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Dear Esteemed Vice Chancellor/Professor,

Greetings!

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. With great pleasure, we extend a warm and cordial invitation to your esteemed institution to participate in credit course on "ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: GLOBAL AND INDIAN TRENDS", being conducted by Dr. RMLNLU, under the aegis of Global Initiative of Academic Network (GIAN-UGC), an initiative of the Ministry of Education. The foreign expert for the program is **Prof. (Dr.) Gitanjali Nain Gill a distinguished Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences** and Professor of Environmental Law at Northumbria University, United Kingdom. This credit course will run in **hybrid mode** from **November 28 - December 04, 2023 (3:00 pm to 5:00)**

The course focuses on a robust procedural dimension that reflects fair, open, informed, and inclusive state institutional processes. It traces and evaluates the role of the Indian judiciary (Supreme Court of India and the National Green Tribunal) in contributing and promoting access to environmental justice and governance. The participants would have the opportunity to gain practical exposure and a comprehensive understanding in the field of environmental law, making it a unique experience for them in a niche subject area.

We look forward to the participation of students/ academicians from your institution in this prestigious program. Participation of your institute/ University will undoubtedly enrich the academic tapestry of GIAN-UGC and further our mission of fostering international academic collaboration.

Please find the details of the program attached to the mail.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Singh

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Credit Course

on

ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: GLOBAL AND INDIAN TRENDS

Expert Faculty

Prof. (Dr.) Gitanjali Nain Gill, FAcSS

- Distinguished Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences
- Professor of Law, Northumbria University, UK
- International Expert Member-IUCN
- NGT Expert



Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Singh
Chief Patron
Vice-Chancellor, Dr. RMLNLU



November 28 – December 04, 2023
03:00 PM to 05:00 PM

Hybrid Mode



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QR Code for Registration



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Registration on GIAN Portal is Mandatory to avail the certificate.
Kindly follow the link "<https://gian.uikgp.ac.in/GREGM/>" for registration on GIAN

DR. RAM MANOHAR LOHIYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, LUCKNOW

GIAN- Course Objective

Union Cabinet has approved a program titled **Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN)** in Higher Education aimed at tapping the talent pool of scientists and entrepreneurs internationally to encourage their engagement with the institutes of Higher Education in India so as to augment the country's existing academic resources, accelerate the pace of quality reform, and elevate India's scientific and technological capacity to global excellence. GIAN is envisaged to catalyse higher education institutions in the country, and that it will initially include all IITs, IIMs, Central Universities, IISc Bangalore, IISERs, NITs and IIITs subsequently cover good State Universities where the spinoff is vast. GIAN is an evolving scheme which will initially include participation of foreign faculty in Institutes as Distinguished / Adjunct / Visiting faculty / Professors of Practice, etc., to participate in delivering Short or Semester-long Courses. Other activities will be included in due course.

THE PROPOSED GIAN IS ENVISAGED TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

1. To increase the footfalls of reputed international faculty in the Indian academic institutes.
2. Provide opportunity to our faculty to learn and share knowledge and teaching skills in cutting edge areas.
3. To provide opportunity to our students to seek knowledge and experience from reputed International faculty.
4. To create avenue for possible collaborative research with the international faculty
5. To increase participation and presence of international students in the academic Institutes.
6. Opportunity for the students of different Institutes/Universities to interact and learn subjects in niche areas through collaborative learning process.
7. Provide opportunity for the technical persons from Indian Industry to improve understandings and update their knowledge in relevant areas.
8. Motivate the best international experts in the world to work on problems related to India.
9. Develop high quality course material in niche areas, both through video and print that can be used by a larger body of students and teachers.
10. To document and develop new pedagogic methods in emerging topics of national and international interest.

Credit Course
**Ministry of Education Scheme on Global Initiative of
Academic Network (GIAN)**

Topic: ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: GLOBAL AND INDIAN TRENDS

Duration: November 28 – December 04, 2023 (7 days)

OVERVIEW

A broad understanding of environmental justice involves participation in environmental controversies. Participatory mechanisms can help to meliorate issues of inequality, recognition and the larger question of capabilities and functioning of individuals and communities. The discourse and understanding of environmental justice has broadened to include issues of fairness, equity, standing, rights of disadvantaged populations in developing countries and meaningful participation in the decision-making process to promote environmental governance. This course focuses on a strong procedural dimension that reflect fair, open, informed and inclusive state institutional processes.

In this context, access to justice through an accessible judicial mechanism to redress environmental damage or harm and the protection and enforcement of legitimate interests becomes important. The importance of judicial institutions [courts and specialist tribunals to adjudicate environmental disputes] is widely acknowledged in international instruments. Specialized judicial forums in environmental matters provide a legitimate forum that help access environmental justice by their substantive decisions that protects constitutional, statutory and human rights, and flexible procedural requirements. Presently, there are over 1200 ECTs operating in 44 countries, worldwide, sited in every major type of legal system (civil law, common law, mixed law, Asian law and Islamic law), at all government levels, from the richest to the poorest nations, with the majority created in the previous 10 years. In this context, India's commitment to secure environmental justice assumes significant practical importance. This course traces and evaluates the role of Indian judiciary (Supreme Court of India and the National Green Tribunal) in contributing and promoting access to environmental justice and governance.

Modules:

1. Conceptualizing Environmental Justice and its Changing Paradigm, Nov. 28-29
2. Specialized Environmental Courts and Tribunals: A Global Perspective, Nov. 30
3. The National Green Tribunal of India: Accessing Environmental Justice, Dec. 01-04

Who can Attend:

1. LLB and LLM Students/Paralegals
2. Law Executives/Academicians
3. Other Law Professionals

Fees:

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| 1. Students of Law Universities/recognised Universities | - | INR 300/- |
| 2. Academicians | - | INR 700/- |
| 3. LPO/KPO/ Research Organizations | - | INR 5000/- |
| 4. Academic Institutions | - | INR 25000/- |
| 5. Participants from abroad | - | INR 5000/- |

Objectives

The primary objectives of the course are as follows:

1. To undertake systematic and legal analysis of Environmental Justice issues at the International and National Level.
2. With emphasis on comparative perspective, to evaluate the effectiveness of judicial structures and identify the factors contributing to disparities in environmental outcomes.
3. Develop an in-depth understanding and knowledge of environmental justice discourse and identify factors that contribute to the existence of disparities in environmental outcomes;
4. Develop the ability to analyse and articulate the importance, growth and varied operational strategies of the specialised courts and tribunals to provide access to environmental justice from an international and comparative perspective;
5. Analyse and evaluate the effectiveness of the judicial structures, with special reference to the National Green Tribunal in dispensing environmental justice and formulating legal responses in India; and
6. Ability to undertake systematic and high quality legal analysis in environmental justice issues at international and national level.

How to Apply

Step-1: Complete your registration on GIAN Portal through the link given below

<https://gian.iitkgp.ac.in/GREGN/register>

Step-2: Register yourself in the course through the QR code available on the Course Brochure or with the link "".

Course Details

Module 1 – Conceptualising Environmental Justice and its Changing Paradigm

Introduction to the concept of environmental justice

Theoretical foundations (Chavis, Agyeman, Shrader-Frechette, Young, Honneth, Scholsberg, Sen and Naussbaum)

Environmental justice with its shifting meaning- developed and developing countries

International and regional developments to promote access to environmental justice with emphasis on procedural dimensions

Module 2 - Specialised Environmental Courts and Tribunals: A Global Perspective

Role of judiciary for environmental compliance and enforcement

The need for specialised environmental courts and tribunals at the global level

Examples of specialised environmental courts and tribunals from developed (Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, UK) and developing (Malaysia, Kenya and SAARC countries)

Module 3 - The National Green Tribunal of India: Accessing Environmental Justice

Genesis and establishment of the National Green Tribunal (India)

The National Green Tribunal Act 2010: interpretation and Application National Green Tribunal and Principles of International Law

Science and Scientific expertise in the national Green Tribunal An assessment of the National Green Tribunal

Teaching Faculty with allotment of Lectures and Tutorials

Prof. Gitanjali Nain Gill, FAcSS

- 8 Hours lectures and 4 Hours tutorials- EXPERT FACULTY

Dr. Atul Kumar Tiwari

- 2 Hours lectures and 1 Hour tutorial- HOST FACULTY

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Tentative Lecture Schedule

Day 1: Dates: 28/11/23 to 28/11/23; Timings: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (tentative)

Module 1: Lecture 1 to Lecture 3 (3 HOURS): Interactive and Participatory Session

Lectures 1 and 2: (2 Hours) - PROF. GITANJALI NAIN GILL

Introduction and Mapping environmental justice discourse via

1. its theoretical underpinning (distribution of environmental benefits and burdens, recognition of oppressed individuals and communities in political and cultural realms, procedural dimensions focusing on participatory mechanisms);
2. international developments (Rio Declaration 1992, Rio+ 20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development 2012, Environmental Rule of Law 2013, post 2015-Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the United Nations 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development); and

Lecture 3: (1 Hour) - DR. ATUL KUMAR TIWARI

1. Contextualising with examples environmental justice discourse in global south's developing countries, with special emphasis on India.

Day 2: Dates: 29/11/23 to 29/11/23; Timings: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (tentative)

Tutorials 1 and 2: (2 Hours) - PROF. GITANJALI NAIN GILL

Interactive and Participatory Session:

Identifying news stories (global/regional/national) about environmental justice or injustice discussing:

1. the issue being reported;
2. why environmental injustice/justice; and
3. what can be done to make the situation just?

Every participant will be required to make a presentation followed by group discussion and review.

Day 3: Dates: 30/09/23 to 30/09/23; Timings: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (tentative)

Module 2: Lecture 4 to Lecture 5 (2 HOURS) and Tutorial 3 (1 Hour): Interactive and Participatory Session

Lectures 4 and 5: (2 Hours) - PROF. GITANJALI NAIN GILL

Tutorial 3: (1 Hour) - PROF. GITANJALI NAIN GILL

Examining the

1. Need for judicial leadership in environmental matters and specialised environmental courts and tribunals (ECTs) at the global level;
2. A few cameo examples from developed and developing countries with special reference to SAARC region;
3. Participants will be encouraged to identify and discuss the possible advantages and disadvantages of the ECT's

Day 4: Dates: 01/12/23 to 01/12/23; Timings: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (tentative)

Module 3: Lecture 6 to Lecture 8 (3 HOURS): Interactive and Participatory Session:

Lectures 6: (1 Hour) - DR. ATUL KUMAR TIWARI

Exploring the genesis and growth of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) India by reviewing:

1. Supportive dicta in Supreme Court judgments in environmental public interest litigation cases;
2. Recommendations of the Law Commission of India; Lectures 7 and 8: 2 hours- PROF. GITANJALI NAIN GILL
3. The NGT Act 2010 (Bench composition, jurisdiction and procedure of the NGT)
4. Application of the international environmental law principles (precautionary and polluter pays principles, and sustainable development) for deciding cases

Day 5: Dates: 02/12/23 to 02/12/23; Timings: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (tentative)

Module 3: Lecture 9 to Lecture 10 (2 HOURS): Interactive and Participatory Session

Lectures 8 and 9: (2 Hours) - PROF. GITANJALI NAIN GILL

Exploring the

1. Role of science and scientific experts as NGT bench members in the NGT;
2. Their ability to guide and legitimise NGT decisions and policy and to assist governmental authorities;
3. Relevant, illustrative case law will be considered to explain the scientific knowledge utilisation, adopting a problem-solving and policy-creation approach; and
4. Reviewing the effectiveness of the NGT in dispensing environmental justice

Day 6: Dates: 03/12/23 to 03/12/23; Timings: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (tentative)

Tutorials 4 and 5: (2 Hours) - Interactive and Participatory Session:

- Tutorial 4 (1 Hour)- PROF. GITANJALI NAIN GILL
- Tutorial 5 (1 Hour)- DR. ATUL KUMAR TIWARI

The tutorials will

1. adopt a moot court pedagogical format; and
2. The participants will be given in advance case studies to be argued with role play of media, community, company/polluter, pollution control board, judges and advocates.

Day 7:

Date of Examination: 04 December, 2023

Select Recommended Reading List

Books, Articles, Policy Briefs, Reports and Conference Proceedings

1. Gill, G N (2017), *Environmental Justice in India: The National Green Tribunal-* (Routledge UK-Earthscan, Environmental and Sustainability Development Studies)
2. Agyeman, J (2005). *Sustainable Communities and the Challenge of Environmental Justice* (New York UP)
3. Ako, R T (2013) *Developing Countries: Perspectives from Africa and Asia-Pacific* (Routledge)
4. Holifield, R, Porter, M and Walker, G (2011) *Spaces of Environmental Justice* (John Wiley)
5. Sachs, J (2015) *The Age of Sustainable Development* (Columbia UP)
6. Camwath, R (1992) 'Environmental enforcement: the need for a specialist court' *September Journal of Environmental Law* 799–808
7. Bjällås, U (2010) 'Experiences of Sweden's Environmental Courts' 3(1) *Journal of Court Innovation* 177
8. Pring, G and Pring, C (2016) *The ABCs of the ECTs: A Guide for Policy-Makers for Designing and Operating a Specialised Environmental Court or Tribunal* (UNEP)
9. Preston, B J (2014) 'Characteristics of successful environmental courts and tribunals' 26(3) *Journal of Environmental Law* 365–393
10. Fraser, N (2000) 'Rethinking recognition' 3 *New Left Review* 107–120
11. Baxi, U (1985) 'Taking suffering seriously: social action litigation in the Supreme Court of India' 4(1) *Third World Legal Studies* 107–109
12. Baxi, U (2000) 'The avatars of Indian judicial activism: explorations in the geographies of (in)justice' in S K Vema and K Kumar (eds), *Fifty Years of the Supreme Court of India* (OUP)
13. Bhagwati, P N (1984) 'Judicial activism and public interest litigation' 23 *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law* 561
14. Gill, G N (2010) 'A Green Tribunal for India' 22(3) *Journal of Environmental Law* 461–474
15. Gill, G N (2014) *The National Green Tribunal of India: A Sustainable Future Through the Principles of International Environmental Law*, *Environmental Law Review* 16(3), pp 183-202
16. Gill, G N (2016) *Environmental Justice in India: The National Green Tribunal and Expert Members*, *Transnational Environmental Law Journal* (CUP)5(1), pp 175-205
17. High Level Committee (2011) *High Level Committee Report on Commonwealth Games Chair V K Shunglu* (Government of India).
18. Law Commission of India (1978) *Delay and Arrears in Trial Courts* 77th Report. Law Commission of India (2003) *Proposal to Constitute Environment Courts* 186th Report
19. Divan, S and Rosencranz, A (2001) *Environmental Law and Policy in India* (OUP)
20. Schlosberg, D (2007) *Defining Environmental Justice* (OUP)
21. Choudhury, N and Skarstedt, C E (2005) 'The principle of good governance' *CISDL Draft Legal Working Paper* (CISDL)
22. Sachs, J (2015) *The Age of Sustainable Development* (Columbia UP)
23. ADB (2012) *Environmental Governance and the Courts in Asia* Law and Policy Reform Brief 1 (ADB)
24. ADB (2015) *Proceedings: Fourth ASEAN Chief Justices' Roundtable on Environment: Role 45 of the Judiciary in Environmental Protection* (ADB)
25. Nussbaum, M and Sen, A (1992) *The Quality of Life* (OUP)

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