

NIRMA UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL

CALL FOR PAPERS

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Journal Committee of Institute of Law, Nirma University hereby invites articles/ research papers, case studies, and book reviews on the theme '***Exploring contours of human rights in India***' for publication in the **Nirma University Law Journal (March 2017 Issue) bearing ISSN Number 2249-1430**. It can be an inter-disciplinary study reflecting socio-economic and political ideas or contemporary issues. The journal is a peer-reviewed ISSN serial publication from, Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. It showcases contemporary issues and challenges specific to law, with an inter-disciplinary approach towards assimilating knowledge. It is an endeavor of the Institute to become the beacon of legal education by encouraging synthesis of knowledge and best practices cutting across the academia and research fraternity. The **Journal is indexed by Manupatra and SCC Online**.

Theme: '*Exploring contours of human rights in India*'

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The evolution of three generations of human rights—from "civil and political liberties" as "first generation" right to "second generation" rights focusing on "socio-economic equality" and to solidarity, "collective rights" as "third generation"—has its specific and universal contexts.

Human rights activism has highlighted gap between human rights and human rights law as well as aimed to ensure the full legal recognition and actual realization of human rights. Globally, "third generation" rights, such as the rights to a healthy environment, to self-determination and to development, have been adopted. In India, along with these sets of human rights, newer challenges have been posed, which stress for finer articulation of human rights. Identity based violence, communal violence, intolerance culminating into violence, regional disparities and state induced

problems including internal displacement, separatist groups and their demands, armed forces' powers and injustice and violence are better known violations of human rights. However, these problems are yet to be effectively respected, protected, promoted and fulfilled by various state agencies of India.

We recognize that advances in human rights are not dependent only on States; different civil actors have articulated human right violation as well as advocated promotion of justice in India. In order to articulate, enunciate, visualizing, recognition and operationalization of human rights of various kinds and all three generations, the submissions **may be inclusive of the following sub-themes** however they may *not be restricted* to the below mentioned:

Possible Sub Themes

I. Learning drawn from dealing with violation of human rights

- A. economic, social, and cultural rights
- B. civil liberties and democratic rights

II. Critically looking at the State initiatives for creating mechanisms / agencies for promotion and protection of human rights

- A. National and State Human Rights Commissions
- B. Various laws enacted to promote human rights

III. Role, performance, and potentials of civil actors in promotion and protection of human rights

- A. Dealing with violence due to various reasons
- B. Development induced displaced population
- C. Problems of internally displaced

IV. State powers and human right violation

- A. Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFPSA) in north-east India
- B. 'separatism' dealt by Indian state
- C. militancy dealt by Indian state

V. Role, performance, and potentials of educational institutions in spreading awareness and educational initiatives for promotion and protection of human rights

- A. Advancement in awareness spreading on human rights
- B. Highlighting only on human right violation and limited achievement on conceptual understanding of human rights

C. Mechanisms and channels have been created for awareness spreading

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. **Word Limit:** Submissions are invited of **research paper** (5,000-6,000 words), **policy brief / critique** (up to 3,000 words), **innovative initiative or practice** (up to 3,000 words), **case studies** (up to 3,000 words), and **book reviews** (up to 1,000 words) excluding the footnotes. However, looking at the quality and depth of research, relaxation may be given and word limit may vary.

2. Entries from all aspects of law whether direct or applied are welcome.

3. **Background of writers:** We are a peer reviewed Journal. Hence entries from students pursuing Bachelors or Masters Course in law and any other allied discipline of Social Science would be accepted.

4. **Authorship:** Entries can be co-authored. However, a maximum of two authors per entry is allowed.

5. **Citation Style:** The Blue-book Uniform System of Citation (19th edition)

6. **Format of Main Text & the Footnotes:** The Times New Roman font, in font size 12 is prescribed for all entries. Further, the footnotes shall be in font size 10 and line spacing of 1.5 and 1.0 shall be followed respectively.

7. **Mode of Submission:** Entries are to be sent at **nulawjournal@nirmauni.ac.in** latest by **February 01st, 2017 (11:59 pm)**. No hard copy of the same is required.

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TIMELINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

The following table summarizes the deadlines to be complied with when submitting the papers for publication in the Nirma University Law Journal:

Date and Time	
01 st February 2017 (11:59 pm)	Submission of full paper
02 nd to 19 th February 2017	Peer Review
20 th to 25 th February 2017	Communication regarding the acceptance to the authors
Last week of March 2017	Release of the Journal

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