



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA



CENTRE FOR POVERTY & ACCESS TO
JUSTICE (CPAJ)

CALL FOR PAPERS
CPAJ NEWSLETTER
VOLUME-4

ABOUT NLUO



National Law University Odisha ('NLUO'), Cuttack, established under Act 4 of 2008 by the Odisha State Legislature, has rapidly emerged as one of the country's premier institutions of legal education. Anchored in its vision to advance teaching, research, and dissemination of legal knowledge, the University is committed to nurturing professionals for Advocacy, Judicial Services, legal practice, and allied fields. In a short span, NLUO has distinguished itself through socially relevant education and academic rigour, driven by a dynamic and committed faculty dedicated to holistic student growth. The University fosters an environment of intellectual exchange and academic flexibility, encouraging research through specialised centres and student-led societies. Beyond academics, NLUO places equal emphasis on leadership, creativity, and emotional intelligence. Students are actively engaged in co-curricular and extra-curricular pursuits, including debates, cultural events, entrepreneurial initiatives, and recreational activities. With its focus on contemporary and technology-driven learning, NLUO offers a wholesome educational experience, producing graduates equipped to excel both professionally and personally.

ABOUT CPAJ

The Centre for Poverty and Access to Justice (CPAJ) is dedicated to improving access to justice for individuals and communities who face social, economic, or institutional disadvantages. The Centre undertakes research, legal awareness programmes, policy advocacy, capacity-building initiatives, and collaborations with governmental and non-governmental organisations to identify and address barriers that prevent people from effectively accessing legal remedies. Its work focuses on strengthening legal institutions, promoting rights awareness, and developing practical solutions that make the justice system more inclusive and responsive to vulnerable populations.

The Centre for Poverty and Access to Justice (CPAJ), National Law University Odisha, invites original and unpublished submissions for its Newsletter. The Newsletter aims to provide a platform for students, researchers, academicians, legal practitioners, and policy professionals to engage with contemporary issues concerning poverty, inequality, access to justice, and socio-economic rights through concise and insightful legal scholarship

THEMES

The Centre seeks to cover themes including, but not limited to, the following. Authors are encouraged to advance related or novel lines of inquiry:

1. Poverty and Constitutional Rights
2. Access to Justice in India: Challenges and Reforms
3. Legal Aid and the Role of Institutions
4. Marginalised Communities and Social Justice
5. Gender, Poverty, and Law
6. Labour Rights, Informal Employment, and Social Security
7. Digital Inclusion, Technology, and Access to Justice
8. Environmental Justice and Climate-Induced Poverty
9. Housing Rights, Homelessness, and Urban Poverty
10. Healthcare, Public Welfare, and the Right to Health
11. Education and Equal Opportunity
12. Child Rights and Juvenile Justice
13. Disability Rights and Inclusive Justice
14. Tribal Rights and Forest Governance
15. Migration, Displacement, and Human Rights
16. Contemporary Judicial Developments Relating to Poverty and Access to Justice

CATEGORIES OF SUBMISSION

1. Articles

900 -1000 words

Articles should present a well-researched and analytical discussion of a legal, policy, or socio-economic issue.

2. Case Comments

750 - 900 words

Critical analyses of recent judicial pronouncements concerning poverty, human rights, welfare legislation, or access to justice.

3. Legislative or Policy Reviews

800- 900 words

Reviews of recent statutes, bills, government policies, or reports impacting vulnerable communities.

4. Opinion/Commentary

700- 800 words

Short analytical pieces on contemporary issues, reforms, or emerging developments.

The word limit is exclusive of footnotes.

FORMATTING GUIDELINES

- **Main Body- Font: Times New Roman; Size (Text): 12 pt, Line Spacing:1.5**
- **Heading font/size (Times New Roman, 14 pt, Bold)**
- **Subheading font/size (Times New Roman, 13 pt, Bold/Italic)**
- **Footnotes Font Size: 10 pt, Line Spacing: 1 (Only for citation of any image/ empirical data)**
- **Margins: 1 inch on all sides**
- **Alignment: Justified**
- **Paper Size: A4**
- **Paragraph Alignment: Justified**
- **Paragraph Spacing: 0 pt before and after**
- **Page Numbers: Not required**
- **Citation Style- Submissions must strictly conform to the OSCOLA (4th Edition) citation style. Authors are encouraged to ensure consistency and accuracy in citations.**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- No abstract is required.
- The manuscript must be original and unpublished.
- Simultaneous submissions are discouraged. If the manuscript is accepted elsewhere before the review process concludes, authors must promptly inform the Editorial Board.
- Co-authorship of up to two authors is permitted.
- Authors should avoid any identifying information within the manuscript to facilitate a fair review process.
- The manuscript should be submitted in Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) format.
- Authors are responsible for the accuracy of facts, citations, and references.
- Author details (name, institutional affiliation, designation, email address, and contact number) shall be provided in a separate cover page.
- The Editorial Board reserves the right to make minor editorial changes relating to grammar, formatting, and style.
- The Editorial Board reserves the right to reject submissions that do not conform to the submission guidelines or fall outside the scope of the newsletter.

PLAGIARISM POLICY

- Submissions must be original.
- A similarity index exceeding 10% (excluding properly cited quotations and references) may lead to desk rejection.
- Any form of plagiarism or academic misconduct shall result in immediate rejection.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submission Deadline: 30th September 2026
- Authors are requested to submit their manuscripts through the submission form.
- For any queries, authors may contact the Editorial Board of the Centre for Poverty and Access to Justice, National Law University Odisha.

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