INSTITUTE OF LAW, NIRMA UNIVERSITY
CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

CALL FOR PAPERS

2026

JOURNAL OF CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
VOLUME III, ISSUE 1

THE CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, INSTITUTE OF LAW, NIRMA UNIVERSITY, INVITES ORIGINAL SUBMISSIONS FOR VOLUME III, ISSUE 1 OF THE JOURNAL OF CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW. THE JOURNAL SEEKS TO PROVIDE A SCHOLARLY PLATFORM FOR RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC DISCUSSION ON CONTEMPORARY ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND ITS ALLIED AREAS. CONTRIBUTIONS EXAMINING EMERGING LEGAL QUESTIONS, TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS, REGULATORY CHALLENGES AND INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE ARE PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGED.



ABOUT INSTITUTE OF LAW, NIRMA UNIVERSITY

Founded in 2007 under the vision of Dr. Karsanbhai K. Patel, the Institute of Law, Nirma University seeks to bring newer dimensions to legal education through academic excellence, innovation and interdisciplinary learning. The Institute combines rigorous legal education with practical training, research and professional development, while encouraging engagement with contemporary legal and societal challenges. Its academic environment promotes critical thinking, legal scholarship and research, with an emphasis on justice, excellence and professionalism. The Institute aims to develop responsible legal professionals equipped to contribute meaningfully to society.



ABOUT JOURNAL OF CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The Journal of Centre for Environmental Law, Institute of Law, Nirma University, is a biannual, double-blind peer-reviewed journal dedicated to advancing research and academic discourse in the field of environmental law. Having published two volumes, the Journal provides a platform for original and rigorous scholarship on contemporary environmental issues and emerging legal developments. It encourages an interdisciplinary approach to environmental law, bringing together perspectives from law, policy, governance, sustainability, technology and related fields. Through its contributions, the Journal seeks to promote critical engagement with evolving environmental challenges and strengthen dialogue between legal frameworks, environmental protection and sustainable development.

THEME FOR SUBMISSION LAW, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

The relationship between law, technology and the environment is becoming increasingly important as technological developments transform the way environmental problems are identified, regulated and addressed. New technologies offer opportunities for environmental protection while also creating questions concerning accountability, regulation, access, privacy and governance.

SUGGESTIVE SUB-THEMES

• Artificial Intelligence and Environmental Governance – Regulatory use of AI, algorithmic decision-making, environmental risk assessment and accountability.
• Digital Technologies and Environmental Monitoring – Satellite imaging, remote sensing, drones, big data and technology-driven environmental compliance.
• Technology, Climate Change and Energy Transition – Legal regulation of clean technologies, renewable energy, carbon markets and technology-led climate action.
• Emerging Technologies and Environmental Liability – Legal responsibility for technology-induced environmental harm, corporate accountability and regulatory challenges.
• Data, Privacy and Environmental Regulation – Collection and use of environmental data, digital surveillance, transparency, access to information and privacy concerns.
• Technology, Sustainable Development and Environmental Justice – The role of technology in sustainable development, resource governance, equitable access and the distribution of environmental benefits and burdens.

The aforementioned sub-themes are suggestive in nature and not exhaustive. Contributors may submit research on any other relevant topic falling within the broader theme of Law, Technology and Environment.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

• Submissions must be original, unpublished and not simultaneously under consideration for publication elsewhere.

• The Journal invites Full-Length Articles, Research Notes and Book Reviews.

• Full-Length Articles: 5,000–10,000 words.

• Research Notes: 3,000–5,000 words.

• Book Reviews: 1,000–1,500 words. Word limits are exclusive of the abstract and footnotes.

• Each submission should be accompanied by an abstract of 250–300 words outlining the research question, methodology and principal arguments.

• Authors are encouraged to provide 3–5 keywords reflecting the central themes of the manuscript.

• All citations and footnotes must conform to the OSCOLA (4th Edition) referencing style.

• Manuscripts must be submitted in an anonymised form and must not contain the name, institutional affiliation or other identifying information of the author(s).

• Author details and other identifying information should be provided separately in accordance with the submission requirements.

PLAGIARISM AND AI POLICY

• The Journal follows a strict policy on originality and academic integrity. Any form of plagiarism, including unattributed use of another author's work, may result in rejection of the submission.

• A similarity score of up to 15% is permissible. The Editorial Board reserves the right to examine the nature and source of the similarity before taking a decision on the manuscript.

• AI-generated content is strictly discouraged and shall not be used for generating substantive portions of the manuscript. Where necessary, AI-based tools may be used only for limited language enhancement, proofreading or correction of grammatical errors.

• Authors remain solely responsible for the accuracy, originality, arguments, sources and overall content of their submissions.

• Authors may be required to submit an originality/plagiarism report along with the manuscript.

• Submission of a manuscript shall be treated as an undertaking by the author(s) that the work complies with the Journal's originality and AI policy.

The Editorial Board reserves the right to interpret and enforce these guidelines and to accept or reject submissions at any stage of the editorial process.

EDITORIAL AND PEER-REVIEW PROCESS

- Stage 1 – PRELIMINARY REVIEW

Submissions are initially screened for compliance with the Journal's submission requirements, including originality, formatting, anonymity and relevance to the theme.

- Stage 2 – SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW

Eligible manuscripts are evaluated on the basis of their originality, research quality, analytical rigour, relevance and contribution to environmental legal scholarship. Original articles shall be assessed by at least two external referees.

- Stage 3 – FINAL REVIEW

Following the peer-review stage, the manuscript undergoes a final editorial assessment before a decision is communicated to the author(s).

- Possible decisions: Accepted | Accepted with Minor Revisions | Major Revisions | Rejected
- The Editorial Board aims to communicate the initial decision within 6–8 weeks of submission.

FORMATTING GUIDELINES

• Font: Times New Roman
• Body Text: 12 pt
• Headings & Sub-headings: 14 pt
• Footnotes: Times New Roman, 10 pt
• Line Spacing: 1.5
• Margins: 1 inch on all sides
• Page Size: A4
• Alignment: Justified
• Citation Style: OSCOLA (4th Edition)
• Abstract: 250–300 words
• Keywords: 3–5 keywords placed below the abstract

Manuscripts should be submitted in Microsoft Word (.docx) and PDF formats.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

· Final Submission Deadline: 30th November 2026
· Expected Publication: January 2027

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Main manuscript with title and without author identification
- Separate document containing author details and institutional affiliation
- Abstract and 3–5 keywords
- Any other declaration or undertaking prescribed by the Centre

SUBMISSION METHOD

The anonymised manuscript shall be submitted in DOCX and PDF formats through the designated submission form.

Submission Link: https://forms.gle/wvRqXbAYvJJpV6Pt7

Copy Right Form

All authors are required to duly fill and sign the Copyright Form at the time of submission. **Click here to access the Copyright Form.**

CONTACT US

Centre for Environmental Law
Institute of Law, Nirma University
Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Email: centenvlaw.il@nirmauni.ac.in

For queries regarding submissions, themes, formatting requirements or the review process, contributors may contact the Centre for Environmental Law.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The sub-themes are suggestive and not exhaustive. The Editorial Board welcomes original research addressing emerging and interdisciplinary questions within the broader theme of Law, Technology and Environment.

All submissions are subject to compliance with the Journal's submission, originality, AI and peer-review requirements.