



Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur
CENTRE FOR SHAASTRIC STUDIES
AND RESEARCH IN LAW

in association with

Kavi Kulaguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University, Ramtek

For the first time in India has launched a uniquely designed

Certificate Course in

SHAASTRIC METHOD
OF ARGUMENTATION

(Touchstones, Structure and
Checkpoints in Argumentation)

*Based upon Indic Principles of
Logic and Legal Reasoning*



October 2020-January 2020

(Online Weekend Course)

Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur

Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur was established by the Government of Maharashtra by way of enactment known as Maharashtra National Law University Act (Maharashtra Act No. VI of 2014). The University is the nineteenth National Law University in India. Hon'ble Shri Justice S.A. Bobde, Chief Justice of India is the Chancellor of the University. The University is a residential University engaged into promoting quality legal education and conducting cutting edge research on thriving issues of law, social science and humanities. The University is presently offering B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course; LL.M. One-Year Postgraduate Degree Course; Ph.D. interface with law.

Kavi Kulaguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University, Ramtek

Kavi Kulaguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University is the first Sanskrit University of Maharashtra and Central India. It has its head quarter at Ramtek. The University was established on September 18, 1997. It is the statutory University having affiliatory powers within and without India with core jurisdiction of State of Maharashtra. KKSU is unique in nature and is entirely different from all the existing Sanskrit Universities in academic nature. The other Sanskrit Universities cater for traditional learning in Sanskrit like Veda, Vedanta, Vyakarana, Nyaya, Mimamsa, Dharmashastra, Sahitya etc. KKSU has innovative academic programme and syllabus having modern subjects associated with traditional Sanskrit. On one hand, the courses emphasise on modernity and on the other hand they strive to preserve traditionality. All the courses of K.K. Sanskrit University are consultancy-oriented. The University has special emphasis on Science and Technology in ancient India as preserved in the Sanskrit texts.



CENTRE FOR SHAASTRIC STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN LAW (CSSRL)

Background

Modern legal studies, rule making, justice dispensation, practice, procedure, and the methodologies presently associated thereto are greatly influenced by the western philosophy and the Westminster model of governance. Even after 70 years of independence, the methods of inquiry as well as decision making process are undertaken in the same manner.

The Indic knowledge resources encompass systems of justice, governance, practise as well as procedure. Their emphasis on development of a scientific temper and methods of inquiry has led to the creation of vast body of time-tested intellectual heritage. These knowledge systems came to a stand-still due to certain historical reasons. Despite the time lapse, these knowledge systems encapsulated in our literature like Nyaayashaastra, Mimaansaa, Arthashaastra, etc, continue to be relevant and can help us resolve many constitutional, administrative and legal issues. However, we did not recognise, revise and apply these knowledge resources.

The Idea of Indic Legal Studies

Recognising the importance of such a measure, the Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur in association with Kavi Kulaguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University, Ramtek have established the Centre for Shaastric Studies and Research in Law (CSSRL). This unprecedented collaboration through an MOU between a National Law University and a prestigious Sanskrit University has brought about just the right confluence of expertise flowing from shaastric and legal fields. The universities are conscious of the long term goals and therefore seek to identify these knowledge systems as relevant for both the theory of law and its practise and therefore endeavour to undertake appropriate research activities and develop the necessary teachings.



Vision

“Innovation in Law by Exploring Shaastric Wisdom”

Dedicated to working on innovations in areas of legal education, law making, law practice and procedure, legal and factual inquiries, argumentation, interpretation, justice dispensation and methodologies related thereto, by exploring the Indic principles of jurisprudence, this one-of-its-kind Inter-University Centre promises to strengthen the legal foundations through a confluence of shaastric wisdom and modern legal studies.



Mission

Both the universities have identified the following specific objectives to be achieved on a primary level in order to take this project ahead:

- To identify such branches and subjects in Indic knowledge systems as are relevant for the study of law,
- To explore such identified branches and conduct guided and probing research in areas of legal studies, law making, legal practise and procedure, evidence, argumentation, interpretation, legal reasoning, decision making, administration of justice, etc.
- To study and utilize these knowledge systems for resolving contemporary issues,
- To hold seminars and conduct world class research and analysis,
- To create novel expertise and develop human resource,
- To develop and launch practical-oriented courses in the various levels of academics.
- To entrust the development of study material and pedagogy to the expertise in that field comprising of scholars in shaastric knowledge, academicians, lawyers and judges and to ensure that the course material so developed is appropriately suited for the academics of law as well as legal practice.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Introduction

Discussions, debates, dialogues pleadings, arguments etc., are the various intellectual discourses and exchanges that are meant for creation, processing and synthesis of knowledge. This exercise of intellectual exchange is crucial to all fields of knowledge and therefore, the method, logic, reasoning and fallacies involved therein are a matter of elaborate study. In view of the significance of argumentation in various fields and specifically in the field of law, for the first time in India, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur in association with Kavi Kulaguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University, Ramtek is launching a uniquely designed Certificate Course on “Shaastric Method of Argumentation” which is based on the logic of Nyayashastra and Indian Jurisprudence. This course is specifically designed to develop skills involved in method, structure, presentation, fallacies, ethics of argumentation and logical reasoning.

Objectives

Scientific study of the touchstones, methods and checkpoints in argumentation is the aim of this course. The key objectives of the course are as follows:

- To know the means of valid knowledge for conducting inquiries into facts,
- To understand and distinguish between various kinds of arguments,
- To learn the method and various stages of argumentation,
- To inculcate the practise of developing a systematic thought process and articulating the same with precision,
- To develop the skill of logically structuring an argument,
- To hone the skill of presentation of arguments,
- To create awareness about the various fallacies and points of defeat in argumentation,
- To sensitise the ethical aspects of argumentation.

Course Structure

This course shall be offered in academic year 2020-21 in “Distance Education Mode” in association with KKSU, Ramtek. There shall be three papers of 100 marks each out of which the third paper shall be completely practical based wherein the focus will be on the study of arguments from the practical world in the light of the tenets of argumentation studied in earlier two papers. The passing marks for each paper shall be 50%. The Certificate Course shall impart training on theoretical and practical aspects of methods, stages, fallacies, ethics etc. of argumentation.

Eligibility

The eligibility for admission to Certificate Course shall be any graduate with not less than 50% marks (45% in case of reserved categories) from a recognised University. Students undertaking five-year integrated Degree Courses shall be eligible for admission (only Fourth and Fifth Year students). There is no age limit. Professionals and Employees are also eligible for the admission. Interested candidates have to submit the duly filled application along with other enclosures and fee.

Duration, Attendance and Termination

The duration of the course shall be three months (October 2020- January 2020) and classes will be conducted on Saturdays and Sundays. A candidate shall be required to attend at least 65% of total lectures/classes including guest lectures and practical training before he/she can appear for the examination in each paper.

Fee Structure

Total fee after 50% fees reduction due to COVID-19 (Only for this academic year) is Rs. 7,000/-

Teaching Methodology

In order to cater to the needs of this sui generis interdisciplinary course, multi-faceted teaching methods will be employed. Since the course content itself promotes development of a scientific temper and spirit of inquiry, the system of lecture method shall be coupled with participatory andragogy and co-operative teaching in most of the modules. Teaching methodology will involve seminars, lectures, focussed group discussions etc. Enrolled students will be required to attend classes (online) on weekends i.e. on Saturdays and Sundays. Currently, all kinds of academic activities of the University are suspended due to the outbreak of Covid-19. Online mode of teaching is opted for all regular and distance education courses offered by the University. Physical classes of the course will be conducted after academic activities resume.

Library Access

Enrolled candidates are entitled to have access to MNLU Nagpur library on all working days for the entire duration of the course for reference. The candidates have to produce their course identity card at the entry point of the MNLU Nagpur library. However, due to the outbreak of Covid-19, the University's academic activities are suspended. Until resumption of the University, the enrolled students of this Certificate Course will be provided access to NLU, Nagpur Electronic Library Resources.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date of Advertisement

September 05, 2020

Last Date to Submit Application in Prescribed Format

October 05, 2020

Commencement of Session

October 16, 2020 (Tentative)

Mode of Application

The candidates have to submit admission form from the website and apply through the prescribed application form along with other enclosures and fee.

NOTE:

1. The fee once paid is non-refundable and cannot be carried forward under any circumstances.
2. Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission. Any concealment of required information or furnishing wrong information will amount to cancellation of admission at any time.
3. All the admissions are provisional and the University reserves the right not to consider the candidature of any candidate for admission and /or to cancel the admission at any time.
4. Accommodation will not be provided to the students of this course during classes and Examination.
5. The University reserves the right to modify / revise the admission procedure, course curriculum, the examination pattern and the fee structure from time to time.

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