



CONCEPT NOTE

Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) Pune, New Law College is organizing its Third Regional Conclave (spread over two days). The event is funded by Regional Committee-Global Alliance for Justice Education. For the first two conclaves we had participants, speakers, moderators, facilitators and presenters from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Iran, Iraq, Australia, Poland, New York etc. The third conclave will focus on presentations from Japan, Singapore, China, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Russia, Vietnam, Bhutan, Myanmar, Maldives, and Mongolia.

The purpose of the Conclave is to provide Asian educators, practitioners and students focused on Justice Education a platform to present their work and discuss the challenges and perspectives on justice education. We will also have discussion on the role of judges and judiciary in making access to justice a ground reality. The conclave will also explore a variety of models and methods aimed at strengthening clinical legal education and improving access to justice. The conclave will have interactive sessions, strategic planning discussions providing participants with valuable insights and practical strategies for social justice education.

We will collectively respond to the lack of a satisfactory collaborative platform and the scarcity of high-quality research at the Asian regional levels for educators and practitioners involved in justice education and the promotion of human rights. Panel discussion, interactive sessions, and informal networking conversations will be part of the conclave. This will definitely give space for addressing new approaches, initiatives, best practices, collaborative opportunities and insights on recurrent challenges in the theory and practice of justice education.

The Participants at the conclave will be encouraged to contribute to justice education and we seek to develop future events and collaborative projects focusing on key theoretical, curricular, pedagogic, and practice-based elements and debates of justice (education) in Asia generally and in specific geographies within South Asia.

The motivating factor behind the conclave is to seek building new collaborative network for justice education and human rights promotion in the South Asian Region, and an empowered pioneering community of justice educators and practitioners with common vision, motivation, and resources to collaboratively promote justice education and human rights.

The conclave will be a unique opportunity to identify and share best practices, learn from each other's experiences and contribute towards development of collaborative events and networking.

Impact of the Regional Conclave

Short term:

The conclave will have educational impact in terms of sharing and learning. The participants will get exposure to the best practices in social justice education and the cultural challenges. A roadmap for the future will be drawn. The innovative ideas and thoughts shared during the conclaves will sensitize the participants about their responsibility towards society. They will contribute towards justice education and become ambassadors for equality and justice.

Long term

A strong networking for research and collaborations will be developed amongst various institutions. New cadre of educators defending human rights and advocating for social justice education will be created who will be constantly strive for equality and possibility, and a belief in the capacity of people to transform our world.