COMMONWEALTH LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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on

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Globalising Legal Education: Reimagining Law Schools, Legal Learning and the Future of the Legal Profession for a Commonwealth in Transition

"Tradition in Thought. Transformation in Learning."

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Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA)

Session Schedule

21st & 22nd November, 2026

Venue: Novotel Hyderabad Airport, Telangana

Technical Session I

DAY 1 | 21st NOVEMBER 2026 (SATURDAY) | 12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

UNIFORM CITATION FOR THE COMMONWEALTH: COLLOQUIUM OF JUDGES, SENIOR ACADEMICIANS, VICE-CHANCELLORS AND PROFESSORS

Sub-themes

- A shared Commonwealth-wide standard for legal citation
- Practical barriers to harmonisation
- A possible consensus framework or roadmap for adoption by law schools and journals

Welcome Address (3 minutes): **Mr. Tera Rajnikanth Reddy,** Addl. Advocate General, State of Telangana, Hyderabad

Chair (10 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aparesh Kumar, Judge, Supreme Court of India

Co-Chair (10 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vibhu Bakhru, Chief Justice, High Court of Karnataka

Keynote Speaker (10 minutes): **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. A. Dharmadhikari,** Chief Justice, High Court of Madras

Speakers (7 minutes each)	**Discussants (3 minutes each)**
• **Hon'ble Mr. Justice C. S. Dias** Judge, High Court of Kerala • **Hon'ble Mr. Justice O. P. Shukla** Judge, High Court of Delhi • **Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur** Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Jodhpur • **Prof. (Dr.) Richa Chaudhary** Dean, School of Law, SGT University, Gurugram	• **Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao,** Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad • **Prof. (Dr.) Jai Shankar Singh,** Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL Punjab • **Prof. Dr. N. Kayalvizhi Nadimuthu,** Principal, Chennai Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Tamil Nadu • **Dr. P. George Giri,** Advocate, Supreme Court of India

Moderator: Prof. (Dr.) Gigimon V.S., Professor of Law, Dean (Academics) and Director of Law School, Amity University, Mumbai

Vote of Thanks (3 minutes): Dr. Anita Patil, Executive Member, CLEA-Asia & Conference Coordinator

Rapporteurs: Ms. Anvesha Chaturvedi, Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute

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1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. | Lunch

Technical Session II

DAY 1 | 21st NOVEMBER 2026 (SATURDAY) | 2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

TECHNOLOGICAL OVERREACH AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Sub-themes

- Where legitimate technological assistance ends and technological overreach begins
- Detection tools, honour codes and assessment redesign
- Institutional approaches that protect integrity without stifling legitimate innovation

Welcome Address (3 minutes): **Dr. Vikram Singh Arya,** Secretary, CLEA-Asia & Organising Secretary

Chair (10 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah, Judge, Supreme Court of India

Co-Chair (10 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice Soumen Sen, Chief Justice, High Court of Kerala

Keynote Speaker (8 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mahesh Chandra Tripathi, Chief Justice, High Court of Bombay

Speakers (7 minutes each)	Discussants (3 minutes each)
• **Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.K. Singh,** Judge, High Court of Karnataka • **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijaysen Reddy,** Judge, High Court of Telangana • **Prof. (Dr.) V. C. Vivekanandan,** Vice-Chancellor, Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur • **Mr. Jatinder Jay Cheema,** Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India • **Mr. Loknath Behera,** Former State Police Chief and DGP Kerala; Ex-MD KMRL and KWML	• **Prof. (Dr.) Ashok R Patil,** Vice-Chancellor, NUSRL, Ranchi • **Dr. Sagee Geetha Sethu,** Head, School of Law, Amity University, Dubai • **Mr. Arun Varghese,** Advocate, High Court of Kerala

Moderator: Prof. (Dr.) Kokila Lankathilake Konasinghe, Head, Department of Public and International Law, University of Colombo

Vote of Thanks (3 minutes): Dr. K. Prasanna Rani, Principal and Head, University College of Law, Telangana University & Conference Coordinator

Rapporteurs: Ms. Afreen Afshar Alam, Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute

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4:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. | High-Tea

Technical Session III

DAY 1 | 21st NOVEMBER 2026 (SATURDAY) | 4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

INTEGRATING CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION IN CORE LEGAL SUBJECTS

Sub-themes

- Models for embedding experiential learning within doctrinal subjects
- Assessment design
- Faculty capacity and institutional support for sustainable clinical teaching

Welcome Address (3 minutes): Adv. K. R. R. Aiyyappamani, Member, Bar Council of Tamil Nadu & Vice-President, CLEA-Asia (India)

Chair (10 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, Judge, Supreme Court of India

Co-Chair (10 minutes): Hon'ble Ms. Justice Lisa Gill, Chief Justice, High Court of Andhra Pradesh

Keynote Speaker (8 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir

Speakers (7 minutes each)	Discussants (3 minutes each)
• **Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. Lakshman** Judge, High Court of Telangana • **Hon'ble Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua** Judge, High Court of Himachal Pradesh • **Ms. Aishwarya Bhati** Additional Solicitor General of India • **Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa** Vice-Chancellor, CNLU, Patna • **Prof. (Dr.) Vani Kesari** Dean, Faculty of Law, CUSAT	• **Hon'ble Ms. Justice Savitri Ratho** Judge, High Court of Orissa • **Prof. (Dr.) S. S. Jaswal** Dean, Academic Affairs, HPNLU, Shimla • **Prof. (Dr.) Bindu S. Ronald** Vice-Chancellor, MNLU, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

Moderator: Dr. Renjini Ponnan Sheela, Senior Lecturer, University of Greater Manchester, Academic Centre, RAK, UAE

Vote of Thanks (3 minutes): Mr. Sharyaurai Riang, Media Convener, CLEA

Rapporteurs: Ms. Shilpi Jain, Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute

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6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. | Paper Presentations

Paper Presentations

DAY 1 | 21st NOVEMBER 2026 (SATURDAY) | 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

PAPER PRESENTATION SESSION

Theme

- Presentation of research papers on contemporary issues in legal education
- Scholarly engagement with emerging challenges, innovative pedagogies and institutional practices in legal education
- Discussion and feedback on research contributions

Chair: Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Preeta A.K., Judge, High Court of Kerala

Paper Presenters

Facilitators:

- **Ms. Nabila Zehra,** Assistant Professor, School of Law, SGT University & Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute
- **Mr. Sharyaurai Riang,** Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute & Media Convener, CLEA

7:30 P.M. onwards | Cultural Programme followed by Dinner

Plenary Session

DAY 2 | 22nd NOVEMBER 2026 (SUNDAY) | 9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

Chair: Prof. (Dr.) S. Sivakumar, Senior Professor, ILI & President, CLEA

Hosted by:

Dr. Ruchi Sharma D., Joint General Secretary, CLEA
Prof. (Dr.) Kokila Lankathilake Konasinghe, Vice-President, CLEA-Asia
Dr. Giri Sankar S.S, Vice-President, CLEA-Asia
Dr. Renjini Ponnan Sheela, Executive Member, CLEA

AGENDA

- **Important Announcements:** Communication of key announcements and organisational updates concerning CLEA and its forthcoming initiatives.
- **Discussion on Future Plans:** Deliberations on CLEA's future priorities, proposed activities, and strategies for strengthening legal education and academic collaboration across the Commonwealth.
- **Networking among Academics and Institutions:** Facilitating interaction and fostering institutional partnerships, academic exchange, and collaborative initiatives among participating academics and institutions.
- **Discussion on Membership and Student Engagement:** Deliberations on encouraging greater student participation, and strengthening student engagement through academic activities, collaborative initiatives, and opportunities for meaningful involvement in CLEA's programmes.
- **Constitution of a Committee for Preparing a Blueprint on Legal Education:** Discussion on the constitution and mandate of a committee entrusted with preparing a comprehensive blueprint for the future development, reform, and advancement of legal education.

Technical Session IV

DAY 2 | 22nd NOVEMBER 2026 (SUNDAY) | 9:30 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.

RESEARCH ETHICS AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Sub-themes

- Authorship, attribution, citation, originality and data reliability
- Fabricated authorities, inaccurate sources and over-reliance on automated research; verification of AI-generated content
- Principles for transparent and responsible use of AI by researchers, scholars and students

Welcome Address (3 minutes): Ms. Sheenam Thakur, Student Convener, CLEA & Conference Convener

Chair (10 minutes): Dr. R. Venkataramani, Learned Attorney General for India

Co-Chair (10 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Sundar, Chief Justice, High Court of Manipur

Keynote Speaker (8 minutes): Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Former Chairman, National Human Rights Commission, Bangladesh

Speakers (7 minutes each)	Discussants (3 minutes each)
• **Hon'ble Dr. Justice A. K. Jayasankaran Nambiar,** Judge, High Court of Kerala • **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Suraj Govindraj,** Judge, High Court of Karnataka • **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shravan Kumar Natcharaju,** Judge, High Court of Telangana • **Mr. Guru Krishna Kumar,** Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India	• **Hon'ble Ms. Justice Tara Vitasta Ganju,** Judge, High Court of Delhi • **Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti J. Mozika,** Vice-Chancellor, National Law University Meghalaya • **Ms. Theshani Weligamage,** Lecturer (Research track), Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

Moderator: Dr. Jayaram RE, Dean, School of Law, Mahindra University, Hyderabad

Vote of Thanks (3 minutes): Mr. Avadhesh Deo Pandey, Student Convener, CLEA-Asia & Conference Convener

Rapporteurs: Mr. Sharyaurai Riang, Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute

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10:45 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. | High-Tea

Technical Session V

DAY 2 | 22nd NOVEMBER 2026 (SUNDAY) | 11:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

REIMAGINING AND REFORMULATING LEGAL AID CLINICS IN LAW SCHOOLS / CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Sub-themes

- Design and delivery of law-school legal aid clinics: technology-enabled and community-partnered models; funding, supervision and quality assurance
- Continuing legal education: keeping the profession current with technological and regulatory change; law schools as lifelong-learning partners

Welcome Address (3 minutes): Ms. Nabila Zehra, Head, Research and Publications, CLEA & Conference General Convener

Chair (10 minutes): Hon. Justice AHMD Nawaz, Judge, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka

Co-Chair (10 minutes): Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim

Speakers	Discussants
• **Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya,** Judge, High Court of Telangana • **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Saurabh Banerjee,** Judge, High Court of Delhi • **Mr. Pradeep Rai,** Senior Advocate & President, Supreme Court Bar Association • **Mr. Apoorv Kurup,** Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India	• **Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Preeta A.K.,** Judge, High Court of Kerala • **Capt. G. S. Rathee,** Advisor & Board Member, BCKIC, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India • **Dr. Rangaswamy D.,** Assistant Professor of Law, Karnataka State Law University, Navanagar, Hubballi

Moderator: Dr. Giri Sankar S.S., Principal, St. Dominic's College of Law, Kanjirappally, Kerala

Vote of Thanks (3 minutes): Ms. Afreen Afshar Alam, Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute

Rapporteurs: Mr. Avadhesh Deo Pandey, Doctoral Scholar, Indian Law Institute

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12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. | Valedictory Ceremony | 2:00 P.M. onwards | Closing Lunch