

4. Submission Procedure

- Papers must be submitted in MS Word (.doc/.docx) format
- File name should be: AuthorName_SubTheme
- Submissions to be sent to: crp.mkpmrvils@rvei.edu.in
- Subject Line: Paper Submission – Symposium 2026

5. Important Dates

- Last Date for Abstract Submission: 5th March 2026
- Intimation of Acceptance: 8th March 2026
- Last Date for Full Paper Submission: 22nd March 2026
- Date of Conference: 28th March 2026

6. Awards and Publication

- Best Paper presenter award

Selected papers will be:

- Published in an ISBN Symposium Proceedings,
- The best five articles will be published in Vakeelara Vahini magazine in upcoming editions.
- The best two Articles will be considered for publication in the RV Law Journal (subject to peer review).

7. Registration Details

- Academicians/Practitioners/Others: ₹1000
- Research Scholars: ₹750
- Students: ₹500
- Participation only: ₹200

(Registration will be confirmed upon acceptance of Abstract)

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Vakeelara Vaahini

Vakeelara Vaahini is a monthly bilingual legal magazine published in Kannada and English by a collective of experienced advocates committed to promoting legal awareness, professional excellence, and informed public discourse. Edited by Mr. Prashanth Chandra S N (Editor-in-Chief) and Dr. D. M. Hegde (Editor & Publisher), the magazine serves as a vibrant platform for the legal community.

Since August 2021, Vakeelara Vaahini features insightful contributions from senior advocates, retired judges, academicians, legal experts, and law students, offering diverse perspectives on contemporary legal issues. With wide print and digital circulation, it reaches Bar Associations, Judicial Academies, law institutions, courts, and members of the judiciary across the State.

Beyond publication, the magazine actively organizes seminars, workshops, and interactive sessions to enhance legal awareness and professional development, benefiting students, practitioners, and the public.

The Symposium

International Women's Day represents resilience, progress, and the ongoing pursuit of gender equality. The 2026 theme, "Give to Gain," emphasizes that meaningful societal growth arises through inclusion, dignity, and empowerment.

The State Level Symposium on "Women in Changing Times: Legal Responses to Contemporary Challenges" explores how evolving legal frameworks respond to the changing realities faced by women amid technological, socio-economic, and constitutional developments. Recognizing law as a tool for social transformation, the symposium highlights the role of legal systems in ensuring protection, equality, and justice.

Bringing together academicians, legal professionals, policymakers, research scholars, and students, the symposium aims to foster meaningful dialogue on gender justice and contemporary legal responses.

Objectives of the Symposium

- To analyze emerging legal challenges affecting women in contemporary society
- To examine the effectiveness of existing legal and institutional frameworks
- To encourage scholarly discussion on gender justice and constitutional values
- To promote reform-oriented dialogue at the state level
- To embody the spirit of "Give to Gain" through academic collaboration

Expected Outcomes

- Strengthened academic and policy dialogue on gender justice
- Identification of gaps in existing legal frameworks
- Recommendations for legal and institutional reforms
- Enhanced awareness among stakeholders on contemporary gender issues

Participants

- Academicians and Researchers
- Advocates and Legal Practitioners
- Policymakers and Civil Society Members
- Research Scholars and Students

Participants can be from Law, Political Science, Sociology, Public Administration, Economics, Social Work, Psychology, Women's Studies, and Management / Commerce departments.

Panel Discussion

A panel discussion will be organized as part of the Symposium on Women in Changing Times: Legal Responses to Contemporary Challenges, bringing together eminent legal experts, academicians, and practitioners. The session will deliberate on emerging issues affecting women and the evolving legal frameworks addressing them. It will provide a platform for critical dialogue, diverse perspectives, and practical insights. The discussion aims to foster informed understanding and inspire meaningful legal and social reform.

Call for Papers

Scholars, academicians, practitioners, research scholars, and students are encouraged to contribute papers addressing contemporary legal and policy issues affecting women. Submissions may broadly relate to (but are not limited to):

(Authors may propose related themes aligned with the symposium topic)

Sub-themes

1. Constitutional and Human Rights Perspectives
2. Women in the Digital Era
3. Workplace and Economic Empowerment
4. Violence against Women and access to justice
5. Reproductive and health rights
6. Political Participation and Governance
7. Intersectionality and Vulnerable Groups
8. Environment and Sustainable Development

Submission guidelines

1. Abstract Submission

- Abstract should not exceed 300 words
- Must clearly mention:
 - Title of the Paper
 - Name(s) of Author(s)
 - Designation & Institutional Affiliation
 - Contact Details (Email & Phone Number)
- 3–5 keywords to be included

2. Full Paper Submission

- Word Limit:
 - 2,000–3,000 words (including footnotes)
- The paper must be original and unpublished
- Co-authorship is permitted (maximum two authors)
- Plagiarism must not exceed Similarity of 10% and AI not more than 20% (subject to plagiarism check)

3. Formatting Guidelines

- *Font: Times New Roman*
- *Font Size:*
 - Title: 14 (Bold)
 - Main Text: 12
 - Footnotes: 10
- *Line Spacing: 1.5*
- *Alignment: Justified*
- *Citation Style: 22nd Bluebook Edition*
- *Margins: 1 inch on all sides*