

Call for Papers

University Institute of Laws, Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana invites submissions for the special edition of its Annual Journal (Journal of Law), Volume I, Issue II (2026) on the theme

“Reimagining Child Rights in the 21st Century: Protection, Participation, and Policy Reform.”

About the University Institute of Law

University Institute of Law, Panjab University Regional Centre (PURC), Ludhiana has embarked upon a well-structured course of action to achieve levels of excellence in the field of legal studies and research since its establishment at the campus of P.U. Extension Library, Ludhiana w.e.f. the academic Session 2003-04. Presently the institution imparts legal education under the able leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Virk, Director, UIL, PURC, through three courses, LL.M 1 year, LL.B 3 year and B.A. LL.B (Hons.) 5 year integrated course. The level of academic rigour has ensured that most of our alumni excel in their respective professions. Beyond academics, PURC, Ludhiana promotes leadership skills and wholesome life experience of our students by encouraging them to take part in various co-curricular and extracurricular activities like literary, debating, cultural, entrepreneurial and recreational activities. Keeping the above objective in mind, UIL, PURC has introduced annual law journal (Journal of Law) primarily for legal scholars, academicians, researcher and professionals across the globe to encourage exchange of ideas, concepts and their applicability and promote problem solving capabilities in them.

About the Journal of Law

Journal of Law is an annual publication.

Journal of Law is a Peer-reviewed/ Refereed Journal and a remarkable initiative of the University Institute of Laws, PURC, Ludhiana. Journal of Law is an annual publication which provides an excellent way for legal practitioners, professionals, researchers and academicians to critically engage in current legal issues and to collaborate closely, to study the nuances of contemporary legal Pedagogy. The experience enhances writing, editing and citation-checking skills.

Objective of the Journal: Focus of special issue

Children represent the most vulnerable yet vital section of society, deserving of special care and protection under both national and international legal frameworks. India, being a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), carries a constitutional and moral duty to safeguard the rights of every child to survival, protection, development, and participation.

Despite comprehensive legislations — including the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, and the Right to Education Act, 2009 — significant challenges persist in ensuring effective enforcement and access to justice for children.

The complexities of the 21st century — such as online exploitation, trafficking through digital networks, child labour, environmental displacement, and inequality in education — have further diversified the threats faced by children. Recognising these challenges, this Special Edition (2026) seeks to revisit, rethink, and reformulate the child rights discourse through academic engagement, legal analysis, and policy innovation.

Purpose of Including this Theme

The inclusion of “Reimagining Child Rights in the 21st Century” as the central theme of this Special Edition stems from the urgent need to critically assess the evolving nature of child rights in India’s socio-legal landscape. The objective is to bridge the gap between legislation and implementation by encouraging research that identifies systemic challenges, evaluates institutional frameworks, and proposes forward-looking reforms rooted in justice and equity.

By dedicating this issue exclusively to child rights, the Journal aims to foster an informed and reform-driven dialogue among legal professionals, policymakers, and researchers. The purpose is not merely to examine protective mechanisms but to advance discourse on children’s participation, autonomy, and empowerment within the justice system.

This Special Edition aspires to contribute meaningfully to national and international discussions on child protection, while reaffirming the principle that ensuring the dignity, safety, and holistic development of every child is central to the pursuit of justice and the rule of law.

Who may Submit

Submissions are invited from academicians, researchers and practitioners.

Theme

Reimagining Child Rights in the 21st Century: Protection, Participation, and Policy Reform

Suggested Sub-Themes

- Legal and Institutional Framework for Child Protection in India
- Child Labour and Economic Exploitation: Enforcement Challenges
- Right to Education and Equal Access in the Digital Era
- Children and the Digital World: Privacy, Protection, and Consent
- Child Marriage and Gender Dimensions of Child Rights
- Juvenile Justice and Restorative Approaches to Reform
- Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation: Enforcement of POCSO
- Climate Change, Displacement, and Child Rights
- Media Ethics and Representation of Children
- Comparative and International Perspectives on Child Rights

(The above sub-themes are only indicative; contributors may explore any related topic within the broader theme.)

Submission Guidelines

1. Authors are requested to send their original, unpublished submission in .doc format to purel.journaloflaw@gmail.com
2. The submission must be accompanied by a separate covering letter bearing the following information:
 - a) Full Name of the Author(s)
 - b) Position/designation (if applicable on all author(s))
 - c) Institutional Affiliations (if any)
 - d) Contact Details of the Author / Co-Author
 - e) Title of the Paper
 - f) Declaration of originality
 - g) **Author must submit a plagiarism report (below 10% similarity index) 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
 - e) All the word limits mentioned above are exclusive of footnotes.
5. Kindly note that the word limits will be strictly enforced.
 6. All the submissions must consist an Abstract of not more than 250 words. The abstract will not be included in the word limit.
 7. The submission must be sent along with up to 6 keywords along with the abstract in the manuscript.
 8. A submission can be co-authored by a maximum of two people.
 9. In case, authors send more than one submission for consideration, only the first submission shall be reviewed for publication.

Formatting and Citation Guidelines

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

Last date for submission

All papers must be submitted before 30th June, 2026 to below listed email address.

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