CALL FOR PAPERS

Pursuant to the tremendous response of the First National Conference of NUJS Legal Aid Society organized in February 2011, at Kolkata, NUJS Legal Aid Society proposes to organize its second National Conference in January, 27-29, 2012. The second national conference will be co-hosted with Center for Human Rights and Citizenship Studies, NUJS. The broad theme of the 2012 national conference is “Place of Deemed Homeless in Good Governance and Inclusive Growth of India”.

Indian’s constitution is globally acknowledged as an exemplar of respect for the fundamental rights and freedoms of all human beings. However, in practice in India, there exists a disconnection between the constitutionally guaranteed rights and the actual enjoyment of these rights by legions of her people. The situation is far worse for those who do not possess any proof of birth or permanent resident, population migrating from rural to urban areas, pavement dwellers and poorest of poor who are all classified in administrative connotation as “deemed homeless”.

The 2010 Multidimensional Poverty Index indicates that 8 Indian States 421 million poor people. These States are, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, U.P. and West Bengal. That being the volume of BPL families, there lies a large chunk of families who are not able to avail the benefits of various schemes meant for them, as they do not have an address, or any proof of residence. They live along the Railway tracks, Nalas or such other public places, who are forcefully removed by the concerned authorities, whenever the place
need to have a presentable appearance, and thereafter they end up at similar other places of inconveniences. Since the servicing with several schemes, therefore goes exclusively to the ‘well-to-do’ of the BPL families, they continue to be the poorest of the poor. These are some of the ‘Deemed Homeless’.

They primarily remain outside the net of all state funded social security system and economic schemes. Their basic rights are violated regularly. A widespread academic dialogue based on adequate empirical and applied research is essential to address their problems. Also a certain level of awareness campaign among the civil society organisation is fundamental to bring some effective change in the quality of life of these people through strategic intervention.

Keeping these objectives in mind of the conference organizing committee seeks to promote research on the issues involving the main theme of the conference and present a forum for exchange of academic dialogue and experience. The organizing committee of National Conference on invites academics, human rights activists, policy makers, NGO and students from any discipline to present their research in the conference. Selected papers from the papers presented during the conference will be published in the conference volume after the conference.

The submissions will be of two types, viz: i) Contributed Papers and ii) Student Papers.

i) Contributed Papers:

The conference organizers call for submission of original empirical research papers and articles on any facet relating to the theme of the Conference from eminent legal practitioners, policy research and social science research groups, NGO, civil society organizations and academicians.

**Deadline:**

The last date for submission of abstract is **November 20, 2011**. If selected last date of submission of the final paper is **January 5, 2012**. All contribution should be directed at either the address mentioned below or e-mail it to las.nujs@gmail.com with the subject of the email being: “Contributed Paper Submission for National Conference 2012”

**Guidelines for contributed papers**

- Submission of an abstract not excluding 500 words.
- Abstract should highlight the Name & Organization of the contributor, Title, Main research issues, Research methodology, Place and time of undertaking the empirical study.
- The papers sent should be original and unpublished articles (not submitted for publishing in any place)
- The final submissions would have to be between a minimum of 3000 and a maximum of 5000 words (inclusive of footnotes).
- The NUJS Law Review Citation and Style Standard will have to be followed which is available at www.nujslawreview.org

ii) Student Papers:

The conference organizers call for submission of original empirical research papers and articles on any of the themes mentioned below from students pursuing undergraduate or post graduate full time degree course on any discipline in any recognized University under UGC or a similar accrediting body.

Themes
a. Empirical study on problems and perspectives of deemed homeless in Indian urban areas
b. Good Governance and urban poverty programs
c. Role of Educational Institutions in addressing poverty and good governance in urban or rural India
d. Measures and initiatives for addressing policy changes for including the deemed homeless in the existing social security system
e. Role of Civil Society in harnessing good governance in India
f. Rural Good Governance Projects
g. RTI as a tool to empower citizen participation and good governance: an empirical survey
h. Initiatives for free legal aid and access to justice for deemed homeless populations

The abstract submitted by the student author has to be accompanied by bone-fide student certificate in the prescribed form available at page 4 of the registration form, signed and sealed by the Head of the Institution. Participation from students is especially encouraged and the best three student papers adjudged by a panel of jury consisting of eminent persons will receive cash award of Rs 3000 (Best Paper), Rs 2000 (Second Best Paper) and Rs 1000 (Third Best Paper).

Deadline:
The last date for submission of abstract is November 20, 2011. If selected last date of submission of the final paper is January 5, 2012. All contribution should be directed at the address mentioned below or e-mail it to las.nujs@gmail.com with the subject of the email being: “Student Paper Submission for National Conference 2012”.
Guidelines for student papers

- Submission of an abstract not excluding 500 words.
- Abstract should highlight the Name of the contributor and full particulars of his/her academic institution, Title, Main research issues, Research methodology, Place and time of undertaking the empirical study.
- The papers sent should be original and unpublished articles (not submitted for publishing in any place)
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Note:
Conference organizing committee reserve the right to accept or reject any contribution it deems necessary, and does not have any obligation of notifying the reasons for the same. A decision taken by the conference organizing committee will be deemed to be final and binding on any person or organization involved in anything related to this conference submission.

Please mail your abstract to:
las.nujs@gmail.com. Please mention “Contributed Paper Submission for National Conference 2012” or “Student Paper Submission for National Conference 2012” in the subject line of the e-mail.

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