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राष्ट्रीय विधायक सम्मेलन
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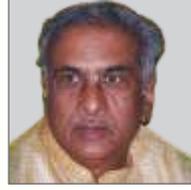
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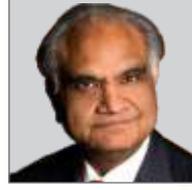
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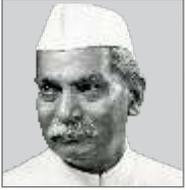
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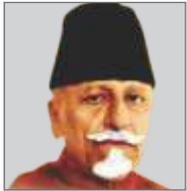
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SOME OF THE DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATORS OF ALL TIME

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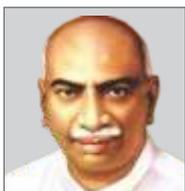
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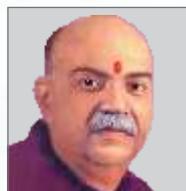
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What is NLC Bharat?

National Legislators' Conference Bharat (NLC Bharat) is an avenue for Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) and Members of Legislative Councils (MLCs) across the nation to gather for the first time ever at one place and exchange ideas in this historic conference. NLC Bharat is taking place in Mumbai from 15th to 17th June 2023. MLAs and MLCs from across the political parties and from all the States and UTs would get a unique opportunity to interact with each other. The conference will be conducted with the core objectives of cross-learning and enhancement of legislative effectiveness. The legislators would have experiential learnings and thematic discussions through a mix of thoughtfully curated large-format plenary sessions, brainstorming parallel sessions amongst the legislators, a showcase of States' and UTs' pavilions and commendable practices, and extensive informal interactions amongst the legislators, party leaders, Living Icons of Bharat (India) and CSR representatives. Sessions on strengthening democracy with participation of acclaimed national and global leaders would also take place during the conference. The conference would provide a platform to the MLAs and MLCs to creatively showcase the cultural flavour of their region. A platform like NLC is a long due for a thriving democracy like ours, particularly when some other democracies in the world have non-partisan forums for State Legislatures. NLC Bharat would be a true celebration and reflection of democracy and its strength- its elected representatives!

VISION

NLC Bharat envisions a non-partisan ecosystem to promote education, training, skill development and capacity enhancement, interstate and international cooperation of legislators and legislative staff to advance effectiveness and independence of legislative bodies by fostering democratic values and practices of good governance.

MISSION

The National Legislators' Conference in Bharat (India) aims to:

- Enhance the skills and capacities of legislative leaders, legislators, and legislative staff in the States and Union Territories of Bharat, to enhance their effectiveness, independence, and integrity in law-making and policy formulation.
- Improve the interconnectedness between State Legislatures and civil society, promoting cooperation, transparency, and participation.
- Support the research and evaluation of laws and policies being discussed and formulated by State Legislatures.
- Foster education and training through interstate cooperation by exchanging information, experiences, knowledge, and visits amongst the state legislative leaders, legislators, and legislative staff through the legislative bodies.
- Advance the cause of world peace by encouraging international cooperation with the state legislatures in democratic countries through the exchange of information, experiences, knowledge and visits amongst the state legislative leaders, legislators, and legislative staff of states in Bharat and states in other democratic countries.
- Create an institutional framework for sustained activities to empower the State legislatures, improve the connection between State Legislatures and civil society, conduct research and evaluation, and foster interstate and international cooperation amongst State Legislatures.



Overview of NLC Bharat, 2023

- Participation of 4000 MLAs and MLCs from all the states and union territories
- 500 other participants such as Living Icons of Bharat, Expert Discussants, Industry-Business Leaders and CSR Representatives
- 500 observers such as former MLAs and former MLCs, leaders of youth wings of political parties, international delegates etc
- Grand Inaugural, Plenary Session and Valedictory with the participation of National and International Leaders
- Upto 80 parallel thematic participatory sessions of MLAs and MLCs
- Each of the parallel thematic participatory session to be chaired by Assembly Speaker/Deputy Speaker, Council Chairperson/Deputy Chairperson, Party President or senior leadership of political parties
- Interactive sessions with renowned Thought Leaders on technology, spirituality, governance etc.
- Roundtable Discussions (online) of top media personalities and spiritual leaders
- Roundtable Discussions of Speakers, Chairpersons of State Legislatures, Secretaries of State legislatures, Parliamentary Affairs Ministers
- Roundtable Discussion of top industry business leaders on "Transformation of Bharat in Amrit kal"
- Informal interactions of MLAs and MLCs with the Assembly Speakers/Deputy Speakers, Council Chairpersons/Deputy Chairpersons, Living Icons of Bharat (India), expert discussants, CSR Representatives and Business-Industry Leaders over the morning Tea/Coffee
- Exhibitions of commendable practices and commendable programmes by all the States and UTs as well as pavilions by 10 democratic countries
- Curation of Video Stories of all the participating MLAs and MLCs as the largest ever documentation exercise on the journeys of State-level elected representatives
- Opportunities for MLAs and MLCs to make cultural presentations in front of all the participants and observers
- Cross-learning, experiences sharing and agenda formulation by the MLAs, MLCs, Assembly Speakers, Deputy Speakers, Council Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons, Party Presidents, CSR Representatives, industry and business Leaders, Youth Leaders, former MLAs, former MLCs etc during the interactive spaces over lunch and dinner on each day of the conference

OUR STORY

National Legislators' Conference, Bharat is the first non-partisan organization providing training, ideas, connections, capacity building, and a strong voice to the legislators of all the States and Union Territories. The idea of NLC Bharat emerged out of a long and tenuous process of establishment of the MIT School of Government (MIT-SOG) by Shri. Rahul V. Karad in the year 2005 to provide political training to youngsters interested in joining politics.

The MIT-SOG soon initiated the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (BCS), the largest annual platform for socially and politically inspired youth in the country. Further, the National Women's Parliament (NWP) and Rashtriya Sarpanch Sansad (RSS) have been established to promote women's empowerment and strengthen grassroots democracy. The deliberations on these platforms have led to conceptualization of the NLC Bharat for State Legislators.

In 2022, 4 former speakers of Lok Sabha - **Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Dr. Meira Kumar, Shri. Manohar Joshi and Shri. Shivraj Patil** and incumbent speakers of State Legislative Assemblies and Chairpersons of State Legislative Councils got together and envisioned a single national organization to support, defend and strengthen state legislatures. A conceptual exercise was held in Pune, Maharashtra on the 16th of September 2022 and a visioning exercise was organized in New Delhi on the 7th of November 2022 for the formation of the **National Legislators' Conference, Bharat in June 2023**. A planning workshop was organized in Pune on 6th December 2022 to give final shape to the conference. The NLC Bharat is supported by various state Legislatures, respected senior bureaucrats and members of civil societies. MIT School of Government, Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad and Atulya Bharat Nirman Foundation are sharing the responsibilities to organize the **NLC Bharat on 15th to 17th June 2023 at Mumbai**.

VISIONING EXERCISE & CLARION CALL



Monday, 7th November, 2022, Constitution Club of India, New Delhi
in the presence of
Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Dr. Meira Kumar, Shri. Shivraj Patil and
current as well as former Speakers / Chairpersons of State Legislatures





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PLANNING WORKSHOP



Tuesday, 6th December 2022, Oxford Club, Pune, Maharashtra

in the presence of

Dr. Jaya Prakash Narayana, Dr. Ashok Joshi, Dr. Ram Charan and online participation of several Legislators





Dr. Meira Kumar
Former Speaker of Lok Sabha and Patron of NLC Bharat

She stated that our collective endeavour should be to take Indian democracy and parliament to even greater heights. It should not be limited to the adoption of the West Minister System. Rather, the Indian Parliament should be a model to be adopted. She also stressed that apart from making laws, the Parliament must work towards social transformation. She further stated that “we need to address the question of how we will make a young politician understand “भ्रष्टाचार रहित राजनीति”.



Smt. Sumitra Mahajan
Former Speaker of Lok Sabha and Patron of NLC Bharat

She reminded the participants that during her tenure she organized a conference titled “Empower Women- Empowering the Nation.” In her opinion, the NLC Bharat should discuss ways and means to राष्ट्रीय एकता राष्ट्र सर्वोपरी She opined that key topics, such as center-state relations and local bodies, can be discussed making recommendations on 2 prominent themes. “राष्ट्रीय एकता और सहनशीलता, सामाजिक समरसता और आत्मनिरीक्षण”.



Shri. Shivraj Patil
Former Speaker of Lok Sabha and Patron of NLC Bharat

He expressed that young citizens should be informed about the functioning of the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary in India. By introducing a holistic approach, we can successfully build a strong bridge between them.



Shri. Satish Mahana
Speaker of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly

He said that the Speakers must highlight the fact that every member associated with this conference will share a neutral role with a common vision and mission.



Dr. C. P. Joshi
Speaker of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly

He raised some pertinent issues regarding the quality of debates in the Houses. He said that following the enactment of the anti-defection law, we find no debate happening and what we observe is the party line is to be followed. This has serious implications on the quality of deliberation. So, young legislators should be acquainted with their roles and responsibilities in the legislature.



Shri. Gian Chand Gupta
Speaker of the Haryana Legislative Assembly

He expressed that the NLC Bharat should strive to educate the legislators about good parliamentary practices and enhance their deliberative skills.



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Shri. Rahul Narwekar
Speaker, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly

NLC is a timely initiative. This platform can go a long way in enhancing effectiveness of legislators. We will be happy to welcome all the states' legislators in the city of Mumbai for this conference.



Shri. Kavinder Gupta
Former Deputy Chief Minister and Former Legislative
Assembly Speaker of Jammu & Kashmir

He gave a simple but effective suggestion saying that states must be allowed to raise questions during the NLC Bharat as they are diverse in every sense. Similarly, their diversity also extends to managing administrative affairs. Thus, the NLC Bharat should emerge as a platform to exchange ideas and best practices.



Dr. Charanjit Singh Atwal
Former Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha
Former Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly

He expressed that "Education for All" and "Parity in the development of States" should be taken up for discussion in the NLC Bharat.



Shri. Vijay Kumar Sinha
Former Speaker of the Bihar Legislative Assembly

He suggested that it is essential to improve the image of politics and politicians in the eyes of ordinary Indians. He also suggested that the citizens must be made aware of their rights and duties. These topics could be discussed at the NLC Bharat.



Shri. Mohammad Haroon Rashid
Former Chairman of the Bihar Legislative Council

He argued that the only way to improve the image of politics in India is by shifting the focus from "Politics of Chair to Politics of Nation." For him, the constitutional duties of the legislators must be made the focus of NLC Bharat.



Shri. Anoop Mishra
Former Secretary General of Lok Sabha

He added to the vision of having a theme for the conference centred on "Young Legislators." He proposed 2 topics: The Young Legislator's Responsibilities & Role In The Nation Building; and The Young Legislator's Role in the Legislature & Dignity of Discussion.



Dr. Ram Charan
Business Consultant, Author, CEO Advisor

He recommends looking for concrete ideas. What are the best 3 items that will be focused on and delivered to and what are those 3 items that are the envisaged takeaway from the NLC Bharat conference and what will be played heavily in the press? Legislators do not work in isolation; they must be linked and think about what is being offered. There should be a takeaway point where there is an emergence of consensus. Don't pick the issues where there is no end. Look for issues where there is light at the end of the tunnel. The mission should be to enhance the capacity of the MLA/legislatures. We should be very focused. We should not lecture them; they are leaders of some constituency. We need to enhance their capacity.



Dr. Jaya Prakash Narayan
Founder and President of Lok Satta Party

The whole atmosphere should be positive of democracy and consensus. He suggested the topics include Empowerment of Legislatures/Legislators, Women's Reservation/Alternative Models – The Power of State Legislature, Fiscal Issues/Management, and Support System for the Legislators – these must be the talking themes of the conference – where there will be a concrete takeaway. Additionally, he recommended reforms on the State Legislative Council (SLC), including representation of members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) & Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to work towards further decentralisation and offering a greater voice to PRIs and ULBs. There is a need for a discussion on the current First Past the Post System (FPTP) and a thought of a discussion for the proportional representational model. He suggested we should plan to evolve NLC Bharat as a permanent platform/institution, something that should happen during the conference. Adding he said, in an external context, democracy has taken a back seat with different challenges; India needs to discover its historic role globally.



Prof. Anil Gupta
IIM-A, Founder HoneyBee network Coordinator

As an innovator, we look for -

- Ability to solve a problem with their genius and their local resources.
- Voice/Visibility/Velocity to those who want to learn through cross-pollination of ideas.

Therefore here, at NLC Bharat, it will be prudent to identify legislators in the party/state who have made a difference with minimum resources and learn from them. They can be the one who has won 5/6 times and learn from their experience or it can be learning from a legislator who has worked in a sector and due to the recognition of work in that sector how he/she has scripted success for himself/herself with the use of those tools. Thus using these discussions we can move the discussion in a positive direction to work on those synergies. It can be in the form of -

- Display of outstanding work at the constituency
- Exhibition of social innovation from own constituency using their resources.

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Shri. Om Prakash Rawat
Former Chief Election Commissioner of India

He briefly explained that the NLC Bharat should emerge as a platform to instil a sense of duty amongst the citizens.



Shri. Vivek Agnihotri
Former Secretary General of Rajya Sabha

He proposed that the NLC Bharat should be centred on the theme “achievement of the legislature in last 75 years and path for next 25 years.” He made an interesting suggestion that the time has come when we should think of a “continuous session” rather than the conventional “Budget, Monsoon and Winter session.” He further proposed that the outcome of the NLC Bharat should be published in the form of a “Pune Resolution.”



Shri. Sushil Chandra
Former Chief Election Commissioner of India

He emphasized that 15 to 20 topics could be thoroughly discussed, and recommendations can be compiled to enhance the quality of the conference. The topics could include education and health facilities, effective utilization of Question Hour and Zero Hour, and framing questions to be raised in the legislature.



Shri. P.D.T Achary
Former Secretary General of Lok Sabha

He expressed his concerns about the declining sanctity of Parliament. He urged the delegates to discuss Freedom of Speech for legislators and secular thinking during the NLC Bharat.



Dr. Ashok Joshi
Entrepreneur, Scientist & Demographer

Giving his opinion, he said the program flow should consider more networking sessions, and give them a subject to talk about and a moderator to facilitate more interaction for a more productive outcome.



Shri. Avinash Dharmadhikari
Renowned Thinker & Ex-IAS

He highlighted that the National Legislators Conference must emerge as a platform for discussing “Democracy for India and Indian Democracy for all.” He urged the delegates to conduct politically neutral deliberations on emerging technology, climate change, and India’s GDP growth vis-à-vis our neighbors.



Shri. Anshul Avijit
National Spokesperson, Indian National Congress

He urged the members to concentrate on topics of burning importance such as social harmony and secularism. He was particularly concerned with the rising instances of violence against minorities and stressed the need for young legislators to come ahead and voice their support for a strong, cohesive & resilient civil society regardless of party ideologies. For him, NLC would serve as the beacon of hope through which all the parties can come together to take a resolution for not only “Shashakt Bharat” but also “Vaibhavshali Bharat & Samruddha Bharat.”



Shri. Nanik Rupani
Former President, Indian Merchants Chamber

He expressed that technology is playing an important role in shaping our societies. However, the sphere of politics and politicians is the last to embrace such changes. He expressed his desire that the National Legislators Conference should emerge as a platform for discussing “technology as a tool of governance and development.



Shri. Shrikant Bharatiya
Member, Maharashtra Legislative Council

He pointed out that Members representing backward regions or reserved Constituencies record limited participation in the legislatures. He asserted that the National Legislators Conference should emerge as a platform where first-time legislators, and SC, and ST legislators should be given adequate opportunity to express themselves openly and freely



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Dr. Vanlalthlan
MLA, Mizoram

In his opinion, there is a need for support on a good study of bills/background. We lack in this. We were interested in the executive part, but what we need to learn as MLA and need orientation on these legal aspects. Reading budget documents and grasping the nomenclatures and the jargon used, we need to have knowledge of it.



Shri. Richards Johnkumar
MLA, Puducherry

He mentioned the challenges for the UT with the state legislature are a bit different than those with the status of state. The role of the Lt. Governor is important with the nature of the powers entrusted. Also sometimes faces challenges from bureaucrats where work is delayed. There is a need for awareness for the MLAs on these issues.



Shri. Ashraf Hussain
MLA (All India United Democratic Front), Chenga, Barpeta, Assam

He recollects, being an MLA is a challenging job. MLA comes in contact with so many departments. Also, the other challenge is that there is no continuity of record for the office of an MLA. When the new MLA is elected, they need to have a repository of this data. The concept of implementing a smart solution in the discussion at NLC Bharat should include empowerment sessions on understanding welfare schemes, how the bills are discussed, what processes are involved, etc. We need a discussion on sharing of best & smart practices for an MLA.



Shri. Talari Aditya
Former MLA, Satyavedu Chittoor SC Andhra Pradesh (TDP)

It will be good if MLAs are exposed to training on the Legislative House Rule Book – as the book comprehensively mentions the rule but need to understand the terminology lucidly, what we find is that through interaction and discussion – it is the best way to learn and understand. We will be happy to know/educate ourselves on the avenues for MLA to get funds from the central government.



Shri. Aseem Goel
MLA, Haryana (Ambala)

He emphasises that NLC Bharat should be a platform for changing the perception of politics and politicians. We should work on discussions to make MLAs aware of his/her powers and legislative privileges to work for the people. It is true that by protocols MLAs are well positioned in the hierarchy, but in reality, the challenge we face is in offices or at the hands of the bureaucrats etc.

***Over 100 MLAs & MLCs are consulted for organization of NLC Bharat**



Objectives of NLC Bharat, 2023

The main objectives of mega conclave of NLC Bharat on 15th to 17th June 2023 at Mumbai, Maharashtra are as follows:

- To bring the members of all State and UT legislatures on a single platform for experiential cross-learning and exchanging ideas
- To accelerate the capacity enhancement and skill-building initiatives for legislators
- To showcase innovative ideas and commendable practices in legislative business, constituency development and governance
- To create educational database, research reports and case studies on the legislators and legislatures' commendable practices
- To develop and facilitate national and international study visits and cultural exchanges amongst the members of the State legislatures

Expected Outcomes

- The NLC Bharat conclave on 15th to 17th June 2023 at Mumbai is expected to deliver on the following:
- Projection of Bharat as a pillar of democracy in the world and increased interaction between legislators in Bharat and legislators from other democratic countries
- Replication and scaling up of commendable practices, commendable innovation, and commendable technologies by the legislators in their areas
- Substantial channels of exchanges and interaction between civil society and legislators, legislative bodies
- Creation of a permanent non-partisan institution of legislators at the national level for cross learning
- Developing a common agenda for Bharat@2047 cutting across parties and States/UTs.

FOUNDATION OF NLC: A LEGACY OF LAST TWO DECADES

Rahul V. Karad is an initiator of idea of NLC. He is enterprising educationist at the forefront of MAEER'S MIT Group of Institutions, Pune having 72 institutes with 68000 students from KG to PG. He is committed to channelizing the power of youth, women, teachers, grassroots leaders and the policymakers by facilitating their engagement with each other in multiple fashions. Not affiliated to any political organization, his commitments are non-partisan and approach is inclusive and patriotic. This has resulted in the founding of the **MIT School of Government (MIT-SOG)**, the first institute of its kind in Asia which is committed to strengthening the fabric of Indian Democratic Leadership. His underlying belief in the democratic process and his faith in the youth of the country has led him to found the leading national platform for students interested in politics and development of the country, the **BHARATIYA CHHATRA SANSAD (BCS)**. Today MIT-SOG and BCS have become fountainhead of practice of model parliament in several states and universities. Understanding that no culture or civilization can prosper without the active participation of women as equals in the legislative and corporate spheres, Rahul is the Founder & Convener of **National Women's Parliament (NWP)**, a common platform for women from diverse backgrounds like politics, industry, the arts and judiciary. To further the cause of nation building, he has created the **National Teachers' Congress (NTC)**, a platform for teachers of Higher Education (undergraduate and postgraduate colleges) from across the nation. He is also the Founder of **Rashtriya Sarpanch Sansad**, a unique initiative to bring together Sarpanchs from different villages, Government, Media and Experts with a long-term Vision of Rural Development. All these unique initiatives are driven by a nationalistic vision. A firm belief that education needs a strong connect with leadership pervades our work culminating in initiating NLC - Bharat.

"All the political parties and leaders in Bharat strive for nation-building and upliftment of all sections of society. Even when the paths are divergent they are destined to converge in the realization of the goal of समर्थ भारत (Strong India)"

- Rahul V Karad



MIT School of Government (MIT-SOG)

Established in 2005, MIT-SOG is the first institution of its kind to offer a two-year Master's Programme in Political Leadership & Government (MPG). The Programme is designed to provide hands-on learning experiences to students, with the first year on the campus along with field work and study visits. During the second year of the Programme, students undergo training and internships with political leaders and political parties. Today, more than 450 alumni of MIT-SOG

are working with various national and state level political parties, in the local governments in various states and in the political consultancies validating the mission of encouraging educated youth to join politics. Many other institutes have started the political training programmes while many universities have included the part of psephology, election campaign strategies, legislative procedures etc in their postgraduate syllabuses.

Bharat Asmita National Awards

Established in 2005 by MAEER's MIT Group, this prestigious award recognises the exemplary work of individuals involved in nation-building- with over 15,000 nominations invited from various sectors annually. The board of trustees and selection committee maintain high standards in their endeavour to recognise meaningful contributions. The recipient of awards are inspiration to the next generation and recognition of their contribution works as a catalyst to bring in more positive changes in the society.



Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad

Initiated in 2011 under the auspices of the MIT-SOG and having completed 12 editions so far, Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (BCS) is an apolitical platform for students from diverse backgrounds to share their opinions and engage in societal causes. It provides leadership training to prepare young minds for future leadership. Various state governments have collaborated with the MIT-SOG to organize Chhatra Sansad and Yuva Sansad to sensitize the youth. The youth in

various districts of Bharat have enthusiastically organized local editions of Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad in their areas, which are testimony to the need of such platform for young Bharat.



National Women's Parliament

Established in 2017, a platform that emerged after conveying of all Women's Legislators' Conference by the then Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha, Smt Sumitra Mahajan ji on a proposal curated by MIT-SOG. The National Women's Parliament (NWP) connects not only women legislators but women leaders from diverse backgrounds. It is a largest platform for women leaders for co-learning and supporting each other in their social, political, and economic progress. The state legislatures of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Goa have partnered with

MIT-SOG in organizing NWP in the year 2017, 2019 and 2021 respectively.

Rashtriya Sarpanch Sansad

Established in 2017, it is a non-political platform for open dialogue, exchange of information, and learning related to local self-government. It has trained and empowered more than 15,000 Sarpanches to find solutions to the lack of infrastructure in rural areas. It is connected to the Rural Immersion program of students to sensitise them to rural issues and groom them for future leadership.



National Teachers' Congress

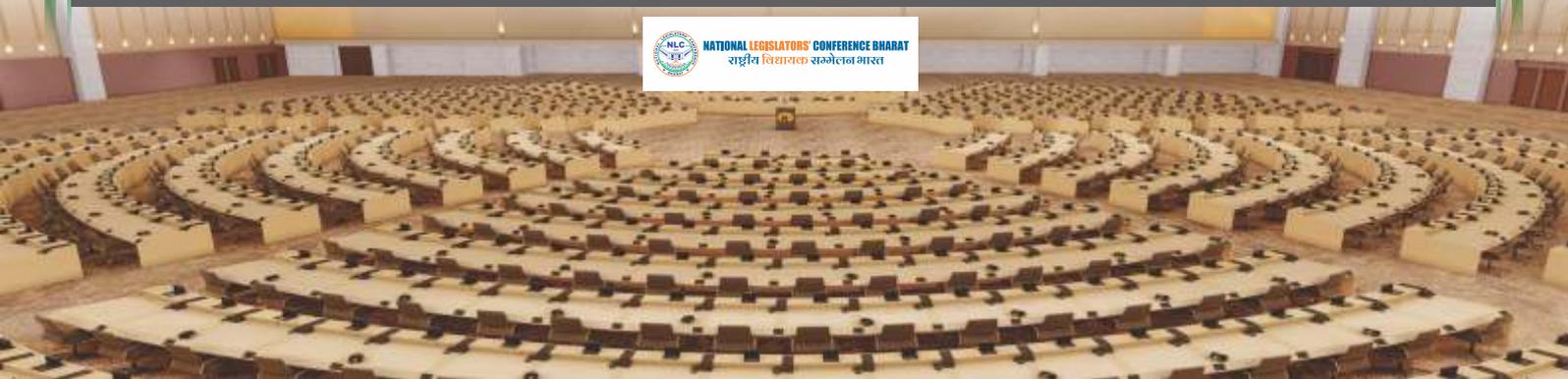
Established in 2018, the National Teachers' Congress (NTC) is a multidisciplinary platform for higher education teachers that facilitates sharing interdisciplinary knowledge through teacher-to-teacher connections. It aims to strengthen the bond between teachers based on India's ancient Guru-Shishya tradition. NTC has further created important forums such as All Vice-Chancellor's Conference, Association of Private Universities and a Global Platform



for Academia of Indian Origin. All these platforms are creating ways for cultivating values of democracy, peace and human rights amongst the students of all the disciplines.

Venue of NLC Bharat 2023 JIO WORLD CONVENTION CENTRE, BANDRA-KURLA COMPLEX (BKC), MUMBAI

This is model image of the venue of plenary sessions where in 5000 participants and observers will be seated together.



NATIONAL LEGISLATORS' CONFERENCE BHARAT (INDIA)

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15th, 16th & 17th June 2023

Jio World Convention Centre
Mumbai, Maharashtra

3-Day Programme Schedule Information of Interest and Registration Procedure



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Proposed Programme Schedule of 15th, 16th & 17th June 2023

Day 1 | Thursday, 15th June 2023

- 14:30 – 18:00 — Registration and Sessions' Confirmation Procedure at Programme Venue (Jio World Convention Centre)
- 18:00 – 18:30 — **मिलाप** - Welcome by Host State's Leadership
- 18:30 – 19:30 — Cultural Programme
- 19:30 – 20:30 — Dinner

Day 2 | Friday, 16th June 2023

- 08:30 – 10:30 — **मिलन** - MLAs and MLCs of all the States and UTs converging for Interaction and Networking over Tea/Coffee
- 11:00-13:00 — **संगम** - Inaugural Function
- 13:15 – 14:15 — Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:30 — **Thematic Parallel Sessions of MLAs and MLCs**
- Stress Management in Public Life
 - Instruments and Impact of Sustainable Development
 - Welfare Schemes: Uplifting the Last Person
 - Embrace Technology for Economic Welfare
 - Commendable Legislative Practices
- Round Table Discussions**
- Bharat@2047: Our Vision - Roundtable of Leaders of all the Political Parties
 - Spiritualization of Politics - Roundtable of Spiritual Leaders
 - Transformation of Bharat in Amrit Kaal - Roundtable of Business-Industry Leaders
 - Functioning of the Legislature: Challenges & Road Ahead - Roundtable of Secretaries of all State Legislatures
- 16:45 – 18:15 — **मिलन** - MLAs and MLCs of all the States and UTs converging for Interaction and Networking over High Tea
- 18:30 – 19:30 — **लोकतंत्र का लोकपथ** (Ramp of Democracy)
- 19:30 – 20:30 — Dinner



Day 3 | Saturday, 17th June 2023

- 08:30 – 09:45** — **मिलन** - MLAs and MLCs of all the States and UTs converging for Interaction and Networking over Tea/Coffee
Roundtable Discussion of International Delegates on: Fostering International Legislative Collaborations
- 10:00 – 11:30** — Plenary Session
Tale of the Tall - Leadership Mantras
- 11:30 – 12:00** — Tea/Coffee
- 12:00 – 13:45** — **Thematic Parallel Sessions of MLAs and MLCs**
- Work-Life Balance: A Key to Success
 - Art and Craft of Developing Your Constituency
 - Construct your image - the tools & techniques
 - Legislative Performance - Living Up To Expectations
 - Collaborating for Social Good: Bureaucrats and Legislators
- Round Table Discussions**
- Bharat@2047: Our Vision - Roundtable of Leaders of all the Political Parties
 - Law and Citizens @ 2047: Our Vision
Round Table of Legal Luminaries
- 14:00 – 15:00** — Lunch
- 15:15 – 17:15** — **मंथन** - Valedictory

Video Recordings of Leadership Journey
of MLAs and MLCs on all three days of programme as per their convenience
at the special rooms at the programme venue

MLAs and MLCs to visit Exhibitions at Programme Venue
as per their convenience

- Various States and UT governments are sponsoring different sections of the 3-days NLC programme



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Proposed Domains for Parallel Thematic Participatory Sessions

Thematic Parallel Sessions 16th June (Day 2)

Good Governance, People's Welfare & Fiscal Prudence

Each Session chaired by
Legislative Assembly Speaker/
Legislative Council Chairperson/
Parliamentary Affairs Minister/
Leader of Opposition



Thematic Parallel Sessions 17th June (Day 3) Empowering Legislators and Legislative Bodies

Each Session chaired by
Legislative Assembly Speaker/
Legislative Council Chairperson/
Parliamentary Affairs Minister/
Leader of Opposition



Celebrating Democracy
(Exhibitions/Information Dissemination on)

75



Commendable Practices

by selected 75 MLAs on
Constituency Development

75



**Commendable Programmes
of States and UTs**

75



**Commendable Start-ups
for grassroots development**

75



**Commendable democratic
practices**

from other democratic countries
in the world

75



**Commendable
Democracy-Idols**

from across the World

*These exhibitions will be open to public at large



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Information of Interest for the Participant MLAs and MLCs

- **What are the programme dates?**

- The 1st National Legislators' Conference is scheduled to be held on 15th, 16th & 17th June 2023.

- **What is the programme venue?**

- The 1st National Legislators' Conference is scheduled to be held at Jio World Convention Centre, BKC, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- **Who are the other participants in the conference?**

- All the MLAs and MLCs are main participants in the conference. The presiding officers of legislatures, ministers in the state governments, leaders of opposition in the legislatures - all being MLA/MLC - are the esteemed participants. Heads of many political parties will also be joining the conference.
- Secretaries of legislatures, respected senior bureaucrats, academicians of global repute and legislators from foreign countries will be discussants in the conference.
- Leaders of youth wings of political parties (who are not legislators), People of Indian Origin (PIOs) would be the observers in the conference.

- **Can I bring Non-Legislators for the conference?**

- No. Organizing Committee is inviting selected personalities from above mentioned categories as discussants and observers (Registration fee is applicable to some of these categories). However, you are requested to encourage your co-legislators to register for participation.

- **How can I get the program information kit with all the details?**

- The Participation and Information kit will be provided to all Hon'ble MLAs and Hon'ble MLCs on arrival which will include Programme Schedule, Information documents and Contact details for various enquiries - along with all relevant contact numbers.

- **Can I get photographs, videos, press notes, press coverage of the program?**

- Photographs, videos, press notes and press coverages will be regularly provided to your contact details in the registration form.

- **Is there any other information useful to me?**

- Dress code for all the guests would be "Formals"/"Ethnic".
- The venue will be a no-smoking zone and consumption of alcohol is not Expected.
- Regional, ethnic vegetarian food will be served for lunch and dinner during the conference.
- Health Assistance desks with medical experts will be set up at the venue for any emergency requirements.
- Enquiry Office/Reception - All assistance can be availed through our representatives particularly designated to make the travel and stay of the guest at Venue city hassle free.

- For more information please visit the website: www.nlcbharat.org

Registration procedure

- **How can I register my participation in this programme?**

OPTION-1

Step-1: Scan the QR Code on the Invitation Box.

Step-2: Registration form will be opened on your mobile phone.

Step-3: Fill in the necessary details in the form.

Step-4: Upload your valid Photo ID Card.

Step-5: Click on Submit Button.

Step-6: Record your video of 3 to 5 minutes on purpose of your participation and how you can contribute in the conference proceedings.

Email the video on nlc.bharat@nlcbharat.org or Whats App it on 8888815421

OPTION-2

You can call our team on the following numbers and get assistance for registration.

- This registration is a confirmation of your participation in the programme.
- Although last date for registration is 30th April 2023, kindly register at the earliest for ease of logistics and other arrangements.
- **Whether any registration charges/fee is applicable to me?**
 - This is a “by invitation only” conference.
 - No registration fee is applicable to the incumbent MLAs and MLCs. The observers and some other participants in the conference are required to pay registration fee.
- You can contact us on the numbers **88888 15421 / 22 / 23 / 24 / 25** for any assistance on registration process and any other information.

Last date of registration : 30th April 2023

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Congregation of all MLAs & MLCs of Bharat for co-creation





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OUR ESTEEMED INVITEES

Speakers & Chairpersons

of State Legislative Assemblies and Legislative Councils.

Deputy Speakers & Deputy Chairpersons

of State Legislative Assemblies and Legislative Councils.

Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs)

of 28 States and 2 Union Territories.

Members of Legislative Councils (MLCs)

of 6 States.

Parliamentary Affairs Ministers

Leaders of Opposition

of State Legislative Assemblies and Legislative Councils.

Political Parties' Presidents and senior Leadership of Political Parties

Secretaries

of State Legislative Assemblies and Legislative Councils.

Former Secretary-Generals of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha

Expert Discussants including Thought Leaders/ Elected Representatives from other Democracies

(renowned authorities in diverse fields to steer the discussions amongst the MLAs and MLCs during the 80 parallel participatory sessions)

Industry-Business Leaders and CSR Representatives

OBSERVERS IN THE CONFERENCE

Selected representatives from following sectors will be joining as observers
by invitation only

Former MLAs and MLCs | Respected senior bureaucrats of repute |
Leaders of youth wings of political parties |
People of Indian Origin, Non-Resident Indians

NLC Secretariat is the final authority to invite selective representatives as observers