



**ONE-DAY  
NATIONAL SEMINAR**  
**on Narcotic Drugs and  
Psychotropic Substances:  
Exploring Policy, Ethics  
and Social Impact**

in Collaboration with  
Statesman Law Partners



**Organizers**

School of **Law** & School of **Medical & Allied Sciences**  
GD Goenka University

**5th April 2024**

**Mode of Seminar**

The conference will be organized in Blended/Hybrid mode.  
If there are any changes, participants would be advised accordingly.

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## Concept Note

The legal landscape surrounding drug policies has been a subject of ongoing debate and scrutiny in our nation. The complexity of drug-related issues demands a thorough reevaluation of existing laws and policies to ensure a comprehensive and effective approach towards managing the challenges posed by drug abuse, trafficking, and related criminal activities. In light of this, the proposed national seminar aims to delve into the multifaceted aspects of drug laws, their impact on society, and the necessity for timely reforms.

This National Seminar will provide a platform to bring together the inquisitive legal luminaries, professionals and students to share their views on drugs laws, public health and social justice aspects. It is envisioned that the collective wisdom and expertise shared during this event will contribute significantly to the evolution of a more nuanced and effective drug policy framework in our country.

## About GD Goenka University

GD Goenka University is an internationally acclaimed and premier institution of higher education in India. Quality education aimed at directing the students towards research, innovation and extension is the defining element of the GD Goenka University. The GD Goenka University, recognised by UGC, aspires to be a global leader in the 21st-century higher education ecosystem through enshrined core values of intellectual excellence, collegiality, diversity and integrity. GD Goenka University is also recognised as QS IQUAGE "Diamond" rated University. GD Goenka University has state-of-the-art infrastructure, salubrious, air-conditioned, well-maintained, Wi-Fi-enabled campuses, well-equipped libraries, and hi-tech laboratories. GD Goenka University is a member of prestigious national and international associations like the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and the International Association of Universities (IAU).



## About School of Law

The School of Law aims to explore and identify novel areas of law and policy through relentless engagement in developing legal theory and practice, academic potential, critical analytical ability and advocacy skills so as to fully equip the students with learning which is intellectually stimulating, socially vital and professionally enriching. The School of Law adopts a multidisciplinary approach towards legal education and develops a positive attitude in students to make them realize that lawyers are an integral part of the system of adjudication, determination of policies and setting up of standards for regulation of various activities through relevant institutions. It, therefore, trains them for placements in judicial and quasi-judicial bodies, regulatory authorities, commissions, voluntary organisations and other sectors.



## About School of Medical & Allied Sciences

As a result of increasing interest and the national need for related health services, the School of Medical & Allied Sciences has been established at G.D. Goenka University to train experts in different healthcare fields. School of Medical & Allied Science (SoMAS) is PCI approved institution providing experimental learning in Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Radiology, Optometry, Cardio-Vascular Technology, Medical and laboratory Sciences associated with advanced hospitals i.e. Medanta, The Medicity, Max healthcare, Artemis Hospital and Fortis Memorial Research Institute. We believe that in the field of Biomedical Sciences, there's always something new to discover. Therefore, our courses focus on practical skills. SOMAS also concerned with the social, cultural, and economic determinants of health, as well as the policies and systems that shape healthcare delivery.



## About Statesman Law Partners

At Statesman Law Partners, we maintain an unwavering commitment to safeguarding the paramount interests of our clients. Our proficient team possesses the acumen to conceptualize strategic plans, guiding both our clients and peers towards the attainment of optimal outcomes. This proficiency is grounded in our ability to discern potential possibilities.

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## Theme & Sub-themes

### Main Theme

"Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Exploring Policy, Ethics and Social Impact".

### Sub- Themes

1. Assessing the Effectiveness of Existing Drug Laws: Successes, Challenges, and Gaps
2. Public Health Perspective: The Impact of Drug Laws on Treatment, Rehabilitation, and Harm Reduction
3. Narcotic drugs and substances: social impact
4. Drug abuse.
5. Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice: Balancing Enforcement and Social Justice in Drug-Related Cases
6. Exploring Policy Reforms and Solutions
7. Redefining Punitive Measures: Exploring Alternatives to Incarceration
8. Integrating Public Health Strategies into Drug Law Frameworks
9. Enhancing Community Engagement and Support for Individuals Affected by Drug Abuse
10. Plenary Session: Drafting a Framework for Progressive Drug Laws

*Please Note – Papers on any other topic is also taken into consideration, directly or indirectly related to the main theme.*

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## Important Date

- Last Date of Abstracts Submission: **28 February 2024**
- Abstract Submission at **[national.seminar@gdgu.org](mailto:national.seminar@gdgu.org)**
- Complete paper submission along with registration fee: **30th March 2024**
- Date of Conference: **5th April 2024**

## Call For Papers

We cordially invite Articles and Research Papers on the Theme and Sub-Themes from Academicians, Researchers, Advocates, Students and NGOs/civil societies to submit high-quality research papers, including field studies. Research papers received for inclusion in the conference proceedings shall be subject to the approval of the Editorial Committee. All the participants are expected to submit their original, unpublished research work. All research papers shall also be subject to the scrutiny of anti-plagiarism software. Selected articles containing original, critical, substantive, thorough, and in-depth research work, as adjudged by the Editorial Committee, will be selected for publication in the UGC Care List Journal/Edited Book with ISBN Number.

## Registration Fee

Academicians	Rs. 750/- per paper
Research Scholars/ Students	Rs. 500/- per paper
Participation without paper presentation	Rs 500/- per head

*\* Maximum 2 Co-authors are allowed.*

*\*\* In case of Co-authorship, the amount must be paid separately.*

## Registration link

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