



ONE DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR
CHARTING CONTOURS OF THE MINING LAW REGIME
ALLOCATION, INVESTMENT, DEVELOPMENT & CONSERVATION



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SEMINAR CONCEPT NOTE

Mineral resources along with the mining sector play a noteworthy and stellar role in the industrial development and economic growth of a country. Mining forms one of the core pillars of the developmental processes, because it is seen as a key driver of economic development; whilst often concomitantly having disastrous human and/or environmental consequences. It has escaped significant policy attention for a long time because mining often takes place in the remotest areas inhabited by people who are usually the least able to assert their rights legally or politically. In addition, the environmental and/or human consequences may not be immediately visible, necessitating legal frameworks to address long-term consequences. Thus the unprecedented growth in the mining sector necessitates closer regulatory attention and wider mobilization of public discourse on these wide-ranging issues. The vast repositories of mineral wealth in India are regulated by a plethora of rules and regulations, including the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957, Mineral Concession Rules 1960, Mineral Conservation and Development Rules 1988 (MCD Rules), the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act 2002 among others, which deal with various mining law issues like regulation and grant of mining licenses and permits, environment conservation in, regulation of mines etc. The proliferation in regulations demonstrates the diversity in stakeholders' interests and the need for undertaking balanced exercises between the same.

On these lines, the One-Day National Seminar, under the auspices of the Justice Sunanda Bhandare Forum For Studies in Natural Resources Law, on the theme, “*Unfolding Contours of the Mining Law Regime: Allocation, Development & Conservation*” is presented. The Seminar aims at discussion and deliberation on the implications portended by recent regulatory reforms such as the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015, the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, etc. for all the major stakeholders and players involved in the sector. The themes of discussion seek to explore a broad set of law, policy and governance issues related to the mining sector besides other contemporary issues relating to mining like its interplay with the environment and the applicable laws in this regard, the interface of judicial review and the competitive bidding process, interconnecting technology with transparency-augmentation through the e-bidding process, etc.

THEMES & SUB-THEMES

The main theme of the Seminar is “Charting Contours of the Mining Law Regime: Allocation, Investment, Development & Conservation”. In line of the theme of the seminar, following are the broad themes:

+ MINING AND REGULATORY REFORMS: EXEGESES AND PROPOSALS

- Analyzing the recent slew of regulatory reforms in the mining sector such as the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015, the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, etc.
- Revisiting the National Mineral Policy of 2008.
- Constitutional perspective of mining law regime.
- Aftermath of Shah Commission Report on illegal mining activities.
- Injecting transparency in the mining sector.
- Problems of land acquisition in India *vis-a-vis* mining sector.
- Corporate Social Responsibility as an obligation for mining companies.
- Is a ban the right way to regulate illegal mining?
- Status of Reconnaissance Permits, Prospecting Licenses and Mining Leases in India.

+ INTERPLAY BETWEEN MINING & ENVIRONMENTAL REGIME: ISSUES & CHALLENGES

- Analyzing the recent Sustainable Development Framework for mining in India.
- Environmental Clearances and Procedures with respect to the mining.
- International policies and perspective on mining laws: Stockholm to Paris.
- Mine Closure Planning: Reclamation & Rehabilitation including the rights and interests of the marginalized groups.
- Incentives encouraging good mining practices, technology absorption and the exploitation of deep-seated minerals: examining proposals.
- Role and Significance of the courts & tribunals in the Mining law jurisprudence.
- Role and Significance of the civil society organizations in the Mining sector.

+ INVESTMENT IN MINING SECTOR

- Ownership of mineral wealth and judicial precedents: contesting proprietary rights.
- Allocation of Mineral Resources: Evaluating the e-auction mechanism for granting mining leases.
- The impacts of competitive bidding on the mining sector.
- Evaluating implementation of occupational safety and health guidelines in the mining sector.

PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS & PRESENTERS

The Seminar invites participation, papers and presentations from -

- Students from the institutes of Law and other institutes of social sciences.
- Academicians and Scholars in the field of law and related fields of social sciences.
- Researchers & Policy Drafters.
- Advocates/ Legal Practitioners/ Judges and Transactional Lawyers
- Industry officials and the Mining personnel.
- Government Officers & other Law enforcement Officers
- Members from the Executive engaged in environmental management and clearance related to mining.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Well researched papers are invited from scholars, lawyers, practitioners, academicians, experts in the mining, research scholars and related sectors and students on the themes and tenors cited below. All interested may send an abstract of **not more than 500 words** highlighting the key issues intended to be discussed in the paper by 20th February 2018.

Acceptance of the abstracts will be duly intimated by 25th February 2018 after the same have been shortlisted on the basis of quality and originality of arguments, and the full papers are required to be submitted by the authors thereafter by 25th March 2018.

The authors of such papers will be given an opportunity to present their paper on the day of seminar under various thematic sessions. In addition to this, the presenters will be duly acclaimed by a '**Certificate of Participation & Paper Presentation**' that will be awarded. Besides, publication of selected papers might also be considered.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION RULES

- The length of the Abstract should not exceed **500 words**.
- The last date of submitting Abstracts is **20th February 2018**.
- A notification regarding acceptance of the selected abstracts will be made by **25th February 2018**, following which Final Papers are to be submitted in the following format.

PAPER SUBMISSION RULES

- The length of the Paper should be within 5,000- 7,000 words including footnotes.
 - All Papers should include an 'abstract' of not more than 500 words.
 - The last date of submitting Final Papers is **25th March 2018**.
 - Papers will be screened by a committee of experts and only those approved be accepted.
- * Following shall be strictly followed both for the Abstract as well as the Paper submission.

- ✓ **Font Type** :Times New Roman
- ✓ **Font Size** : 12 pts
- ✓ **Line spacing** : 1.5 spacing
- ✓ **Alignment** : Justified

FOOTNOTES/CITATION RULES

- All references shall be made in the form **Footnotes only** strictly complying with following rules.

- ✓ **Font Type** :Times New Roman
- ✓ **Font Size** : 10 pts
- ✓ **Line spacing** : Single spacing
- ✓ **Alignment** : Justified
- ✓ **Style** : Standard Indian Legal Citation Style

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

- Co-authorship up to two is allowed with separate registration.
- All Papers and Abstracts shall be sent via e-mail to submininglaw.nujs@gmail.com as an attachment, the subject of which should mention 'ABSTRACT SUBMISSION' or 'PAPER SUBMISSION' accordingly.
- Both the Abstracts and Final Papers should mandatorily have a **separate Title Page** which clearly indicates the following-
 - * Name of the author(s)
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IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date of Submission of Abstracts	20 th February 2018
Notification of Acceptance	25 th February 2018
Last Date of full paper Submission	25 th March 2018
Last Date of Registration/Payment of Fees	5 th March 2018
Date of the Seminar	31 st March 2018

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- Last Date of Registration is **5th March, 2018**.
- For the purpose of registration for the Seminar, the fully filled **Registration Form** is to be mandatorily sent to orgmininglaw.nujs@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION FEES

For Participation only	₹500/-per participant
For Paper Presentation	₹750/-per presenter

- * Participants are required to make their own arrangements for travel, local conveyance and accommodation.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Payment of Registration Fees can be made by NEFT or Bank transfer in favour of WBNUJS A/C.

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