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A CRITICAL STUDY OF ORPHAN DRUG DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA THROUGH THE LENS OF PUBLIC CHOICE THEORY

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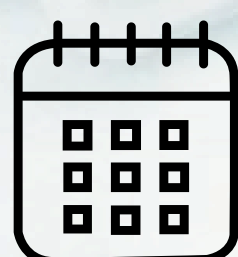
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ABOUT SIMATS



The Saveetha Medical and Educational Trust was established in 1986 with the primary objective of providing medical relief, promoting education, and encouraging research. In 1988, the Trust established Saveetha Dental College along with an attached General Hospital. Subsequently, it expanded its educational initiatives by establishing the College of Nursing, College of Physiotherapy, College of Occupational Therapy, School of Law, and School of Engineering. These institutions were founded in line with the Trust's commitment to serving society, particularly the people residing in rural villages in and around Chennai and the adjoining districts of Tamil Nadu.

Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences (SIMATS) has been accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) and the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) for RT-PCR testing for COVID-19. The institution has a student strength of over 10,000, supported by approximately 1,500 faculty members and 2,500 non-teaching staff. SIMATS ranks among the top 10 universities in India and secured the 395th position globally in the 2020 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings on Sustainability conducted by the University of Indonesia, Jakarta.

The institution has also been recognized as a Social Entrepreneurship, Swachhta & Rural Engagement Cell (SESREC) Institution by the Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India. Recognized for its outstanding contributions to higher education and research, SIMATS secured the 11th rank in the University Category of the NIRF 2024 Rankings and is accredited with the prestigious NAAC A++ Grade, further strengthening its reputation as a premier institution committed to academic excellence, innovation, intellectual growth, and technological advancement.





ABOUT SAVEETHS SCHOOL OF LAW

Saveetha School of Law, Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences (SIMATS), established in 2009, aims to strive for quality legal education while maintaining high standards of legal research and training. The School of Law is located close to the city in a serene atmosphere, providing an ideal environment for academic excellence.

We carry the vision of imparting excellence in legal education, and our mission is to widen and nurture the intellectual capabilities, leadership qualities, and personal development of young legal minds. Saveetha School of Law is ranked 13th among all law institutions in India and 1st in Tamil Nadu as per the NIRF Rankings 2023. The institution is accredited with NAAC Grade A++, recognized by the Bar Council of India (BCI), and approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

The School offers a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and Ph.D. programmes in law. Whatever a law graduate must know, Saveetha School of Law provides it on campus. The institution follows the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) curriculum with a broad selection of regular and specialized subjects.

The academic system is fully digitalized with flipped classrooms and e-books made available to students. The campus also provides sophisticated air-conditioned classrooms, smart boards, uninterrupted Wi-Fi connectivity, experienced faculty, state-of-the-art teaching methodologies, a well-equipped library, cafeteria, hostel facilities, playgrounds, and many other modern amenities to ensure a holistic learning experience.





ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

“A CRITICAL STUDY OF ORPHAN DRUG DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA THROUGH THE LENS OF PUBLIC CHOICE THEORY” is a one-day national conference examining India’s legal, regulatory, economic, and policy framework for rare diseases and orphan drugs. Through the lens of Public Choice Theory, the conference explores how political incentives, institutional interests, regulatory mechanisms, lobbying, rent-seeking, and market failures influence pharmaceutical development and healthcare regulation. It brings together legal, economic, healthcare, pharmaceutical, and policy perspectives to promote informed discussions on innovation, regulation, and equitable access to orphan medicines.

AIM OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference aims to critically examine orphan drug development in India through Public Choice Theory, focusing on government policies, regulatory mechanisms, pharmaceutical incentives, institutional interests, and market challenges. It seeks to encourage interdisciplinary discussion on balancing innovation, economic interests, regulation, and public health needs.

OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference seeks to provide a platform for academicians, researchers, policymakers, legal professionals, healthcare experts, pharmaceutical stakeholders, economists, and students to discuss challenges in orphan drug development. It aims to identify regulatory and market barriers, examine government incentives, promote evidence-based policy discussions, and encourage equitable access to medicines for individuals affected by rare diseases.





SUB – THEME OF THE CONFERENCE



A CRITICAL STUDY OF ORPHAN DRUG DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA THROUGH THE LENS OF PUBLIC CHOICE THEORY

- 1. NATIONAL POLICY FOR RARE DISEASES (NPRD): CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF POLICY INCENTIVES, PUBLIC FUNDING MECHANISMS, AND IMPLEMENTATION GAPS.**
- 2. PUBLIC CHOICE & REGULATORY ECONOMICS: EVALUATING INTEREST GROUP DYNAMICS, LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES, AND POLITICAL ECONOMY IN PHARMACEUTICAL REGULATION.**
- 3. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS VS. ACCESS TO MEDICINES: PATENT EXCLUSIVITY, COMPULSORY LICENSING, AND ORPHAN DRUG DESIGNATION FRAMEWORKS IN INDIA.**
- 4. CLINICAL TRIALS & REGULATORY EXPEDITIONS: CHALLENGES IN DRUG APPROVAL PROCESSES UNDER THE NEW DRUGS AND CLINICAL TRIALS RULES (2019).**
- 5. ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR R&D: MARKET EXCLUSIVITY, TAX CREDITS, AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MODELS FOR LOW-VOLUME DRUG DEVELOPMENT.**
- 6. PRICE CONTROL & AFFORDABILITY: THE ROLE OF NPPA, TRADE MARGIN RATIONALIZATION, AND HEALTH EQUITY FOR RARE DISEASE PATIENTS.**

GUEST SPEAKERS



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CALL FOR PAPERS



Eligibility:

The conference is open to students, research scholars, faculty members, industry experts, social activists, NGOs, law firms, advocates and members of the judiciary.

Submission of Abstracts:

Abstracts must be submitted on or before (12.10.2026)

Email: healthpolicyconference2026@gmail.com

Notification and Registration:

Authors of selected abstracts will be notified via email on (13.10.2026) Upon notification of selection, registration for presentation along with payment must be completed on or before Authors whose papers are accepted must ensure that final submissions comply with the prescribed deadline, submission guidelines and any additional instructions communicated in the selection email.

Certificates:

All presenters will receive a certificate of presentation upon successful completion of the conference. For online presenters, e-certificates will be issued.

Awards:

The following awards will be announced and presented during the valedictory/closing session of the conference:

- *Best Paper Award*
- *Best Presentation Award*

Format and Submission Guidelines:

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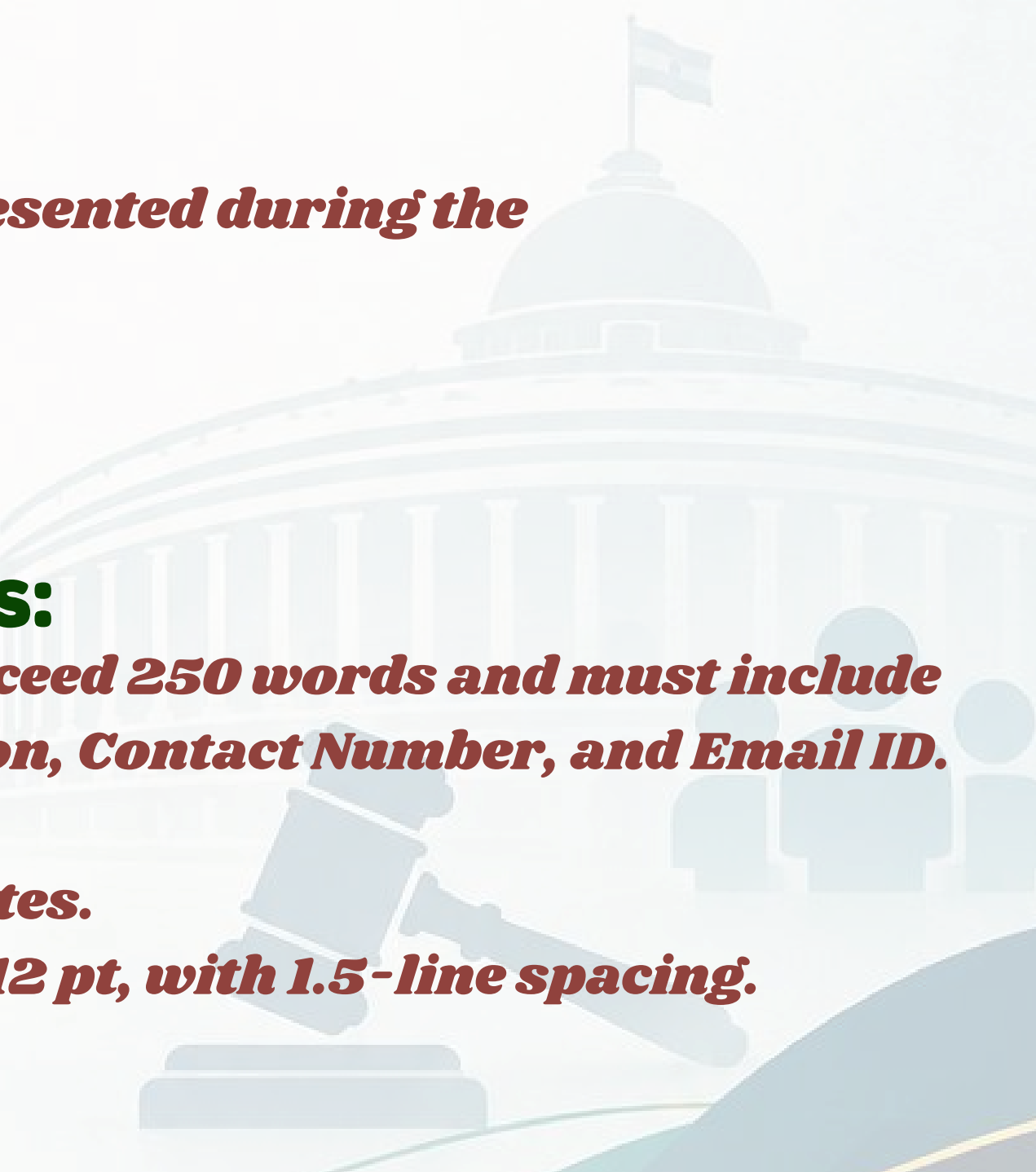
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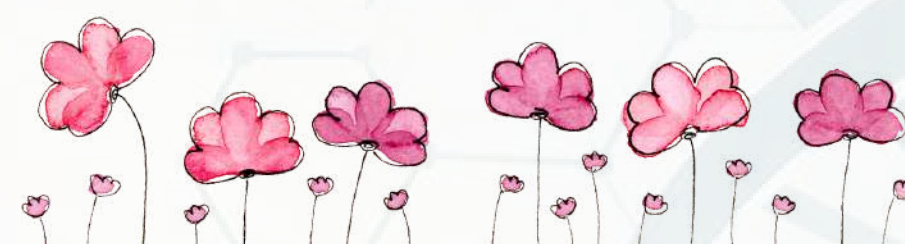
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IMPORTANT DATES



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