

**AICC Press Briefing by Dr. Abhishek Singhvi, MP & Member CWC  
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As Chairman of the **AICC Department of Law, Human Rights and RTI**, I am pleased to announce that we are organising a **National Legal Conclave** tomorrow i.e., on **August 2, 2025** at **Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi**.

The full day Conclave is being organised under the overarching theme: **“Constitutional Challenges: Perspectives and Pathways.”**

This event takes place at a **pivotal moment** in our Republic’s journey — a time that calls for renewed commitment to the foundational values of our democracy. As custodians of the Constitution of India, we are presented with an opportunity to come together — as legal professionals, public thinkers, and citizens — **to reaffirm our collective faith in the constitutional order, uphold the rule of law**, and strengthen the integrity of our institutions. It is through such gatherings that we renew our resolve to preserve and promote the democratic ethos enshrined in our Constitution.

The Conclave will comprise **five curated sessions**, each of which will address a critical facet of our constitutional structure. These will include discussions on **federalism, social justice, religion and the Constitution, judicial independence**, and the **erosion of institutional accountability**. These sessions are not abstract exercises, but deeply relevant to the **legal and political crises facing the Republic today**.

After the Inaugural, the first session is on the theme, **‘Social Justice and the Constitution: Ideas of Equality and Fraternity’**. The second session has the topic, **‘Religion & the Constitution: Guardrails and Guidelines’**. The third session is titled, **‘Separation of Powers and Democratic Accountability: Whither Federalism’**. Finally, the valedictory session is on the overall theme of **‘The Constitutional Compass: INC's Enduring Commitment to Democratic India’**.

We are honoured to host **41 distinguished speakers** from across the **Congress family** — including the **Hon’ble Congress President, Shri Kharge; Former Congress President, Shri Rahul Gandhi; Senior Leaders of the Congress Party, Sitting Chief Ministers, Members of Parliament, General Secretaries of the Congress, PCC Presidents, Former Ministers, Spokespersons, Legal Academics, Former Judges, Human Rights organizations, and** – all of whom bring rich experience and deep commitment to the constitutional ethos.

I am also proud to share that we will witness participation from **delegations of lawyers representing every State and Union Territory of India**, with the exception of our colleagues from **Sikkim, Andaman and**

**Lakshadweep** who are currently occupied with urgent and pressing concerns in their State. Their absence is both understandable and acknowledged with respect.

Let me emphasise: this is **not merely a gathering of legal professionals**, nor is it an occasion for partisan rhetoric. This Conclave is a **deliberative platform of national significance**, intended to **reignite serious dialogue and reflection** on the **constitutional challenges of our time**, and to collectively chart pathways forward that are rooted in **constitutional morality, democratic accountability, and social justice**.

I extend a **warm invitation to members of the media** to join us in covering this important initiative. Your engagement and reportage will help amplify the conversations that matter most — at a time when the public discourse is increasingly being distorted by distraction and fear.

The **Legal Department of the Indian National Congress** remains steadfast in its commitment to **upholding and defending the values enshrined in our Constitution**. We believe that this Conclave will be a **meaningful step** in strengthening the resolve of all those who believe in the idea of India — as a **democratic, plural, inclusive, and constitutional Republic**.



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