



Vishwakarma University
LAW JOURNAL



ABOUT VISHWAKARMA UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW

The Department of Law was established with the vision of nurturing students into outstanding legal professionals who epitomize excellence and serve the society with integrity, and professionalism. In its pursuit of its vision it seeks to promote original, socially relevant research in the field of law.

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The Vishwakarma University Law Journal is a faculty run, bi-annual, blind peer reviewed journal of the Vishwakarma University Department of Law. The objective of this Journal is to contribute original, outstanding and socially relevant research to the Field of Law . It provides a platform for academicians, practitioners, researchers, scholars and students to share their views and make effective contributions to legal academia.

PEER REVIEW POLICY

The Vishwakarma University Law Journal of the Department of Law, Vishwakarma University has a comprehensive and strict mechanism for reviewing articles to be published in its Journal. A 3 step process is followed to ensure quality publications only.

Round 1: Preliminary Review

This is the first round of elimination for which a panel is constituted who will prima facie decide whether an article is suitable enough to qualify for the second round.

The articles are checked for the following:

- Topic relevance
- Grammar, Language and Sentence framing
- Format Structure
- Plagiarism Check through Anti Plagiarism software

The Plagiarism and Similarity test is conducted using the official URKUND software. For research articles, the similarity index should not be more than 15%. Any article having more than 15% similarity is rejected summarily.

There is a zero-tolerance policy towards plagiarism in the publication. Manuscripts are screened for plagiarism before, during, and after publication, and if found plagiarized, they will be rejected at any stage of processing.

Round 2: Blind Peer Review

Those articles which pass the 1st Round are then reviewed by Expert Peer Reviewers. The name of the authors are removed from the articles hence maintaining anonymity of the authorship of the article to prevent any possibility of bias. The Reviewers check the articles for the criteria mentioned in Round 1 and for the following additional criteria of

- literary and academic merit
- logical flow of idea and arguments
- relevance to contemporary legal research
- contribution to legal academia

The Reviewers are expected to submit their review within 30 days of receiving the articles. We do try to however request the editors to submit their reviews as quickly as possible. The Reviewers recommend whether an article should be accepted as it is, revised or rejected. If an article is found to be lacking in academic merit then Reviewers provide their positive expert comments so that the author may improve upon the article.

Round 3

After the recommendations of the Reviewers are received by the Editorial Committee then a final decision is taken whether to accept the article or not. Those articles which are found to be needing revision are sent back to the Authors along with the comments of the Reviewers to modify the article suitably.

Articles which pass the 3rd Round are then recommended by the Editorial Committee for publication in the Journal.

The views expressed by the author/s in the publication are their personal views and do not reflect the views of the Editor or the Department of Law, Vishwakarma University, Pune.

TOPICS COVERED IN THE 1ST ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL

The First Issue of the Journal focuses on the burning issues and contemporary topics of debate and discussion in the field of law. From Environmental Rights to Human Rights, from Challenges faced in dispensing of justice during the ongoing pandemic to Women Rights, Cyber Law, and IPR Law. Apart from this the issue also contains Case Commentaries on leading recent judgements of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, and a Book Review as well.

HOW WE SEE THIS JOURNAL CONTRIBUTING TO LAW AND SOCIETY

Societies are dynamic and with new changes we face new social and legal challenges. It is for this reason that even laws cannot remain static and have to be continuously updated to suit the present needs. Research helps to understand and diagnose the current issues faced by society and it also helps to find the solutions to such problems. An academic journal provides a platform for researchers to discuss and disseminate their findings which help to drive our people and our Nation towards a better future.