

About H.P. University Regional Centre, Dharamshala (HPURC)

Since its establishment in 1992, H.P. University Regional Centre, Dharamshala has been a leader in providing education, research, consultancy, seminars, conferences, workshops, and publications across various educational programs. The Centre is committed to preserving and sharing knowledge, enhancing its capacity to address evolving challenges, and positioning itself as a distinguished institution and hub of excellence in research by advancing its current initiatives, adapting them, and responding to new challenges. Originally set up within the premises of Government Degree College, Dharamshala in 1992, the Centre relocated to its own campus at Mohli Khaniara in November 2013, located approximately 10 km from the main city.

About the Conference

In an era marked by climate uncertainty and ecological imbalance, the need for a robust legal and institutional framework for disaster management has never been more pressing. Recognizing the unique vulnerability of mountainous regions to natural calamities such as earthquakes, landslides, flash floods, and forest fires, this conference is an earnest initiative to deliberate upon disaster risk reduction, preparedness, response, and recovery mechanisms through the lens of law, science, technology, and governance.

This conference seeks to bring together academicians, researchers, policy makers, legal professionals, environmentalists, administrators, and students to engage in meaningful discussions on contemporary global and local issues related to disaster management. It aims to foster interdisciplinary collaboration by integrating legal, social, technological, and environmental perspectives to develop sustainable and community-centric approaches that can strengthen disaster preparedness, mitigation, and recovery.

This conference will serve as a confluence of ideas and innovations, encouraging participants to share research findings, success stories, policy experiences, and future strategies. Ultimately, it envisions strengthening global cooperation and collective action toward the goal of **“Building Resilient Communities and a Safer Future.”**

Objectives of the Conference

The International Conference on “Contemporary Issues and Challenges in Disaster Management” aims to foster meaningful academic dialogue and collaborative action in the field of disaster resilience and risk governance. The key objectives of the conference are as follows:

- To foster interdisciplinary dialogue on disaster management, climate resilience, and risk governance.
- To examine legal, institutional, and policy frameworks addressing disaster risk reduction in India and abroad.
- To highlight community participation, indigenous knowledge, and technological innovations in building resilience.
- To promote collaborative research on sustainable and inclusive disaster management strategies.

Sub-Themes of the Conference

1. Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Building: Global and Local Perspectives
2. Integrating Law, Science, and Policy in Disaster Risk Governance
3. Climate Change, Environmental Law, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
4. Technological Innovations and Artificial Intelligence in Disaster Forecasting and Response
5. Socio-Legal Dimensions of Disaster Management: Rights, Equity, and Justice
6. Public Health, Epidemics, and Legal Preparedness for Biological Disasters
7. Economic Implications of Disasters and Models for Resilient Development
8. Role of Media, Communication, and Digital Platforms in Disaster Awareness
9. Cultural Heritage, Indigenous Knowledge, and Community Resilience
10. Governance, Ethics, and Accountability in Disaster Response Mechanisms
11. Urbanization, Infrastructure Planning, and Risk Management in Smart Cities
12. Community-Based Disaster Management and Indigenous Knowledge Systems
13. Disaster Governance, Institutional Mechanisms, and Inter-Agency Coordination
14. Human Rights, Gender, and Vulnerability in Disaster Situations
15. Disaster and Development: Balancing Growth with Sustainability
16. Judicial Approaches and Environmental Jurisprudence in Disaster Management

International Conference (Hybrid)

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17. Capacity Building, Training, and Public Awareness in Disaster Risk Reduction
18. The above sub-themes are indicative and not exhaustive. Papers on any other theme relevant to disaster management and related interdisciplinary issues are also welcome.

Submission Guidelines

Abstract: Not more than 300 words

Full paper: Not more than 4500 words

Title page: Title, Author(s), Designation, Professional Affiliation, Contact Details, E-mail

Text Font & Size: Times New Roman, 12

References: Standard MLA/ APA / IEEE Style

The official mail id of the conference will be: seminarhpurc@gmail.com and delegates will receive all types of official communication from this mail.

Registration Details

Category	Amount (Rs.)
Students (UG/PG)	300
Research Scholars	600
Academician/ Professionals	1200
If Accommodation Required	1200 Per person Extra

Submission Deadlines

Details	Deadlines
Abstract Submission	09/03/2026
Full Paper Submission/Registration	13/03/2026

Registration Criteria

Participants can register through Google form Link:

Abstract Submission Link:

<https://forms.gle/gRLbcHBEyHNXNTGX7>

Full Paper Submission Link:

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