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'One Nation One Law: Unification of Family Laws'

(To be published in a Book bearing ISBN No.)

About Us

V.M. Salgaocar College of Law which today features as a respectable and foremost name in the field of legal education in India was established in the year 1973. The college is centrally nestled in the heart of Goa at Miramar adjoining the capital city Panaji. The College offers the Five Year Integrated double degree B.A. LL.B., Three year LLB Degree, the two year post graduate LL.M programme, Ph.D program, a Diploma in Civil Law and well as numerous Certificate Courses. The Institution is a pioneer in the field of Clinical Legal Education. The Institution believes in quality research in Law. It is amply reflected through its annual publication in the form of Salgaocar Law Review bearing ISSN No.2395-7263.



The Concept Note

India is a country with heterogenous populace in terms of language, culture, religion and ethnicity. Constitution of India affords protective measures required to safeguard this unique diversity and varied spaces that manifests the identity and dignity of the people. Yet integrity of the nation is assured through its legal system providing for uniform laws for the whole of the country in matters of Criminal Law, Contract, Property, and the like. The major exception to uniformity of laws is in the arena of Family Law, where the Personal Laws are allowed to be the legal domain. A plethora of judgments delivered by the apex Court have time and again stressed on the need to bring about uniformity and gender neutrality in the relevant laws. A question pertinent at such juncture is, whether we need a Uniform Law in Family matters? Whether it will lead to interference with freedom of religion? Whether unification of the family laws will lead to loss of cultural values and ethnicity? And, if we opt for a Uniform Code for Family laws, what would be the appropriate Model?

Inspiration towards achieving the Uniform Civil Code is found in the application of uniform Family Laws in the State of Goa. The people of Goa, post liberation opted for continuation of the Portuguese Civil Code in the State, owing to its uniformity and benefit. The system has been working since then, and the Code is applicable to all irrespective of their religion. Gender neutrality also is reflected to a great extent. Keeping the Goa Model in mind, it is proposed to come out with a Book/Publication titled 'One Nation One Law: Unification of Family Laws', containing discussions on Uniform Civil Code and allied topics.

A fond dedication to the memory of Late Dr. Carmo D'Souza

The Book is inspired and is dedicated to the fond memory of Late. Dr. Carmo D'Souza, former faculty at the V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, Goa. Dr. Carmo's contribution to the study of Goa Laws and Comparative Laws is immense. Throughout his teaching career and post retirement, he has carried out extensive research in relation to laws with specific reference to its application to the State of Goa. He published his valuable research in the form of several books. His major contribution to Family Law is the book, "Civil Law Studies: India Perspective" which was published by the Cambridge Publishers. Dr. Carmo has always been of the opinion that there is a need to extensively research the area of Family Law, towards which he has been relentlessly striving. Carrying forward his mission, the V.M.Salgaocar College of Law, Goa, therefore proposes this publication.



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Topics

Following is the list of topics: (List is illustrative, not exhaustive)

- 1. Uniformity of law and Nationalism (One Nation One Law)
- 2. Concept of Uniform Civil Code for Family Laws
- 3. Need for Uniform Civil Code.
- 4. Personal Laws and the Constituent Assembly Debates
- 5. Judicial Perspective on Personal Laws
- 6. Personal Laws: The Gender Justice Perspective
- 7. Position of transgender under Personal Laws.
- 8. Model Code for Family Laws
 - Law of Marriage
 - Status of Live in Relationship under Personal Laws
 - Pre- Nuptial Arrangements.
 - Matrimonial Causes
 - Law of Child Adoption
 - Law of Guardianship
 - Maintenance Laws
 - -Legitimacy Law
 - -Law of Succession
- 9. Goa as a role Model
- 10. Conciliation in Family matters

(Chapter may also be submitted on any State specific Laws or provisions, practices).

CONTRIBUTORS - Contribution can be made by Academicians, lawyers and Ph.D research scholars only.

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- 1. Submission of abstract (of 300 words with key words) and full chapter to be emailed to vmslaw2023@vmslaw.edu.in within the specified date.
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- 3. All submissions must be in the Microsoft word Format with one inch margin on all sides.
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- 5. Footnotes must be in Times New Roman, font size 10 with single line spacing
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IMPORTANT DATES

1.	Abstract Submission	15th Dec 2022
2.	Notification of Acceptance of Abstract	22nd Dec 2022
3.	Full Paper Submission	30th January 2022
4.	Final Acceptance Notification	15th February 2022

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