



NATIONAL SEMINAR

On

'Inter Religious Marriages: Legal Issues and Response'



25th May 2013

Organized by:

ITM LAW SCHOOL, Gurgaon

Background:

Inter religion marriages is a very delicate issue in the Indian society. Traditionally inter caste and inter religion marriages have always been frowned upon by the society. With globalization there is partial acceptance of inter religion marriages. However, there are several legal and social complications involved in it. Generally inter religion marriage is not possible under the personal laws. It is possible under the Special Marriage Act, 1954. Hence in case of inter religion marriages one of the parties has to convert to the religion of the other party or they have to marry under the Special Marriage Act. In many cases under fear that their parents might separate them they take emotional decisions and enter into a form of marriage which is not recognized as a valid form of marriage under law. A news item published in newspaper 'The Hitavada' on 2-4-2008, says that a Muslim girl married a Christian boy according to Hindu rituals to show their parents their love is beyond religion (without realizing it is not a valid marriage). In some cases they enter into two different form of marriage, one according to the boy's side and second according to the girl's side to satisfy both the sides. In later stage when there is any matrimonial dispute they realize that no remedy can be provided to them as their marriage is not a valid marriage.

Recently the following news was published in Times of India.

Marriage after conversion invalid: Kerala high court

TNN Dec 12, 2012, 12.45AM IST

KOCHI: The Kerala high court on Tuesday ruled that marriage preceded by conversion - as a means to facilitate the marriage - will be deemed invalid before the law. It also controversially ordered the woman to stay with her parents until their marriage was solemnized in accordance with the Special Marriage Act, considering she is not a minor.

Recent news published by Indian Express says: The Gujarat High Court Wednesday stayed criminal proceedings against an Ahmedabad-based Muslim who was booked by police under the provisions of Freedom of Religion Act for allegedly converting a Hindu girl to Islam and marrying her.

Discussions on websites seeking advices has become common.

"I married a muslim boy against my parents wish. Now after 8 months of our marriage, I'm finding it really tough to adjust with his family, as there are so many cultural & religious differences. I don't know what to do. I

think getting into this inter-religion marriage was a mistake. Should I take a divorce? Please advice friends.”

Source : <http://ww.itimes.com/discussion/inter-religion-marriage-a-mistake>

Most inter religious marriages takes place without the consent and against the wishes of the parents. In such cases they don't have any parental support. On top of that court also says there is no remedy available in case of any dispute in such kind of marriages. The object of this seminar is to find out the legal issues involved in inter religious marriages and the possible solutions for it.

Theme of the Seminar

The seminar topics would focus on a range of subjects related with Inter Religious Marriages

1. Where parties belong to two different religions at the time of marriage
2. Where one of the party to the marriage converts to some other religion after marriage.



Main Theme:

“Inter religious Marriages: Legal Issues and Response”

Sub - Themes:

1. Validity of Inter religious Marriages
2. Reform in Family Law
3. Inter relationship between Religion and law
4. The philosophy of Uniform civil code in India
5. Judicial Response to the issue
6. Succession / Inheritance



Call for Papers

Research papers are invited from scholars, researchers, practitioners, academicians and students on issues related to above themes. Author of selected papers would be given an opportunity to present their paper on the day of seminar.

Guidelines for submission of papers

Paper should not exceed 5 pages. It must be typed in Times New Roman Font Size 12 on A4 size paper with 1" margin on all sides with single line spacing using MS Word. Blue Book style of referencing and footnote will be appreciated. (Participants are requested to take note that ITM University is strictly against plagiarism).

An abstract of 250 – 300 words and, a brief profile of the author indicating his/her designation, email ID, contact number and address shall be sent to the organizing secretary on or before 30th April 2013 and the full paper shall be submitted on or before 18th May 2013

Important Dates

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| Deadline of Abstract Submission: | 30 th April 2013 |
| Notification of Acceptance: | 6 th May 2013 |
| Deadline of Full Paper Submission: | 18 th May 2013 |
| Conference Date: | 25 th May 2013 |

Submission Method:

Prospective authors are invited to submit Abstract at email-id **lakshmi@itmindia.edu**, cc to **law@itmindia.edu** After acceptance of the abstract the full paper should also be submitted on the same email-id.

Note : The Paper should be given the file name as Name of the Author along with title of the paper.

For e.g, Author's Name : Abhimanyu Saxena

Title of Paper : Modern Marriages

Then the file should be saved as : **Abhimanyu Saxena:Modern Marriages**

Registration fees:

Rupees **500** for each participant. It has to be paid by DD drawn in favour of ITM University, Gurgaon on the day of seminar during Registration.

All the participants will be provided with certificate.

About The Organizers

ITM University, nationally renowned for leadership in Engineering Studies and Management at the Under Graduate and Post Graduate level has established a new law school to promote profound scholarship and enlightened research in law. ITM University felt the need to establish this Law School to provide highest quality professional legal education to face the new challenges and dimensions of the internationalization of legal profession.



The vision of ITM Law School is to be ranked "**Numero Uno**" amongst the premier law schools of the country. ITM Law School will strive to achieve excellence in legal education through globally relevant academic programs, outstanding faculty members, interactive teaching pedagogy, limitless clinical trainings and far-reaching projects. An abode for continual activity and unrelenting vitality, the School offers a wide array of academic and

extracurricular opportunities making every day a potential adventure for the students of ITMU Law School

Tentative Program Schedule

| Time | Event | Venue |
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| 8.45 – 9.15 | Registration | Reception |
| 9.15 -9.45 | Inauguration Ceremony | Seminar Hall |
| 9.45 -10.00 | Group Photo Session | University Lawns |
| 10.00 -10.30 | High Tea | Cafeteria |
| 10.30 -1.00 | Morning session | Parallel sessions will be conducted in Seminar Hall, Conference Hall and Room No.10 |
| 1.00 -2.00 | Lunch | Cafeteria |
| 2.00 – 3.30 | After noon session | Parallel sessions will be conducted in Seminar Hall, Conference Hall and Room No.10 |
| 3.30-4.00 | Valedictory Address Distribution of Certificates with copy of group photograph to all participants Vote of thanks | Seminar Hall |
| 4.00 – 4.30 | Tea | Cafeteria |

Travel Information:

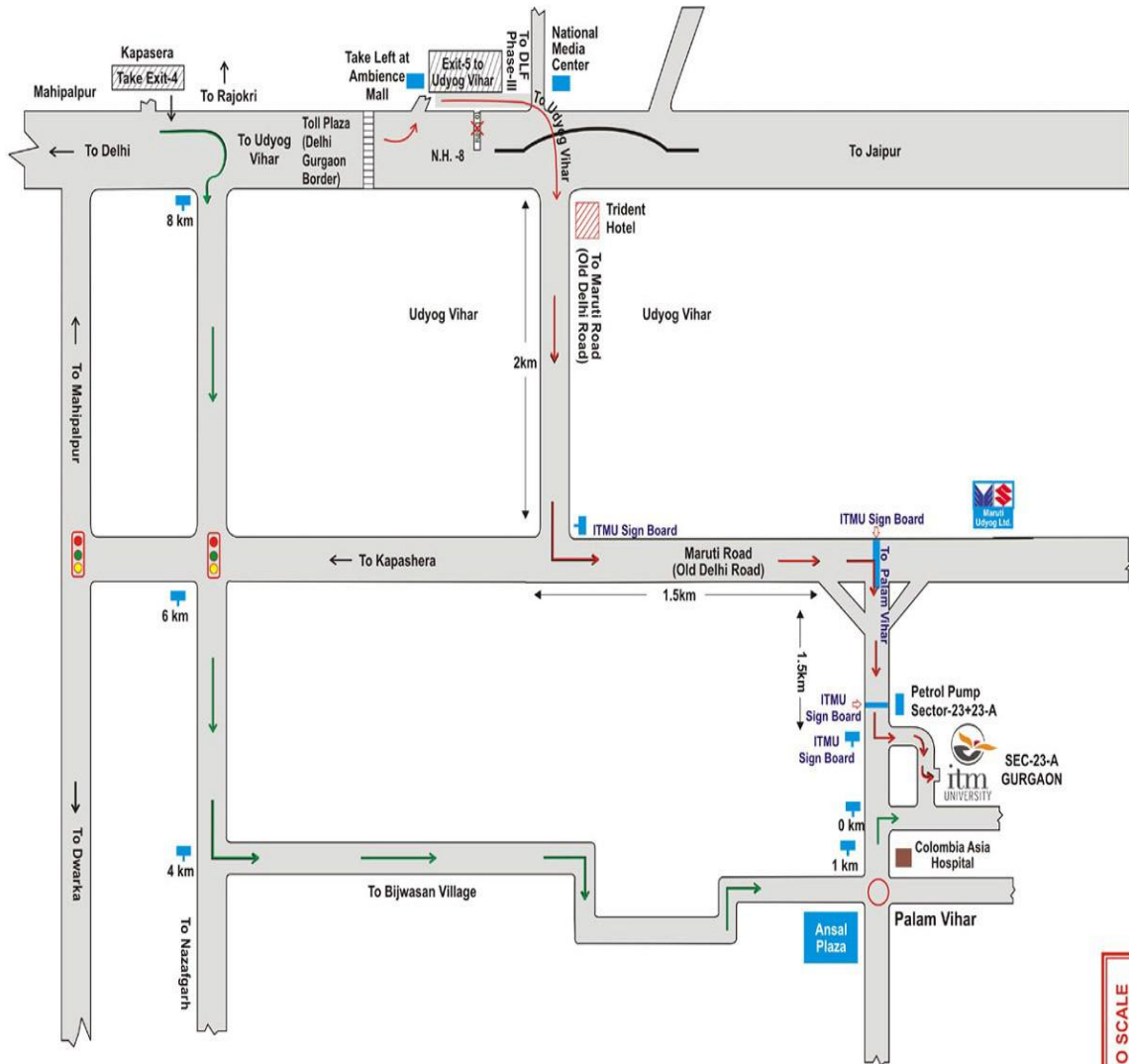
- **Airport:** The nearest airport is the New Delhi Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport (also known as the Palam Airport which is located just about 10 kilometers from ITM University).
- **Train Station:** Travel from other parts of India to Gurgaon is easy as there are numerous trains connecting Delhi/Gurgaon. The nearest train stations and the respective station codes are Gurgaon Railway Station (GGN), New Delhi Railway Station (NDLS) and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station (NZM).
- **Metro/Tube Stations:** Delhi-NCR possesses an extensive network of metro trains. Delegates may alight either at MG Road Metro Station or at IFFCO Chowk Metro Station to reach the event venue.

Hotel Accommodation:

- **Address of Hotel**
Hotel Palm Tree
A-22/4, Opp. C-2, Block, Palam Vihar
Gurgaon-122001 (Haryana) India
Tel: +91-124-4210938
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How to book accommodation:

- Accommodation shall be provided on request by writing to us at Hotel Palm Tree, Gurgaon. Kindly be advised that room tariffs mentioned herein is discounted rates (around 30 percent) exclusively made available for guests of ITMU Law School. In order to avail the discounted tariff, it is suggested that accommodation at the hotel be arranged through the Seminar organizers.
- **Room Rates:** INR 600 per person per night on a twin sharing basis
Check-in/Check-out time: 12 Noon
Free transportation from Hotel to Venue is provided by the organizers.



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