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**Chanakya National
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ABOUT CNLU

Chanakya National Law University, Patna was established on 15th July 2006 under the Chanakya National Law University Act, 2006 (Bihar Act No. 24 of 2006) and is recognised under Sections 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956. The University was founded with the vision of serving society through quality legal education and legal awareness.

Over the years, CNLU has emerged as a centre of excellence in legal education and research, with a strong pan-India reputation. It actively enhances professional readiness through career fairs, skill-development programmes, and personalised career guidance.

Committed to academic and intellectual growth, CNLU provides extensive opportunities for developing research skills and practical acumen through conferences, capacity-building programmes, and guest lectures in collaboration with statutory bodies, academic institutions, and legal professionals. Supported by eminent judges, senior advocates, and academicians, and equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure, CNLU ensures legal education of the highest standards.



ABOUT CHAIR PROFESSOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

The Chair Professor, Panchayati Raj at Chanakya National Law University is committed to promoting rigorous academic inquiry into the theory and practice of local self-governance in India. It serves as a dedicated platform for teaching, research, and intellectual engagement on the Panchayati Raj system.

The Chair focuses on the constitutional, legal, and institutional framework of Panchayati Raj, with particular emphasis on democratic decentralisation, grassroots justice, and institutional strengthening. It encourages interdisciplinary and field-based research to critically examine the functioning and challenges of local governance institutions.

A core objective of the Chair is to generate research-driven insights that support evidence-based policymaking and effective implementation of decentralised governance models. The Chair also undertakes capacity-building initiatives, including training programmes for elected representatives of Gram Panchayats and Gram Katchahari.

Through seminars, workshops, conferences, and national and international collaborations, the Chair aims to foster academic dialogue, enhance governance capacity, and contribute meaningfully to the evolution of local self-governance in India.



Theme : Local governance and Panchayati Raj Institutions

Suggestive Sub Themes

- Assessing the Implementation, Achievements and Structural Gaps of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment.
- Technological Interventions, Democratic Access and Emerging Challenges
- Inclusion, Representation and Empowerment of Marginalised Communities
- Design, Implementation and Accountability of Welfare and Development Schemes
- Transforming Rural Administration through Technological Opportunities, Risks and the Digital Divide
- Evaluating the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments in Strengthening Local Self-Governance
- Assessing the Impact of Women's Reservations in Local Self-Government Institutions
- Role of State Finance Commissions and Devolution of Funds
- Local Self-Governments in Environmental Protection, Climate Action and Sustainable Development
- Advancing SDGs through Local Institutions and Technological Innovation
- Legal Framework, Implementation Challenges and Protection of Indigenous Rights
- Strengthening Gram Sabha Consent and Community Participation under PESA
- Any other issues related to Panchayati Raj Institutions

ABOUT THE JOURNAL

The CNLU Panchayati Raj Law Journal is a peer-reviewed academic journal dedicated to advancing scholarship on Panchayati Raj and local governance. It provides a rigorous platform for cutting-edge research, theoretical analysis, and empirical studies on decentralisation, fiscal federalism, financial autonomy, social inclusion, rural development, and grassroots democracy.

The journal welcomes contributions from scholars, academicians, researchers, legal practitioners, policymakers, and development professionals, and seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and evidence-based policy formulation to strengthen local self-government institutions in India and beyond. Selected quality papers may be invited for presentation at a conference organised by the Chair Panchayati Raj, Bihar, in collaboration with CNLU, Patna, with further details communicated to the authors.

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STUDENTS**

**RESEARCH
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ACADEMICIANS

PROFESSIONALS

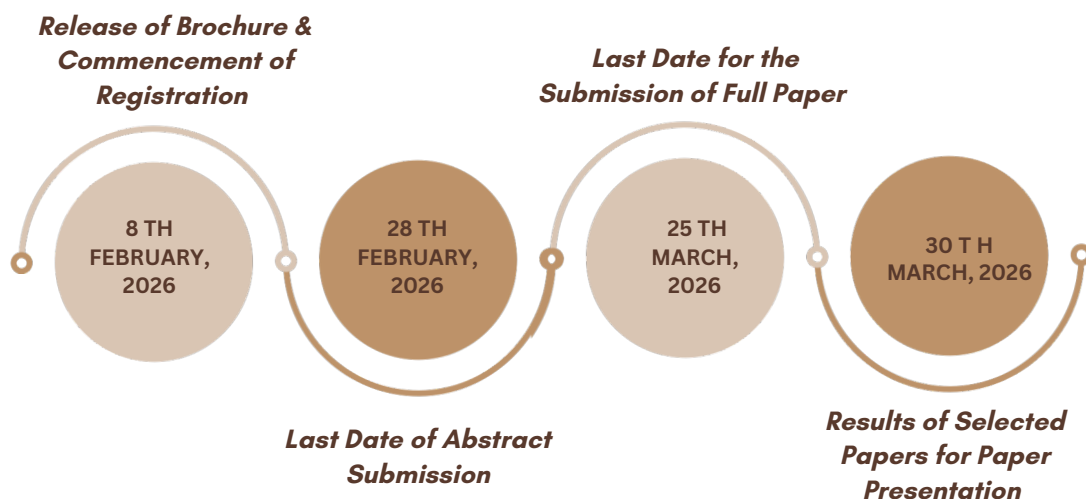


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