

One Day National Workshop on
SAARC Trade Relations: Legal Issues and Challenges

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The South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) came into existence in the year 1985 with the membership of seven Member Countries of South Asia Region. The main objective of the Organization is to strengthen regional cooperation i.e. political, social and economic fronts amongst the SAARC countries. The 25 years standing of the SAARC is by itself an evidence of the success of this Organization. In the past few years, SAARC Region has shown continuous economic growth. Despite the most disastrous global meltdown, the GDP of South Asia Region has increased by 5.6% which is highest in Asia followed by East Asia with a 4.4% increase.

The M.K. Nambyar SAARCLAW Centre was established with a very generous financial support from the well-known Shri K.K. Venugopal, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India in the sacred memory of his father late Shri M.K. Nambyar.

The Centre has plausible Fellowship Programmes with special emphasis on Post Graduate education and also Training Programmes for Law Teachers/Law Officers/Judges of SAARCLAW Region. An important objective of the Centre is to hold an annual SAARCLAW Conference and conduct Research Projects on various aspects of law on issues concerning the SAARC region. It also plans to publish Newsletters, Journals and Books on SAARC and promote faculty/student exchange programmes with other Universities in the SAARC Region.

In furtherance of its objectives, the M.K. Nambyar SAARCLAW Centre has planned a one-day National Workshop on “**SAARC Trade Relations: Legal Issues and Challenges**”. The workshop is to encourage a healthy discussion and debate on the further strengthening of economic co-operation within the region and also on SAARC’s role in development of international trade. The main themes of the Workshop are:

1. Rules of Origin (RoO) in the SAARC Region

2. Trade Barriers in SAARC Region
3. 'Most Favoured Nation' Treatment within the SAARC Region
4. Dispute Settlement Mechanism under SAPTA/SAFTA
5. SAARC's Approach Towards WTO Issues
6. Informal Trade in the SAARC Region
7. Principle of Reciprocity and Non-reciprocity in SAPTA/SAFTA

This Workshop will explore the legal-cum-economic aspects of the SAARC and it will provide a platform for the discussion and focus on probable recommendations on the need to strengthen the legal co-operation and capacity building among the Member Countries.

The Centre invites the participation of academicians, research scholars, social activists, students, lawyers and economists to this Workshop.

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