LL.M. IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE
ABOUT CPGLS

All the LL.M. and PhD programmes at JGLS are offered under the aegis of the Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies (CPGLS). The CPGLS at the Jindal Global Law School was established to provide students with quality teaching and learning opportunities thereby creating an intellectually stimulating academic environment with experienced and dedicated faculty committed to provide an excellent and world-class education.

ABOUT CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (CEL)

The Centre for Environmental Law (CEL) was established in 1993 as an integral part of WWF-India. Apart from handling and furthering WWF-India’s conservation work involving policy analysis, CEL serves as a resource centre for teaching environmental law and research in national, regional and international contexts. To implement its programmes, CEL is building functional and professional linkages with government agencies, private universities and non-governmental organizations at national and global level.

CEL in collaboration with JGU launched the LL.M. in Environmental Law, Energy and Climate Change. It is an all-encompassing course and aims to equip the students with environmental issues and research holding relevance at a global level. It enlarges perspectives on all the recent developments and new insights into the relationship between environment, development and sustainable growth.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The course is the first of its kind in India and has the following objectives –

1. To study environment & climate change through the prism of law and relevant institutions with the objective of promoting sustainable development.

2. To study the role of law and legal institutions in the field of environment, energy access & climate change as well as its evolving relationship to public policy development and good governance.

3. To study the relationship between domestic and international law in the field of environment, energy and climate change and how multilateral institutions and climate negotiations are affecting and impacting both domestic and international law and policy.

4. To study the role and impact of domestic and international adjudicatory mechanisms on environment, energy and climate change through a critical examination and assessment of national environmental courts and tribunals.

5. To study the role and impact of dispute resolution mechanisms in the field environment, energy & climate change. Further examine issues related to compensation, mitigation as well as other available remedies for damages relating to the environment.

6. To study and analyse alternate solutions, innovations and available technical knowledge in the field of environment, energy and climate change.

7. To study the impact of Climate Change on people and places as well as examine prevailing environmental laws, principles, solutions and climate adaptation strategies across the world.
As an advanced degree offered at CPGLS, JGU, and CEL, WWF - India, the LL.M. programme is designed to represent outstanding academic achievement. The intensive curriculum provides a number of courses on contemporary topics in national, international and transnational environmental laws. Our teaching pedagogy is based on the assumption that students pursuing an LL.M. degree have a strong academic background and basic understanding of their speciality area. Many of our courses will be taught by leading scholars and accomplished international and national practitioners.

We ensure high faculty-student ratio and better interactive learning atmosphere. Other than the Core and Foundational courses to be offered in LL.M., the specialized courses will cover:

- **International Environmental Laws** -
  International perspectives of environmental law, energy and climate change including the economics and politics of negotiations.

- **National Environmental Laws** -
  Developing understanding of National Environmental Laws & Policies, legal frameworks in the current context.

- **Energy Law and Policies** -
  Electricity laws, policy and implementation of energy transition goals, including integrating of alternate sources of energy.

- **Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change**
  Current global and national best practices, technological innovation, climate resilience and climate financing.

- **Field Study**
  Mandatory study tour to a conservation site to demonstrate implementation of laws and policies, community living and coexistence between human and environment.
Justice Madan B. Lokur, Judge, Supreme Court of Fiji
Hon’ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur was first sworn in as Judge of the Supreme Court of Fiji in August 2019 which was the first time an Indian Judge got appointed as the Judge of the apex court of another country. He graduated in History (Hons.) from St. Stephen’s College, Delhi University in 1974 and obtained LL.B. degree from Law Faculty, Delhi University in 1977. Justice Lokur was enrolled as an Advocate in July, 1977 and practiced in the Supreme Court of India and the Delhi High Court. He was appointed as Additional Solicitor General of India on 14th July, 1998 and continued as such till he was appointed as Judge of Delhi High Court on 4th July, 1999. He served as the Acting Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court from February to May, 2010. He was Chief Justice of two High Courts in India, i.e. Gauhati High Court and High Court of Andhra Pradesh, before elevation as Judge of the Supreme Court of India from 4th June, 2012. Justice Lokur has been a mentor and a constant guide for the Centre for Environmental Law’s judicial orientation programs on environment, forest and wildlife conservation laws.

Justice Deepak Gupta, former Judge, Supreme Court of India
Hon’ble Mr. Justice Deepak Gupta is a former judge of the Supreme Court of India. Justice Gupta obtained his law degree from Delhi University in 1978. He practised in the High Court of Himachal Pradesh and was appointed Judge of the Himachal Pradesh High Court on 4th October, 2004. He remained Acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh twice. He headed the Green Bench of the High Court for three years. Justice Gupta remained Executive Chairman of the H.P. State Legal Services Authority and the President of the H.P. Judicial Academy, Shimla for more than three years. He also headed the Committee on Computerization of the Courts in Himachal Pradesh. He took oath as the first Chief Justice of High Court of Tripura on 23rd March, 2013. He was transferred and took oath as the Chief Justice of High Court of Chattisgarh on 16th May, 2016. Justice Deepak Gupta was elevated as Judge of the Supreme Court of India on 17th February, 2017.

Prof. (Dr.) Archna Negi
Dr. Archna Negi teaches at the Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament of the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India. She teaches courses at the Ph.D and M.A. levels relating to international negotiations, international organization and world politics and her research interests include issues of international trade and environment. Dr. Negi has a Masters in Political Science and a Ph.D. in International Law. Her recent publication is an edited volume titled Sustainability Standards and Global Governance: Experiences of Emerging Economies (Springer, 2020). She is currently a member of the Voluntary Sustainability Standards (VSS) Academic Advisory Council that has been set up jointly by the United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards (UNFSS) and the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies (GGS) of the University of Leuven. She is also a Member of the International Scientific Advisory Board of the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS).

Adv. Buddy A. Ranganadhan
Mr. Buddy Ranganadhan is an Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Delhi High Court. He has been enrolled as an Advocate on the Rolls of the Delhi Bar Council with effect from August 1996. He commenced his practice in the District Courts and on the Original and Appellate sides of the High Court of Delhi and, thereafter in the Supreme Court of India. Adv. Ranganadhan specialises in Civil and Corporate litigation, Constitutional Law, Arbitration Law, Electricity Laws, Energy and Gas, Maritime Law, Aviation Law, Negotiable Instruments, Company Law, Consumer Law, Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Law, Competition Laws, Income Tax and Wealth Tax matters in Supreme Court, Conveyance including Joint Ventures, Shareholders Agreements, International Loan Agreements, Civil Contracts, Trust Law, Succession Law, Family Law, Matters relating to Transfer of Property law including Tenancies, Rent Control, Labour and Services Law etc. He has handled numerous matters in various courts such as in the Supreme Court of India, High Court of Delhi, High Courts of Bombay, Calcutta, Allahabad, Madras, Rajasthan (Jodhpur), Uttarakhand, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Appellate Tribunal for Electricity, NGT, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission, etc.

Mr. Krishnendu Mukherjee, Barrister
Krishnendu Mukherjee is a London-based barrister and Indian advocate, working with the most vulnerable and marginalised, especially from the global south, through his trans-national practice of immigration, environment and business and human rights. He acts for the rights-holders on ground-breaking litigation in relation to human rights violations and corporate accountability before Indian courts. Mukherjee also oversees projects designed to provide ethical initiatives, human rights due diligence and remedy solutions, which includes tackling the issue of modern slavery.

Mr. Rohan Chakravarty
Notorious for rolling up into a ball like a pangolin to avoid answering the phone or meeting people, Rohan is a cartoonist and illustrator from Nagpur. He is the creator of ‘Green Humour’, a series of cartoons on wildlife and conservation. Green Humour is the first series of comics from India to be distributed internationally by a major syndicate (Universal Press’ ‘Gocomics’), and appears periodically in wildlife magazines and newspapers. He also collaborates with organizations working on wildlife and conservation to produce illustrated awareness material. He has won awards by the UNDP, Sanctuary Asia, WWF International, Royal Bank of Scotland and the Green Literature Festival for his work. He has authored seven books, including Green Humour for a Greying Planet and Naturalist Ruddy. His cartoons have been displayed at COP26 and COP27.

LL.M. Students at Keoladeo National Park learning to watch and identify birds.

LL.M. Students in Sundarbans interacting with Ms. Soma Saha, Programme Coordinator for Communities, WWF-India
The most invaluable experience I had from this program was the field visits. I recommend my fellow lawyers to take up this course for the specialization, topics, and policies that you will learn here. Secondly, you will get to know how community building helps in the policy-making process and how people and authorities need to work together. Lastly, I would recommend people interested in fieldwork and the policy-making process to opt for this course, instead of a regular LLM course, as it will help you analyze whether policies actually work in practice, not just in theory.

Shubhi Jadoun

This course has taught me the gaps between the letter of law and their implementation. Through the sessions given by various practitioners, we gained an understanding of how laws translate into real life. The course has been fantastic because the guest lecturers are experts in their fields and having access to such faculty would not have been possible without WWF playing such a crucial role. We were able to interact with people who do very extensive groundwork. This kind of an amalgamation of practise and implementation is unique to this course. The course looks beyond learning through textbooks and I would definitely recommend it to future environment lawyers.

Vasundhara Saxena

This course has afforded me extensive exposure and a comprehensive understanding of environmental matters. Through a series of lectures conducted by experts, we discussed various critical topics such as climate change, carbon emission, carbon footprint and environmental resilience etc. Personally, this experience has deepened my connection to and heightened my awareness of environmental issues. I would definitely recommend this course to my friends and colleagues. It not only provides a robust educational foundation but also addresses the urgent need for additional advocates to safeguard our environment for future generations.

Ashish Kumar

The LL.M in ELECC program offers a unique blend of theory and practice. By providing a comprehensive understanding of various stakeholders, including legal professionals, think tanks, government officials, and activists, we have access to diverse perspectives on environmental law and related topics. This multi-faceted approach provides a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter. Moreover, the program distinguishes itself by integrating classroom learning with hands-on field visits, offering a fresh and enriching experience. Learning to think from various perspectives, recognizing and understanding the constraints of different stakeholders, and proactively bridging those constraints by seeking mutual understanding and executable lessons. Additionally, expanding beyond the traditional role of a lawyer and integrating science, policy, and other approaches has also been beneficial. Certainly, I would recommend this course to future lawyers but anyone interested in environmental law and associated areas. The access to multiple opportunities presented by this course provides a unique and enriching experience.

B. Ramakanth

I would recommend this course to fellow lawyers as they get to learn from the best practitioners with diverse perspectives who are passionate about making a positive change.

Nayna Maheshwari

This course has been instrumental in fostering new connections with a diverse array of guest lecturers, thereby broadening my professional network. Furthermore, it has profoundly altered my perspective on environmental matters, illuminating their significance in ways I had not previously appreciated. I would wholeheartedly recommend this course.

Sambhav Sharma

The course structure was being able to visit WWF's project sites, including the Sundarbans in West Bengal, which provided first-hand insight into the efforts being made towards adapting and mitigating the effects of climate change. I would 100% recommend the course to fellow lawyers as they get to learn from the best practitioners with diverse perspectives who are passionate about making a positive change.

Surya Teja Mankala

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B. Ramakanth

My decision to enroll in this course was impromptu and unforeseen. However, as I find myself nearing its conclusion, I can assert with confidence that it has proven to be a commendable choice. The major takeaway is the environmental consciousness that is instilled in us, which will stay with me perpetually. The experience at WWF-India was simply great. We had interactions with numerous environmental experts, which has greatly shaped my perspective about the environment. The pedagogy here is a departure from the conventional rote learning. It is a fine blend of practice and theory. The course has taught me the difference that conscientious efforts can make to the environment, even at the individual level. I would recommend it to fellow legal professionals, as it offers flexibility to accommodate additional pursuits. For example, I am concurrently preparing for the judiciary while pursuing this course.

Sagar Pahuja

The LL.M. ELECC has allowed me to acquire comprehensive knowledge on various aspects of the three specialisation including domestic to international environmental laws and policies, evolution of energy use and climate change. It has equipped me with the understanding of how environment, energy and climate change are related with each other. I would recommend this course because it has changed my perspective towards environmental protection.

Shreya Sujal

It has been an honour to delve into the academic and practical dimensions of environmental law. This course has enriched my understanding of the profound impact of environmental laws and regulations at both national and international levels. Through this training, I have gained a heightened awareness of the intrinsic value of nature and its pivotal role in our lives. Such achievements would not have been possible without the guidance of the professors and the support of WWF-India. This course has expanded my understanding of environmental law from just landmark cases to the complex dynamics between various stakeholders that presents itself when balancing environment protection and development. One of the most important things I learned from this curriculum was the significance of environmental litigation and the dynamic trends surrounding it in the country. I would recommend this course to my peers. In my true opinion, this course provides students with an enhanced opportunity to grow as individuals in both their personal and professional lives.

Mankala Surya Teja

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B. Ramakanth

The LL.M. ELECC has helped me understand the nuances of environmental law, climate change and energy. It has made me realise the gravity and immediate danger of climate change. My departure from the conventional rote learning. It is a fine blend of practice and theory. The course has taught me the difference that conscientious efforts can make to the environment, even at the individual level. I would recommend it to fellow legal professionals, as it offers flexibility to accommodate additional pursuits. For example, I am concurrently preparing for the judiciary while pursuing this course.

Gaurav Yadav
ADMISSION DETAILS

ADMISSIONS ELIGIBILITY
Applicants to the JGLS LL.M. programme must have a Bachelor's degree in Law from any university in India or abroad that is duly recognised under the law and by the regulatory authorities. Students graduating by July can also apply, however they need to submit their final degree certificate/mark sheet at the time of admission.

Admission Procedure
A. Admission to the LL.M. programme shall be based on the performance of one of the following entrance examinations (70% weightage):

1. JSAT-LAW Entrance Test
   Procedure: For online JSAT-India entrance test and any other related information, kindly visit https://lawadmissions.jgu.edu.in/

2. CLAT-PG Entrance Test

3. LSAT-India Entrance Test
   Procedure: For online LSAT-India entrance test and any other related information, kindly visit https://www.lsatindia.in/

B. Applicant shall also provide the following documents (30% weightage):
   • Statement of Purpose; and
   • Curriculum Vitae. (Work Experience and Publication)

FEES*

LL.M. ELECC

Application Fee: INR 1,000
Programme Fee: INR 3,50,000

*Subject to yearly revision

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