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# National Seminar on

**“Legal Education in Marathi: Challenges & Opportunities”**

(मराठी भाषेतून विधी शिक्षण: आव्हाने आणि संधी)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

## ORGANIZED BY

**Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, New Delhi**  
(Ministry of Education, Government of India)

## IN COLLABORATION WITH

**Marathwada Mitra Mandal's  
Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune**  
(Legal Aid Centre)

## AND

**Western Regional Language Centre, Pune**  
(Central Institute of Indian Languages, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)



## **+ About the Seminar:**

It is natural and obvious that a person tends to understand and grasp knowledge much faster and more conveniently in their mother tongue than in any other language. In India, teaching and learning have been mainly in foreign languages, predominantly in English whereas Indian languages have never got the much deserving importance in the field.

As per the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, students should not be discriminated against due to language preference and importance should be given to strengthening Indian languages as a medium of education.

It is very important to remove the dilemma regarding giving preference to the English language rather than any vernacular language and let the students think naturally in their own mother tongue.

Further, Seminar will focus on the various challenges in imparting legal education in Marathi such as, translation of legal jargons in Marathi, Classroom teaching in Marathi, creating resources (Books, Journals, News, Case laws etc.) in Marathi and other related issues in this area.

With this understanding, the seminar will provide platforms to teachers, paper setters, paper evaluators, university officials, advocates, authors and trainees to centrally discuss on the issue and strategies for providing legal education in Marathi language. The seminar will come out with documents related to various aspects of the said issue.

## **+ Objectives of the Seminar:**

- ✓ Remove the barrier of the English language in legal education.
- ✓ Make students of legal education confident and knowledgeable by providing them with an opportunity to take education in their mother tongue i.e. Marathi.
- ✓ Bring all the stakeholders on one platform to discuss pathways to achieve legal education in the mother tongue.

- ✓ Initiate the deliberation to create legal resources (Books, journals, case laws) in the mother tongue and make legal education more relevant and dynamic.
- ✓ Contemplation on the steps required to be taken to create an environment of equal opportunities in institutes of legal education for students.
- ✓ Give a boost to research and development in the legal field in the Marathi language.
- ✓ To discuss upon the ways for creating career opportunities after taking legal education in Marathi language.

#### **+ About the Organizers:**

- **Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, New Delhi (Ministry of Education, Government of India):**

Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti is a High-Powered Committee for Promotion of Indian Languages has been constituted by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, vide letter no.8-46/2021/L-II, dated 15th November, 2021. The mandate of this committee would be to explore and recommend pathways of the holistic and multi-disciplinary growth of Indian languages as envisaged in the National Education Policy-2020. The committee has been also entrusted to advise the Ministry on all matters pertaining to revitalization of existing language teaching and research and its extension in various institutions in the country.

To perform the tasks assigned to it, the High-Powered Committee may appoint sub-committees/study groups. The committee may organize seminars, workshops, conferences, and webinars to highlight the need for the promotion of Indian languages. It may also interact and coordinate with any institution of the Central/State Government dealing with teaching, research, and extension/promotion of languages.

- **MM Shankarrao Chavan Law College – Pune**

An Emerging Power in Professional Education, Marathwada Mitra Mandal Pune is a Public Charitable Trust, established in 1967, by Hon'ble Shri. Shankarrao Chavan, – Former Chief Minister of Maharashtra & Former Home Minister of India. For nearly two decades, the trust ran a hostel for the benefit of economically underprivileged students from the Marathwada region of Maharashtra. In the year 1985, Mandal started a Commerce College. In the decade of the 90's and in the current decade, Marathwada Mitra Mandal has made rapid strides, making it one of the premier diversified groups of educational institutions in Pune city. Today, more than 16,000 students are studying in the educational institutions run by the Trust in four independent campuses, all in Pune City and suburbs of Pune.

Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune was established in the year 2003 under the patronage of Marathwada Mitra Mandal, Pune which has a reputation of successfully completing its Golden Jubilee Year in 2019. The Law College has the objective to edify value based legal education for masses. The college was established with a motto of "*Welfare of Masses*" and consistent with its objective, it provides free education and hostel facilities to more than 500 students every year. As recognition of dedicated efforts for holistic development of students throughout these years, the college is accredited with the "*A Grade*" by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru.

Legal Aid Centre is one of the many departments and cells of the college. Being an important stakeholder in the legal field, we owe a duty towards society to shoulder the responsibility of providing legal assistance to the masses at large. The institutional support provided through Legal Aid Centre of the College will help the society to have access to justice through expertise without any expenses. The students on the other hand will benefit from the practical exposure and knowledge which they will gain and explore being a part of this Centre and while working on various projects and activities undertaken by the Centre.

- **Western Regional Language Centre (Central Institute of Indian Languages, Department of Higher Education), Pune, Maharashtra.**

The Central Institute of Indian languages (CIIL) was established by Government of India in 1969. Located at Mysore, CIIL function as a subordinate office for the Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education. In five decades of its existence, CIIL has emerged as a premier institute for the development of all Indian languages. It is recognized within and outside the country for carrying out and supporting extensive research and publication on Indian language. The institute through its regional language centres also offers an innovative programme with a goal of implementation of three language formula and thereby promote national integrity and social harmony.

Western Regional Language Center, Pune (WRLC) was established in 1970. The main activity of the Centre has been to train in-service school teachers in Gujarati, Marathi, Konkani and Sindhi languages through a 10-month diploma course. The course has been opened for Prospective Teachers, Research Scholars and General Public and also conducts various academic programmes like Seminars, Workshops, Conferences, Contact-cum-consultancy, Refresher Course, Orientation Courses, National Integration Camps and Language Environment Tours. Since its establishment the Centre has trained a total of 1764 persons, up to the year 2022-23.

#### **✚ Sub-themes of the Programme:**

- Understanding the problems of students in getting legal education in English.
- Making books and other resources available in Marathi.
- Preparation of teachers in teaching, setting and assessing papers in Marathi.
- Role of a teacher, institution and university in imparting legal education in Marathi.
- Issues and opportunities in getting jobs after a law degree in Marathi.

## Who can Participate in the Seminar?

Academicians, University Officials, Ph. D. Scholars, Law Students etc.

## Other Information:

- Link for Registration: <https://forms.gle/8hcTwKOYBMSPzrpE7>
- Last date of Registration: 20.02.2023.
- No Registration Fees.
- Venue: MM Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune.
- Lunch will be provided to registered participants.
- Registered participants will get certificate for participation.
- No TA/DA or accommodation will be provided.

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