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### **ABOUT THE JOURNAL**

The *International Journal of Law & Development (IJLD)* is a quarterly, double-blind peer-reviewed and referred international journal published by the Department of Legal Studies, Sant Gahira Guru University, Sarguja, Ambikapur (Chhattisgarh). The Journal publishes both print and online editions.

The IJLD is envisioned as an authoritative platform for high-quality scholarship in the field of law and development, featuring contemporary debates, policy evaluations, comparative legal studies, and interdisciplinary research of national and global relevance. Its audience includes members of the judiciary, policymakers, academics, researchers, legal practitioners, and professionals concerned with the advancement of legal scholarship and development studies.

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The IJLD welcomes original, unpublished scholarly work across all major areas of law and development, including (but not limited to):

- Sustainable development
- Environmental governance & management
- Climate change
- Intellectual property rights: Copyright, Patent, Trademark, Design & GI
- Agricultural development
- Forest and Wildlife: Management & Conservation
- Public Health, Healthcare Regulation
- Food and Nutrition
- Biotechnology and Forensic Science
- Constitutional & administrative governance
- Human rights, women & child protection
- International trade, commerce, marine, air & space law
- Labour law, industrial relations & dispute settlement
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Criminal law, prevention & abatement
- International relations & geopolitics
- Educational Policies
- Cutting-edge of science and technology

Interdisciplinary submissions that link law and development with arts, humanities, commerce, science, technology, and allied fields are highly encouraged.

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- All manuscripts shall undergo double-blind peer review.
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  - Conflicts of interest (if any)
  - Ethical approval (where applicable)
  - Informed consent (for human-subject research)
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The Editorial Board of the International Journal of Law & Development (IJLD) invites original research articles, review articles, book review, case studies and pre-prints form of these manuscripts for Vol. 1, Issue 1 (January 2026).

### **Categories of Submissions & Word Limits**

- **Long Articles:** 6,000–10,000 words (including footnotes & abstract- 500 words)
- **Short Articles:** 4,000–6,000 words (including footnotes & abstract- 350 words)
- **Review Articles:** 2,500–3,500 words (including footnotes & abstract- 250 words)
- **Book Review:** 1,500–2,500 words (including footnotes)
- **Case Studies:** 1,000–1,500 words (including footnotes)

### **Formatting & Citation Guidelines**

- **Format:** Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx)
- **Font:** Times New Roman
- **Title:** 14 pt, bold, ALL CAPS
- **Headings:** 12 pt, bold
- **Body Text:** 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing
- **Footnotes:** 10 pt, single spacing
- **Citation Style:** APA 7<sup>th</sup> edition
- Sub-headings may be used to structure content.

## Submission Guidelines

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- Co-authorship: Maximum of one additional co-author allowed.
- Language of Submission: English only.
- The authors have to adhere with following format:
  - Title of the Research Paper
  - Author name(s), Designation, Institutional affiliation
  - Abstract
  - Main body of the research paper
  - resource literatures shall be cited in footnote in APA 7<sup>th</sup> edition citation style
  - endnotes and references/bibliography are discouraged.

## Submission Deadline

**15 December 2025**

Late submissions will not be considered for the inaugural issue.

## Submission Link:

<https://forms.gle/4mo2Vtp9gCNWv6td8>

## Fees, Publication & Certificate

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