



SECOND ARTICLE WRITING COMPETITION 2026

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**THEME: REGULATORY GAPS IN INDIA'S
DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM**

**LEXTECH: CENTRE FOR LAW,
ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND INNOVATION**

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ABOUT NLUO



National Law University Odisha, established in 2009 in Cuttack, has steadily grown into one of India's leading national law universities, offering undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes with a strong focus on academic rigour, practical exposure, and interdisciplinary learning. The University prioritises research through multiple centres and academic societies, and regularly hosts conferences, workshops, and collaborative initiatives on contemporary legal and policy issues.

Led by Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) K. Vidyullatha Reddy, a noted expert in environmental law, and Registrar Prof. Dr. Rangin Pallav Tripathy, a Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Scholar and constitutional law expert, NLUO continues to develop as a dynamic institution with a diverse faculty and student body from across the country.

Beyond academics, NLUO promotes leadership skills and the wholesome life experience of our students by encouraging them to take part in various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities like literary, debating, cultural, entrepreneurial and recreational activities. NLUO'S environment has been structured to hone the students in all aspects and beyond the institution's doors.



ABOUT LEXTech

LexTech – Centre for Law, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation focuses on the emerging areas of FinTech, AI, TMT, Online Gaming and Betting Laws, and Data Privacy. The Centre publishes a monthly newsletter that provides in-depth analysis of updates in these subject areas. Additionally, the Centre hosts a premier talk show titled “Tech Tales: From Code to Courtroom,” which brings together leading industry experts who share insights drawn from real-life experiences, offering audiences a deeper understanding of the legal world. The Centre is committed to promoting interdisciplinary research, collaboration, and capacity building in this emerging domain.

Over the years, LexTech has worked towards bridging the gap between law and technology through a range of initiatives, including its explainer and conversation series, Lexathon: Eastern India’s leading tech-law conclave, national-level article writing competition, specialised credit course, and more. These have served as a platform for law students across the country to participate in important discourse surrounding technology law, an important and fast-developing field of law. With a strong commitment to interdisciplinary research, collaboration, and responsible technology adoption, LexTech continues to serve as a catalyst for a more inclusive and adept legal future and remains one of the few research centres to have ventured deeply into these niche areas of law.

ABOUT LUTHRA AND LUTHRA

Law Firm Partner



Luthra and Luthra
LAW OFFICES INDIA

Luthra *and* Luthra Law Offices India is a full-service leading law firm with a team of over 300 members, including 55 partners. The firm has offices in New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Chennai.

Established in 1990, alongside India's economic liberalisation, the firm has played a key role in helping Indian and multinational companies navigate the Indian legal system. It is known for providing clear, practical, and cost-effective legal advice while maintaining the highest ethical standards.

With deep experience across a wide range of practice areas, Luthra *and* Luthra handles complex and high-value transactions and disputes. The firm is widely recognized in India and across the globe for its forward-looking approach, strong technical expertise, and commitment to deliver reliable and innovative legal solutions.



ABOUT MANUPATRA

Publication Partner

Manupatra is a leading Indian legal publisher and pioneer in online legal research, offering comprehensive Legal, Taxation, Corporate, and Business Policy content through integrated digital and print platforms.

Founded in 2000, with its flagship online database launched in 2001, Manupatra provides an extensive repository of primary legal materials supported by proprietary analytical content, including commentaries, treatises, digests, and editorial enhancements. Its products span online databases, email services, books, journals, and electronic formats.

Serving academia, judiciary, legal professionals, corporates, government bodies, and research institutions, Manupatra delivers a single-point, technology-driven research solution that enables efficient, reliable, and timely access to authoritative Indian legal and business information.

LEXTECH ARTICLE WRITING COMPETITION SERIES

We are pleased to announce the second edition of our Article Writing Competition, continuing our annual series aimed at fostering meaningful academic discourse on pressing legal developments. This year's theme, "Regulatory Gaps in India's Digital Ecosystem," invites participants to critically analyse the structural, policy, and enforcement challenges within India's rapidly evolving digital regulatory framework, while proposing forward-looking solutions.

The inaugural edition of the Article Writing Competition was organised in June 2024 on the theme "Emerging Areas in Technology Law". It was conducted in collaboration with Nishith Desai Associates, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, and SCC Times, bringing together leading voices from both academia and industry. The competition attracted over 160 registrations and more than 100 submissions from premier law schools across the country. The quality of submissions demonstrated a strong blend of legal analysis, innovative thinking, and awareness of global technological developments. The winners were awarded prestigious internships and publication opportunities with the collaborating organisations, giving way to professional exposure and academic recognition.

THEMES

Theme: **Regulatory Gaps in India's Digital Ecosystem**

- Evaluating India's now liberalised FDI Policy and IN-SPACE Framework in light of the Global Commercial Space Race
- Copyright challenges in the era of Generative AI within the Indian Regulatory Landscape
- DPDP Compliance concerns and veracity of Age-Gating and Verification Mechanisms
- The CERT-In Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines and their impact on India's Digital Ecosystem
- Analysing Intermediary Liability in light of Executive-Driven Content Moderation Frameworks
- Examining the impact of the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025 on the Online Gaming Industry in India

Note: These themes are suggestive in nature and any sub-theme within the umbrella theme of 'Regulatory Gaps in India's Digital Ecosystem' is permissible.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The submission shall be the original and unpublished work of the author and must be analytical in nature and shall not be under simultaneous consideration for publication elsewhere.
- The responsibility for verifying the accuracy of facts, opinions, or views in the submission lies with the author.
- Submissions should not contain content that is offensive, abusive, derogatory or potentially defamatory.
- The author's name should remain absent throughout the article, including within file properties and metadata. Only the team code shall be mentioned.
- Following the registrations, the Team codes will be allocated through mail to the participants.
- The article submission must be done in .doc or .docx form, and the document title must be "*TC XX – Title of the manuscript.*" (where XX represents the Team Code allotted to the participants)
- LexTech has the sole discretion to accept or reject the submissions. The decision made by us in this regard shall be final and binding.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The Article must be written in English, and the format specified below has to be strictly adhered to:
 - Word Limit: **1500 – 2000** words.
 - Font and Size: Times New Roman font, justified-aligned, and Size 12.
 - References: The sources must be ***hyperlinked***. If there are footnotes, they must conform to the OSCOLA (4th Edition) quick reference guide.
 - Footnotes (if any): Times New Roman font, Size 10
 - Margin & Spacing: Submission should be 1.5-spaced with 1 inch margin on all sides
 - Plagiarism: Similarity above 15% will attract immediate rejection.
 - AI-Generated: The use of AI tools for article writing is strictly prohibited.
 - Anonymity: The manuscript should not contain the name(s) of the author(s), their institutional affiliations, or any other identity markers.
 - The title of the article should be 100 characters or fewer.
- The registered participants shall receive a submission form. All submissions should be made by this form, and any other method of submission will not be considered.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The competition is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students who are enrolled in a recognised law university, college, or institute.
- Co-authorship is allowed (maximum 2).
- Cross-institutional teams are allowed.
- Only one submission per author is allowed.
- There is no restriction on the number of entries from any college or university.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Single authorship – Rs. 350.
- Co-authorship (maximum 2) – Rs. 600.

TIMELINE

JULY 27, 2026

REGISTRATION OPENS

**AUGUST 16 2026,
11:59PM**

REGISTRATION CLOSES

**AUGUST 30, 2026
11:59PM**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

OCTOBER 2026

DECLARATION OF RESULTS

PRIZES

❖ Winner

1. Internship at **Luthra *and* Luthra Law Offices India**
2. Publication with our publication partner, **Manupatra**.
3. Cash Prize of **Rs. 3,000**.

❖ Runner-up

1. Internship at **Luthra *and* Luthra Law Offices India**
2. Publication with our publication partner, **Manupatra**
3. Cash Prize of **Rs. 2,000**.

❖ 2nd Runner-up

1. Internship at **Luthra *and* Luthra Law Offices India**
2. Publication with our publication partner, **Manupatra**
3. Cash Prize of **Rs. 1,000**.

The Top 5 Articles will be published by Manupatra and the Top 10 candidates shall be awarded with Certificate of Merit. All the participants will receive a Certificate of Participation. All the certificates shall be sent out digitally, in PDF format.

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Registrations for the competition can be made through this [form](#).

Payment Procedure:

- Visit <https://eazypay.icicibank.com>
- Enter Institution Name as 'National Law University' and click on 'Go'
- Fill in the necessary details:
 - Email Id
 - Mobile No.
 - Amount (Single Author – Rs. 350, Co-authors – Rs. 600)
 - Student Name
 - Roll (Enter your Roll/Enrolment number for NLUO student and enter 131 for others)
 - Semester (Enter your Semester number for NLUO student and enter 11 for others)
 - Semester (Enter 11)
 - Year
 - Purpose (Enter "**LexTech Article writing 2026**")
- Once the required data is filled in, click on 'Submit' after entering the captcha and OTP.
- After the payment, you will get the auto-generated payment receipt.
- Attach this payment receipt in the registration form.

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