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DEPARTMENT OF MARITIME LAW

In collaboration with

GUJARAT MARITIME UNIVERSITY

Organising

Three Days International Conference (Hybrid Mode) on

EMERGING TRENDS OF MARITIME LAWS IN INDIA

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Venue: Auditorium

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About TNDALU

The Government of Tamil Nadu, by an Act of State Legislature [Act No. 43 of 1997], established the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in learning, teaching, and research in the field of law. His Excellency Shri. K.R. Narayanan, former President of India, inaugurated it on September 20, 1997, and the University started functioning from October 3, 1997 onwards. The University is recognised by the Bar Council of India and the University Grants Commission (Sec. 2f and 12b of the UGC Act). The University is also a member of the Association of Indian Universities, the Association of Commonwealth Universities, U.K., and the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi. This University functions as a nodal agency to uplift the legal education in Tamil Nadu. The University is the first full-fledged sui generis Law University in the country; it is unique among all the Law Universities in the Country. The University offers legal education at its campus and through twenty-seven affiliated colleges in the state of Tamil Nadu. The School of Excellence in Law established by the University at its campus since 2002, has been modelled on the lines of other National Law Schools in the Country and offers three-year as well as five-year integrated undergraduate courses in Law. The University has a Postgraduate Centre, which offers Master of Law degree courses in thirteen different specialisations. The Research Centre of the University offers Ph.D. and LL.D. programmes and organises research in diverse areas of law.

Department of Maritime Law

The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar University stands out as a trendsetter in the Indian Legal Education by introducing a two-year LL.M programme based on Outcome Based Education exclusively in Maritime law under the guidance of the visionary professor Dr. V. Balaji. The Maritime Law Department equips young law graduates with a thorough understanding of the legal frameworks governing maritime commerce, ocean resources, vessel navigation, and maritime security, making them well-prepared to tackle issues in both commercial and environmental domains.



This comprehensive education enables them to critically analyse the complex interplay of global shipping regulations and jurisdictional issues, preparing them for impactful careers in law firms, multinational corporations, and government agencies, where they can contribute to sustainable maritime practices and uphold peace and order in the sea. Department organizing field visit in different ports in India and included internship in the curriculum gives good exposure to the students. Department have MOU with Gujarat Maritime University and offering students exchange and faculty exchange programs is an added advantage for the students. Today, where India is rapidly integrating its economy with more than 90% of the country's trade being conducted through oceans and the sea providing a passageway to 45,000 merchant ships worldwide and over 90 percent of global trade, the course is highly relevant and a need of this hour, by providing opportunity to lawyers to learn and analyse the theoretical and practical aspects of the Maritime laws.

Gujarat Maritime University

Gujarat Maritime University is an endeavour by Gujarat Maritime Board, the state regulator for the ports and maritime activities in Gujarat. The University has been conceived by visionaries to address the burgeoning need for a skilled workforce in the ever- changing dynamics of the maritime sector. Gujarat Maritime University is a bespoke institution for advancing maritime education, training, and research in India. The University began its academic journey in the year 2019 and has established two schools so far namely, the School of Maritime Law, Policy and Administration, and the School of Maritime Management. The University commenced its academic journey in 2019 with the establishment of its first School – the School of Maritime Law, Policy & Administration, which offers LL.M in Maritime Law and International Trade Law and Executive Diploma Programs in Maritime Law and International Trade Law. The University also offers MBA in shipping and Logistics and MBA in Port Management under its school of Maritime Management. In pursuit of creating an institution of global standards, GMU has collaborated with internationally prominent institutions like Erasmus University, STC International, CBS Executive, ISWAN, Maersk and APM Terminals and many more such alliances shall be forged in times to come.

About ABS Marine Services Limited

Erstwhile 'ABS Marine Services Private Limited' incorporated on 27th October 1992, has subsequently evolved into 'ABS Marine Services Limited' on 23rd October 2023. With its vision and business expertise the company has grown manifold and is today at the forefront of 1. Ship Management 2. Ship Owning 3. Marine Services 4. Port Services. The company is registered and incorporated in Chennai, ABS Marine Services has an international presence delivering services through offices strategically positioned in Mumbai, Kochi, Kakinada, and Singapore. The Company comprises a team of 50 professionals fully trained and qualified in all aspects of crew & technical management, ship operations, shipping law & finance management. Our regional offices provide valuable local knowledge that is essential to operate with maximum efficiency at an international level. This has proved especially important when conducting negotiations with foreign businesses & dealing with various regulatory frameworks.

About the Conference

India, with its rich maritime heritage, has been at the forefront of global maritime trade for centuries. Its unique geographical location and long-standing maritime traditions have made the nation a pivotal player in the global shipping and maritime industries. This year department of maritime law select the broader theme of "Emerging Trends in Maritime Law in India" for the international seminar which aims to explore the recent developments and future directions of India's maritime legal framework, with a focus on its alignment with international standards and the evolving dynamics of maritime trade and governance.

India demonstrates its commitment to global maritime norms through active participation in international bodies such as the International Maritime Organization, International Labour Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization, World Trade Organization, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, and the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation. India regularly engages in the meetings of the IMO's committees and sub-committees and contributes actively to other UN and international bodies, including the International Mobile Satellite Organization, International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds, the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

The government's efforts, through policies such as the Maritime India Vision 2030 (MIV 2030). It focuses on developing coastal infrastructure, tourism, industrial sectors, and communities, port modernization, enhanced connectivity, and sustainable development of coastal communities, all while promoting eco-friendly coastal and inland waterways. Therefore, the development of the maritime laws are undergoing a significant transformation reforming India's maritime legal architecture to implement applicable international law and generally accepted international rules and standards at the same time India should protect its security, economic and environmental interests. India is presently taking effort to develop policies connected with merchant shipping, coastal shipping, training and employment of seafarers, ship recycling and ship building, signalling etc. are aimed at modernizing and strengthening the legal and institutional framework of the sector.

The maritime industry, a vital pillar of global trade, is undergoing a critical digital transformation driven by AI, advanced analytics, and enhanced connectivity. This shift is essential to meet the growing complexity of global trade, improve operational efficiency, ensure safety, and achieve sustainability goals. AI enables predictive maintenance, route optimization, and real-time decision-making, reducing costs and emissions.

India's pioneering move to privatize its port sector and implement the BOOT (Build, Own, Operate, and Transfer) model has revolutionized port infrastructure, setting a benchmark for efficiency and innovation. Additionally, the development of the National Maritime Heritage Complex in Lothal underscores India's commitment to preserving its rich maritime legacy while promoting tourism. By combining modern port operations with cultural preservation, India's leadership is positioning the nation as a key player in the global blue economy, leveraging its maritime resources for sustainable growth and international influence. Every facet of maritime law is evolving to meet contemporary challenges in the maritime field, making it essential to explore the nuances of this specialized area. Join us for a comprehensive and insightful conference that will equip you with the knowledge, expertise, and connections to navigate emerging trends in maritime law.

Theme

- The Admiralty Jurisdiction and Connected Issues
- The Carriage of Goods at Sea and the Contemporary Developments
- Developments in the field Marine Insurance
- Maritime Safety and Security Challenges
- Maritime Labour issues
- Marine Environment Protection and Impact of Climate Change
- Development of Laws Relating to Cargo Disputes
- Rights & Duty of Seamen under International Maritime Law
- Blue crimes, Maritime Piracy
- Arrest of Vessels: Jurisdiction & Practice
- Legal regime of Ship Recycling
- Influence of AI technologies and Maritime Security
- Regulation of Ports and Related issues.
- Regulation of Cruise Ship and connected laws
- Blue economy and international trade.
- The Future of Maritime Safety: Autonomous Vessels and Legal Challenges
- International Commercial Maritime Arbitration

Note : *The above-mentioned sub-themes are not exhaustive, the author may choose any other theme, however the same shall not be in derogation of the primary theme of the Conference.*

Objectives

- The objectives of the "Emerging Trends of Maritime Laws of India" conference focus on understanding and evolving legal landscape of the Indian maritime sector. These objectives include analysing global maritime trends and their potential impact on India's maritime industry.
- It navigates the legal challenges faced by the Indian maritime sector and proposing solutions. It explores the role of technology and innovation in the maritime sector and their legal implications. Considering, environmental concerns and sustainable practices in the maritime sector.
- The aim is to create a platform for knowledge sharing, networking, and policy discussions among legal experts, industry professionals, and policymakers, ultimately contributing to the growth and development of India's maritime sector.

Eligible Participants

We invite submissions from students pursuing law, academicians, scholars, advocates, naval officers, technical experts from the maritime Industry.

Important Dates

<i>Date of release of notification</i>	<i>14th of March 2025</i>
<i>Last Date for Abstract Submission</i>	<i>28th March 2025</i>
<i>Communication of Acceptance of Abstract and Opening of Registrations for Presenters</i>	<i>28nd March 2025</i>
<i>Last Date for Registrations for Presenters</i>	<i>28th March 2025</i>
<i>Last Date of Full Paper Submission</i>	<i>1st April 2025</i>
<i>Dates of Conference</i>	<i>2nd to 4th April 2025</i>

Mode of the Seminar

In recognition of the international character of the maritime industry, a hybrid mode has been adopted, wherein certain sessions will be conducted online to accommodate our resource persons.

Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts of not more than 300 words, for original research papers on the above-mentioned sub-themes are invited, submitted as Word document (.doc or .docx format), with a cover letter containing the name, designation of the author(s), institute of affiliation and contact details.
- Co-authorship is permitted to the maximum of two authors.
- The abstract shall reflect the research objectives, research questions, and the theme of the article. It should also be accompanied with 5-7 keywords.
- Only the authors of shortlisted abstracts shall be required to send their full-length papers and will be eligible to present their research papers.

All Abstracts to be sent via e-mail to TNDALU at

maritimeconferencetndalu@gmail.com on or before 28th march 2025 with the subject "TNDALU-Conference Abstract Submission"

Research Paper

After due scrutiny and communication of acceptance of the selected abstracts, the Editorial Board shall be accepting electronic submissions only. The following guidelines must be strictly followed:

- The full-length paper, Between 3500 -5000 words (inclusive of footnotes).
- must be sent as an attachment in .doc or .docx format. Submissions must be mailed to maritimeconferencetndalu@gmail.com with the subject "TNDALU-Conference Final Submission".
- Any form of plagiarism will lead to disqualification.
- The manuscript should not contain the name of the author, institutional affiliation or any other identification mark.
- Contributors are required to adhere to 21st edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation.
- The manuscript must strictly adhere to the following formatting guidelines:
- **MAIN BODY:** Font: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12, Line Spacing: 1.5 lines, and Alignment: Justified.
- **FOOTNOTES:** Font: Times New Roman, Font Size: 10, Line Spacing: 1 (Single), and Alignment: Justified.
- **MARGINS:** 1 inch or 2.54 cm on all sides.

The last date of sending the final submissions is 1st April, 2025.

Awards & Publication :

- There shall be awards for **Best and Second-best research papers** which shall entail a cash reward.
- Furthermore, there shall be **awards for Best and Second-best Presenters** which shall comprise a cash reward.
- **Top 15 research papers** shall be published in the form of an edited book and an additional 10 research papers shall be published on the Maritime Law Department Blog and Certificates of Publication for the same shall be provided.
- All the Presenters will receive a Certificate of Presentation.

Registration Procedures

Only those whose abstracts have been selected will be eligible to register as presenters.

The following points should be duly noted:

- *The registration process for the presenters shall begin after the intimation of selection of abstracts i.e. **28th March 2025**.*
- *A registration form will be duly attached with the intimation mail.*
- *The presenters shall be required to send the duly filled registration form along with the electronic proof of payment of registration fees (scanned receipt/screenshot) to maritimeconferencetndalu@gmail.com.*

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Category	Observing Technical Session (Participation)	To Present Papers (Presenter)
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International Participants	US \$ 25	US \$ 50

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