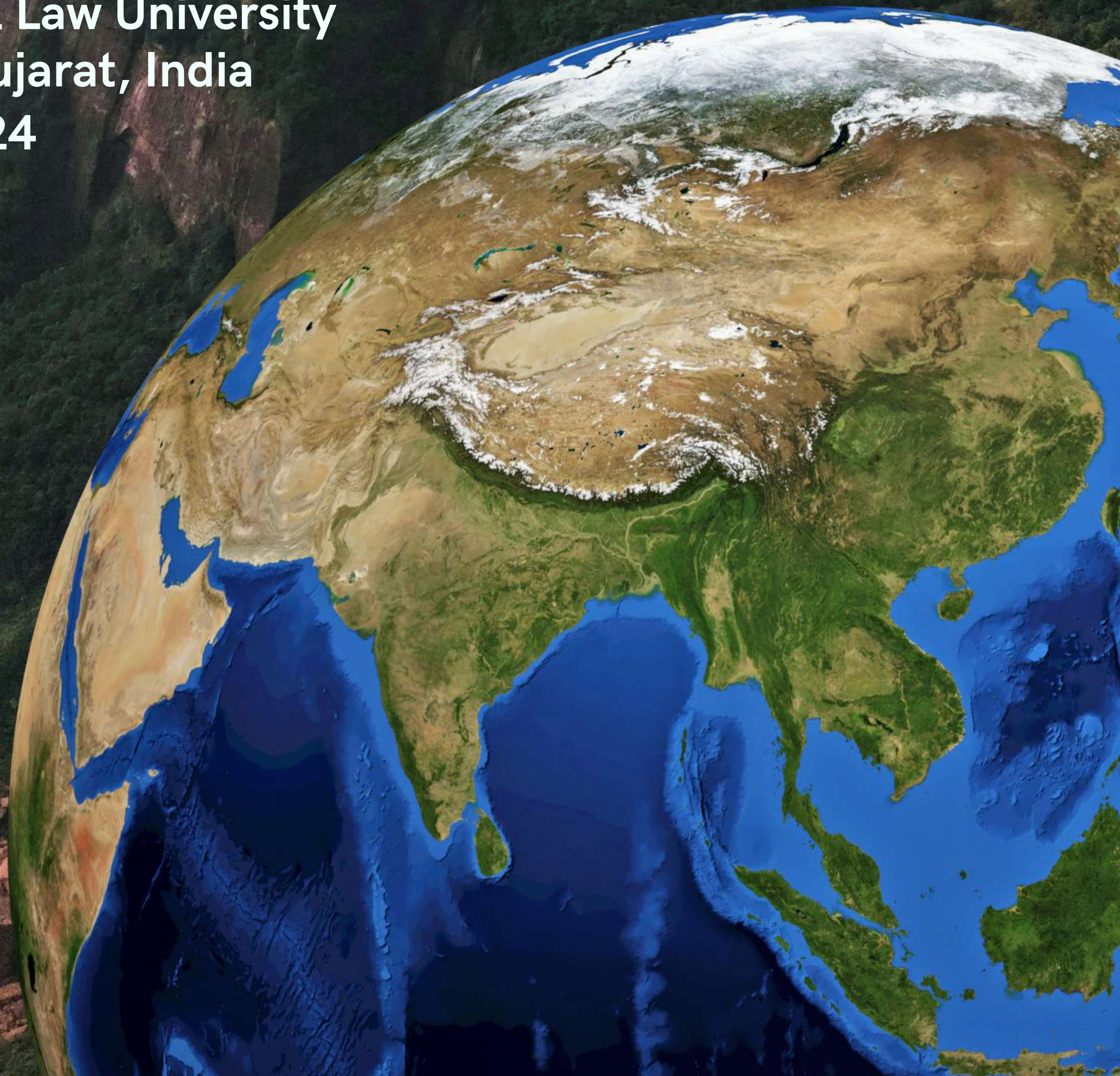




Gujarat National Law University

THE 21ST ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM OF THE IUCN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Gujarat National Law University
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ABOUT GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) is a prestigious legal education institution situated in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India. Established in 2004, GNLU has rapidly gained national and international recognition for its commitment to excellence in legal education, research, and advocacy. The University offers a comprehensive range of academic programs, from undergraduate to doctoral levels, attracting a diverse group of students passionate about law and eager to contribute meaningfully to the legal profession. The faculty at GNLU consists of accomplished scholars and seasoned practitioners, fostering a dynamic and enriching learning environment. One of GNLU's distinctive features is its emphasis on interdisciplinary studies. The university encourages students to explore the intersections of law with other disciplines, fostering a holistic understanding of the legal landscape. GNLU offers Environmental Law as part of the undergraduate curriculum to facilitate social and environmental awareness and its intersection with law.

GNLU's dedication to social responsibility is reflected in its pro bono initiatives and legal aid programs, such as the Legal Services Committee. The University's commitment to facilitate research in various interdisciplinary areas of law is strengthened by the establishment of various Centres for Research Excellence, one of which is the Centre for Environment, Sustainability, and Climate Justice.

Under the able leadership of Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, GNLU strives to encourage students to use their knowledge for the greater good of society. The university actively engages in community outreach, collaborating with NGOs and government agencies to address environmental, legal, and social challenges faced by the country.

ABOUT GNLU CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

The Centre for Environment, Sustainability and Climate Justice established by Gujarat National Law University, offers to study, research, and provide expert consultation in environmental matters. The Centre aims to provide a platform for study, research, capacity building, and consultation to all stakeholders, including grassroots people, government, industries, and administrative authorities. The vision of GCESCJ is clear and unwavering: it aspires to be a global leader in environmental law and policy, fostering a world where environmental sustainability and climate justice are paramount.

Sustainable development is another cornerstone of the Centre's focus. Recognizing the interconnectedness of economic, social, and environmental dimensions, the Centre explores innovative approaches to balance progress with ecological preservation. Through workshops, conferences, and publications, it disseminates knowledge that empowers individuals and organizations to adopt practices that are environmentally responsible.

Moreover, the Centre has established an Eco Club as a part of its initiative to take on ground actions and make the campus of the University much more sustainable and ecological than it already is. The Centre is a catalyst for positive change in a world grappling with environmental challenges. By combining legal expertise with a commitment to sustainable development and climate resilience, the Centre contributes to the collective effort to create a more harmonious and sustainable relationship between the law, humanity and the environment.

ABOUT INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE (IUCN)

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is a unique membership Union composed of both government and civil society organisations. By harnessing the experience, resources and reach of its more than 1,400 Member organisations and the input of some 15,000 experts, IUCN is the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures needed to safeguard it. Established in 1948, IUCN has evolved as the largest and most diverse global environmental network, with specialists are organized into six Commissions dedicated to species survival, environmental law, protected areas, social and economic policy, ecosystem management, and education and communication.

The core of IUCN's mission lies in its ability to bring together a broad spectrum of stakeholders, providing them with the latest scientific insights, unbiased recommendations, and practical expertise. This drive informs and empowers worldwide conservation efforts. IUCN serves as a neutral platform where governments, NGOs, scientists, businesses, local communities, indigenous peoples' groups, faith-based organizations, and others collaborate to develop and implement solutions to environmental challenges.

The IUCN's work is a testament to the power of collaboration and knowledge-sharing in addressing global environmental issues. Its commitment to providing unbiased, science-based recommendations and expertise has made it a trusted global authority in the field of nature conservation and sustainable use of natural resources.

21ST ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM OF THE IUCN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (AEL)

The Annual Colloquium organized by the IUCN AEL brings together experts, scholars, practitioners, and stakeholders in the field of environmental law to discuss and deliberate on critical issues related to conservation, sustainable development, and climate change. This event provides a platform for exchanging ideas, sharing of research findings, and fostering collaboration among individuals and organizations committed to environmental protection. In 2024, the Colloquium will be hosted in India for the *first time* since its inception in 2003.

THEME

The theme for the 21st Annual Colloquium is “**Mission LiFE: Ensuring Environmental Sustainability & Climate Justice through Community Action**”. The theme incorporates the India-led global mass movement: Mission Lifestyle For Environment (Mission LiFE) emphasizing individual and community action to protect and preserve the environment. Mission LiFE recognises that Indian culture and living traditions are inherently sustainable and it seeks to explore the ways in which collective community action can help in realizing environmental sustainability and climate justice. The Colloquium's focus on community action and the integration of traditional wisdom with modern environmental challenges makes it a significant and inspiring platform for driving positive change.

The 2024 Colloquium's theme aligns with the urgent need to address environmental issues through collective action. By bringing together global experts and practitioners under this theme, the Colloquium aims to catalyse meaningful discussions and initiatives that can contribute to a more sustainable and environmentally just future.

SUB-THEMES

1. Social Justice, Equity, and Climate Change
2. Role of Collaboration and Cooperation in ensuring a Sustainable Environment
3. Regional Initiatives in Fighting Climate Change
4. Indigenous Perspectives for Fighting Climate Change
5. Role of Technology in Sustainable Development
6. Health and Environmental Justice
7. Inclusive Climate Action Planning
8. Carbon Footprint Reduction
9. Zero Waste Communities

IMPORTANT DATES

Particulars	Date
Last Date for Submission of Abstract	April 10, 2024 <i>(Extended)</i>
Communication of Acceptance	April 15, 2024 <i>(Extended)</i>
Registration Opens	April 15, 2024 <i>(Extended)</i>
Early bird registration closes	April 30, 2024 <i>(Extended)</i>
Registration Closes	May 31, 2024
Pre-Colloquium Event	July 4, 2024
Dates of the Colloquium	July 5, 2024-July 7, 2024



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