscript must contain an abstract of not more than 300 words inclusive of key words.
- Each manuscript under this category should be within 4000 words exclusive of footnotes.
- Co-authorship is allowed (Maximum two).
- Should conform to the standard laid down in the Bluebook (21<sup>st</sup> edition, 2020).
- Citation should be in the form of footnotes only.

### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

- LAST DATE TO SUBMIT ABSTRACT: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- INTIMATION OF SELECTION OF ABSTRACT: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025
- LAST DATE TO SUBMIT FULL PAPER: 05<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- DATE OF SEMINAR: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Registration Form:** <https://forms.gle/EXKH9Ma6m8iFxbf6>

### **PUBLICATION OF PAPER**

Selected papers will be considered for publications in the form of book with ISBN number. The authors of the selected papers may develop the papers based on the feedback received during the seminar. The time line for review of these papers will be communicated soon and need to comply with plagiarism policy of the Institute.

## Note

- Registration for the seminar is free of cost.
- The seminar will be conducted online too. Participants are encouraged to come to the campus & participate. However, those participants outside Dakshina Kannada district may participate through online mode.
- Accommodation only on request and on payment basis. No travel expenses will be provided.

## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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