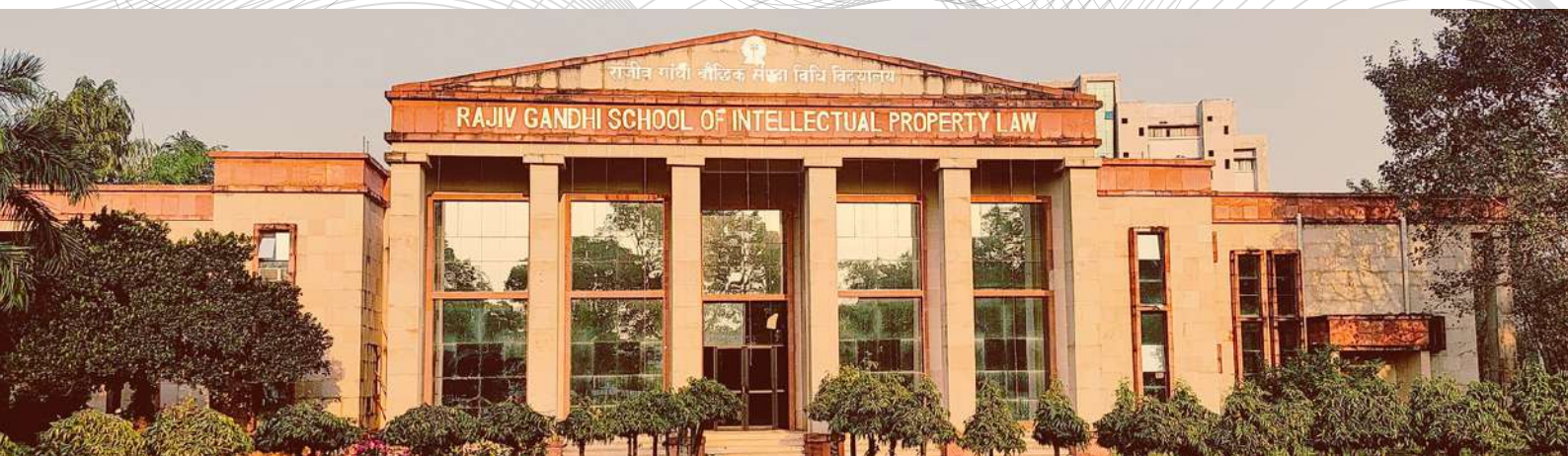




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**4th NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LEGAL EDUCATION,
PROFESSION AND INTEGRATING PRO BONO CULTURE
FOR BETTER ACCESS TO JUSTICE**



Central Theme of the Conference

**Reimagining Access to Justice:
Clinical Legal Education, Pro Bono
Lawyering and
Technology-Driven Legal Aid in
Contemporary India**

OCTOBER 3 - 4, 2026

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About the Conference:

The primary objective of our upcoming conference is to establish a dynamic platform that brings together students, researchers, academicians, legal practitioners, and other stakeholders to contribute significantly to the ongoing discourse surrounding essential reforms in India's Pro Bono culture. In India, Pro Bono Legal Services have traditionally been carried out in an unorganized manner by individual lawyers, NGOs, and law firms. The conference seeks to address this by fostering collaboration and discussions that will lead to a more structured and impactful Pro Bono legal framework. By providing a space for dialogue, we aim to catalyze positive changes that will make justice more available, accessible, and affordable for all members of our society.

Furthermore, our focus extends to protecting the rights of the illiterate, the unheard, and the unfortunate segments of our society. We believe in building a robust Legal Aid System that not only addresses pressing concerns but also ensures a fair and just legal representation for those who need it the most. Join us in shaping the future of Pro Bono legal services in India, where our collective efforts can make a lasting impact on the lives of those who are underserved in our communities.

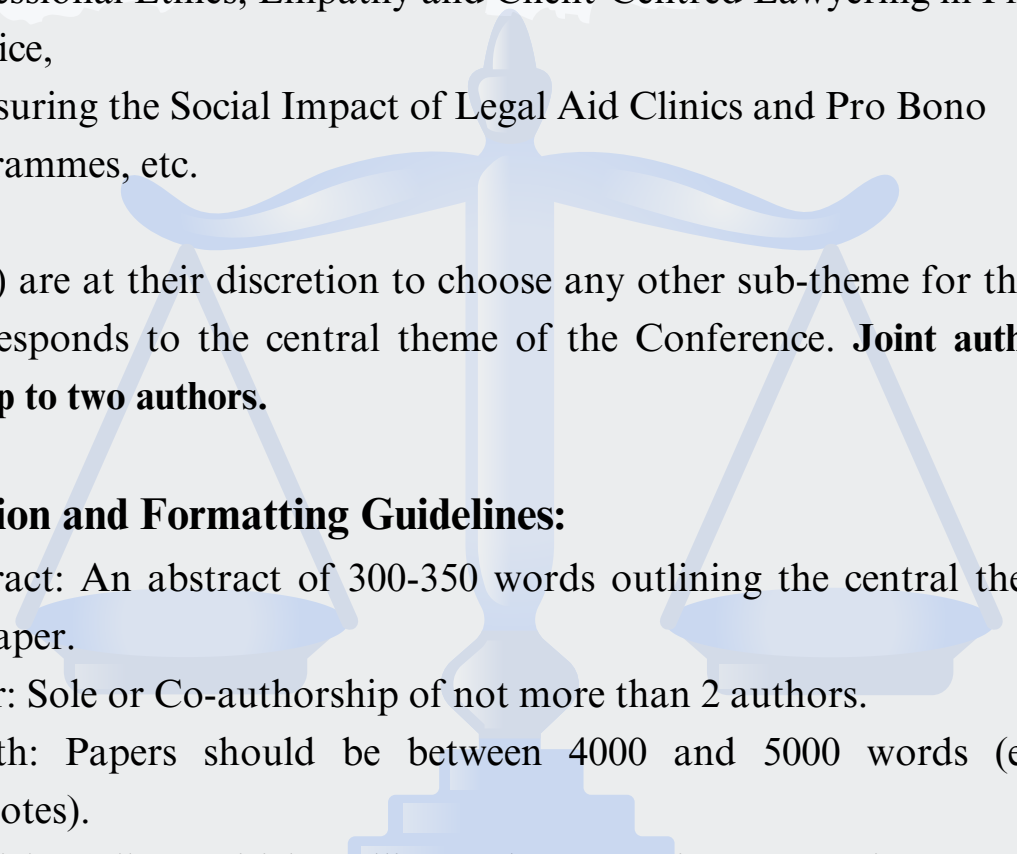
Eligibility:

The Conference is open to academicians, students, researchers, practitioners, and other stakeholder interested in the subject.

Call for Paper:

Pro Bono Club, RGSoIPL, IIT Kharagpur, invites paper from legal professionals, academicians, practitioners, research scholars, administrators, students, social activists, and the representatives of governmental and nongovernmental organizations to present their research papers on the following sub-themes:

1. Clinical Legal Education and Social Justice Lawyering in the New Legal Order,
2. Access to Justice in the Digital Age: Opportunities, Exclusion and Ethical Concerns,
3. Artificial Intelligence, Legal Aid and the Future of Pro Bono Practice,

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4. Role of Law Schools in Advancing Constitutional Values through Legal Aid and Pro Bono Work,
 5. Technology-Enabled Legal Aid: Online Dispute Resolution, E-Clinics and Virtual Client Counselling,
 6. Building a Sustainable Pro Bono Ecosystem: Collaboration among Bar, Bench, Academia and Civil Society,
 7. Legal Aid for Vulnerable Groups: Women, Children, Migrant Workers, Persons with Disabilities and Prisoners,
 8. Professional Ethics, Empathy and Client-Centred Lawyering in Pro Bono Practice,
 9. Measuring the Social Impact of Legal Aid Clinics and Pro Bono Programmes, etc.

Author(s) are at their discretion to choose any other sub-theme for their paper that corresponds to the central theme of the Conference. **Joint authorship is allowed up to two authors.**

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- Line Spacing: The line spacing of the main text of the paper should be 1.5. The line spacing words between footnotes should be 1.
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Abstract shall be submitted to this Link by August 30, 2026:

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- Last Date for Abstract Submission: August 30, 2026
- Communication of Acceptance of Abstract: On Rolling Basis
- Last Date for Registration and Payment in IIT Portal: September 20, 2026
- Submission of Full Paper: September 27, 2026
- Dates of Conference: October 3-4, 2026

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