

JOINT JURIST JOURNAL
E-ISSN: 3139-6186

National Legal Research Paper Championship / Vol. 1, Issue 4

विधिQUEST

ENTRY
FEE:
₹1,000 ONLY

₹15,000
Cash Prize

Submission Deadline: 29th November 2026
(Or until 30 slots fill up)
Result Declaration: 5th December 2026



REGISTER NOW

Submit your legal research paper or article; the single best entry wins the grand ₹15,000 cash prize! All other shortlisted and selected papers will be officially published in Volume 1, Issue 4.

For submissions and queries,
E-mail -jointjuristjournal@gmail.com
WhatsApp- 8350904244

(JOINT JURIST)

[e-ISSN -3139-6186](#)

[NATIONAL-LEVEL | PEER-REVIEWED | OPEN-ACCESS LEGAL JOURNAL]

/ VOLUME 1 | ISSUE 4 | (OCT-NOV 2026)

ABOUT THE JOURNAL

“Joint Jurist” is an online legal platform and a national publication which is aimed at spreading online legal education, bridging the gap between academic research and litigation expertise among the legal audience. It was introduced in early 2026. It is an independent project, started by its founder and does not receive any funding from any person or organisation or body or government as the case maybe.

It is a '*Dream Project*' of **Mr. Suraj Shandil** (Advocate) (Founder-CEO-Editor-in-Chief & Owner). We operate on a Double-Blind Peer-Review model, ensuring that every published work meets the highest standards of original scholarship, zero plagiarism, and academic integrity. Our platform is dedicated to providing an open-access environment for legal professionals, scholars, and students to contribute to the evolving legal discourse.

EDITORIAL & ADVISORY BOARD

The Joint Jurist Journal is guided by a distinguished panel of legal luminaries and academicians committed to fostering excellence in legal scholarship.

1. Advocate Suraj Shandil	9. Mr. Vineet Kumar
2. (Dr.) Seema Gupta	10. Ms. Sunayana
3. (Dr.) Mohd Rafiq	
4. (Dr.) Harshita Thalwal	
5. Ms. Sabrina Bath	
6. Ms. Soumya Sharma	
7. Mrs. Shivani Kumari	

8. (Dr.) Vanita Sharma	
-------------------------------	--

NAME	DESIGNATION	INSTITUTION/AFFILIATION
Advocate Suraj Shandil	Founder, CEO & Editor-in-Chief	High Court of Himachal Pradesh
Prof. (Dr.) Seema Gupta	Editorial Board Member	Associate Professor / Chandigarh University (CU)
Prof. (Dr.) Mohd. Rafiq Dar	Editorial Board Member	Associate Professor/Lovely Professional University (LPU)
(Dr.) Harshita Thalwal	Editorial Board Member	Associate Professor & HOD, Chandigarh University(CU)
Asst. Prof. Ms. Somya Sharma	Editorial Board Member	Professor of law & Ph.D. Scholar/ Shoolini University
Asst. Prof. Ms. Sabrina Bath	Editorial Board Member	Assistant Professor & Ph.D. Scholar/Chandigarh University (CU)
Asst. Prof. Mrs. Shivani Kumari	Editorial Board Member	Assistant Professor & Ph.D. Scholar/ DDM Sai Law College Himachal Pradesh
Prof. (Dr.) Vanita Sharma	Editorial Board Member	Associate Professor / Chandigarh University (CU)

Asst. Prof. Mr. Vineet Kumar	Editorial Board Member	Professor of law / Shoolini University
Asst. Prof. Ms. Sunayana	Editorial Board Member	Assistant Professor & Ph.D. Scholar/ Himachal Pradesh National Law University Shimla



CALL FOR PAPERS: VOLUME 1, ISSUE 4

[e-ISSN -3139-6186](#)

NATIONAL LEGAL RESEARCH PAPER CHAMPIONSHIP:

“ विधिQUEST ”

(Strictly Limited to the First 30 Submissions Only)

ABOUT THE COMPETITION :

Volume 1, Issue 4 is organized as the flagship national research championship **विधिQUEST** by Joint Jurist Journal. The event is designed to identify, evaluate, and reward scholarly legal writing among law students, research scholars, and practitioners across India.

• Grand Prize (Best Paper of the Issue): ₹15,000 Cash Prize + Official Certificate of Excellence.
• Top 3 Authors: National Certificate of Appreciation + Author Spotlight on official media platforms.
• All Shortlisted & Qualified Entries: Official peer-reviewed publication in Volume 1, Issue 4 (E-ISSN: 3139-6186) + Verified Digital Certificate of Publication + Google Scholar indexing support.

STRICT EVALUATION CAP

To maintain uncompromised editorial scrutiny, genuine peer review, and competitive integrity, **only the first 30 qualified submissions will be registered and evaluated.** The submission portal will permanently shut down immediately upon reaching the 30-entry threshold.

WHO CAN SUBMIT?
1. Undergraduate Law Students (3-Year LL.B., 5-Year B.A. LL.B., B.B.A. LL.B., B.Com. LL.B.).
2. Postgraduate Law Students (LL.M. Candidates).
3. Ph.D. Scholars and Legal Researchers.
4. Advocates, Legal Practitioners, and Judicial Aspirants/Officers.
5. Law Professors, Academicians, and Interdisciplinary Legal Writers.

THEMES & COMPETITION TRACKS

Authors are invited to submit original, analytical, and unpublished drafts across these core tracks:

- **Track 1:** Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Emerging Technologies, Cyber Laws & AI Governance.
- **Track 2:** Constitutional Jurisprudence, Administrative Law & Democratic Governance.
- **Track 3:** Corporate, Commercial, FinTech, Securities & Consumer Protection Laws.
- **Track 4:** Open Category: Contemporary Socio-Legal, Criminal, or Environmental Challenges.

NATURE & CATEGORIES OF SUBMISSIONS

- Research Papers: 4,000 – 8,000 words (inclusive of footnotes).
- Articles: 2,500 – 4,000 words (inclusive of footnotes).
- Short Articles / Policy Briefs: 1,800 – 2,500 words (inclusive of footnotes).
- Case Comments & Legislative Analyses: 2,000 – 3,500 words (inclusive of footnotes).

AUTHORSHIP & CO-AUTHORSHIP

- A maximum of **one co-author** is permitted (up to two authors per paper).
- Multi-authorship beyond two contributors is strictly barred.

FORMATTING & CITATION SPECIFICATIONS

1. **File Format:** Manuscripts must be submitted strictly in **MS Word format (.doc or .docx)**. PDFs will be rejected.
2. **Typography (Main Body):** Times New Roman, Font Size 12, Line Spacing 1.5, Justified Alignment.
3. **Typography (Footnotes):** Times New Roman, Font Size 10, Line Spacing 1.0, Justified Alignment.
4. **Headings:** Bold, Font Size 14, Times New Roman.
5. **Citation Standard:** Indian Law Institute (ILI) citation format is preferred. Alternatively, any uniform, recognized citation standard (e.g., Bluebook 20th/21st Edition) consistently maintained throughout the manuscript is acceptable.
6. **Abstract:** An abstract of 200–300 words articulating the problem statement, legal methodology, and key findings must be prefixed to the paper.

STRICT AI USAGE POLICY (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & LLMs)

- Zero-Tolerance for AI-Generated Text: Manuscripts generated, drafted, paraphrased, or synthesized using Artificial Intelligence tools (including ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, QuillBot, or any LLM-based writing assistants) are strictly prohibited.
- AI Detection & Screening: Every manuscript will undergo multi-layer AI detection screening using specialized academic detection algorithms.
- Immediate Disqualification: If a manuscript exhibits substantial indicators of machine-generated text or unverified synthetic content, it will be summarily rejected and permanently disqualified without any reconsideration.

PLAGIARISM & ORIGINALITY STANDARD

- Submissions must represent original, authentic, and unpublished scholarship.
- Concurrent submission to any other journal, book chapter, conference, or digital repository is strictly prohibited.
- The permissible similarity index is strictly capped below **15%** (excluding citations and statutory text). Exceeding this threshold will attract immediate rejection.

FINALITY OF DECISION & DISPUTE IMMUNITY CLAUSE

- The evaluation of manuscripts, shortlisting of papers, and final adjudication of the **₹15,000 Cash Prize** rest entirely within the sole and unfettered discretion of the Senior Editorial Board and the Organizing Committee of Joint Jurist Journal.
- The decision rendered by the Organizing Committee shall be **final, conclusive, and non-negotiable**.
- By registering and submitting an entry, the author(s) explicitly waive any right to appeal, object, contest, or initiate any administrative, legal, or arbitral dispute against the journal, its editors, organizers, or affiliates regarding marks awarded, peer-review remarks, shortlisting criteria, or prize declaration.

REGISTRATION (APC)

- **₹1,000 only per manuscript.**
- The fee covers full double-blind peer review, competitive evaluation for the ₹15,000 cash prize, official E-ISSN publication for selected papers, and verified digital certificates.

IMPORTANT DATES & TIMELINE

- Submission Deadline: **29th November 2026** (*or immediately upon reaching 30 entries*)
- Editorial Review Turnaround: Within 48–72 Hours

- Grand Result Announcement: **5th December 2026 (Live Announcement)**

HOW TO SUBMIT

- **Official Google Form:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_DpkqcQPgjf3z3KuEcHMN6cCkiKZJQLB1AIjDN-YR3S4OOg/viewform?usp=dialog

- **Official Editorial Email:** jointjuristjournal@gmail.com

(Subject: "Submission: VidhiQuest 2026 – [Author Name]")

- **WhatsApp Helpline:** +91 8350904244

Don't forget to follow Joint Jurist Journal across all official platforms for live result announcements, author spotlights, and upcoming legal research opportunities:

- 📷 **Instagram:** Joint Jurist Journal (Live Results on 5th Dec!)
- 💼 **LinkedIn:** Joint Jurist Journal
- 👥 **Facebook:** Joint Jurist Journal
- ▶ **YouTube:** Joint Jurist Journal