



NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LEGAL DIMENSIONS OF SPACE GOVERNANCE, SUSTAINABILITY AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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*Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology
(An autonomous institute under Department of Space, Govt. of India)
Thiruvananthapuram
Kerala, India*



SPACE LAW



SPACE GOVERNANCE



SPACE POLICY

Organized by

Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology

In association with

Mar Gregorios College of Law

Thiruvananthapuram

Kerala, India



Conference venue

**Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology
Valiamala, Thiruvananthapuram**

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The rapid expansion of space activities by both governmental and private actors has transformed outer space into a critical domain for scientific advancement, economic development, national security, and global cooperation. As emerging technologies, commercial space ventures, satellite constellations, and lunar exploration redefine the space landscape, there is an urgent need for robust legal and regulatory frameworks that ensure responsible, sustainable, and peaceful use of outer space. This National Conference seeks to provide an interdisciplinary platform for academicians, researchers, legal practitioners, policymakers, scientists, and students to deliberate on the evolving legal dimensions of space governance, sustainability, and international cooperation. The conference aims to foster meaningful discussions on contemporary challenges and emerging opportunities in international space law while promoting collaborative solutions for the future of global space governance. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

- *Foundations and Evolution of International Space Law and Policies*
- *The International Space Station and Beyond*
- *Space Commercialization and National Legislation*
- *Remote Sensing, Satellite Communication, and Global Navigation*
- *Planetary Defense, Anti-weaponisation and Annihilation, Space Debris, and Environmental Governance*
- *New Frontiers: AI, Space Traffic Management, and Emerging Technologies*

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (IIST)

The Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), located in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, is Asia's first dedicated space university, established in 2007 by the Department of Space, Government of India. IIST integrates academic learning with research in aerospace engineering, avionics, earth and space sciences, propulsion, and satellite applications, supported by state-of-the-art laboratories and collaboration with ISRO. Beyond technical training, IIST engages with space policy, governance, and societal impact, fostering dialogue on ethics and public benefit in space exploration. Through undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes, IIST builds talent for India's space missions and strengthens the nation's self-reliance.

MAR GREGORIOS COLLEGE OF LAW (MGCL)

Mar Gregorios College of Law, affiliated with the University of Kerala and approved by the Bar Council of India, is a reputed legal education institution in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Established in 2012, the College offers a five-year integrated law programme, fostering academic excellence, professional ethics, and holistic development. With a strong emphasis on advocacy skills and value-based learning, Mar Gregorios College of Law prepares students for diverse legal careers in a disciplined, ethically grounded environment.

ABOUT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Located at the south-western tip of the Indian subcontinent, Thiruvananthapuram, which was formerly known as Trivandrum, is a serene and picturesque city. It is the capital of Kerala, often referred to as "God's Own Country", and is renowned for its scenic coastline. The city offers a blend of natural beauty and cultural heritage with attractions including lakes, beaches, palaces, temples, museums and a zoo.



CALL FOR PAPERS

The organizing committee invites original, unpublished papers from academicians, researchers, legal practitioners, policymakers, scientists, and students on the evolving legal dimensions of space governance, sustainability, and international cooperation. Submissions are welcome on themes including the foundations of international space law and policy, the International Space Station and beyond, space commercialization and national legislation, remote sensing and satellite communication, planetary defense and space debris governance, and emerging technologies such as AI and space traffic management. The conference will feature plenary session, keynote session and paper presentations, offering a platform to explore contemporary challenges and collaborative solutions shaping the future of global space governance.

Abstract with proper affiliations should be between 300 to 400 words and should be submitted on or before October 15, 2026. Abstracts in the required format should be uploaded in the website. Accepted papers will be notified for oral/poster presentation and prizes are likely to be awarded for best papers.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Interested participants are requested to [register](#) through the website and submit the abstract and complete the payment upon notification of acceptance:

Payment deadline: November 20, 2026

User account - details required

- Name
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REGISTRATION FEE:

- Student : ₹1,000
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- Abstract submission by** : October 15, 2026
- Acceptance notification** : October 20, 2026
- Full paper submission** : November 15, 2026
- Payment deadline** : November 20, 2026
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Thank You

We warmly welcome all to join this inclusive occasion, where diverse perspectives are valued, dialogue encouraged, and collaboration celebrated in a shared spirit.