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THE TIMES GROUP

**A 186+ YEAR JOURNEY OF LEADERSHIP,
INNOVATION & GROWTH MARCHES ON!**

1835-95

1838

The original precursor of The Times of India (TOI) is launched as The Bombay Times and Journal of Commerce.



1861

The paper acquires The Telegraph and Courier to form Bombay Times & Standard & is then renamed as The Times of India. A truly national platform is born.

1892

TJ Bennett partners with FM Coleman to form Bennett, Coleman & Co Ltd (BCCL).

1940-86

1946

Ramkrishna Dalmia buys BCCL & the paper passes from British to Indian hands.



1947

Launch of Hindi newspaper Navbharat Times & the Delhi edition of The Times of India

NBT
नवभारत टाइम्स

1952

Movie industry magazine Filmfare is launched.

FILMFARE

1954

First edition of the iconic Filmfare Awards, to honour artistic & technical excellence in the Hindi-language film industry. These became an institution with the upgradation and broadcast of not just the national Filmfare Awards, but also their regional variants.

1955

Sahu Shanti Prasad Jain buys BCCL from his father-in-law Ramkrishna Dalmia.



1959

Femina, magazine for women, is launched.

FEMINA

1961

The Economic Times, No. 1 business newspaper in India, is launched.

1962

Marathi newspaper Maharashtra Times is launched.

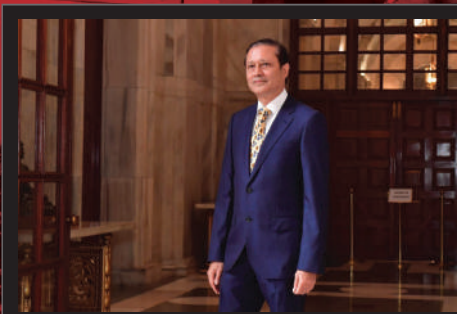
महाराष्ट्र टाइम्स

1964

The first Miss India pageant is held. This became a pathbreaking platform for women's empowerment, especially when it was telecast across the country in later years.



1987



In 1987, a brand new era began with **Vineet Jain** joining the BCCL Group, transforming it from a newspaper and magazine company into one of the largest media and education conglomerates, with leadership across **Print, Radio, Digital, TV, and Out of Home Media.**

1988-2004

1990

Times School of Marketing is launched. It, along with Times' Media School (which was set up earlier), emerges as a major source of talent for the media industry.

1991

BBC features The Times of India among the world's six great newspapers.

BCCL ventures into TV programme production for Doordarshan under the brand Times TV.



1993

Vineet Jain launches India's first private FM radio entity under the brand name Times FM for FM radio programming on a single channel shared by many media companies.

1994

Vineet Jain conceives of and launches TOI's trailblazing entertainment and lifestyle supplements namely Bombay Times, Delhi Times, etc. They were the first of their kind by any newspaper in the world and became a template for others.

1996

Launch of economictimes.com - ET's news website and timesofindia.com - TOI's news website - the Group's first foray into the Internet, as conceived of by Vineet Jain, followed by indiatimes.com a year later.

1998

In a major initiative for a media company, the group launched Times Music which currently owns ~45,000 musical tracks across genres.

TIMES.
music

1999

Vineet Jain incorporated Times Internet Limited - India's biggest digital media entity.

2001

Radio Mirchi - Nationwide private FM broadcasting company is launched by Vineet Jain.



2004

Group enters TV broadcasting with the launch of Zoom, a Bollywood & Lifestyle channel.



2004

JV with BBC to form magazine publishing company Worldwide Media. Subsequently, the Times Group bought BBC's share to make WWM a wholly-owned company.

2005-15

2005

Times OOH, the No.1 Out of Home advertising company in India, is established by Vineet Jain. The Times of India is acclaimed as world's No. 1 selling English daily broadsheet newspaper.

TIMES OOH

2006

Vineet Jain conceives of and launches leading property services entity Magicbricks.com

Launch of leading TV news channel Times Now.



2007

Launch of Junglee Music, a brand of Times Music dedicated to film music, with acquisition of music rights of Akshay Kumar starrer 'Welcome'.



2009

Launch of ET Now business news channel.



2010

Launch of English movie channels Movies Now & Romedy Now 3 years later.



2013

Vineet Jain conceives of and launches Times Pro, an award-winning EdTech initiative, for Indians who want to advance their careers; tie-ups with IITs/IIMs for executive education courses.



2014

Vineet Jain expands Times Group into film production and distribution with the launch of Junglee Pictures, whose first movie (Dil Dhadakne Do) was released in 2015. It has released 10 award-winning movies till 2024 including Talvar, Bareilly ki Barfi, Raazi, Badhaai Ho, Badhaai Do, Doctor G, etc.

2014

ET Panache, the lifestyle supplement of The Economic Times conceived of and launched by Vineet Jain.



2015

Inaugural edition of India's leading business summit - ET Now Global Business Summit (GBS); graced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as Chief Guest & in subsequent years.



2016



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A PEERLESS LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION IS LAUNCHED - With the vision to nurture and empower the youth, **Vineet Jain** launches Bennett University - in the multi-disciplines of **Engineering, Applied Sciences, Management, Law, Media and Liberal Arts.**

2017-24

2017

Radio Mirchi expands to a total 74 stations in 64 cities and becomes the No. 1 radio company in India by revenue and number of stations. Extension of English news channel space through the launch of Mirror Now & Times Now World.



2021

Launch of Hindi general news channel (Times Now Navbharat) and Hindi business news channel (ET Now Swades).



2023

Times Music forges long term equity partnership with Primary Wave, USA-based music publishing company & home to legends like Bob Marley, James Brown, Whitney Houston, etc.



2023

Launch of Maverik Movies, a film production house focussing on South Indian languages. Mirchi expands its digital offering by acquiring Gaana.



2024

Entry into sports on global scale: Major presence in new age & fastest growing sport - Pickleball - with the launch of Pickleball World Rankings (PWR), the PWR World Series, PWR World Tour, PWR India Tour & League in partnership with Pickleball Asia.



ABOUT BENNETT UNIVERSITY

With a peerless legacy of over 187 years, the Times Group has been a pillar of trust, knowledge, and public service. Founded in 2016, Bennett University continues this proud tradition, shaping future leaders committed to excellence, integrity, and global impact. Accredited with an A+ grade by NAAC and recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Association of Indian Universities (AIU), and the Bar Council of India (BCI), Bennett University upholds the highest educational standards. Its interdisciplinary curriculum fosters critical thinking, adaptability, and lifelong learning, empowering students to address global challenges. A true beacon of academic excellence, Bennett University stands dedicated to creating responsible global citizens and thought leaders

14,500+ STUDENTS	70+ STARTUPS LAUNCHED	20+ CORPORATE COLLABORATIONS	₹125 Cr+ FUNDS RAISED BY STARTUPS	16+ SPORTS FACILITIES	68 ACRES FUTURISTIC CAMPUS
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ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF LAW

Bennett University established the School of Law with a vision to strive for excellence in teaching, research, and advocacy towards justice for all by shaping thought leaders in public policy of national and international dimensions. The school at present is offering B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., and Ph.D. programs, imbibing the best practices in terms of curriculum, pedagogy, and innovation in teaching methods. Invested and promoted by the largest media enterprise, the School of Law is committed to educating the pioneers of the future through leaders in the field of law, the ones who can think out loud and clearly on the matter of justice and progress. The School of Law is presently celebrating its decennial year, marking a decade of academic excellence and institutional growth.



About the Conference

The global energy sector is undergoing an unprecedented transformation driven by climate change, technological innovation, geopolitical realignments, and the urgent need to ensure energy security while achieving sustainable development. Nations across the world are transitioning towards cleaner energy systems, strengthening regulatory frameworks, and fostering international cooperation to address complex legal and policy challenges arising from this transformation. As India pursues its vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 and its commitments towards net-zero emissions, the need for robust legal and institutional mechanisms governing energy resources has become more significant than ever.

The conference seeks to provide an interdisciplinary platform for scholars, policymakers, industry leaders, legal practitioners, regulators, researchers, and students to deliberate upon the evolving landscape of energy law and governance. The conference aims to critically examine contemporary developments across the entire energy spectrum, including electricity regulation, coal and mining governance, petroleum and natural gas law, nuclear energy, renewable energy, emerging green technologies, and international energy governance.

The conference will further explore emerging issues such as green hydrogen regulation, artificial intelligence in energy systems, critical mineral governance, cybersecurity in energy infrastructure, climate commitments, cross-border energy cooperation, and the implications of geopolitical developments—including the West Asia crisis—on global energy markets and supply chains. Equally important is the examination of legal mechanisms for resolving energy disputes through arbitration, regulatory enforcement, and contractual risk management.

By fostering dialogue between academia, industry, government, and international institutions, the conference seeks to promote innovative legal and policy solutions that support a secure, resilient, sustainable, and equitable energy future. It also aims to contribute to the development of forward-looking regulatory frameworks capable of responding to rapidly evolving technological, environmental, and geopolitical realities while advancing global and national energy transition goals



Objectives of the Conference

- To examine the evolving legal and regulatory frameworks governing energy transition in India and globally, with a focus on sustainability, efficiency, and energy security.
- To analyse the interface between energy law and climate commitments, including net-zero targets, carbon markets, and international climate obligations.
- To explore emerging challenges and innovations in energy governance, such as renewable integration, green hydrogen, energy storage, digitalisation, and smart energy systems.
- To foster interdisciplinary dialogue and policy-oriented research by bringing together academia, policymakers, regulators, and industry stakeholders to develop robust and future-ready legal frameworks.

Themes

To ensure a focused and multi-dimensional engagement with the topic the conference invites scholarly contributions on the following themes, including but not limited to:

Theme 1: Electricity Law and Regulatory Governance in the Evolving Power Sector

- Electricity Market Reforms, Power Exchanges and Competitive Procurement
- Distribution Sector Reforms, DISCOM Sustainability and Consumer Protection
- Grid Modernisation, Smart Grids and Energy Storage Integration
- Electricity Regulation, Tariff Design and Regulatory Governance
- Open Access, Green Energy Corridors and Cross-Border Electricity Trade

Theme 2: Coal, Mining and the Future of Energy Security

- Coal Sector Reforms, Commercial Mining and Regulatory Developments
- Environmental Governance and ESG Compliance in Coal Operations
- Just Transition: Balancing Coal Dependency with Decarbonisation Goals and Demand for Viksit Bharat 2047

Theme 3: Petroleum and Natural Gas Law in a Changing Energy Landscape

- Legal Reforms and Challenges in Upstream, Midstream and Downstream Operations
- LNG, Natural Gas Infrastructure and Emerging Market Opportunities
- PNGRB Act Reforms, Regulatory Governance and the Future of India's Gas Market
- Energy Security, Strategic Petroleum Reserves and Supply Chain Resilience

Theme 4: The Nuclear Energy Conundrum in the Era of Clean Energy Transition

- Nuclear Liability, Safety and Regulatory Governance
- Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) and Emerging Nuclear Technologies
- International Cooperation in Nuclear Energy Development
- Nuclear Power in Achieving Net-Zero and Energy Security Goals

Theme 5: Renewable Energy, Climate Governance and Sustainable Development

- Regulatory Frameworks for Solar, Wind, Hydro and Bioenergy
- Renewable Purchase Obligations, Carbon Markets and Green Finance
- Grid Integration, Energy Storage and Transmission Challenges
- Community Participation and Energy Justice in Renewable Projects
- Emerging Renewable Energy Frontiers

Theme 6: Emerging Green Energy Technologies: Law and Regulation

- Green hydrogen and hydrogen economy regulation
- Smart grids, digitalisation, and AI in energy systems
- Electric mobility and EV infrastructure regulation
- Cybersecurity and data governance in energy networks

Theme 7: International Energy Governance and Energy Transition in 21st Century

- Geopolitical Conflicts and Global Energy Security
- Climate Commitments, Net-Zero Targets and International Energy Law
- Cross-Border Energy Trade and Regional Energy Cooperation
- Geopolitical Shift from Petroleum to Strategic Mineral Supply Chains
- The Future of Global Energy Governance in a Multipolar World

Theme 8: Energy Disputes, Arbitration and Regulatory Enforcement

- Energy Arbitration and Investment Treaty Disputes
- Regulatory Litigation in Electricity, Petroleum and Mining Sectors
- Contractual Risk Management in Energy Projects
- Dispute Resolution in Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Investments

Who can Participate?

Participation is open for students, research scholars, academicians and industry experts for law and other social science streams.

Note: for UG/PG/Ph.D students, there is no bar on the number of participants from the same College/University/Institution.

Important Dates

Abstract submission: 30th August 2026

Acceptance of abstract: within 15 days

Full Paper submission: 30th October 2026

Conference proceedings containing abstracts will be released in inaugural session.

Guidelines for Submission

The abstract should not exceed more than 800 words and must indicate the theme of the proposed research with relevant keywords. It must be accompanied by a cover page which should include:

- Title of the paper
- Name of the author(s)
- E-mail address
- Contact number
- Co-authorship is allowed (maximum three)
- Similarity Index in the paper must be less than 10%



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Citation Format: ILI Citation.

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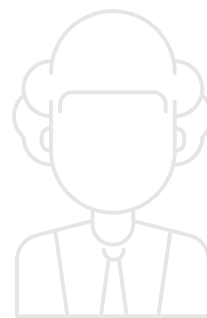


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