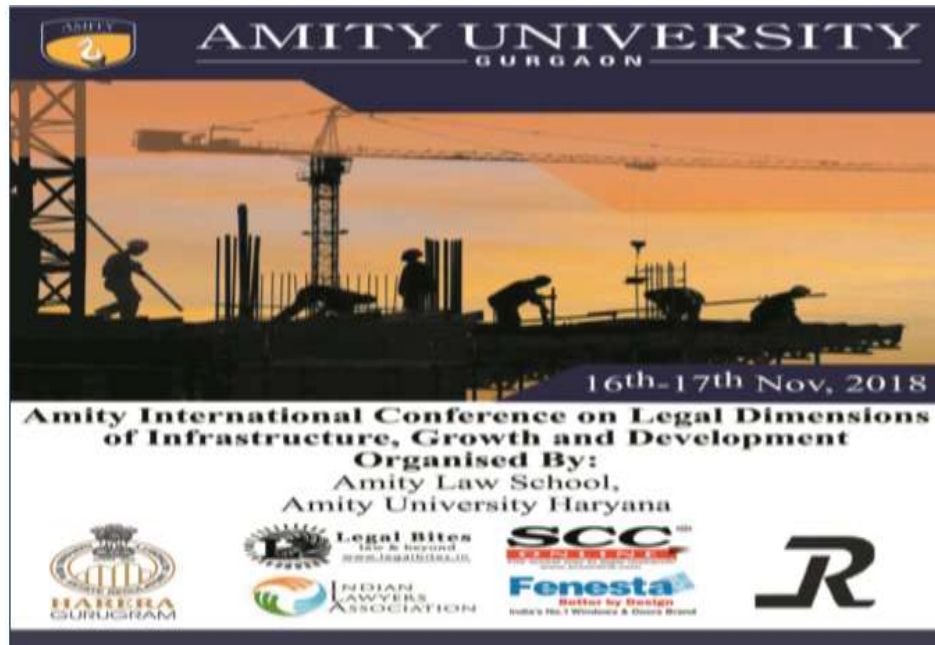


AMITY UNIVERSITY HARYANA

**Amity International Conference on Legal Dimensions of Infrastructure, Growth
and Development 2018**

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American roads are not good because America is rich. America is rich because American roads are good-- Said John F. Kennedy, former President of America. This statement so succinctly summarizes how good Infrastructure can propel the growth and development of a Country.

Infrastructure Sector plays a pivotal role in the economic liberalization and revolutionary growth of countries across the globe. It is not only the key driver but is also highly responsible for propelling overall development. The role of Infrastructure in spearheading Economic Development of a Country and setting its pace can hardly be over emphasized. Like a foundation in an edifice, the place of Infrastructure as well as its soundness, are decisive to the Nation's total Development. Infrastructure is the foundation for the advancement of any Economy and the state of a Country's Social and Physical Infrastructure is intimately connected with the echelons of human development as well as economic progress. Infrastructure plays a decisive role in endorsing Economic Growth and thereby contributes to the reduction of Economic Disparity, Poverty and Deprivations in a Country. Development in both the Social and Physical Infrastructures like Transport, Energy, Water, Health, Housing, and Educational Amenities is dependent not only on the Economic Policy but also on the Legislative Framework dealing with these Sectors.

There has been a gradual shift from a controlled to an open market economy where private players including foreign investors have assumed an imminent role. Thus, the legal framework within which the Infrastructure Sector operates has witnessed major reforms brought forth with the aim of achieving planned and consistent economic development.

There are no substitutes for Infrastructure Development and there are no shortcuts for faster economic growth. It is only when various aspects are taken care of and developing countries invest in all elements of the Infrastructure component, that their development would be accelerated, and they would have capabilities of economic competitiveness.

The focal objective of the Conference was to afford an International forum for conversation on issues associated to Infrastructure, Growth, Development and the Legal aspects intricated therein. The Conference brought together Jurists, Research Scholars, Professionals and Students, National and International, who deliberated and had a healthy discussion on the varied aspects of Infrastructure. Many new and innovative ideas and legal aspects came up during this Conference, which would pave the way for further research.



The Conference received the written blessings of Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister Water Resources, River Development, Ganga Rejuvenation, Road Transport, Highways and Shipping, Government of India, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Minister of Law & Justice and Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India, and Gen. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Singh, PVSM, AVSM, YSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India.



Inauguration of the Amity International Conference on Legal Dimensions of Infrastructure, Growth and Development on 16th November 2018



The Conference was inaugurated by Ms. Shikha Rai, Chairperson South Delhi Municipal Corporation who appreciated the efforts of Amity Law School in organizing the same and said that Legal Dimensions are responsible for the holistic growth of any Country.

She emphasized that we must keep in mind the under privileged, while making policies and Laws, especially when it comes to Infrastructure Development. Ms. Rai while addressing the audience said that, “we need to analyze what we have and what we need. This will help in growth and development of the Legal system.”

Dr. K. K. Khandelwal, Chairperson Haryana RERA, Gurugram who also graced the Inaugural Ceremony, aptly stated that the Laws related to Infrastructure are inadequate and lack to address



major issues. Dr. Khandelwal explained in detail the provisions of The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 and their impact in protecting the rights of homebuyers.



Maj. Gen. B. S. Suhag, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Amity University Haryana

In his Welcome Address Maj. Gen. Suhag, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Amity University Haryana stressed that Infrastructure Sector is a key driver for the Indian Economy and highly responsible for propelling India's overall development.

He touched upon the need to improve the existing legal and regulatory framework and to create a regulatory framework for Standards which encourages compliance and allows for its measurement.

He welcomed the Guests and Participants and wished the Conference all the success.

Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Amity University Haryana

In his Address, Prof (Dr.) PB Sharma, Vice Chancellor Amity University Haryana, said that development of a Country hinges on the availability of well planned and well-maintained infrastructural facilities. Prof. (Dr.) Sharma said that the theme of the Conference unifies the two main aspects of Infrastructure, namely the Laws involved in Infrastructure Development and the impact of Infrastructure Development on Economic Growth.

He expressed his pleasure in noting that this Conference would address various issues relating to the Legal Framework for compliance of Infrastructural Laws and identify the gap areas that need to be strengthened.



Maj. Gen. P.K. Sharma (Retd.), Director Amity Law School, Amity University Haryana

Maj. Gen. P.K. Sharma (Retd.), in his Vote of Thanks said that at Amity Law School it has been our endeavor to provide our students and scholars

with all the opportunities to hone their skills and widen their horizons both academically and through events like this Conference.

He thanked the Guest and Dignitaries for gracing the Inaugural Ceremony and said that it was a great honor for him to convey his heartfelt thanks on his own behalf and on behalf of entire Amity University Gurugram, to Ms. Shikha Rai, Chairperson SDMC for sparing time from her busy schedule. He also thanked Dr. K. K. Khandelwal, Chairperson, Haryana RERA, Gurugram for sharing his valuable views with all present here.

Technical Sessions

The Sub-themes on which the Papers were presented and deliberated upon were ***Urban Infrastructure Development and Infrastructure Laws in India, and Infrastructure Development and Economic Growth.***



The First Session on Urban Infrastructure Development and Infrastructure Laws in India was Chaired by Mr. Anupam Sharan -Sr. Director, Sutherland Global Services, who while congratulating the efforts of Amity Law School for organising the International Conference on such a vital topic, said that the focus of the Conference was to analyse how our thoughts regarding development and progress can bring a change in the society. The

Co- Chair of the session was Mr. Saurabh Kumar – Managing Director, S.K. Attorneys

The Papers presented focussed on the issues like Indo -Egypt Infrastructural relationship; Real Estate Laws, Protection of Buyer's Rights and Environmental Regulation Governance in Land Acquisition: India's Urban Infrastructure Regulation and Environmental Control considering Sustainable Development Goal's and Biosafety of Legality of Genetically Modified Crops. The focus of the presentations was on both the development of the Physical as well as the Social Infrastructure.



The Second Session focused on Infrastructure Development and Economic Growth was Chaired by Mr. Sudhir Chowdhary (IPS Retd.) Ex- DG Police (Administration) Haryana and Co-chaired by

Mr. Atul Sud, Director Legal and Regulatory Affairs, Perfetti.

In his Opening Remarks, Mr. Sudhir Chowdhary introduced himself as a practitioner more than an academician. He highlighted the disparity between India and Bharat by showing the economic and cultural divide between the developed and under-developed areas of the Country. He articulated that this indicates the lack of overall Infrastructural Development. He concluded by saying that while planning development one should keep in mind the consequences that follow.

Mr. Atul Sud in his Concluding Remarks emphasized on the need for addressing the Legal Aspects involved in Infrastructure Development and appreciated the hard-work and the efforts put in by the participants and the views expressed by them.

The Sessions Papers and Presentations included Papers dealing with Infrastructure Collaboration between India and Nepal and the challenges about Hydropower Development in Nepal; Public-Private Partnership (PPP) as the Backbone of Infrastructure; Institutional Arbitration vis-à-vis Infrastructural Projects and Effect of Efficient Infrastructure on Economic Growth.



The Third Session of this Conference was Chaired by Mr. Anand Vijay Jha, Add. Director General Investigation, Competition Commission of India and Mr. Amar Sundram, National Director-Legal Counsel (India & Bangladesh) Ernst & Young Services Pvt. Ltd. In his Opening Remarks Mr. Jha was of the view that Infrastructure is a big driver of the economy and a key employment area for Lawyers. He also said that development is not the sole responsibility of a few and such Conferences

help in giving broad learning to the Participants to improve the economy and development of the Country.

Mr. Sundram in his Address spoke about the development of Legal education in India and highlighted that due to the gamut of Laws, the Legal Profession is no longer localised and has become highly competitive, requiring the



students of Law and Lawyers to have good communication skills and ethics.

The Session saw deliberations on topics like Smart Cities and Cyber Security India Specific Challenges; Renewable Energy: Sources and the Law and Shielding Trees against Growing Infrastructural Greed



Welfare State.

Dr. Shiva Sharma, Advocate Supreme Court of India and Former Sessions Judge, Haryana and Mr. Anupam Sharan, -Sr. Director, Sutherland Global Services Chaired and Co-chaired the **Fourth Session**, wherein presenters deliberated on issues related to Legal Dimensions of Economic Growth through Infrastructure Development in Health Care and Education and Infrastructural Development: A Dilemma of

Dr. Shiva Sharma in his Concluding Remarks opined that the Government is doing a lot regarding Roads, Education, Health and other Sectors as well. He also talked about the cleanliness drive, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. He said that one needs to pay a heavy cost for the development and that is true.



Valedictory Ceremony on 17th November 2018



The Valedictory Function of the Conference, held on 17th November 2018 in B-Block Auditorium, was presided over by Mr. Anand Vijay Jha, Director Law, Competition Commission of India. Mr. Amar Kumar Sundram, National Director-Legal (General Council), India and Bangladesh, Ernst and Young, Gurugram, India was the Guest of Honor.



While welcoming the Guests and Participants, Maj Gen GS Bal (Retd) emphasized the fact that the process of Urbanization is not a side-effect of Economic Growth but is a part of it and is inevitable. According to the 2011 Census, Urbanization is increasing at a surprisingly rapid rate without any proper planning. He stated that RERA Act was being interpreted differently by different States. According to him, for the successful implementation of the provisions of Law, it is necessary to have correct mindset,

ethics and national character. The Rules and Regulations ought to be do-able, that is, achievable and secondly, should be water tight to reduce the lacunae in the Infrastructural Laws.

Maj. Gen. BS Suhag (Retd), the Dy VC in his Closing Address stated that development depends on the availability of the infrastructural facilities. He opined that Infrastructure is the foundation on which the fort of Economic Growth is built. Moreover, Infrastructure is the mother to Economic Growth. While complementing the Organising Team, he said that such Conferences aim to bring together the academicians, research scholars and all the stakeholders to explore the innovative



dimensions of Infrastructure Development. He thanked all the Participants for making the Conference a great success.



Maj Gen PK Sharma (Retd), Director, Amity Law School, in his Concluding Remarks said that the focal objective of the Conference was to afford an International forum in order to bring the spotlight on the issues relating to Infrastructure, Growth and Development and the legal aspects intricate therein. He summarized all the Sessions by highlighting the key points of the Papers presented in the Conference and the views expressed by the Chairpersons and Co-chairs thereat. Finally, he stated that Infrastructure as well as its soundness is decisive to the Nation's total development. Infrastructure is the foundation for the advancement of any economy and the state of a Country's social and physical growth. Infrastructure plays a decisive role in Economic Growth and thereby reduces the economic disparities, poverty etc. in a Country.

Mr. Amar Kumar Sundram, the Guest of Honor, was very appreciative of the Law School for organizing the Conference with such innovative and thought-provoking sub-themes. While addressing the gathering, he suggested that each Law Student should utilize the 5 years journey of the Degree to nurture self for what the future holds. In Legal Profession, it is important to build upon the habit of reading. One should focus on Glocalization of Legal Services. He advised the Paper Presenters to articulate their own ideas and be innovative. He concluded by appreciating Amity Law School for successful completion of the Conference and motivated the Organizers to conduct more such interactions.



In the end, Mr. A.V. Jha, the Chief Guest, stressed upon the importance of such Conferences for internal learning and development of students as it gives them

opportunity to learn from different people of different spheres. He agreed with the suggestion of Mr. Sundram and advised the students to inculcate the habit of reading and writing which is extremely essential as it helps in learning the right application of Laws.

With nearly 130 participants including 8 Foreign Delegates and 69 Papers, the Conference was well attended.

This was followed by the Awards Ceremony and the following were honored:

- The Award for Best Oral Presentation was bagged by Dr. JaishreeUmale, Amity University Haryana.
- 3rd Best Research Paper was awarded to Dr.Ajit Kaushal, UPES Dehradun.
- 2nd Best Research Paper was won by Mr. Jelis Subhan, ALS AUH.
- 1st Best Research Paper was Jointly awarded to Mr. Nabin Bhandari, Pioneer Law Associates, Nepal and Mr. Apoorv Bhardwaj, Ph.D Scholar, ALS, AUH.



- Certificates of Appreciation were also given to the following: -
 - Mr. Pranshul Pathak, Faculty Convener.
 - Mr. Atul Jain, Faculty Co-Convener.
 - Ms. Monica Yadav, Organising Secretary and Editor.
 - Ms.Ayushi Yadav, Student Convener.

- Mr.HarshalHanda, Student Convener.
- Mr.ManmayMridul, Student Co-Convener.



Last but not the least, Maj Gen GS Bal (Retd) came to the dais and asked everyone present to give a standing ovation to Maj Gen PK Sharma (Retd) and entire Team of Amity Law School for their exceptional hard work, dedication and cooperation in organizing such International and National level events and taking the University to greater heights.

Highlight of the

Conference



Amity Universe, besides providing world class education, is driven by a deep passion for Philanthropy and Social Responsibility. As India's leading Education Group, Amity is also committed towards Nation-building beyond Education, which is reflected in the efforts and initiatives of Amity Humanity Foundation. To further these initiatives, and with a view to promote the rehabilitation efforts of the Prison Authorities, Amity Law School, Amity University Haryana, collaborated with the District Prison, Gurugram and India Vision Foundation, an NGO started by Ms. Kiran Bedi, to make the Conference Bags. These bags were handmade by the Inmates of the Prison, who are provided with opportunities to learn life skills which helps them in assimilating back into the society after their release from the Prison.

Glimpses of The Conference



Sponsors being felicitated

The Sponsors and Food Partners of the Conference were also presented with Mementoes for collaborating with Amity Law School, Amity University, Haryana.

