



SVKM's
Pravin Gandhi College of Law,
Mumbai



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LAW AND ETHICS

An Interdisciplinary Discourse



20th September, 2025

Juhu Jagruti Hall, Mithibai College, 1st floor
09:00 a.m. onwards

About Shri Vile Parle Kelavani Mandal:

Shri Vile Parle Kelavani Mandal (SVKM) is a public charitable trust registered under the Societies Registration Act and the Bombay Public Trusts Act. The Trust has always been committed to providing high-quality education at all levels. From its humble beginnings in 1934, when it took over the Rashtriya Shala, a school established in 1921 in the wake of the National Movement, the Mandal today has grown into a large educational enterprise, imparting high-level education to more than 35000 students. The ethos of the Mandal is marked by patriotic fervor, selfless service, and a spirit of indigenous enterprise. These values permeate all the institutions established by the Mandal and serve as the guiding principles for all of them.

After beginning its journey in the early 1930s, SVKM has blossomed into an educational colossus that has attained national recognition in multiple streams of higher education. With a strong guiding philosophy of providing education to all levels of the student community, along with creating a feeling of bonding and commitment amongst academic and non-academic employees. SVKM has mastered the art of being able to transform itself into a close-knit family and at the same time help its students to attain all-round development, be employable, and achieve success. With a strong vision and passion for being the pioneers of the modern education system, all SVKM institutes are state-of-the-art, with ever-expanding facilities and infrastructure.

About Pravin Gandhi College of Law

Under the aegis of the Mandal, established in the year 2004, SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law, permanently affiliated to the University of Mumbai, aims to strive towards providing quality education that meets the highest standards, both local and global. The college offers three programs: 5-Year Integrated B.A.LL.B program; Master's in Law (LL.M.) (2-Year Course) with Specializations in Business Law, Criminal Law, and Criminal Administration; and Post-Graduate Diploma in Cyber Law and IT (1 Year Course). All the programs are approved by the University of Mumbai.

SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law is the first and only law college under the University of Mumbai to receive an 'A+' Grade with a score of 3.28 CGPA on a four-point scale by the NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council). This incredible achievement in the first cycle of accreditation is a valued recognition reflecting our unwavering commitment to academic excellence, innovative teaching and holistic development

As one of the leading legal institutes, our vision of achieving excellence in education is further strengthened by ensuring that we constantly strive towards offering holistic and cutting-edge education that prepares our students to be professionally adept lawyers who are sensitive to societal

needs and uphold the rule of law with social compassion. In this realm, our educational goals have successfully incorporated into them academic spaces that instill curiosity to gain more knowledge and encourage critical reflections.

The annual conference is one of the landmark initiatives of the college in the direction of achieving these goals. Held every year since 2017, this year, we mark the 9th edition of our annual conference. The themes of our previous conference have led to discussions and deliberations on areas of legal research and practice, blending areas of inquiry from law and all related, interconnected and interdependent areas of research and practice: Themes on education, inclusivity, media and entertainment, gender, sustainable development, and democracy have been curated in the past to present to our participants a comprehensive and holistic understanding of law. The theme of this year's conference - *Law and Ethics: An Interdisciplinary Discourse* - is in furtherance of our vision of providing a platform for academicians, practitioners, and research scholars from the field of law and all its allied areas.

About the Conference:

One of the foundational questions that law grapples with is: 'What should one do?' The determination of right or wrong is inextricably intertwined with principles of ethics, which provide a set of guiding principles that influence individual and collective decisions and attempt to balance personal conduct with societal good. While law enforces rules that govern behaviour and uphold societal order, ethics addresses the moral compass that guides all human decisions.

This intersection of law and ethics invites critical inquiry into their dynamic relationship. Do ethics shape the foundation of certain laws? For example, how do notions of right and wrong inform those laws that address human rights? Conversely, can some laws challenge the moral fabric of a society as seen in the debates surrounding euthanasia, abortion, or marital rape? How do legal systems address grey areas, when an act is unethical but legal, or when an act is legal but morally contentious? These complex questions demand an interdisciplinary inquiry.

In today's world, these dilemmas are further aggravated by global challenges such as issues relating to environmental protection, poverty alleviation, advancements in technology, and other socio-political concerns. For instance, the rapid rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) raises ethical concerns about privacy, preference, and accountability. Similarly, the refugee crisis poses pressing questions about displacement, migration, and the ethical obligations of sovereign states to protect vulnerable populations.

The deliberations on such complex ethico-legal issues through a multifaceted lens that incorporates perspectives from varied disciplines, such as anthropology, sociology, philosophy, political science, theology, literature, cinema, journalism, and other such areas of study, will facilitate a meaningful discourse. The proposed conference aims to explore how laws and ethics influence human behaviour, uphold justice, and balance individual interests with those of society, while grappling with the inherent tensions between legality and ethicality.

Call for Papers:

We invite papers from legal professionals, academicians, practitioners, and students across disciplines to address the theme of the conference from varied perspectives.

Suggested Themes:

- Theoretical, philosophical or applied approaches to legal ethics
- Intersection of morality and law
- Ethics in legal practice
- Judicial Ethics
- Role of society, culture, and religious ethics in legal systems
- Ethical concerns in Artificial Intelligence and Tech-law
- Ethics in corporate and business laws
- Constitutional Morality
- Environmental Ethics

- Inclusivity and ethical considerations
- Bioethics
- Duty vs Rights within the moral dilemma
- The role of ethics in judicial decision-making
- Contemporary ethical debates in landmark cases
- Moral philosophy and its role in shaping contemporary legal systems
- Legal-ethical dilemmas in fiction and cinema
- Ethics in literature

Submission Details:

Abstract

- Abstract length: 500 words. Abstract must contain the Name and email of the author, list of references, 3 keywords, and the working title of the paper.
- Two co-authors are allowed.
- Abstracts must be only uploaded on the Link given below
- Abstracts will be considered only after the fee payment

Paper Presentation:

- Selected papers will be called upon to make a 15-minute presentation at the conference. Papers may be presented in-absentia (online) on request.
- A 'Best Paper Presented' certificate will be awarded to the best presenter.
- Abstracts not selected for presentation are free to attend the Conference and will be given a Certificate of Participation.

Publication:

- There will be a two-step review process for paper selection and publication.
- Only selected papers will be published.
- Only papers that strictly adhere to the guidelines will be published in a book with an ISBN number.
- Plagiarism must be below 10% as per institutional checks.
- Only original, unpublished papers may be submitted.
Language: English, File Type: MS Word, Document Font: Times New Roman, Size: 12, Footnotes: 10.
- Length: Min. 3000 words- 6000 words.
- Citations are essential, and footnotes must be in the format of Harvard Bluebook 19th Edition.
- The paper must be coherent and grammatically correct.

To Note:

- The final selection of papers will be at the sole discretion of the organizers. Those papers that do not conform to academic standards will not be selected for publication.
- A certificate and an e-book of abstracts will be given to all paper presenters.
- An e-book will be provided to all participants.
- A print copy of the ISBN Book will be sent only to the authors whose papers are published.
- No refunds will be made.

Important Dates:

Last Date of Abstract Submission	20th August 2025
Intimation of Selection	25th August 2025
Full Submission of Papers	5th September 2025
Date of Conference	20th September 2025

Registration Fees:

	Participation	Paper presentation: Single Author	Paper Presentation: Co-author
PGCL Students	200	400	500
Within SVKM Students	300	500	600
Outside SVKM Students	400	600	700
Within SVKM Employees	500	800	1000
Outside SVKM Professionals	600	1000	1200

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