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About the Book

Narcotics, Psychotropic Substances, and the Law: Policy, Enforcement, and Rights is a comprehensive and multidimensional scholarly volume that examines the complex legal, constitutional, technological, and societal dimensions of drug regulation in India and across the global arena. This edited book brings together seventeen carefully curated chapters authored by researchers, academics, legal practitioners, and policy analysts who collectively explore the evolving challenges posed by narcotics and psychotropic substances—both traditional and emerging.

The book opens with a historical and comparative perspective, tracing India's regulatory trajectory from colonial frameworks to modern legislative responses, while situating national policies within an international and regional context. It then delves into the substantive and constitutional foundations of the NDPS Act, offering critical insights into Article 21, procedural safeguards, judicial interpretations, transformative judgments, and the growing emphasis on due process.

Recognizing the dynamic nature of drug trends, the volume dedicates an entire section to synthetic and designer drugs, highlighting the urgent need for adaptive legal reforms and responsible pharmaceutical oversight. The enforcement framework is examined through an analytical lens, focusing on procedural pitfalls, evidentiary challenges, and the rising importance of forensic intelligence.

As technology reshapes the landscape of narcotics investigations, the book explores contemporary issues such as darknet trafficking, crypto-drugs, investigative intelligence tools, and the widening legal gaps associated with digital platform response times. These discussions underscore the pressing need for technologically informed policy interventions.

The concluding chapters shift from law enforcement to public welfare, addressing the broader societal impact of drug abuse, public health concerns, and preventive strategies aimed at safeguarding adolescents and vulnerable populations.

By integrating legal analysis, policy critique, comparative insights, technological perspectives, and public health considerations, this book offers an authoritative reference for scholars, students, practitioners, policymakers, and law enforcement professionals. It aims not only to contribute to academic discourse but also to inform meaningful reforms

in India's drug control framework—balancing the imperatives of public safety, human rights, and scientific progress.

About LawLearnizo

LawLearnizo is a forward-thinking legal education platform committed to empowering law students, educators, and professionals through **innovative academic engagement and practical skill-building**. As the **parent entity of Juris Cognita Publications**, LawLearnizo bridges the gap between classroom learning and real-world legal practice by offering a dynamic space for academic and professional growth.

Founded and led by **Advocate Piyush Kumar Jalan**, LawLearnizo has rapidly grown into a recognized name in the legal education ecosystem. It collaborates with **law schools, universities, and legal institutions** to organize a wide range of **conferences, seminars, training programs, workshops, and certificate courses** at both national and international levels.

With a vision to make quality legal education accessible and multidimensional, LawLearnizo offers:

- **Specialized certificate courses** on contemporary legal subjects including Corporate Law, Technology Law, Intellectual Property, Legal Drafting, and more
- **Academic event collaborations** with law schools and institutions for national and international conferences, seminars, and competitions
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- **Skill-enhancement programs** aimed at preparing students for the evolving demands of the legal profession

Whether it's through its curated learning modules or its globally relevant academic forums, **LawLearnizo stands as a hub of intellectual development and professional excellence** for the legal fraternity.

About Juris Cognita Publications

Juris Cognita Publications is a distinguished international publication house committed to fostering intellectual excellence and global academic exchange. Founded with the vision of building bridges between emerging scholars and established experts, Juris Cognita Publications is led by **Adv. Piyush Kumar Jalan**, a dynamic legal professional, educator, and thought leader dedicated to nurturing scholarly innovation across disciplines.

At its core, Juris Cognita Publications believes in the power of knowledge to inspire change. With a focus on interdisciplinary research and contemporary relevance, the publication house curates, edits, and disseminates academic works that reflect critical thought, empirical analysis, and transformative ideas. Whether it is law, social sciences, international relations, environmental studies, technology, or governance—Juris Cognita serves as a platform where diverse voices converge to shape meaningful discourse.

Under the guidance of Adv. Jalan, the publication house has consistently upheld high editorial standards, ethical publishing practices, and an inclusive approach to authorship. It has successfully published a wide array of books, conference proceedings, research compendiums, and thematic volumes—both national and international in scope.

Key Features of Juris Cognita Publications:

- International reach with contributors and readers across academic and professional communities
- Transparent, peer-reviewed editorial process ensuring academic integrity
- Emphasis on contemporary, multidisciplinary, and socially impactful themes
- Support for young researchers, students, and first-time authors through mentorship and editorial assistance
- Collaborative partnerships with universities, research institutions, journals, and knowledge platforms

With every publication, Juris Cognita reaffirms its commitment to being more than just a publishing house—it is a movement for accessible, credible, and purpose-driven scholarship.

About the International Journal of Legal Affairs and Exploration

The **International Journal of Legal Affairs and Exploration (IJLAE)** is a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary academic journal dedicated to the critical analysis, exploration, and advancement of legal knowledge in a rapidly evolving global context. Founded with a commitment to scholarly excellence and innovation, IJLAE serves as a dynamic forum for legal minds—academicians, practitioners, policymakers, and students—to contribute original research, thought-provoking commentary, and case-based analysis on both conventional and emerging areas of law.

Published under the esteemed banner of **Juris Cognita Publications**, the journal aspires to bridge the gap between academic theory and practical application. It explores diverse themes ranging from constitutional law, criminal justice, corporate and commercial law, international relations, human rights, environmental law, and technology law, to contemporary socio-legal developments that influence public discourse and policy-making.

IJLAE is not just a journal—it is a platform for legal exploration, intellectual engagement, and collaborative scholarship. It encourages submissions that are analytically robust, ethically sound, and contextually relevant, making space for diverse methodologies and multidisciplinary intersections.

Key Features of IJLAE:

- **Peer-reviewed and editorially curated** to maintain high academic standards
- **Open to diverse contributors:** seasoned scholars, legal professionals, policymakers, and students
- **Focus on both traditional and emerging areas** of law and legal policy
- **Encouragement for critical thinking, comparative approaches, and policy-oriented research**
- **Special issues and thematic volumes** aligned with contemporary legal developments and global events
- **Indexed and archived** for wider academic reach and citation

Led by a visionary editorial board and backed by the experience of **Adv. Piyush Kumar Jalan**, the **International Journal of Legal Affairs and Exploration** continues to shape the dialogue around legal transformation, justice, and governance in the 21st century.

Message from the Founder

It gives me immense pleasure to present *Narcotics, Psychotropic Substances, and the Law: Policy, Enforcement, and Rights*, an important addition to our continued efforts to promote meaningful legal scholarship and encourage critical dialogue on issues that shape contemporary society. As India navigates the profound challenges posed by substance abuse, rapid technological advancements, and evolving international obligations, the need for a comprehensive and multidimensional study of narcotics law has never been more urgent.

This edited volume brings together a diverse group of scholars, practitioners, and researchers who offer thought-provoking insights into the constitutional contours, enforcement realities, and policy gaps surrounding the NDPS Act and global drug control mechanisms. Each chapter in this book reflects rigorous analysis and deep engagement with the complex interplay of human rights, public health, emerging drug trends, forensic science, and digital-era investigative challenges.

At LawLearnizo and our associated publishing initiatives, we have always believed in fostering academic platforms that encourage critical examination of pressing legal issues while empowering young and seasoned researchers alike. This book stands as a testament to that vision. It is not merely a compilation of research—it is a collective intellectual effort to reimagine a more balanced, humane, and future-ready approach to drug regulation.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all contributors, reviewers, and the editorial team whose dedication and expertise have shaped this book into its present form. Their commitment ensures that this work will serve as a valuable resource for policymakers, legal professionals, academicians, students, and law enforcement agencies.

As we continue to expand our scholarly footprint, I hope this volume inspires further research and reforms in the domain of narcotics law—grounded in justice, empathy, and constitutional values.

Warm regards,

Adv. Piyush Kr. Jalan

Founder & Director

LawLearnizo & Juris Cognita Publications

Message from the Editors

We are delighted to present *Narcotics, Psychotropic Substances, and the Law: Policy, Enforcement, and Rights*, a collaborative work that brings together diverse scholarly voices to address one of the most intricate and evolving areas of contemporary legal discourse. The regulation of narcotic and psychotropic substances has long stood at the intersection of law, public policy, human rights, public health, and global cooperation. This volume seeks to illuminate that intersection with clarity, depth, and academic rigor.

In curating the seventeen chapters contained in this book, our aim was to ensure a holistic and balanced exploration of the NDPS Act, international drug control frameworks, technological advancements, forensic science, emerging synthetic substances, and the social dimensions of drug use. The contributors have offered critical insights grounded in doctrinal research, comparative studies, empirical findings, and policy-oriented perspectives. Their collective work enriches the ongoing dialogue on how India and the global community can refine drug regulation while safeguarding constitutional values and human dignity.

The editorial process behind this book has been both intellectually rewarding and deeply collaborative. We extend our sincere gratitude to all authors for their commitment, to the reviewers for their constructive guidance, and to our publishing team for their tireless support. A special note of appreciation goes to the Founder for his vision in conceptualizing and encouraging scholarly contributions on such timely themes.

As editors, our hope is that this book serves as a valuable resource for researchers, academics, policymakers, practitioners, and students. More importantly, we hope it sparks continued inquiry and thoughtful debate on how drug laws can evolve in a manner that is just, equitable, and responsive to contemporary challenges.

We commend the contributors for their dedication and invite readers to engage with this work with an open and critical mind.

The Editors

Narcotics, Psychotropic Substances, and the Law: Policy, Enforcement, and Right

About the Editors

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Dr. Renu Pal Sood is an accomplished academician and legal scholar currently serving as an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Legal Sciences at Shoolini University. An alumna of Delhi University and the Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies, she completed her legal education from Himachal Pradesh University. Her strong academic foundation, combined with her passion for legal research, has shaped her into a respected figure in contemporary legal academia.

Dr. Sood is an active member of prominent professional bodies, including the South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology and the International Institute of Justice and Police Sciences. Her scholarly work spans a diverse range of legal topics, with notable publications on facial recognition technology, predictive policing, human rights, environmental law, and other emerging areas. Her research reflects both depth and an unwavering commitment to exploring complex socio-legal challenges.

Beyond her research contributions, Dr. Sood is deeply invested in continuous professional development. She regularly participates in workshops, seminars, and webinars to stay abreast of evolving legal trends, ensuring that her scholarship and teaching remain in step with contemporary developments.

A seasoned academic leader, Dr. Sood has demonstrated exceptional proficiency in curriculum design, strategic planning, and faculty management. As the Director of the Centre for Clinical Legal Education at Shoolini University, she has played an instrumental role in institutionalizing clinical legal programs at the national level. Under her leadership, the Centre has launched multiple initiatives designed to provide students with practical legal training and bridge the gap between legal theory and real-world application.

Her dedication to nurturing future scholars is evident in her role as a Ph.D. supervisor, where she actively mentors' doctoral candidates and contributes significantly to the university's research ecosystem.

Throughout her distinguished career, Dr. Renu Pal Sood has remained committed to fostering critical thinking, ethical values, and academic excellence. Her leadership

continues to inspire students and colleagues alike, solidifying her position as an influential academic voice in the field of law.

Dr. Jai Shankar Ojha, *Principal & Professor, S.S. Law College, Editor.*

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Dr. Ojha earned his D.Phil. from the University of Allahabad with a specialization in *Directive Principles of State Policy and Article 21 of the Constitution of India*. He is also a qualified UGC-NET holder. His wide-ranging academic interests encompass Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Family Law, and Human Rights.

A prolific writer and editor, Dr. Ojha has contributed extensively to reputed national and international journals and has edited several influential scholarly volumes. His editorial contributions include *Reporting Cyber Crime: A Bird's Eye View of the Procedural Framework* (Routledge, 2025); *Environmental Law and Environmental Crimes* (World Law Publication, 2022); and *Role of Police in Criminal Justice System* (2022). His research work spans diverse contemporary areas, including sustainable development, judicial trends, women's empowerment, and the interface of artificial intelligence and law.

Dr. Ojha is frequently invited as a resource person, expert speaker, and panelist at national and international conferences organized by prestigious institutions such as Banaras Hindu University, the University of Delhi, and Tribhuvan University, Nepal. He has also evaluated multiple Ph.D. theses and guided numerous LL.M. dissertations, contributing meaningfully to the advancement of legal education and scholarship in India.

With his scholarly depth, administrative leadership, and commitment to academic excellence, Dr. Ojha brings invaluable expertise to this edited volume.

Dr. Srishty Banerjee, *Sr. Assistant Professor (Law), Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Editor.*

Dr. Srishty Banerjee is a distinguished academician and legal scholar currently serving as a Senior Assistant Professor of Law. She holds a Ph.D. from Punjab University, where her doctoral research focused on *Socio-Legal Issues of Tribal Communities in India*, with a particular emphasis on their right to education. She completed her LL.M. from the University of Delhi and also holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Himachal Pradesh University, reflecting her strong interdisciplinary foundation.

With over twelve years of teaching experience, Dr. Banerjee has developed expertise in Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Human Rights, and Women and Child Law. She has an impressive research profile, having authored more than 45 research papers published in reputed national and international journals, including the *Criminal Law Journal* and the *Indian Socio-Legal Journal*. Her academic contributions also include a chapter in the Law Commission of India and NITI Aayog publication titled "*Balancing Roles of the Three Wings of the State.*"

Dr. Banerjee has actively participated in numerous national and international conferences, where she has presented papers on themes central to constitutional governance, social justice, and rights-based discourse. Known for her scholarly rigor and commitment to advancing legal education, she brings valuable insight and academic leadership to this edited volume.

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Ms. Naga Lasya Sri. P is a passionate and driven fourth-year B.Com LL.B student at CHRIST Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru. She has developed a deep interest in emerging areas of law, particularly Artificial Intelligence and FinTech regulations, and actively seeks opportunities to expand her knowledge in these rapidly evolving fields. Her academic journey is marked by rigorous coursework, research-oriented learning, and immersive internships that have strengthened her skills in legal research, drafting, and analytical reasoning.

Lasya has contributed to various legal forums through her articles, where she simplifies complex legal concepts for broader audiences and engages meaningfully in contemporary policy discussions. She has also displayed exceptional dedication to extracurricular initiatives, including moot court competitions, leadership roles in campus activities, and community outreach projects—reflecting her commitment to both professional growth and social impact.

With a strong vision for the future, Lasya aspires to contribute to the development of robust legal frameworks surrounding emerging technologies, guided by intellect, integrity, and initiative.

As a participant in the **Editorial Fellowship Programme**, she had the opportunity to serve as a **Student Editor** for this project, further enriching her editorial experience and scholarly engagement.

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Ms. Tanisha Dalal is a dedicated second-year B.A. LL.B student at VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, affiliated with Goa University. With a strong interest in Constitutional Law, Corporate Law, and Criminal Law, she blends academic rigor with active participation in practical legal learning and co-curricular engagements.

Tanisha's professional exposure spans both litigation and legal research. She interned with Law Sphere Advocates & Solicitors (December 2024 – January 2025), where she focused on legal research and drafting. At Juris Centre (September 2024), she further strengthened her analytical skills through structured research on contemporary legal issues. Her internship with Advocate Prashant Borkar & Associates at the District Court, Margao (February 2025), provided invaluable experience in procedural law, client interaction, and courtroom practice, deepening her understanding of the judicial system.

She has actively represented her institution on national platforms. Tanisha participated in the **5th National Memorial Moot Court Competition** at Marwadi University of Law, Rajkot (April 2025), and the **2nd Vaktrita National Memorial Moot Court Competition** (September 2025), demonstrating her advocacy skills and command over legal argumentation. She also secured **first place** in the Student Parliament Competition, showcasing her proficiency in parliamentary procedures and persuasive communication.

Her participation in the **Recreation of the Drafting of the Constituent Assembly** (January 2025) reflects her deep respect for constitutional values and India's democratic foundations. Beyond academics, Tanisha actively contributes to social justice initiatives through her engagement with the **Goa Child Care Clinic Cell**, advocating for child welfare and empowerment.

She is also a contributing member of the **Research Cell**, where she participates in research projects involving contemporary legal and policy issues.

Driven by intellectual curiosity, professional discipline, and a strong sense of civic responsibility, Tanisha aspires to build a career that harmonizes legal scholarship, advocacy, and social reform.

As a participant in the **Editorial Fellowship Programme**, she received the opportunity to serve as a **Student Editor** for this project, enriching her editorial skills and academic exposure.

Mr. Ranveer Singh Rathore, *4th Year, Seedling School of Law and Governance, Jaipur National University.*

Ranveer Singh Rathore is a fourth-year law student at the Seedling School of Law and Governance, Jaipur National University, distinguished by his consistent academic excellence and deep engagement with contemporary legal scholarship. His work reflects

a strong foundation in constitutional law, public policy, and international legal frameworks, complemented by a keen interest in the evolving intersections of law, technology, and governance.

Ranveer’s professional journey includes enriching experiences with the Rajasthan High Court and the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority, where he gained hands-on exposure to criminal litigation, legal aid mechanisms, and public welfare legislation. His internship with FGS International further refined his understanding of comparative public law and global governance models.

An emerging scholar, Ranveer has co-authored notable publications such as “*Free Speech on Trial: Judicial Sensitivity and the Limits of Critique*” in **The Daily Guardian** editorial. His academic contributions have also appeared in the *Indian Journal of Law and Legal Research* and the *International Journal of Legal Management and Humanities*. His research spans a diverse range of themes including constitutional freedoms, refugee protection, AI ethics, and the evolution of international legal norms.

Beyond academics, Ranveer has demonstrated strong leadership and organizational skills. As the Co-founder of **The Lawscape**, he has led several initiatives aimed at democratizing legal education through research-driven learning and capacity-building programs. His involvement with **GeoJuristoday**, particularly in national projects such as *Operation Sindoor Report* and *Rakshamanthan 2025*, reflects his ability to connect legal analysis with geopolitical insight.

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Raghav's research contributions span a wide spectrum of contemporary issues. His published works include "*Gender Justice in India: Shield or Sword?*" in the **International Journal of Legal Research and Analysis (IJLRA)**, "*Federalism in Crisis: The Tussle Between Centre and States in Contemporary India*" in **YourLawArticle**, "*Reimagining India's Electoral Democracy: A Critical Analysis of One Nation One Election*" in the **Indian Journal of Law and Legal Research (IJLLR)**, and "*The Rise of Economic Nationalism: A Boon or Bane for Global Stability*" in the **International Journal of Legal Studies and Social Sciences (IJLSSS)**. His writings reflect an analytical approach to constitutional governance, electoral reform, and global political economy.

An active participant in courtroom simulations and advocacy platforms, Raghav has competed in several prestigious moot court competitions such as the IV AUAP–JLU International Moot Court Competition and the 4th National Moot Court Competition hosted by Christ (Deemed to be University). At his home institution, he was part of the winning team in the Intra Moot Court Competition and was awarded the **Best Researcher Award**, underscoring his academic diligence and research aptitude.

Raghav is currently a participant in the **Editorial Fellowship Programme with Juris Cognita Publications**, a role that has provided him with the opportunity to serve as a Student Editor for this project. His involvement in this fellowship has further refined his editorial judgment, scholarly writing skills, and understanding of academic publishing.

Preface

The rapid evolution of technology, society, and global governance has ushered in an era where law must constantly adapt, reinterpret, and respond to unprecedented challenges. This book emerges from that very intersection—where contemporary issues demand rigorous scholarship, critical reflection, and a forward-looking vision. Conceived as part of an academic initiative to encourage collaborative research and nuanced discourse, this volume brings together diverse voices from academia, the legal profession, and the student community.

The chapters included here reflect a wide spectrum of perspectives on emerging legal, technological, social, and constitutional questions. Each contribution, while rooted in doctrinal understanding, goes beyond traditional analysis to examine the shifting dynamics of rights, responsibilities, justice systems, and policy frameworks in an interconnected world. The aim of this book is not merely to document legal developments but to inspire meaningful dialogue on the values, structures, and principles that shape our evolving legal order.

A significant feature of this project is the meaningful involvement of student editors and contributors, selected through the **Editorial Fellowship Programme**. Their academic curiosity, research discipline, and editorial commitment have added tremendous value to this volume. This initiative reflects our belief that young scholars must be empowered and provided with platforms to explore complex issues, develop their voices, and meaningfully participate in scholarly discourse.

The distinguished editorial team, along with the dedicated contributors, have worked diligently to ensure that each chapter maintains academic integrity, clarity, and relevance. Their collective efforts—supported by institutional mentors, industry professionals, and subject experts—have shaped this book into a resource for researchers, practitioners, and students alike.

We extend our gratitude to all contributors, editors, reviewers, and mentors whose unwavering support, meticulous work, and shared vision have made this publication possible. It is our hope that this book serves not only as a repository of knowledge but also as a catalyst for further inquiry, discussion, and innovation in legal thought and practice.

With sincere appreciation,

The Editorial Board.