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### **One Day National Seminar on “Man-made Disasters: Issues and Challenges”**

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### Call for papers

Well researched and well documented papers will be permitted for presentation in the National Seminar. The Abstract of the Paper ( not exceeding 300 words) on identified sub-themes along with the registration fee by way of DD should reach at least by **4<sup>th</sup> October 2013**. The full paper ( between 10 to 25 pages in MS Word typed in double space on A4 Size) shall be submitted to the Director on or before **7<sup>th</sup> October 2013** to the following mail address:

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Request for registration of delegates should reach Dr. D. Gopal, Director of the Seminar, the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai -600 028 in the enclosed registration form, along with a demand draft favouring the **Director of the Seminar** payable at Chennai.

#### Registration Fee

Faculty Members/ Advocates/ others: **Rs. 300/-**  
Research Scholars/Students: **Rs. 150/-**  
Last date for Registration is **4<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

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**P.G. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
LAW AND LEGAL ORDER**

**Organises**

**One Day National Seminar**

**On**

**Man-made Disasters:  
Issues and Challenges**

**on the eve of**

**International Disaster Reduction  
Day**

**on**

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

**VENUE**

**Auditorium,  
P.G. and R.D. Block,  
The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law  
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## Main theme of the Seminar

Disaster is of two types, natural and man-made. Natural disasters are caused by 'act of god', whereas man-made disasters are attributable to the conditions resulting from human conduct such as gross negligent acts, gross inaction and serious errors. The man-made disasters are broadly classified (i) Fire outbreaks (ii) Building Collapses (iii) Stampede in public places (iv) Industrial disasters such as explosions, escape of noxious gases and fumes, mishaps in underground mines (v) Exposure to radio-active waste and (vi) Rail, Road and Air accidents and disaster caused by sabotage and mob violence. Unlike natural disasters, preventive and regulatory measures assume greater importance in case of man-made disasters. Of course, rescue and relief measures are common to both natural and man-made disasters. On account of human element involved in triggering the man-made disasters, the victims can have recourse to civil and public law remedies and those responsible for culpable negligence may also be liable for criminal action under the provisions of Indian Penal Code and various special legislations.

There are number of instances of man-made disasters at national and international level. The Uphaar Fire Disaster on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1997 at Uphaar Cinema Green Park, Delhi claimed a toll of 59. It was reported that the disaster accrued due to the cumulative negligence and indifferences of the Management of the Theatre, the Delhi Vidyut Board officials and other authorities. The Fire accidents in high-raise commercial Carlton Towers in Bangalore on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011, the Fire Disaster in multi-stroyed AMRI Hospital, Kolkatta in 2011 are also the examples of fire

out-breaks. The stampedes have been occurring off and on at pilgrim places. In recent times such accidents took place in Himachala Pradesh, Rajasthan, Nazik, and Kerala. Coming to the Industrial disasters, the Bhopal Gas Leak on December, 2, 1984 and Chernobyl Nuclear Disasters on April, 26, 1986 were unprecedented in its nature and magnitude.

Some measures have been taken at National and International levels to prevent, mitigate, regulate and rehabilitate the victims of disasters. The United Nations Organisation had proclaimed the International Disaster Reduction Day from 1990. Yokohama strategy and plan of action for safer world 1994, Istambul Declaration on Human Rights Settlements 1996, Geneva Mandate on Disaster Reduction 1999 are a few international strategies for Disaster Reduction. The Parliament has enacted the Disaster Management Act, 2005 in which authorities have been constituted at National, State and District level. The Environment Protection Act, 1986, The Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 the Employers State Insurance Act, 1948, The Factories Act 1948, The Electricity Act, 2003, Fatal Accidents Act, 1855, National Green Tribunal Act, 2010, Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, The Explosive Substances Act, 1908, The Inflammable Substances Act, 1952, The Indian Boilers Act, 1923, The Mines Safety Act, 1952, Civil Liability for Nuclear Damages Act, 2010 are some of the legal measures at national level to regulate, prevent and mitigate the problems of disaster victims.

Despite the number of measures taken by the Government and National and International Organisations, the problems of the victims of

disaster are yet to be addressed meaningfully. Therefore all these issues are to be discussed and addressed by Faculty Members, Academicians, Advocates, Management, Corporate, Social Scientists, Industrialists, Official of various Departments, Research Scholars, Students, Non-Governmental Organisations and other professionals. Having committed to the environmental law and related subjects, The P.G. Department of Environmental Law and Legal Order, The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai proposes to organize a One Day National Seminar on "**Man-made Disasters: Issues and Challenges**" Papers are invited from the broader areas of man-made disasters.

### Sub-themes:

- Man-made Disasters and Environmental Impact
- Man-made Disasters – Risk Management, Mitigation and Preparedness
- Fire outbreaks in public places and in high-raise buildings
- Building Collapses and Structures
- Stampedes in pilgrim places and place of worship
- Industrial Disasters – Explosions, Escape of fumes and gases, mishaps in underground mines
- Exposure to Radio-active Waste
- Man-made Disasters – National and International Legal Measures
- Rail, Road, Boat and Air Accidents
- Disaster by Sabotage and Mob- violence
- Man-made Disaster and Human Rights aspects
- Man-made Disasters – Principles of Liabilities, Compensation – Rehabilitation
- Man-made Disaster – Psychological and Mental Health Issues
- Man-made Disasters – Role of Govt, NGO's and Civil Societies
- Post – Disaster Measures and Developments