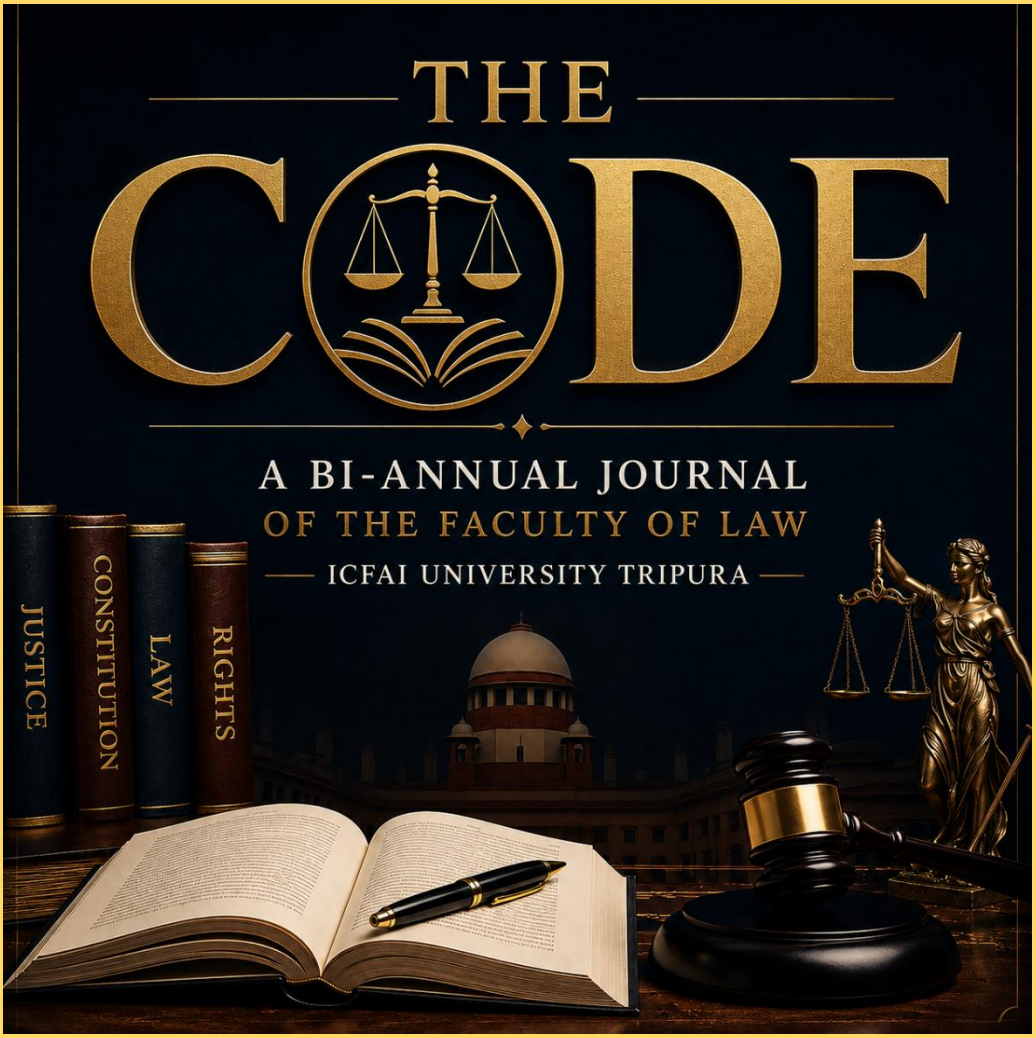
CONCEPT NOTE

Launch of THE CODE – A Bi-Annual Journal of the Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura



1. Introduction

The Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura proposes to launch **THE CODE**, a **bi-annual academic law journal** intended to provide a credible and meaningful platform for scholarly discussion on contemporary legal issues in India and beyond.

The journal is conceived as an interdisciplinary forum for **academicians, legal practitioners, researchers, scholars and students** to critically examine developments in law, legal institutions, public policy and the Indian legal system. Through rigorous academic review and scholarly engagement, THE CODE seeks to encourage research that is analytical, contemporary, socially relevant and capable of contributing to the development of legal thought and practice.

The journal will particularly encourage research addressing emerging challenges before the Indian legal system, constitutional developments, legislative reforms, judicial trends and the changing relationship between law, society, technology and governance.

2. Objectives of the Journal

The principal objectives of **THE CODE** are:

i. To provide a scholarly platform for publication of quality research in law and allied disciplines.
ii. To encourage **critical and contemporary legal research** on significant issues affecting the Indian legal system.
iii. To facilitate academic dialogue among scholars, academicians, judges, advocates, policymakers and researchers.
iv. To promote **interdisciplinary approaches to legal problems**, particularly at the intersection of law with society, technology, economics, politics and public policy.
v. To encourage young researchers and students to engage in systematic and original legal scholarship.
vi. To examine emerging legal issues and contribute to informed debate on **legal and policy reforms in India**.
vii. To contribute to the development of Indian legal scholarship through research that is theoretically sound, practically relevant and socially responsive.

3. Chief Patron

Prof. (Dr.) Biplab Halder
Vice-Chancellor, The ICFAI University Tripura
The Chief Patron shall provide overall academic and institutional guidance and support towards the development and growth of **THE CODE** as a significant academic initiative of the Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura.

4. Chief Adviser

Prof. (Dr.) Avula Ranganath
Registrar and Professor, Faculty of Education, The ICFAI University Tripura
The Chief Adviser shall provide **academic and administrative guidance** for the development and functioning of **THE CODE**, and shall advise the Editorial Board on matters relating to the overall quality, institutional development and long-term academic vision of the journal.

5. Editorial Board

The Editorial Board of **THE CODE** shall comprise distinguished members of the judiciary, legal academia and the legal profession:

i. ***Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha***
Vice-Chancellor, Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur
ii. ***Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chandra Borpatragohain***
Former Advocate General, Former Head of the Department of Law & Dean, Faculty of Law, Gauhati University
iii. ***Prof. (Dr.) Priya Ranjan Kumar***
Professor of Law, Tripura University
iv. ***Dr. Nabarun Bhattacharjee***
Associate Professor & Principal, Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura
v. ***Dr. Swarup Mukherjee***,
Associate Professor & HOD (LL. B), Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura

The Editorial Board shall provide strategic academic guidance to the journal and contribute to maintaining its scholarly standards, academic orientation and long-term development.

6. Review Board

The journal will have an external **Review Board** comprising distinguished academicians and legal scholars from reputed institutions across India:

i. ***Prof. (Dr.) Jayanta Kumar Saha***
Dean (Officiating), Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Arts, Law, etc., Bankura University

ii. ***Prof. (Dr.) Meena Ketan Sahu***
Professor & Dean of Legal Studies, P.G Department of Law, Sambalpur University

iii. ***Prof. (Dr.) Subir Kumar Roy***
Professor and Head, Department of Law, Bankura University

iv. ***Prof. (Dr.) Amol Deo Chavhan***
Dean of Students' Welfare & Director IQAC, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai

v. ***Dr. Shashi Nath Mandal***
Associate Professor of Law, Government of West Bengal, WBES

vi. ***Dr. Dhiraj Bhushan Sharma***
Principal, Nalbari Law College

vii. ***Dr. Dristirupa Patgiri***
Assistant Professor, Department of Law, Assam University

viii. ***Dr. Himangshu Ranjan Nath***
Assistant Professor of Law, National Law University

ix. ***Dr. Shyamtanu Pal***
Assistant Professor (Senior Scale), School of Law, Pondicherry University

x. ***Dr. Sthiti Dasgupta***
Assistant Professor of Law, Tripura Government Law College

xi. ***Dr. Nayanjyoti Das***
Assistant Professor, Tripura University

The Review Board will provide academic guidance and undertake/recommend scholarly review of manuscripts submitted to the journal, with the objective of maintaining appropriate standards of academic quality and integrity.

7. Internal Reviewers / Faculty Review Panel

The journal will also draw upon the academic expertise of the faculty members of the Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura. The faculty review panel includes:

i. ***Dr. Kabita Chakraborty,*** Professor, Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura

ii. ***Dr. Debabrata Roy,*** Associate Professor & Co-ordinator, Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura

iii. ***Dr. Zigisha Pujari,*** Associate Professor Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura

iv. ***Dr. Anindita Choudhury,*** Assistant Professor & HOD (BA LL. B), Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura

v. ***Dr. Raghunath Chakraborty,*** Assistant Professor & HOD (BBA LL. B), Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura

vi. ***Dr. Subholaxmi Mukherjee,*** Assistant Professor Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura

vii. ***Dr. Mousumi Kalita,*** Assistant Professor Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura

viii. ***Dr. Abdul Munim Chaudhury,*** Assistant Professor Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura.

ix. ***Dr. Puranjan Prasad Paul,*** Assistant Professor Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura
x. ***Dr. Divya Prakash Pathak,*** Assistant Professor Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura
xi. ***Dr. Chhanda Bhowmik,*** Assistant Professor Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura
xii. ***Dr. Romita Reang,*** Assistant Professor Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura.
xiii. ***Dr. Mayong Tikhak,*** Assistant Professor Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura
xiv. ***Dr. Pankaj Singh,*** Assistant Professor Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura
xv. ***Prof. Ajoy Kumar Sardar,*** Assistant Professor Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura

The faculty members will assist in the **academic screening, review, editorial assessment and development of the journal** in accordance with their respective areas of expertise.

8. Scope of the Journal

THE CODE will welcome original scholarly contributions dealing with contemporary and significant questions of law. The journal will adopt a broad and interdisciplinary approach covering areas including:

- Constitutional Law
- Administrative Law
- Criminal Law and Criminal Justice
- Civil and Commercial Law
- Human Rights Law
- Environmental Law
- Corporate and Commercial Law
- Labour and Industrial Law
- Family Law
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Cyber Law and Technology Law
- Artificial Intelligence and Law
- International Law
- Public International Law
- Private International Law
- Consumer Protection Law
- Competition Law
- Taxation Law
- Banking and Financial Law
- Legal Education and Legal Profession
- Law and Society
- Law and Public Policy
- Jurisprudence and Legal Theory
- Gender Justice
- Access to Justice
- Emerging areas of legal and regulatory policy

9. First Call for Papers

Theme:

"Important Legal Issues in the Indian Legal System: Contemporary Challenges and Emerging Perspectives"

The first issue of **THE CODE** proposes to focus on significant legal questions confronting the Indian legal system. The theme is deliberately broad to encourage contributions from different branches of law and to facilitate an interdisciplinary examination of contemporary legal developments.

Researchers are invited to critically examine existing legal frameworks, recent judicial developments, legislative reforms, institutional challenges and emerging areas requiring legal intervention.

Suggested Sub-Themes:

Constitutional and Public Law

- Constitutional Governance and Emerging Constitutional Challenges
- Fundamental Rights in the Contemporary Era
- Constitutional Morality and Judicial Interpretation
- Separation of Powers and Institutional Accountability
- Federalism and Centre–State Relations
- Judicial Review and Judicial Activism
- Right to Privacy and New Dimensions of Personal Liberty
- Equality, Social Justice and Affirmative Action

Criminal Justice and Legal Reform

- Reforms in the Indian Criminal Justice System
- Emerging Challenges in Criminal Investigation and Prosecution
- Due Process and Rights of the Accused
- Victim Rights and Access to Criminal Justice
- Prison Administration and Prison Reforms
- Forensic Evidence and Criminal Justice
- Death Penalty and Contemporary Legal Debates

Technology and Law

- Artificial Intelligence and Legal Regulation
- Artificial Intelligence, Accountability and Liability
- Data Protection and Informational Privacy
- Cybercrime and Challenges of Cyber Governance
- Deepfakes, Misinformation and Legal Regulation
- Digital Evidence and Emerging Technologies
- Technology and the Future of Legal Education

Human Rights and Social Justice

- Human Rights and the Indian Constitutional Framework
- Gender Justice and Legal Reform
- Rights of Children and Vulnerable Communities
- Caste, Equality and Social Justice
- Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Access to Justice and Legal Aid
- Law, Marginalisation and Social Transformation

Commercial and Economic Law

- Corporate Governance and Corporate Accountability
- Consumer Protection in the Digital Economy
- E-Commerce and Emerging Regulatory Challenges

- Competition Law and Digital Markets
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law
- Banking, FinTech and Financial Regulation
- Intellectual Property Rights in the Digital Era

Environmental and Emerging Legal Issues

- Climate Change and Indian Environmental Law
- Environmental Justice and Sustainable Development
- Regulation of Emerging Technologies
- Energy Law and India's Transition to Sustainable Energy
- Disaster Management and Legal Preparedness
- Public Health, Law and Regulatory Governance

International and Comparative Perspectives

- International Law and India's Changing Global Role
- Emerging Issues in International Human Rights Law
- International Trade and Indian Legal Policy
- Cross-Border Disputes and Private International Law
- International Environmental Law and Climate Justice
- Comparative Constitutional Developments

Jurisprudence, Society and Legal Institutions

- Changing Nature of Law and Legal Institutions
- Law and Social Change in India
- Contemporary Challenges to the Rule of Law
- Legal Pluralism and Indian Society
- Law, Morality and Justice
- Reconstructing Indian Legal Thought
- Decolonisation and the Indian Legal System
- Future Directions of Indian Jurisprudence

The above sub-themes are indicative and not exhaustive. Original research papers dealing with other significant contemporary legal issues within the broad theme are also welcome.

10. Nature of Contributions Invited

The first issue of THE CODE may invite:

- **Research Articles**
- **Doctrinal and Empirical Research Papers**
- **Case Commentaries**
- **Legislative Commentaries**
- **Book Reviews**
- **Short Research Notes**
- **Contemporary Legal Commentaries**

Submissions should demonstrate **originality, academic rigour, proper research methodology and engagement with relevant legal authorities and scholarly literature**.

11. Submission Guidelines

Authors intending to contribute to THE CODE – A Bi-Annual Journal of the Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura are requested to adhere to the following submission requirements:

i. **Abstract:** The abstract should not exceed 300 words and must clearly indicate the central theme, objectives, methodology, major arguments and/or findings of the paper.
ii. **Keywords:** A minimum of five keywords must be provided immediately after the abstract.

iii. **Author Details:** The full name(s) of the author(s) and their respective institutional affiliation(s) must be clearly mentioned in the manuscript.

iv. **Language and Word Limit:** The full manuscript must be written in English and should ordinarily be between 5,000 and 8,000 words, inclusive of references.

v. **Citation and Referencing:** All manuscripts must adhere to the APA Style, Seventh Edition (APA 7th Edition) for citation and referencing.

vi. **Originality and Exclusivity:** All submissions must be original and unpublished works. A manuscript submitted to THE CODE must not have been previously published and must not be under consideration or pending review with any other journal, publication or similar academic platform at the time of submission.

vii. **Main Text Formatting:** The main body of the manuscript should be prepared in Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5-line spacing.

viii. **Footnotes:** Footnotes, wherever used, should be in Times New Roman, font size 10, with 1.0-line spacing.

ix. **Headings:** All headings and sub-headings should follow uniform formatting and a consistent hierarchical structure throughout the manuscript.

x. **Academic Integrity:** Authors are expected to ensure that their submissions comply with accepted standards of academic integrity, originality and research ethics. Any form of plagiarism, fabrication, falsification or unauthorised reproduction of another person's work may result in rejection of the manuscript.

xi. **Author Responsibility:** The author(s) shall be responsible for the accuracy of the arguments, citations, references, quotations, factual statements and other contents of the submitted manuscript.

xii. **Editorial Rights:** The Editorial Board reserves the right to undertake preliminary editorial screening and to accept, reject or request revisions to a manuscript based on its academic quality, relevance, originality and compliance with the journal's submission requirements.

xiii. **Submission Email:** Authors are requested to submit their manuscripts electronically to: ***lawjournal@iutripura.edu.in***

12. Proposed Editorial and Review Process

To maintain academic standards, submissions will undergo an initial editorial screening followed by an appropriate **scholarly review process**. Manuscripts will be assessed on the basis of:

- Originality and relevance of the research
- Clarity of research objectives and arguments
- Quality of legal analysis
- Use of primary and secondary sources
- Methodological soundness, where applicable
- Contribution to existing scholarship
- Quality of writing and presentation
- Compliance with the journal's submission guidelines

The journal will also seek to maintain appropriate standards relating to **academic integrity, plagiarism and ethical scholarly publication**.

13. Vision

Through THE CODE, the Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura seeks to create a sustained platform for **serious legal scholarship, intellectual exchange and critical engagement with contemporary legal problems**.

The journal aims not merely to document developments in law but to encourage scholarship that **questions existing assumptions, identifies gaps in the legal framework and proposes constructive pathways for legal and institutional reform**.
The launch of THE CODE is therefore envisaged as an important academic initiative of the Faculty of Law towards strengthening research culture and contributing to the wider discourse on the **present and future of the Indian legal system**.