

S.K. BALASHANMUGAM Ph. D

**Assistant Professor & Head i/c, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies
Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN), Thiruvarur, Tamil Nadu, India**

RESEARCH AREAS

- Corporate Laws
- Environment Laws
- Biotechnology, GMOs, and the Law
- International Trade Laws
- Intellectual Property Laws
- Biological Diversity Laws

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Food Legislations, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, West Bengal, India

LL.M., Corporate Laws, The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

B.A., LL.B., The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

M.A., Public Administration, University of Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

UGC-JRF, December 2010

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor: Corporate Laws and Industrial Jurisprudence, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, CUTN, 16th December 2019 to date (PG Programme)

Assistant Professor (Regular): Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, November 2019 to December 2019 (UG & PG Programme)

Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc): Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, July 2017 to October 2019 (UG & PG Programme)

Guest Faculty: Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, July 2011 to December 2012. (UG & PG Programme)

PROFESSIONALEXPERIENCE

Advocate, High Court of Judicature at Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, 10th September 2008 to 23rd December 2012

ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES@ CUTN

- Assistant Professor, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, CUTN, 16th December 2019 to date
- Head i/c, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, CUTN, 11th August 2023 to date
- Chairperson – Board of Studies, Department of Law, CUTN, 06th July 2023 to date
- Member – School Board, School of Legal Studies, CUTN
- Officer i/c, Legal Affairs, CUTN, 24th May 2023 to date
- Member, Steering Committee, NAAC, 11th July 2023 to date
- Member – MOU Committee, 10th January 2023 to till date
- Programme Officer, NSS, CUTN, 29th August 2023 to till date
- Nodal Officer – Electoral Literacy Club, CUTN, 16th March 2023 to till date
- Joint Secretary, CUTN Alumni Association to till date
- Member –Grievance Redressal Committee for the Students, CUTN, 28th October 2021 to till date
- Admission Coordinator – Department of Law, SLS, CUTN (2021-2022).
- VC Nominee/Chairperson - Interview panel, ICSSR Minor Research Project(26th June 2023)
- Research Guideship,Ph.D.Programme, 08th April 2022 onwards
- Co-coordinator, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan,Coir Training Program, CUTN.
- Member – Cyber Crime Cell, CUTN, 23rd September 2021 to till date

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES@ CUTN

- **Member – CUTN Alumni Association** – Committee responsible for creating the Bye-Laws and Memorandum of Association to the Central University of Tamil Nadu Alumni Association.
- **Course Coordinator: Certificate Course on Para Legal Studies – CUTN Community College**
Course Coordinator to the Certificate Course on Para Legal Studies offered by the Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, CUTN, under the aegis of CUTN Community College and has successfully conducted for Batch II (2020-2021).
- **Coordinator**, Selection of Students for the Elocution Competition on "The Life and Contributions of Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar" at the Central Hall of Parliament, New Delhi on 14th April 2023, organized by Parliamentary

Research & Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE), Lok Sabha Secretariat.

- **Coordinator**, Selection of Students for the Elocution Competition – English and Tamil organized by the State Minorities Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu, at the District Level on the 27th of April, 2023.
- **Member**, AARAMBH-23 Cultural Fest Coordinating Committee (2023)
- **Member**, Organizing Committee, Traditional Paddy Conference, CUTN (2023)
- **Member**, Har Ghar Tiranga Committee, CUTN(2022).

ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES @ PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- **Faculty In-charge**, Legal Aid Committee – 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 conducted various legal awareness programs in public and private educational institutions.
- **Project** - Has completed the project from the Government of Tamil Nadu under the Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives Scheme (TANII) in developing legal awareness short-films for public exhibitions and theatrical release.
- **Faculty In-charge**, Centre for Research and Writing during the academic year 2017-2018.
- **Faculty Advisor**, Environmental Club, TNNLU during the academic year 2017-2018.
- **Faculty Coordinator** – Organised a *"Two Day Advanced Regional Workshop on Biological Diversity Laws and Access and Benefit Sharing"* in association with United Nations Development Program – Global Environmental Facility and National Law School of India University, Bengaluru at TNNLU campus between 11th and 12th of May 2019.

PROJECTS

UGC STRIDE Trans-disciplinary Research Project (2021)

- **Title:** "Crop Residue Burning in India – Sensitizing Farmers about Legal and Policy Perspectives"
- **Position:** Principal Investigator
- **Grant:** Rs. 3,06,000/-
- **Duration:** Short-term project (Six Months)

RESEARCH GUIDANCE

Ph. D PROGRAMME (LAW)

- **Member, Doctoral Committee** – Research Scholar pursuing at The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.

LL.M

LL.M	2019	2020	2021	2022
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REVIEWER

Reviewer, Peer Review Board, International Journal of Law and Social Sciences, ISSN: 2394 - 4277

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Secured the **Highest Percentage of Marks** among the first-year Bachelor of Laws (BL) students of the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University Law College, Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu, in the First Year University Examination, May 2004.
- **Jeeva Endowment Award** for securing **First Rank** in the First Year, ML Degree Course Examinations held during Dec'2009 in Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- **Jeeva Endowment Award** for securing **First Rank** in the Second Year, ML Degree Course Examinations held during Dec'2010 in Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- **Jeeva Endowment Award** for securing **First Rank** among the students of Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University & its affiliated colleges in Tamil Nadu during my Master of Laws.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Certificate Course

- Completed a Certificate course on "**Biofuels: Policy and Law**," organized by the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, between June 23 to July 4, 2014 (International Summer and Winter Term Course).

Faculty Development Program (Selected)

- Participated in the UGC Sponsored **Faculty Induction Programme**, Batch IX, organized UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS (UGC HRDC) under UGC Sponsored Programme between 24th January 2022 and 22nd February 2022.
- Participated in the Faculty Development Programme titled '**Environmental Law & Sustainable Development**' organized by VIT School of Law, VIT Chennai, between 26th March and 1st April 2021.

Workshop (Selected)

- Participated in the Three-Day Residential Master Trainers' Training Programme on Capacity Building of Faculty as Master Trainers for Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) organised by the Southern Regional Centre, The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University) (GRI) under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (2.0) at GRI, Dindigul between 27th and 29th April 2022.
- Participated in the Two Days' Workshop on Writing Research Proposals and Papers & Publication organized by Faculty Improvement Programme (FIP) Committee, Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli, between 4th and 5th March 2022.
- Participated in the Inception and Five-Day Training the Trainers Workshop on "UNDP-GEF Project: Strengthening Human Resources, Legal Frameworks and Institutional Capacities to Implement the Nagoya Protocol" organized by Centre for Environmental Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA), National Law School of India University, Bengaluru in association with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru between 12th and 16th February 2018.

COURSE DESIGNED

- Fundamental Principles of Corporate Law (Core Course)
 - Corporate Governance (Core Course)
 - International Trade Law (Core Course)
 - Environment and Industrial-safety Laws (General Elective)
 - Laws on Intellectual Property Rights (General Elective)
 - Legal Aspects of Business (General Elective)
 - Banking and Insurance Laws (General Elective)
 - Client Counselling and Conflict Resolution (Soft Skill)
 - Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness (Practical Paper)
 - Legal Ethics and Professionalism (Practical Paper)
 - Climate Change Policies and Laws: Adaptation, Mitigation, and Resilience (Open Elective)
 - Biotechnology, GMOs, and the Law (General Elective) @TNNLU
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INVITED LECTURES/RESOURCE PERSON

1. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture titled **"Awareness on Cyber Security"** in the Life Skills Management Training Programme for College Students (NSS, NYKS Volunteers/ Youth, Students) organized by the Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur in association with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Government of India, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu on 16th March 2023.
2. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture titled **"Cyber Crimes Awareness"** organized by the Department of Police, Government of Tamil Nadu, in association with Department of Police, Thiruvarur, on 10th March 2023 in Thiruvarur, Tamil Nadu.
3. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture titled **"Intellectual Property Rights and Agri-Biotech Innovations: International and Indian Perspective"** in the One-Day National Seminar on "Exploring New Horizons in Intellectual Property Rights: Theory and Practice" organized by Government Law College, Madurai under the aegis of the Directorate of Legal Studies, Tamil Nadu on 3rd March 2023.
4. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture titled **"Substance Abuse - Policy and Legislative Framework"** in the Two-Day Capacity Building Programme for School Teachers & Counsellors in Thiruvarur District on Drug Abuse Prevention organized by the Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu in association with Anti-Tobacco Cell, Central University of Tamil Nadu and District Child Protection Unit, Government of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur funded by the National Institute of Social Defence, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India between 15th and 16th December 2022.
5. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture titled **"Environmental Conservation: Laws and Policies in India,"** organized by the Department of English Studies, CUTN, under Forum of Contemporary Thought on 25th November 2022.
6. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture titled **"Climate Laws in India: Prospects and Challenges"** in the Stakeholders Interaction and Sensitization Program on the title "Impact of Climate Change on Bio-Diversity" organized by the Department of Library, Thiruvalluvar College, Papanasam, Tenkasi on 17th October 2022.

7. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture titled **"IPR and Indian Agriculture"** in the Workshop on Industry Oriented IPRs organized by IPR Cell, CUTN, on 15th November 2022.
8. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture titled **"Environment and Climate Change Laws in India"** in the Awareness Programme on the Impact of Climate Change on Biodiversity organized by the ADM College for Women (Autonomous), in association with UGC STRIDE, on 28th October 2022.
9. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture in the Work Shop titled **"Thesis Writing in Social Science Research"** for the M.Phil. and Ph.D. Scholars, organized by Post Graduate and Research Department of Commerce, Madras Christian College (Autonomous), Chennai on 29th March 2022.
10. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture/session titled **"Legal Rights and Awareness"** organized by the Central University of Tamil Nadu through the NSS Camp at Panchayat Union Middle School to the village peoples at Perumbalur Village, Tiruvarur, on 13th of March 2022.
11. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture/session titled **'Climate Change Mitigation: Law and Policy Perspectives in India'** in the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) organized by the Central University of Tamil Nadu through the UGC STRIDE Project on 03rd May 2021.
12. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture/session titled **'Importance of Environment Conservation'** in the NSS Webinar Series organized by the National Service Scheme units of Central University of Tamil Nadu between 16.02.2021 and 01.03.2021.
13. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture/session titled **'Implications of Corporate Governance on Financial Performance'** organized by the Providence School of Business, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 05th March 2021.
14. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture/session **titled "Intellectual Property Rights and the Indian Agriculture"** in the National Webinar on 'Intellectual Property Rights – Issues and Challenges' organized by the Chennai Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Pudupakkam, Chennai in association with Directorate of Legal Studies on 22nd June 2020.
15. Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a lecture/session titled **'Understanding Laws to Protect the Environment'** in the NSS Webinar as part of SwachhtaPakhwada (Fortnight) activities, organized by the National

Service Scheme units of Central University of Tamil Nadu between 07.08.2020 and 22.08.2020.

Invited as a **CHAIRPERSON** to adjudge the Paper presentations in the One-Day National Seminar on "Exploring New Horizons in Intellectual Property Rights: Theory and Practice" organized by Government Law College, Madurai, under the aegis of the Directorate of Legal Studies, Tamil Nadu on 3rd March 2023.

Invited as a **JUDGE** to the 2nd REVA National e-Moot Court Competition, 2022, organized by the School of Legal Studies, REVA UNIVERSITY, Bengaluru, Karnataka, on 17th March 2022.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/PROGRAM ORGANISED

Faculty Convenor – Intellectual Property Seminar

Organized a Seminar on the "Emerging issues on the enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in India" on 17th March 2023 at Seminar Hall, Chozha Central Library, CUTN on 17th March 2023.

Faculty Convenor – Constitution Day Celebrations

Organized a Constitution Law Lecture in view of celebrations of Constitution Day at CUTN, at Pro VC Hall on 30th November 2022.

Faculty Convenor – Two-Day Sensitization Programme

Two-Day Sensitization Programme for School Teachers on the Aspects of Climate Change: Mitigation, Adaptation, and Resilience organized by the Centre for Climate Change Studies, CUTN & Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, CUTN between 13th and 14th October 2022.

Faculty Coordinator – Climate Change Conference

As a coordinator, organized under the UGC's Scheme for Transdisciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE) in association with the Centre for Climate Change Studies, CUTN, at Central University of Tamil Nadu between 20 & 21 July 2022.

Faculty Coordinator – Online FDP

As a Faculty Coordinator, organized a Five-Day Online Faculty Development Programme titled 'Climate Change and Environmental Legal Protection' at the Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Tamil Nadu, between 7th and 11th September 2021 under the UGC STRIDE Grant.

Faculty Convenor – Legal Awareness Program

As a Coordinator, organized a Legal Awareness Camp at the Government Middle School and the Village Ground, Perumpugalur Village, Thiruvarur, to sensitize the villagers about the fundamental rights and the obligations enshrined under the Constitution of India and other legislations on 16th September 2020.

#Faculty Convenor – Two-Day Workshop

Faculty Coordinator – Organised a "Two Day Advanced Regional Workshop on Biological Diversity Laws and Access and Benefit Sharing" in association with United Nations Development Program – Global Environmental Facility and National Law School of India University, Bengaluru at TNNLU campus between 11th and 12th of May 2019.

As an NSS PROGRAM OFFICER @ CUTN

- Organised an Orientation Programme for "Civil Aspirants on the aspects of Civil Service as a Career Option" on behalf of NSS CUTN in association with Shankar IAS Academy on 08th May 2023 at Pro-VC Hall, CUTN
- Organized an **Eye Screening Camp for Staff & Students, CUTN**, on behalf of NSS CUTN in association with Lions Eye Hospital, Thiruvarur, on 24th March 2023 at MP Hall, CUTN
- Organized a **One Day Awareness Program for NSS Officers** in Thiruvarur District on behalf of NSS, CUTN, in association with Centre for Climate Change Studies, CUTN, funded by UGC STRIDE on 24th January 2023.
- Organized a **Constitution Day Awareness Program** at New Bharath Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Thiruvarur, in November 2022.
- Organised a **Fire Safety and Disaster Management Workshop** for Staff and Students CUTN on behalf of NSS CUTN in association with the Fire and Rescue Services Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, at MP Hall, CUTN on 19th October 2022.

RESEARCH PAPERS/BOOK CHAPTERS PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

- Book Chapter titled *Social Media Regulation: A Review of Legal Frameworks* accepted for Publication in the Book titled *Social Media in India: Regulatory Needs, Issues and Challenges*, ISBN 9354790755, SAGE PUBLISHERS.(2022)(**SCOPUS**)
- *Development of Liability Framework for Genetically Modified (GM) Food: Problems and Perspectives under International Law and Indian Law*, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PRIVATE LAW Vol.9, Issue 4 (201-230)(2020).(**SCOPUS**)

- *International Trade and GM Crops: A Comparative Analysis of Safety Regulations and their Institutional Framework in South Asian Countries*, BIO-SCIENCE LAW REVIEW, Vol.16, Issue 5 (231-241)(2018). **(SCOPUS)**
- *Safety Assessment and Liability Regulations in the context of Genetically Modified Food in the BRICS Countries*, BRICS LAW JOURNAL Vol.5, Issue 1 (27-55)(2018).**(SCOPUS)**
- *South Asian Perspective on Institutional Mechanism for Introduction and Import of GM Crops*, BIOTECHNOLOGY LAW REPORT, Vol.35, Issue 2 (73-79) (2016). **(SCOPUS)**
- *Liability Aspects Related to Genetically Modified Food under the Food Safety Legislation in India*, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCES, Vol.9, Issue 12 (4257-4262) (2015).

RESEARCH PAPERS PRESENTATION (SELECTED)

- Presented a paper on **"Liability Aspects Related to Genetically Modified Food under the Food Safety Legislation in India"** at the **17th International Conference on Law and Society**, Bangkok, Thailand, on 17th and 18th December 2015.
- Poster presentation on **"International Trade and GM Crops: A Comparative Analysis of Regulations on Risk and Institutional Framework in Developing Countries"** at the **2nd Annual South Asia Biosafety Conference**, which is organized by the Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy, Sri Lanka and Biotech Consortium India Limited (BCIL) in collaboration with Bangladesh Academy of Sciences and Pakistan Academy of Sciences held at Taj Samudra, Colombo, Sri Lanka during 15th and 16th September 2014.
- Presented a paper on **"Trademark and Digital Environment"** in the one-day national seminar on **"Digital Technology & Intellectual Property Rights"** organized by Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, in association with Intellectual Property Association of South India (IPASI), Chennai on 26th April 2012.
- Presented a paper on **"Judicial activism and Public Interest Litigation in present scenario"** at the two-day national seminar on **"New Dimensions on Judicial Activism"** organized by Saveetha School of Law, Chennai, on 25th and 26th February 2012.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE (SELECTED)

- Participated in the **South Asia Biosafety Conference** organized by **Biotech Consortium India Limited (BCIL)** in collaboration with **Bangladesh Academy of Sciences** held at Vivanta, Taj Ambassador, New Delhi, September 18-20, 2013.

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DATE: 01ST AUGUST 2023

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