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## About the Book

Volume II of *Law, Society and Justice: Contemporary Challenges and Reforms* engages with the rapidly transforming legal landscape shaped by technological innovation, environmental crises, and evolving models of governance. This volume examines how law responds to emerging risks, reconfigures regulatory frameworks, and reimagines justice in the face of unprecedented scientific, digital, and ecological challenges.

A central focus of this volume is environmental and climate justice. The chapters critically analyse judicial interventions, environmental governance institutions, corporate environmental responsibility, indigenous and community rights, and intergenerational equity. By interrogating issues such as greenwashing, environmental transparency, eco-xtra-activism, and the role of the National Green Tribunal, the volume highlights the growing convergence of environmental protection, human rights, and sustainable development.

The volume also addresses the profound implications of digital transformation for legal systems. It explores artificial intelligence, blockchain, virtual reality, and digital governance through constitutional, regulatory, and ethical lenses. Several contributions engage with pressing concerns around privacy, algorithmic surveillance, misinformation, deepfake crimes, cybercrime, and data protection, underscoring the urgent need for transparent, accountable, and rights-centric digital regulation.

Further, Volume II situates law within broader governance challenges, including public health regulation in the post-pandemic era and the transnational dimensions of cyber and technological crimes. By combining doctrinal analysis with socio-legal and comparative perspectives, the volume provides a nuanced understanding of how legal frameworks must adapt to ensure justice, accountability, and inclusivity in an interconnected world.

Collectively, Volume II serves as an essential resource for scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and students seeking to understand and navigate the legal implications of technological advancement and environmental change. It contributes to contemporary legal discourse by emphasising the need for adaptive, future-ready legal systems grounded in constitutional values and social responsibility.

## 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
- **Publishing support and research platforms** through its academic wing, *Juris Cognita Publications*
- **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 Founders

It is with great pride that I present **Volume II of *Law, Society and Justice: Contemporary Challenges and Reforms***, a volume that reflects the profound transformations shaping contemporary legal systems in an era defined by technological advancement, environmental vulnerability, and evolving governance structures.

The themes explored in this volume respond to some of the most complex challenges confronting law today—climate change, environmental accountability, artificial intelligence, digital governance, privacy, cybercrime, and public health regulation. As societies increasingly rely on technology and confront global ecological risks, the law must adapt to remain relevant, responsive, and just. The scholarly contributions in this volume critically engage with these emerging realities, offering thoughtful analyses that bridge doctrinal clarity with socio-legal insight.

At **LawLearnizo** and **Juris Cognita Publications**, our mission is to foster research that not only interprets the law but also anticipates its future trajectories. Volume II embodies this vision by encouraging dialogue on regulatory innovation, ethical governance, and sustainable legal frameworks. It underscores the necessity of transparency, accountability, and human-centric regulation in navigating the opportunities and risks posed by technological and environmental change.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the editors and contributors whose intellectual commitment and academic rigour have shaped this volume. It is my hope that this work will serve as a valuable resource for scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and students, and will contribute meaningfully to the ongoing evolution of law in a rapidly changing world.

Warm regards,

**Adv. Piyush Kr. Jalan**

*Founder & Director*

**LawLearnizo & Juris Cognita Publications**

## Message from the Editors

We are pleased to present **Volume II of *Law, Society and Justice: Contemporary Challenges and Reforms***, a volume that captures the dynamic intersections of law with technology, environmental governance, and contemporary models of regulation. This collection reflects the growing recognition that legal systems must evolve in response to rapid technological change, ecological imperatives, and increasingly complex forms of governance.

The chapters in this volume engage critically with issues such as environmental justice, climate governance, corporate sustainability, indigenous rights, and the role of specialised environmental institutions. Alongside these concerns, the volume examines the legal implications of digital transformation, including artificial intelligence, blockchain technologies, cybercrime, data protection, privacy, algorithmic governance, and misinformation in digital public spheres. Together, these contributions highlight the pressing need for adaptive, transparent, and rights-oriented legal frameworks.

In curating this volume, our editorial objective was to ensure thematic coherence while encouraging diverse methodological and disciplinary approaches. The contributions combine doctrinal analysis with socio-legal, comparative, and policy-oriented perspectives, offering nuanced insights into how law can respond effectively to emerging risks and future challenges. Each chapter underwent a rigorous editorial and review process to maintain academic integrity, originality, and analytical depth.

We express our sincere gratitude to all the authors for their valuable contributions and cooperation throughout the editorial process. We also acknowledge the support of **LawLearnizo** and **Juris Cognita Publications** in providing a platform for forward-looking legal scholarship.

With warm regards,

**Editors**

## About the Editors

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

Dr. Jai Shankar Ojha is a distinguished academician, researcher, and legal scholar with over two decades of teaching and administrative experience in premier law institutions across India. Currently serving as the **Principal and Professor at S.S. Law College, Shahjahanpur (U.P.)**, Dr. Ojha has previously been associated with renowned institutions such as **Law College Dehradun, Uttarakhand University**, where he held positions as Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor.

He 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*. A qualified **UGC-NET holder**, Dr. Ojha's academic interests span **Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Family Law, and Human Rights**.

A prolific author and editor, he has contributed extensively to national and international journals and edited several scholarly volumes, including *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 works explore diverse legal dimensions such as sustainable development, judicial trends, women's empowerment, and AI & law.

Dr. Ojha has been invited as a **resource person and speaker** at numerous national and international conferences, including events organized by **Banaras Hindu University, University of Delhi**, and **Tribhuvan University, Nepal**. He has also evaluated several Ph.D. theses and supervised numerous LL.M. dissertations, contributing significantly to the advancement of legal scholarship and education in India.

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**Dr. Aratrika Deb**, *Assistant Professor, IILM Law School, IILM University, Gurugram.*

Dr. Aratrika Deb is an accomplished legal academic and researcher with over six years of teaching and scholarly experience in the field of corporate and commercial laws. She currently serves as Assistant Professor at IILM Law School, IILM University, Gurugram, and holds the position of Program Head for the B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Programme. She

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Dr. Deb completed her Ph.D. in Law in 2024, holds an LL.M. in Corporate Law from National Law University, Jodhpur, and is UGC-NET qualified. Her academic interests span corporate law, commercial dispute resolution, competition law, environmental governance, sustainability regulation, and emerging intersections between technology and law.

She has published extensively in reputed national and international journals and edited volumes, including Scopus-indexed and UGC CARE Group I publications, and has contributed chapters to leading publishers such as Eastern Book Company, Thomson Reuters, and Nova Science Publishers. Her research work reflects a strong interdisciplinary orientation, engaging with contemporary challenges in regulatory governance, sustainability, and commercial justice.

Dr. Deb has presented papers at numerous national and international conferences and has been actively involved in faculty development programmes on artificial intelligence, cyber law, research methodology, and legal pedagogy. She has also served as Executive Editor and Faculty Editor of academic law reviews, further strengthening her engagement with legal scholarship and editorial processes.

As an Editor of this volume, Dr. Aratrika Deb brings academic rigour, editorial precision, and a research-driven perspective, contributing meaningfully to the scholarly quality and thematic coherence of the book.

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advancing discussions on transparency, accountability, and democratic governance in both Indian and African contexts.

He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Law from Karnatak University, Dharwad, and a Master of Laws (LL.M) from Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi. Prior to his current position, Dr. Nyatundo has served in a variety of academic roles, including as Guest Faculty at the University Law College and PG Department of Law, Bangalore University, Adjunct Lecturer at the School of Law, Africa Nazarene University, and Mt. Kenya University, and Visiting Lecturer at the School of Law, Kisii University, Kenya. These diverse teaching experiences have allowed him to engage with a wide range of legal systems, comparative perspectives, and cross-cultural educational methodologies.

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Beyond research and teaching, Dr. Nyatundo is actively engaged in academic mentorship, workshop facilitation, and the promotion of ethical governance and inclusive legal education. His work reflects a dedication not only to scholarship but also to nurturing future generations of legal professionals and scholars who are committed to justice, transparency, and the rule of law.

## About the Student Editors

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Vaidavi Pankaj Agrawal is a driven and versatile third-year B.A. LL.B. student at M.K.E.S College of Law, Mumbai, whose journey reflects an exceptional blend of intellect, discipline, and determination. With a deep passion for legal research, drafting, and advocacy, she has cultivated a strong foundation in analyzing complex legal issues and presenting them with clarity and purpose.

Her professional path demonstrates both depth and direction — from assisting in courtroom proceedings under Advocate Rajesh Agrawal at the District Court in Dhule to serving as a legal researcher and drafter with Goel and Goel Co. and Aklank Jain and Associates. A published writer on LawDocs' official website, she has authored four insightful articles on Divorce, Mediation, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and Foreign Trade Policy, each reflecting her analytical depth and commitment to making law accessible to all.

An accomplished sportsperson, she is a four-time national-level Karate player and also trained in Judo, Basketball, and Swimming. These pursuits mirror her resilience, discipline, and focus — qualities that shape her approach to both law and life.

With her unwavering commitment to excellence and her vision to contribute meaningfully to the legal fraternity, Vaidavi continues to emerge as a promising and inspiring young voice in India's evolving legal landscape

She is currently associated with the **Student Fellowship Programme of Juris Cognita Publications**, through which she has been selected to serve as a **Student Editor** and participate actively in the editorial and publication process of legal books—an opportunity that further enriches her exposure to legal academia and publishing.

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**Ms. Merugu Abhigna**, 5<sup>th</sup> Year, B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), Christ Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru, affiliated with the Karnataka State Law University.

With a strong academic record (8.57 GPA as of the 7th semester) and several university-level awards for excellence, Abhigna has distinguished herself as a promising young scholar in the fields of constitutional law, human rights, and public policy.

Her academic and professional journey reflects a deep engagement with both theoretical and applied aspects of law. Through internships with institutions such as the Karnataka Institute for Law and Parliamentary Reform, Karnataka State Legal Services Authority, and the Chambers of Hon'ble Justice Shri S.G. Pandit, she has gained substantive exposure to legislative research, constitutional interpretation, and access to justice mechanisms. Her research work often explores intersections between law, governance, and social equity—exemplified by her publications on topics such as Reasoned Judicial Decisions and Federalism through Ivo Duchacek's Yardsticks.

A quarter-finalist in the 8th Dr. Mumtaz Ahmed Khan Moot Court Competition (2025) and a multiple-time Top Speaker in intra-college moot competitions, she combines strong advocacy skills with analytical depth. Beyond academics, she contributes actively to her law school community as Co-Convenor of the Mediation Centre, Executive Council Member of the Student Bar Association, and Editorial Fellow at Juris Cognita Publications.

Driven by a commitment to justice, research, and education, Abhigna aims to pursue a career that bridges legal scholarship, judicial reform, and constitutional governance, with a particular focus on advancing human rights discourse in India.

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Nahida Perween is a second-year LL.M. student specialising in **Criminal Law at JIS University, Kolkata**. Over the course of her postgraduate studies, she has developed a strong academic foundation in core legal theory, statutory interpretation, and

jurisprudence, while also engaging deeply with specialised areas such as criminology and human rights.

In addition to her academic coursework, she has been actively involved in legal research, moot court competitions, internships, and scholarly writing. These engagements have contributed to the development of her analytical, research, and drafting skills, while also providing practical exposure to contemporary legal challenges.

As she progresses towards the completion of her LL.M. programme, her academic focus is centred on her dissertation titled “**Growing Trends in Female Criminality**”, through which she seeks to critically examine evolving patterns of crime and gender within the criminal justice system. She aspires to pursue a career spanning academia, litigation, policy research, and legal consultancy, with a commitment to contributing meaningfully to the development of criminal law and justice reform.

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Vinjamuri Ramalakshmi Rasajna is a dedicated and inquisitive second-year B.A. LL.B. student at GITAM University, Visakhapatnam, with a burgeoning passion for the intricacies of law. Driven by a keen interest in legal research and writing, she excels at dissecting legal problems and articulating complex ideas with precision.

This analytical mindset is complemented by a creative flair for short story writing and a foundational interest in the structured world of legal drafting. With a clear focus on the corporate sector, Rasajna is actively building a skill set tailored for this dynamic field.

Her practical experience already reflects a commitment to growth and learning. As a research intern at Unique Law, she honed her ability to conduct thorough legal research and gained practical exposure to the fundamentals of the drafting process. Demonstrating a strong sense of community responsibility, she also volunteered with the Ken

Foundation, where she engaged in video documentation and community help initiatives, developing valuable communication and outreach skills.

Further showcasing her keen observational and writing abilities, Rasajna served as a Live Blogger for the GITAM Virtual National Moot Court 2025, covering both the preliminary and final rounds. This role provided a unique vantage point on courtroom procedure and the art of legal argumentation. Eager to continue exploring the intersections of business and law, she is poised to make a thoughtful and substantive contribution to the legal profession.

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