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# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INDUSTRIAL DISASTERS

DECEMBER 5-6, 2009

AT

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BHOPAL, MADHYA PRADESH, INDIA



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## Context of the Conference

Industrialization is one of the inevitable activities of development process. Since Independence, India from 1947 to 1964, saw industrialisation as the key to alleviating poverty. On one hand industrialisation has been able to bring higher growth rate and prosperity to the nation but on the other hand, it has also added lot of hazards and increased risks which may potentially get converted into industrial and chemical disasters.

There are currently over 1724 Major Accident Hazards (MAH) units in the country besides other small and medium-sized industries. And new industries are also establishing at a rapid rate. Chemical accidents are occurring due to lack of safety measure, technical failures, a human error or negligence or another disaster of natural or anthropogenic origin, e.g., flooding, landslide, earthquake, etc. The release of hazardous materials occur in case of an accident during manufacture, storage, handling, transport, use or disposal stage of its life-cycle. The impacts may be physical and physiological, leading short-term and long-term consequences, posing serious economic losses, trauma and distress.

The 1984 Bhopal Gas disaster involved a catastrophic failure at Union Carbide Corporation (UCC). Over 15,000 people died, and 5,00,000 injured. The disaster occurred due to the negligence, poor maintenance and violation of safety measures at the plant. The aftermath of the disaster posed severe challenges in providing medical aid, relief, compensation and rehabilitation to the victims.

Legislations in the pre Bhopal disaster phase where addressing the people working in the industries and the approach was post disaster emergency management. Bhopal gas tragedy has brought out major changes in the legal frame work with more emphasis on offsite emergency management and risk reduction including risk transfer mechanisms. Disaster Management Act, 2005 provides a holistic framework i.e multi hazard, Multitier, multi sector with involvement of corporate sector, community and academia



# NLIU

## A Centre of Excellence

Situated in the sylvan surroundings of Bhopal, the **NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY, (N.L.I.U.)** is one of the best Law Schools in India. Set up in the year 1997 by an enactment of the Madhya Pradesh State Legislature, the University is one of the centers of excellence in legal education and provides intellectual freedom to young fertile minds facilitating development of a distinct socially active personality with leadership capabilities. This originates from the very ethos of the university that is hard work and integrity in all facets of life. The progression of NLIU as a centre of excellence in legal education is reflected time and again in the Law School rankings where NLIU is being ranked consistently among the top five law schools making its presence felt nationally as well as internationally.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT (NIDM) is a statutory organization under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 mandated for training, capacity building, research, documentation, policy advocacy, knowledge management and networking on issues related to disaster risk reduction and management. NIDM supports Disaster Management Centre in the Administrative Training Institute in each State for catering to the capacity building services at state and district levels. The Institute is situated at New Delhi.



# CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INDUSTRIAL DISASTERS

NLIU & NIDM invite you to a two-day Conference on "CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INDUSTRIAL DISASTERS" to be held on 5th and 6th of December 2009 at NLIU, Bhopal.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and industrial disasters is a topic of vital importance in today's increasingly globalizing world, more particularly for a developing country like India. CSR is not new to India. The Corporate houses like the Tata and Birla Group have been imbibing an element of social good in their activities, much before the concept of CSR became an accepted norm. Today all leading corporate houses in India are involved in various CSR programmes involving education, health and empowerment of women and weaker sections. CSR as a concept argues that enterprises should strive to achieve the delicate balance between socio-economic, environmental concerns and financial factors.

Globalization and rapid industrial growth are also accompanied by the risks of Industrial Disasters that could

have a substantial impact on life, environment and property. At present there are over 1724 Major Accident Hazards (MAH) units and other small and medium -sized industries across the nation, which pose a grave danger to the society.

A glaring example of the impact of Industrial Disasters and failure to fulfill social obligations is the BHOPAL GASTRAGEDY. India suffered one of the worst industrial disasters in the history of mankind, in 1984 which caused enormous loss of life, degradation of health and environment, the effects of which are visible even today. The Bhopal Gas Disaster involved a catastrophic failure at Union Carbide Corporation (UCC) pesticide manufacturing plant at Bhopal, India. The disaster that occurred due to lack of safety measures and the use of inferior technology at the plant is a glaring example of gross negligence, which unfortunately characterizes most industries even today.

## OBJECTIVES

NLIU, being one of the premier law schools of the country situated in Bhopal, the place of disaster, considers it as its responsibility to highlight the implications of the tragedy which is spread over these 25 years.

Aim of the conference is to review the existing legal, institutional framework and Role of Corporate sector in management in Industrial Disasters and identify the gaps and remedies.

The key objectives of the workshop are :-

- To examine the adequacy of existing legal system in relation to Industrial disasters with special emphasis on Bhopal Gas Disaster.
- To emphasize the Corporate Social Responsibility and strengthen its role in Industrial disaster management.
- To discuss the role of Environmental Jurisprudence in addressing chemical and industrial disasters and human right issues.
- To examine the recent developments in legal and policy framework for Disaster Management in relation to Industrial Disasters.
- To bring a cross section of the Government, Judiciary, Academia and Industry to deliberate on CSR and Industrial Disasters.



# CALL FOR PAPERS

**Theme: Corporate Social Responsibility and Industrial Disasters**

**Sub-themes:**

## ■ Bhopal Gas Disaster & Law: National & International perspectives

25 years have passed but the victims of Bhopal Gas Disaster remain helpless as ever. Bhopal Gas Disaster is an unforgettable blemish for the Indian Legal Regime and for the International Community. The failure of law to provide justice to the victims has raised questions as to the effectiveness of the existing laws and the need for changes in the Indian as well as Global Legal Regime.

## ■ Disaster Management: Policy initiatives

CSR must be crystallized into a strong policy initiative by Government to provide a structured plan not only to prevent Industrial Disasters but also to enhance the mechanism to provide Disaster Management Plans which can be effectively used for prevention and mitigate the effects of an industrial disaster.

## ■ Corporate Social Responsibility and Industrial Disasters

The prime agenda of every industry is solely to earn profits. Corporate Social Responsibility must be imbibed in the psyche of every business organization by virtue of the existing municipal laws prevalent in every country, in order to avert potential industrial disasters.

## ■ Human Rights, Environment & Industrial Disasters

Industrial Disasters affect people, who in most cases have no connection with the culprit organization. It negates and snatches away the basic human rights which have been conferred on every individual and also threatens the environment. Mitigation of the impacts of industrial disaster requires a multidisciplinary approach to protect the society.

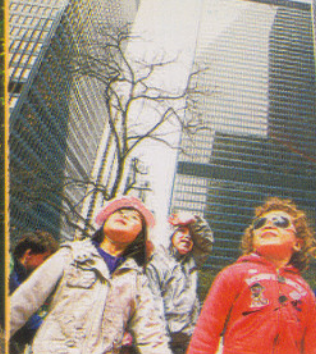
## ■ Industrial Disasters and impact on Public Health

Industrial disasters have elements of acute and chronic epidemiology, industrial hygiene, toxicology, environmental pollution and physical and mental health ramifications. The key to counter the effects is prevention and preparedness which requires streamlined research and policy initiatives in this direction.

## ■ CSR in Developed and Developing Nations - Perspectives

It has been felt that there is a marked difference in attitudes of Corporates in discharging their socio-economic responsibilities in developed and developing countries. Lack of national macro-economic planning and management, backed by equitable resource allocation, and an enabling environment, have significant implications for the overall performance of CSR initiatives by multinational corporations (MNCs) in developing countries.





## ACADEMIC PROTOCOL

Participation is open to Students, Scholars, Academicians, Corporate Executives and NGOs.

The registration fee **per** person for the conference is: (Including modest Boarding and Lodging)

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| Indian Students/Research scholars:     | 2000(INR)   |
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- ☐ Last date for **Registration & Submission of 'Abstracts'** (300 words) is 30th October 2009.
- ☐ The last date for submission of **"Papers"** (4000 words) is 20th November 2009.
- ☐ Format : Blue Book Citation, 12 Font Size, 1.5 spacing, Times New Roman)

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# ABOUT BHOPAL

Bhopal, capital of Madhya Pradesh, combines scenic beauty, historicity and modern urban planning. It is situated on the site of an 11th century city, Bhojapal, founded by Raja Bhoja. The founder of the existing city was, however, an Afghan soldier of fortune, Dost Mohammed (1708-1740). Fleeing from Delhi in the chaotic period that followed Aurangzeb's death.

Bhopal today presents a multi-faceted profile; the old city with its teeming marketplaces and fine old mosques and palaces, still bears the aristocratic imprint of its former rulers, among them the succession of powerful Begums who ruled Bhopal from 1819 to 1926. Equally impressive is the new city with its verdant exquisitely laid-out parks and gardens, broad avenues and streamlined modern edifices.

## How to reach Bhopal

**By Air :** Regular flights connect Bhopal with Delhi, Indore, Jabalpur and Mumbai.

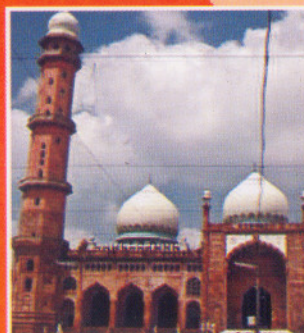
**By Rail :** Bhopal is on the main Delhi-Chennai main line. Major trains going from Mumbai to Delhi via Itarsi and Jhansi also go through Bhopal.

## Climate in December :

Temperature ranges from 7°C to 20°C. Light woollens will be required.



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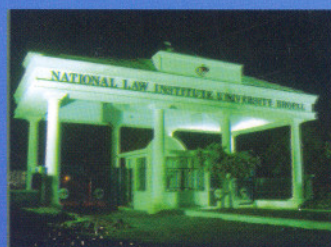
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