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To,  
The Principal,

**Subject: Invitation for Legal Research Methodology Workshop from 8<sup>th</sup> Oct-14<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2012**

Respected Sir/Madam,

The Department of Law, University of Pune, has the pleasure to inform you that the Department has organized a seven day workshop on **“Legal Research and the Significance of Inter-disciplinary Approach”** from **8<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2012**. We hereby cordially invite you to participate in the workshop. The procedure for registration is as follows:

- Date of commencement of registration – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012
- Last Date for registration – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012
- Fees for registration (includes lunch & tea) – Rs. 2500 only payable by DD on a nationalized bank in favour of **“The Registrar, University of Pune”**.
- Each college can nominate one faculty.
- Reading material and certificate will be provided to each participant.
- **ACCOMODATION:** The participants from outside Pune should send requisition in the registration form as there is a limited accommodation. Lady participants will be given preference. It must be noted that this facility is not free of charge.

Thanking You!

Yours Faithfully,

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# **LEGAL RESEARCH AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH**

**(A SEVEN DAY STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP)**

**ORGANISED BY**

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

**UNIVERSITY OF PUNE**

**PUNE**

**(OCTOBER 8-14, 2012)**

## **Brief Background Note:**

To address the problems of a society in a scientific and systematic manner with cutting edge results, investigation into the problem in a systemic methodic fashion which plays a vital role in any discipline of study. This is more evident in the field of legal research. Over the years, with a number of theoretical perspectives, a lot of literature has been developed in legal research by employing a number of methods. However, many a times, the legal scholars tend to fail to convey exactly what they try to explain to other disciplines. This has brought in a gap between law and other sciences, especially even amongst the social sciences. This may be one of the reasons; the normative discipline could not be able to achieve the practical results in synchronizing with the theoretical perspectives (in the realm of Jurisprudence) advocated by the legal researchers to address a number of issues pertaining to each society.

The failure of translating the theoretical perspectives of legal scholars from ancient to modern periods, led Murphy and Rogers to describe the lack of contribution to enrich other sciences as :

“..... legal theory has failed to provide any significant explanation or justification of what academic lawyers do (as is normally demanded of the theoretical component of a discipline) and thus of what academic law is or might be.”

In the words of Paul Chynoweth: “Legal researchers have always struggled to explain the nature of their activities to colleagues in other disciplines.”

In order to bring coherence to the theoretical perspectives, vast literature has been developed in the realm of jurisprudential vistas over the years. Accordingly, a number of methods have been developed to address the needs of each society, through techniques of legal methods evolved from time to time. However, much work need to be undertaken to address the various issues by academic lawyers to convince not only the peers of other

academic disciplines, but to convince the society as a whole that their work really trustworthy, broad based to prescribe ground norms for other to emulate.

In the above back ground, the Department of Law known for its promotion of research skills for decades, ( especially the 1979 Research Methodology Workshop popularly referred across the world as “Poona” Research Workshop and widely acknowledge by UGC), would like to address the real concept, objectives, and Methods of Legal Research. The Workshop will address the various styles of legal research developed over the years, as enumerated by Arthur such as, Applied, Pure, Interdisciplinary, and Legal Methods.

**Applied Research methods:**

- Law Reform Research with respect to Socio-legal Research/Law in Context:
- Expository Research ( Conventional Treaties, Statues and legal articles etc

**Pure Legal Research methods:**

- Sociology of law, Critical Legal Aspects and Law and economics.
- Legal Theoretical Perspectives

**Inter Disciplinary Approach:**

- Research about Law and its approach and impact towards other sciences

**Methods of Legal Research:**

- Doctrinal, Empirical, Inductive, and deductive, empirical analytical methods.

Apart from the above framework, in order to involve the teachers and students to equip with the Legal skills, drafting and techniques to be adopted, the workshop will focus on the Motivational research with practical training. During the week, the participants will be divided into groups to work out specific methodological aspects relating to

contemporary and theoretical issues of law. In the end of the workshop, the best groups will be identified and be given a certificate of appreciation.

**Particulars of the Workshop:**

- All Law Teachers working in various Law Departments and Colleges in the State of Maharashtra are eligible.
- All teachers need to fill and send the application form in the enclosed format.
- All intended participants need to pay a Registration fee of **Rs, 2500/-** DD drawn on the name of the Registrar, University of Pune Payable at Pune.
- Registration fee paid in any other method except the specified one will not be entertained. No cash and spot registration is permissible. The Last Date for registration is October 1, 2012.
- Only Limited Seats are available for registration.
- **ACCOMODATION:** The participants from outside Pune should send requisition in the registration form as there is a limited accommodation in the university. Lady participants will be given preference. It must be noted that this facility is not free of charge. The accommodation charges need to be paid by the participants.
- TA/D.A may be claimed from their respective institutions.
- Working Lunch will be provided during the period of workshop.
- The Certificate will be issued only upon the participation of each participant till the end of the last day. Anybody drops in between the course are not entitled to certificates and no refund of registration fee is admissible. Attendance is compulsory for all seven days.

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University of Pune  
State Level Workshop  
On**

**'Legal Research Methodology and Interdisciplinary Approaches  
(8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2012)**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

1) Name of the participant: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Address of the participant: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Pin \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

3) Name of the Institution & address: \_\_\_\_\_

4) Professional  Student  Teacher   
(Please tick the appropriate box)

5) Mailing address (Alternate):

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6) Accommodation required: – Yes / No<sup>1</sup>

7) Registration fee<sup>2</sup>- Payment details- Demand Draft

<sup>1</sup>. The participants from outside Pune should mention their requirement for accommodation and will have to pay separately for the same in the university Guest House. The priority will be given to the lady participants.

<sup>2</sup>. The registration fee includes tea and lunch.