

**One day National Seminar on “Legal Aspects of Uranium Mining in India:
Issues and Concerns.”**

About NUJS: The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences is a premier law institute which has been consistently ranked among the top five law universities of India. Having been founded in the year 1999, the University has produced a number of outstanding lawyers, judges, research scholars and civil servants. Under the current guidance of its Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti, one of the most respected and renowned legal scholars in India and backed by a rich and diverse faculty, the University strives to continue with its history of merit in various domains of law.

About UCIL: The Uranium Corporation of India Limited is a Public Sector Enterprise under the Department of Atomic Energy with a special standing at the forefront of Nuclear Power cycle. Fulfilling the requirement of uranium for the Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors, UCIL plays a very significant role in nuclear power generation of the country. UCIL is known for adoption of modern technologies for its mines and process plants. The Company operates six underground mines (Bagjata, Jaduguda, Bhatin, Narwapahar, Turamdih and Mohuldih) and one open pit mine (Banduhurang) in the State of Jharkhand. Ore produced from these mines are processed in two process plants located at Jaduguda and Turamdih. UCIL is constructing a new underground mine and process plant at Tummalapalle in Andhra Pradesh. The Company has taken up expansion of some of its operations in Jharkhand and started pre-project activities to set up new mines and plants in different parts of the country namely – Gogi in Karnatka, Lambapur in Telengana and KPM in Meghalaya.

SEMINAR CONCEPT NOTE

Uranium resources of the world is estimated to be 5.5 million tonnes and India forms 3% of the world resources. Most of the deposits found in India fall under the low grade category and are distributed mainly in areas of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, southern parts of Meghalaya, Cuddapah Basin, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, in parts of Karnataka and Aravalli – and Delhi Supergroups, Rajasthan and Haryana. India started its uranium exploration in the early fifties and the first deposit to be discovered was at Jaduguda in 1951 in Sighbhum Shear Zone (SSZ). Subsequently, under the aegis of Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. started mining uranium from 1967.

India currently imports uranium from Kazakhstan, Russia and Canada and plans to purchase the fuel from Australia. India has also signed an agreement to procure more uranium from Uzbekistan. In spite of the opportunities to import fuel, India continues to prefer the ideal path of generating power using indigenous uranium. Currently, India is dependent on the number of mines in Jharkhand (six underground mines - Bagjata, Jaduguda, Bhatin, Narwapahar, Turamdih and Mohuldih and one open pit mine – Banduhurang), however, with ambition to increase its capacity and encourage the use of energy efficient resources India plans to expand and dig more mines in areas of Andhra Pradesh (Tummalapalle), Karnataka (Gogi), Telangana (Lambapur) and Meghalaya (Kyelleng-Pyndengsohiong, Mawtahbah) . .

In the light of the aforementioned, WBNUJS in collaboration with UCIL is organizing a One-day National Seminar on the topic titled ***“Legal aspects of Uranium Mining in India: Issues and Concerns”***. The guiding questions that the seminar attendees would seek to address and answer are:-

1. Why it is crucial to address the problem identified, i.e. the sustainable development in terms of the project/uranium mining vis-à-vis the environment protection?
2. What has already been done to solve the problem of abatement with respect to the mining project?
3. What are the ideas/plans that can be adopted from other similar jurisdictions and areas?
4. How to balance the rights of the indigenous people whose lands and forests have been/would be acquired for mining?

5. Are there any scientific exploratory ideas that would harmonize the balance between the rights of the indigenous people and the development through the uranium mining?

Probable solutions and proposals to hindrances faced by the various stakeholders, including the indigenous people and the UCIL involved in the mining activity, the publication of information materials, and the papers presented and ideas projected would be the sought after objectives.

THEMES AND SUB-THEMES

The themes of discussion seek to explore a broad set of law, policy and governance issues related to the mining sector besides other contemporary issues relating to mining like its interplay with the environment and the applicable laws in this regard, the interface of judicial review, enviro-legal issues, interconnecting technology with transparency- augmentation through the e-bidding process etc.

INTERPLAY BETWEEN MINING & ENVIRONMENTAL REGIME: ISSUES & CHALLENGES

- Analyzing the recent Sustainable Development Framework for mining of radioactive elements, viz. uranium in India.
- Environmental Clearances and Procedures with respect to the mining of radioactive elements.
- International policies and perspective on atomic energy laws: Stockholm to Paris.
- Reclamation & Rehabilitation including the rights and interests of the marginalized groups.
- Incentives encouraging good mining practices, technology absorption and the exploitation of deep-seated minerals: examining proposals.
- Role and Significance of the courts & tribunals in environmental protection vis-à-vis atomic energy development.
- Role and Significance of the civil society organizations in the Mining Sector of radioactive elements.
- Constitutional perspective of nuclear energy regime.
- Problems of land acquisition in India vis-a-vis mining sector of the radioactive energy sector.
- Status of Reconnaissance Permits, Prospecting Licenses and Mining Leases with respect to extraction of radioactive elements in India.
- Forest Rights and the Indigenous People's Rights: Land acquisition for the abovementioned purposes.

PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS/ATTENDEES

The Seminar invites participation, papers and presentations from -

- Students from the institutes of Law and other institutes of social sciences.
- Academicians and Scholars in the field of law and related fields of social sciences.
- Researchers & Policy Drafters.
- Advocates/ Legal Practitioners/ Judges and Transactional Lawyers
- Industry officials and the Mining personnel.
- Government Officers& other Law enforcement Officers
- Members from the Executive engaged in environmental management and clearance related to mining.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Well researched papers are invited from scholars, lawyers, practitioners, academicians, experts in mining, research scholars and related sectors and students on the themes and tenors cited above. All interested may send an abstract of **not more than 500 words** highlighting the key issues intended to be discussed in the paper by 10th September, 2019.

Acceptance of the abstracts will be duly intimated by 11th September, 2019 after the same have been shortlisted on the basis of quality and originality of arguments, and the full papers are required to be submitted by the authors thereafter by 25th September, 2019 11:59 PM (IST).

The authors of such papers will be given an opportunity to present their paper on the day of seminar under various sessions. In addition to this, the presenters will be duly acclaimed by a '**Certificate of Participation & Paper Presentation**' that will be awarded. Besides, publication of selected papers might also be considered.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION RULES

- The length of the abstract should not exceed 500 words.
- The last date of submitting the abstract is 10th September, 2019.
- A notification regarding acceptance of the selected abstracts will be made by 11th September 2019, following which Final Papers are to be submitted in the following format.

PAPER SUBMISSION RULES

- The length of the Paper should be within 5,000- 7,000 words including footnotes.
- All Papers should include an ‘abstract’ of not more than 500 words.
- The last date of submitting Full Paper is 25thSeptember2019.
- Papers will be screened by a committee of experts and only those approved be accepted for presentation.
- Following shall be followed both for the Abstract and Paper submission.

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FOOTNOTES/CITATION RULES

- All references shall be made in the form Footnotes only strictly complying with following rules.

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MISCELLANEOUS RULES

- **Co-authorship** up to **two** is allowed with separate registration.
- **All Papers and Abstracts shall be sent via e-mail to uramingconf@gmail.com as an attachment, the subject of which should mention ‘ABSTRACT SUBMISSION’ or ‘PAPER SUBMISSION’ accordingly.**
- Both the Abstracts and Final Papers should mandatorily have a **separate Title Page** which clearly indicates the following-
 - * **Name of the author(s)**
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- The participants will be responsible for the originality of the work and agree to indemnify NUJS from and against any claims, suits and damages based on any claim of copyright infringement or plagiarism or unauthorized use.
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IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date of Submission of Abstracts	10th September, 2019
Notification of Acceptance	11th September, 2019
Last Date of full paper Submission	25th September, 2019
Last Date of Registration/Payment of Fees	12th September, 2019
Date of the Seminar	27th September, 2019

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- Last Date of Registration is **12th September, 2019**.
- For the purpose of registration for the Seminar, duly filled **Registration Form** is to be done via the following link: <https://forms.gle/db3pna7MuagQ64Kw6>

REGISTRATION FEES

▪ For Participation only	▪ ₹400/-per participant
▪ For Paper Presentation	▪ ₹500/-per presenter

- Participants are required to make their own arrangements for travel, local conveyance and accommodation.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Payment of Registration Fees can be made by NEFT or Bank transfer in favour of WBNUJS A/C.

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