

National Seminar on

UNLOCKING PUNJAB'S WATER WEALTH

**A BHARAT-CENTRIC BLUE ECONOMY APPROACH TO
HOLISTIC HUMAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Hybrid Mode

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Organised by
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ABOUT DESH BHAGAT UNIVERSITY

Desh Bhagat University (DBU), located in Mandi Gobindgarh, was established under the Punjab Government's Desh Bhagat University Act. The university is named after freedom fighter Sr. Lal Singh Ji, who was honored with the "Tamra Patra" by the Government of India in 1972 for his contributions to the freedom struggle. DBU is a NAAC A+ Accredited University with a student strength of over 10,000 from across India and 20+ countries. The campus is digitally transformed to align with the outcomes of the New Education Policy. It is a multidisciplinary, student-centric, industry-driven, and research-focused institution offering programs at the diploma, undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels across various fields, including Engineering, Management, Hotel Management, Hospitality and Tourism, Computer Sciences, Ayurveda, Nursing, Education, Commerce, Airlines, Law, Agriculture Sciences, Languages, Social Sciences, Applied Sciences, Pharmacy, Dental Sciences, and Paramedical Science. DBU has integrated several advanced educational tools and platforms, such as NPTEL, IIT Bombay Spoken Tutorial, Virtual Labs, Internshala, INFLIBNET, Saylor's Academy of the USA, and Coursera. These collaborations provide free online education, international certifications, and opportunities for students to study abroad through Pathway/Twinning Programs.

DBU has established a 24/7 Robotics & Automation Lab, several Centers of Excellence, and numerous industry collaborations. The recently established Electric Vehicle Center of Excellence and the IIC cell foster research, development, and entrepreneurship among students. DBU also has a Technology Business Incubator (DB Business Foundation) to support young entrepreneurs with seed funding and mentoring.

ABOUT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

The University School of Law at Desh Bhagat University stands as a distinguished centre for legal education, committed to nurturing academic excellence and professional growth. With a focus on shaping the legal leaders of tomorrow, the school boasts a faculty of esteemed scholars and experienced educators who bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the academic environment. The School of Law emphasizes a well-rounded approach to legal studies, offering a balance of theoretical understanding and practical skills essential for success in the ever-changing field of law.

At University School of Law, students embark on a transformative educational journey, characterized by innovative teaching methods, interactive sessions, and hands-on learning opportunities. The curriculum is designed to address the latest developments in the legal field, ensuring that graduates are well-prepared to navigate the complexities of modern legal practice. With state-of-the-art facilities, including modern classrooms, a

comprehensive library, and moot courtroom, students have access to an enriching academic environment that fosters critical thinking, research, and the cultivation of ethical legal practice.

The University School of Law's dedication to intellectual curiosity and professional integrity makes it a top choice for students aspiring to excel in the legal profession, positioning Desh Bhagat University as a premier institution for legal education.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The National Seminar on "Unlocking Punjab's Water Wealth: A Bharat-Centric Blue Economy Approach to Holistic Human Sustainable Development", organised by Desh Bhagat University, Punjab, deals with the urgent challenges of water management in one of India's most fertile regions. Central Water Pollution Prevention Law is applied in whole of the nation. Punjab is witnessing water scarcity due to the over-extraction of groundwater, river pollution, and inefficient irrigation practices. Despite its rich inland water resources—including reservoirs, rivers, canals, and lakes—the state faces a critical need for sustainable water management. This seminar aims to address these challenges by adopting a Bharat-centric Blue Economy framework, which promotes the sustainable and equitable use of water resources. This approach integrates ecological conservation with economic development, focusing on optimising agricultural water use, conserving aquatic ecosystems, and exploring water-based industries like aquaculture and ecotourism. It encourages the utilisation of traditional water management techniques and modern technologies such as GIS and remote sensing, as well as integrated water resource management (IWRM).

The event will bring together academics, policymakers, and practitioners to explore community engagement, indigenous knowledge systems, and necessary policy reforms to combat Punjab's water crisis. Discussions will also explore how Punjab's water management model can inspire similar efforts in other water-stressed regions of India and globally, with an emphasis on water security and socio-economic development. The seminar report will be sent to Punjab Government for policy promotion through the ICSSR.

The theme also connects to India's broader foreign policy and international relations, addressing global water scarcity challenges. Through water diplomacy and partnerships, India can strengthen international cooperation, particularly with neighbouring countries on trans-boundary water management, positioning itself as a leader in global sustainable development and climate resilience.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the seminar on "Unlocking Punjab's Water Wealth: A Bharat-Centric Blue Economy Approach to Holistic Human Sustainable Development" is to explore sustainable strategies for harnessing Punjab's water resources in alignment with India's indigenous economic and ecological principles. This seminar aims to foster discussions on integrating traditional wisdom with modern innovations to enhance water conservation, agricultural resilience, and industrial sustainability. By emphasizing a Bharat-centric blue economy, the event will focus on policies and practices that ensure equitable water distribution, environmental regeneration, and socio-economic growth. Experts, policymakers, and stakeholders will deliberate on innovative water management solutions, community-driven conservation efforts, and sustainable development models that align with India's broader vision of self-reliance and ecological balance. Through this dialogue, the seminar seeks to formulate actionable recommendations that will contribute to a holistic, water-secure, and economically thriving Punjab.

SUB-THEMES:

- Legal Framework for Water Governance in Punjab
- Water Rights and Equity in reference to Legal Approaches to Ensuring Fair Distribution in Punjab
- Environmental Laws and Water Conservation
- Legal Perspective related to Public-Private Partnerships in Water Resource Management
- International and National Legal Instruments for Transboundary Water Management and its Implications for Punjab
- Climate Change and Water Law
- Legal Responses to Addressing Water Scarcity and Flooding in Punjab Agricultural Transformation
- Role of Water Tribunals and Courts in Water Disputes
- Cultural and Traditional Water Practices
- Technological Innovations
- Sustainable Agriculture and Water Law
- Protecting Water Ecosystems through Legal Instruments
- Community Participation and Social Dimensions
- Economic Opportunities and Employment
- Global Collaborations and Best Practices
- Blue Economy Strategies: Best Use of Water Resource Utilization
- Blue Economy as a Framework for Sustainable Growth
- Integrating Blue Economy into Farming Practices

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- All manuscripts will be accepted in electronic format. The manuscript should be of 2000-4000 words approximately.
- **Abstract:** The submitted manuscript must include an abstract of 250-350 words at the beginning, summarizing the structure and essence of the paper followed by a list of 5-6 key words which are to be written in alphabetical order. The abstract is not included in the word limit of the manuscript.
- **Main Body:** The main text should be formatted in Times New Roman, Font Size 12, with 1.5 line spacing, 1-inch margins on all sides, and justified alignment on A4 size paper.
- **Footnotes:** Footnotes should be formatted in Times New Roman, Font Size 10, with 1.0 line spacing, and justified alignment.
- **Citation Style:** Footnotes must follow the Harvard Bluebook Citation Style (21st ed). Speaking or substantive footnotes are discouraged.
- Endnotes / Hyperlinks: The use of endnotes or hyperlinks will not be accepted.
- Papers can be presented in hybrid mode. Selected papers will be published as an edited volume with an ISBN.
- Abstract & paper to submitted via email:

icssrnationalseminar2025law@deshbhagatuniversity.in

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Date of the Seminar : 28-29 March, 2025**
- **Last Date of Submission of Abstracts: 25 March, 2025**
- **Last Date of Registration: 22 March, 2025**

Registration fee*	Till 22th March, 2025	Till 25th March, 2025	On spot Registration
Post Graduate Students	300/-	400/-	500/-
Research Scholars	400/-	500/-	600/-
Academics/Faculty	500/-	600/-	900/-

- The Registration fees includes hardcopy of the published ISBN Book, Seminar Kit, Lunch and High Tea.

REGISTRATION LINK

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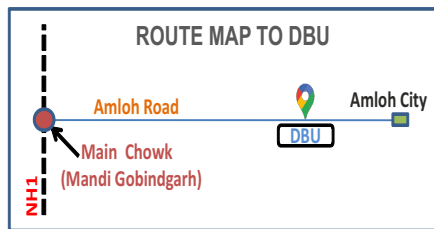
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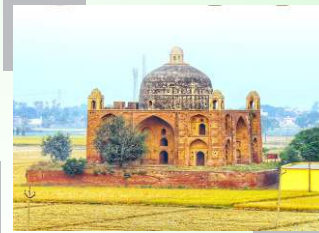
SCAN LOCATION

HOW TO REACH

- DBU can be reached by bus, car, taxi etc. The nearest airport is Chandigarh.
- DBU is 62 KMs from Chandigarh (via. Fatehgarh Sahib). The buses are easily available from ISBT (Sector 43) Chandigarh.
- NH1 is basically Delhi-Ludhiana-Amritsar highway, so transporta on facility can be easily available.
- DBU is 6 KMs from main chowk (Mandi Gobingarh), buses are easily available



Fatehgarh Sahib



Sirhind



Patiala



Chandigarh

NEARBY PLACES TO VISIT

Mandi Gobindgarh, though industrial in nature, is surrounded by culturally and historically significant sites. Here are some nearby places to visit and their importance:

Fatehgarh Sahib (Approx. 20 km): This historic town is significant religious site for Sikhs. **The Fatehgarh Sahib Gurdwara** marks the place where Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh, the younger sons of Guru Gobind Singh, were martyred. The site stands as a tribute to their sacrifice.

Sirhind (Approx. 20 km): Known as the gateway to Punjab, Sirhind has immense historical importance due to its role in Sikh history. The town features several monuments from the Mughal period. Aam Khas Bagh (a Mughal Garden complex) and Sanghol Museum (artifacts from the Indus Valley Civilization) are the must visit attractions.

Patiala (Approx. 50 km): Known for its royal heritage, Patiala offers a blend of Punjabi culture, architecture and tradition. Must-Visit attractions of this area are Qila Mubarak Complex, Sheesh Mahal, Baradari Gardens, Patiala's unique cuisine and traditional "Phulkari" embroidery.

Chandigarh (Approx. 65 km): The capital city of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh is known for its urban design by Le Corbusier and its green spaces. Must-Visit Attractions of Chandigarh are Rock Garden, Sukhna Lake, Rose Garden, Pinjore Gardens (nearby).

