NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, TRIPURA

KAUTILYA SOCIETY

in collaboration with theVidhi Centre for Legal Policy

CREDIT COURSE

"Constitutionalism, Federalism and Governance: An Advanced Inquiry into Indian Constitutional Law"

About NLU Tripura

National Law University, Tripura (NLU Tripura), is a prestigious institution established with the objective of advancing legal education, research, and advocacy in India. Situated in the northeastern state of Tripura, NLU Tripura aims to serve as a centre of excellence in legal studies, fostering a deep understanding of law in its theoretical and practical dimensions. The university is dedicated to producing competent legal professionals, scholars, and policymakers who can contribute to the development of law and justice in India and beyond.

About Kautilya Society

Kautilya Societies, conceptualized by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy and hosted by universities across India, are student-led initiatives designed to promote public policy as a career path. These societies enable students to conduct research on gaps in law, policy, and governance, producing reports and parliamentary submissions. By hosting discussions and events on recent legal and policy developments, they contribute actively to public policy discourse and socio-economic progress.

About the Course

The Kautilya Society of National Law University Tripura is pleased to offer a rigorous 2-credit advanced course on **Constitutionalism, Federalism and Governance**. This intensive programme is designed for students and scholars who have already engaged with the foundational principles of Constitutional Law and now seek a deeper, more critical inquiry into the structural, institutional, and normative dimensions of the Indian Constitution.

Moving beyond doctrinal exposition, the course examines how constitutional ideals interact with political realities, how federal arrangements negotiate unity and diversity, and how governance structures can be held accountable to constitutional values. Participants will engage with contemporary debates, landmark jurisprudence, comparative insights, and emerging challenges that continue to shape India's constitutional landscape.

Key Highlights

- Intensive 30-hour programme spanning 10 days (November 16–25, 2026)
- Taught by a distinguished academic with expertise in constitutional theory and public law
- Focus on advanced themes: constitutionalism, federal design, inter-governmental relations, and governance accountability
- Interactive sessions combining lectures, case discussions, and critical analysis
- Opportunity to earn 2 academic credits (subject to institutional recognition)
- Certificate of Completion upon successful fulfilment of course requirements

Course Details

- **Course Title - Constitutionalism, Federalism and Governance:** An Advanced Inquiry into Indian Constitutional Law
- **Credits - 2 Credit Course**
- **Instructor - Mr. Anshul Dalmia,** Lecturer, Jindal Global Law School
- **Duration - 30 Hours** (5:00 PM – 8:00 PM daily, November 16th to 25th, 2026; exact daily schedule subject to instructor's availability)
- **Mode - Online** (Live sessions via designated platform)
- **Eligibility -** Open to **students**, **scholars**, and **professionals** who have studied (or are currently studying) Constitutional Law I & II or equivalent foundational courses.

About the Instructor

Mr. Anshul Dalmia is a Lecturer at the Jindal Global Law School, where he teaches Constitutional Law. He graduated in 2024 from the University of Oxford with the Bachelor of Civil Law degree as a KC Mahindra Scholar and received the Oxford Law Faculty Prize for the course on 'Constitutionalism in Asia'. He completed his undergraduate degree (B.A. LL.B. (Hons.)) from the WB National University of Juridical Sciences in 2022, securing Rank 1 in his cohort and the Professor Dr. Madhava Menon Gold Medal, along with University Gold Medals in Constitutional Law, Property Law, ADR, Environmental Law, Family Law, and Clinical courses.

He has previously served as a Research Fellow at the Centre for Constitutional Law (Charkha) at the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy. His work has included non-commissioned projects on the constitutional issues surrounding electoral delimitation, advisory support to State governments and financial organisations on constitutional questions, and extensive fieldwork in Maharashtra and Delhi on constitutional literature in regional languages. He has also worked briefly with Khaitan & Co. in the General Corporate team.

Mr. Dalmia has received the Hansell Travel Grant and the Alice Horseman Scholarship from Somerville College, Oxford. He has contributed to Oxford Pro Bono Publico research and served on the editorial boards of the NUJS Law Review, Journal of Indian Law and Society, and the Indian Constitutional Law Review. With around 50 publications across journals, blogs, and newspapers, his scholarship focuses on public law, constitutional theory, judicial institutions, and comparative constitutional practices.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Critically analyse the theoretical foundations and evolving practice of constitutionalism in India;
- Evaluate the design, operation, and contemporary challenges of Indian federalism;
- Assess mechanisms of constitutional governance and institutional accountability;
- Engage with comparative perspectives and emerging debates in public law;
- Formulate reasoned positions on complex constitutional and policy questions.

Indicative Course Outline

The course is structured around three interlocking themes. The outline below is indicative and may be refined by the instructor.

Module I — Constitutionalism: Theory, Practice and Contestation

This module explores the idea of constitutionalism beyond the formal text. Topics include the relationship between constitutionalism and democracy, the role of constitutional morality, the tension between popular sovereignty and institutional constraints, and the ways in which Indian constitutional practice has both advanced and challenged classical constitutionalist ideals. Landmark judgments and scholarly debates will be examined to understand how constitutionalism operates as a living doctrine.

Module II — Federalism: Structure, Dynamics and Reform

Focusing on India's quasi-federal design, this module interrogates the distribution of legislative, executive and fiscal powers; the role of institutions such as the Inter-State Council and Finance Commission; and contemporary flashpoints including delimitation, linguistic federalism, and centre–state relations. Comparative insights from other federal systems will be drawn upon to evaluate proposals for reform and the future of cooperative and competitive federalism in India.

Module III — Governance and Constitutional Accountability

The final module turns to the architecture of governance under the Constitution. It examines the separation of powers in practice, the accountability of the executive and legislature, the role of independent institutions (Election Commission, CAG, judiciary), and emerging questions around digital governance, administrative discretion, and the rule of law. Participants will consider how constitutional values can be operationalised in everyday governance and policy-making.

Pedagogy & Assessment

The course will be conducted through a blend of interactive lectures, close reading of primary materials (including constitutional provisions, landmark judgments, and official reports), and structured class discussions. Emphasis will be placed on critical engagement rather than passive learning, encouraging participants to interrogate doctrinal positions, evaluate competing interpretations, and relate theoretical insights to contemporary constitutional developments.

Participants are expected to come prepared, contribute thoughtfully to discussions, and engage with the assigned readings. Assessment for credit purposes may include a combination of short response papers, class participation, and a final reflective essay, as determined by the instructor in consultation with the host institution. Detailed assessment criteria and submission timelines will be shared with registered participants at the commencement of the course.

REGISTRATION FEE

NLU Tripura Students	***₹ 300***
Non-NLUT Students / Scholars / Professionals	***₹ 1,000***

Bank Name: State Bank of India, Usha Bazar
Account Number: 42280472163
IFSC Code: SBIN0018742
The registration fee is non-refundable. Payment details and the registration form will be shared upon expression of interest / through the official registration link.

Important Dates

Registration Opens -	**25 October 2026**
Registration Closes -	**14 November 2026**
Course Commences -	**16 November 2026**
Course Concludes -	**25 November 2026**

How to Register

Interested participants are required to register through the official Google Form (link to be activated / shared by the organisers). Please ensure that you complete the form accurately and make the prescribed payment. Confirmation of registration will be communicated via email.

Registration Link: https://forms.gle/SUEt8WMdw4zQmCfg6

General Guidelines

1. Participants must have prior exposure to Constitutional Law (I & II or equivalent).
2. Regular attendance and active participation are expected for the award of the certificate / credits.
3. All reading materials and session links will be shared with registered participants in advance.
4. The organisers reserve the right to modify the schedule, pedagogy, or assessment pattern in consultation with the instructor.
5. Certificates will be issued only to participants who fulfil the attendance and assessment criteria prescribed for the course.

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