CALL FOR PAPERS

University Institute of Laws, Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana **is seeking submissions from the students of law in the form of call for paper for its bi-annual law journal (PURCL-Student Law Journal) Volume 4 Issue 1 (July- December, 2026).**

About the University Institute of Laws (UIL)

The University Institute of Laws (UIL), Panjab University Regional Centre (PURC), Ludhiana, has pursued excellence in legal education and research since its establishment at the P.U. Extension Library campus in the academic session 2003-04. Under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Virk, Director, the Institute offers the LL.M. (1 year), LL.B. (3 years) and B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) (5-year integrated) courses. It seeks to prepare professionally competent lawyers, inquisitive researchers, able administrators, conscientious judicial officers and, above all, socially responsible citizens, and it encourages students to take part in literary, debating, cultural, entrepreneurial and recreational activities. With this objective in view, the Institute has launched the PURCL Student Law Journal.

About the Journal

The PURCL Student Law Journal is a peer-reviewed biannual publication, issued in July and January. It offers law students an opportunity to engage critically with current legal, socio-legal and political issues, and to develop their writing, editing and citation-checking skills through collaboration and peer feedback. It also gives students a platform to build a record of published work and to reach a wider academic audience.

Objective of the Journal

1. To provide students an open forum to publish original, high-quality research in Constitutional, Labour, Business, Corporate, Intellectual Property, Environmental, Criminal, Civil, Cyber and other laws, with inter-disciplinary topics accepted subject to Editorial Board approval.
2. To disseminate new knowledge and legal developments to academics, researchers and legal practitioners.
3. To enhance legal reasoning, critical thinking, competence and research among law students.
4. To let students express their views on current and emerging issues and their impact on the young generation.
5. To help students share their perspectives on socio-legal, political and contemporary issues.

The Journal promotes research, scholarship and writing among law students. It accepts contributions on all areas of law, including social science issues with a legal slant. Undergraduate, postgraduate and full-time doctoral students of any discipline, not necessarily law, are invited to contribute.

Who may Submit

Submissions are invited from students and research scholars of all the law institutions.

Theme

Students are invited to contribute in the form of Tributes, Articles, Case Comments, Book Reviews, Notes, Critical Evaluation of any Contemporaneous Legal Issues. The main focus of the Articles/Papers shall be the latest trends in the field of Law. These could be but not limited to the following themes- **Constitutional Law, Business Law, Law of Contract, Criminal Law**, **Corporate Law, ADR, Intellectual Property Law, Labour law, Cyber Law, Environmental Law, Human Rights Law and any other contemporary legal issue.**

The Journal is extremely useful to academicians, practitioners, researchers, scholars and students who are interested in the latest theoretical and practical advances and innovations in the field of Law and want to adapt to new legal trends.

Submission Guidelines

1. Authors are requested to upload their original, unpublished manuscript in editable .doc format to purcslj.com
2. The submission of manuscript must be accompanied by a **separate covering letter** bearing the following information:
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   c) Institutional Affiliations (if any)
   d) Contact Details of the Author & Co-Author
   e) Title of the Paper
   f) Class + Session + Semester
   g) Declaration of originality
   h) **Author must submit a plagiarism report (below 10% similarity index) from Turnitin along with the submission otherwise the submission will be outrightly rejected.**
3. The authors must not mention any relevant identification information on the body of the research paper such as their name, contact details, institutional affiliation (if any).

4. Submissions can be in the form of long articles, short notes, book reviews. The acceptable word limit should not exceed.
   a) Long Articles: 4000-5000 words
   b) Short Notes: 3000-4000 words
   c) Case Comments/Legislative Comments: 1500-3000 words
   d) Book Review: 1000-2000 words

   All the word limits mentioned above are exclusive of footnotes. Kindly note that the word limits will be strictly enforced.
5. All the submissions must consist of an Abstract of not more than 300 words along with 6 keywords following the abstract. The abstract and keywords will not be included in the word limit.
6. A submission can be **co-authored** by a **maximum of two people.**
7. In case, author(s) send more than one submission for consideration, only the first submission shall be reviewed for publication.
8. PURCL SLJ does not charge any publication fees for the submission, review, or publication of manuscripts. Any communication received by author(s) requesting payment of publication fees should be reported immediately to the Editorial Board for verification and appropriate action.
9. The author(s) should not, in general, publish the same manuscript (partially or in full) in more than one journal or any other periodical.
10. The copyright of the research papers and other contributions published in PURCL Student Law Journal is vested in the Journal itself. No claim regarding it would be entertained at a later stage.

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1. An appropriate Title must be mentioned in the cover page of the submission. The Title should be font type- Times New Roman and font size-16.
2. The submission should not contain any biographical information of the author throughout the manuscript.
3. The body of the text must be submitted in font type- Times New Roman, font size- 12.
4. The footnotes must be font type- Time New Roman, font size 10.
5. The Line Spacing of the main text and footnotes must be 1.5 and 1 respectively.
6. Use of Headings and Subheadings is encouraged throughout the text-
   a) Title of paper- Capital, Bold, Font Size-16, Times New Roman
   b) Headings: Centre Aligned, Bold, and Font Size- 14, Font Type- Times New Roman, with Roman Numbering.
   c) Subheadings: Justified Alignment, Bold, Font Size - 12 and Font Type - Times New Roman.
   d) Foot notes and citations of research work are to be given as per the format of Indian Law Institute available at www.ili.ac.in, in single space.
7. All submissions are subject to peer review and modification as per the journal style sheet.

8. The decision of the Editorial Board, regarding publication of the article shall be final.

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Step 1: Prepare the manuscript and supporting files as per the given guidelines.

Step 2: Visit https://purcslj.com and click "Register" to create an author account (existing users may click "Login").

Step 3: Click "Make a Submission" and select the section "Research Article".

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Last date for submission

All papers must be submitted before November 30, 2026 to the listed website.

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Thanks,

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