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1. About the Journal

The Journal of the School of Legal and Socio-Political Studies (JSLSPS) is an interdisciplinary, annual, double-blind peer-reviewed journal, owned and published by the School of Legal and Socio-Political Studies, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi. It is the flagship journal of the School and is meant to serve as a forum to facilitate the dissemination of scholarly research and commentary within the broader field of Law, Social Sciences and Management.

The Journal grows out of the belief that the role of an academic institution extends well beyond classroom teaching. The School also has a responsibility to participate in public deliberation, engage with the questions that shape society, and advance the values embodied in the Constitution.

The School's own nature brings law, social sciences and management studies together under one roof. The Journal encourages the study of legal questions in their social and political settings, and social and political questions in their legal settings.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Journal is to encourage intellectual debate and social change by publishing rigorous, original and interdisciplinary scholarship and is committed to opening new directions and perspectives in the study of Law, Social Sciences and Management.

2. Aims, Objectives and Scope

2.1 Statement of Aims and Scope

The Journal aims to publish peer-reviewed research on how rules and institutions are made, justified, contested, administered and experienced. It invites submissions from the fields of law, the social sciences and management, together with allied work on public policy, technology and education as they bear on rules and institutions. Every submission will be judged on its scholarly quality, on its relevance to this central concern, and on its value to readers trained in various disciplines.

Submissions must be original, written in proper academic language, and not under consideration elsewhere. Work that makes no argument of its own, does not engage with the relevant scholarship, or cannot be followed by a reader outside the author's discipline falls outside the scope of the Journal.

2.2 Subject Areas

The Journal shall receive contributions from the following broad areas:

Law and Legal Studies	Broadly,constitutional, administrative, criminal, labour and international law; legal theory; and the study of law alongside management.
Social Sciences	Themes engaging with questions of authority, legitimacy, rights, the state and democracy and Law in everyday life at the intersection of questions of caste, class, gender and community.
Management and Organisational Studies	Themes engaging with questions of institutions, regulation, work and governance, including corporate governance and compliance, business and human rights, the management of public institutions, labour and employment relations, and the regulation of markets, competition and technology.
Public Policy and Administration	Themes engaging with questions of regulation, accountability and the delivery of public services.

3. Publication Frequency of the Journal

The Journal is the School's annual flagship publication. It will be published annually and will also be hosted on the University website.

4. Submission Guidelines

4.1 Types of Contributions and Word Limits

Type of contribution	Word limit	Description
Articles	5,000 to 8,000 words	containing in-depth research.
Case Comments and Notes	4,000 to 6,000 words	analysing significant recent judgments and legal developments.
Book Reviews	1,500 to 2,500 words	

The Editorial Committee will decide on any issue relating to the word limit of a contribution.

4.2 Who May Contribute

Contributions are invited from permanent faculty members from Law, Social Sciences and other allied disciplines. Submissions are also welcome from senior lawyers, judges and practitioners engaging with the broader field of Law, Social Sciences and Management. Priority will be given to sole-authored work. An author may submit with one co-author, who may be a research scholar. To keep the Journal open to the wider scholarly community, no more than one article in any volume will be published by members of the School.

5. Editorial Committee

Patron	Prof. Anu Singh Lather, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of the University is the Patron of the Journal of the School of Legal and Socio-Political Studies.
Editor-in-Chief	Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar, Dean, School of Legal and Socio-Political Studies is the Editor-in-Chief.
Editor	Dr. Javed Iqbal Wani, Senior Assistant Professor, School of Legal and Socio-Political Studies, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, is the Editor of the Journal.
Associate Editors	Dr. Arjun and Dr. Kirt Aggarwal are Associate Editors of the Journal, assisting the Editor in reviewing submissions, preparing and organising the Journal's release. Associate Editors are assisted by a team of editorial assistants.
List of Reviewers	The Editorial Office maintains an extensive panel of reviewers by subject expertise.

6. Review Procedure

6.1 Review Process

1	**Submission:** Papers are submitted through the Journal's Google Form.
2	**Screening:** Every submission is checked for plagiarism and for the use of artificial intelligence. A similarity of 10% is the limit for a paper to proceed to review, and AI-detection must also be less than 10%. The paper must be written in proper academic language. The Editors will then decide on the suitability for review or desk rejection if it does not meet the journal scope and submission criterion.

3	**Blind Peer Review:** Papers that pass screening are sent to two reviewers. Neither the author nor the reviewers know each other's identity.
4	**Decision:** Based on reviewers' reports, the Editors will decide whether to accept the submission, request revisions, or decline it, and will write to the author with the reviewers' comments.
5	**Correction:** Where revisions are requested, the author must revise the submission and explain the changes made; if needed, the revised submission will be returned to the reviewers.
6	**Final file:** Accepted papers go through editing and formatting, and the author is required to sign a publication contract with the School of Legal and Socio-Political Studies, Dr. B.R Ambedkar University.

6.2 Preliminary Reasons for Declining a Submission Without Review

A submission may be declined without review if it exceeds the similarity limit prescribed for the Journal (guided by the University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, and the University's policy treating plagiarism, including self-plagiarism, as unfair means); falls outside the Journal's aims and scope; makes no argument of its own; does not engage with the relevant scholarship; cannot be followed by a reader outside the author's discipline; disregards the word limits or style after one opportunity to correct them; shows unexplained copying; or is under consideration elsewhere.

7. Standards and Safeguards

Every submission is checked for plagiarism, and authors must declare any use of artificial intelligence tools.

8. Citation Style and Guidelines for Authors

8.1 Citation Style

The Journal follows the citation style of the Indian Law Institute (ILI), the standard used by leading Indian law journals. Citations must appear as footnotes, and authors must follow the prescribed formatting style consistently.

8.2 Requirements for Authors

Authors must submit their papers through the Journal's Google Form, in Microsoft Word format, along with a plagiarism report. Each submission must be accompanied by an abstract of about 200 words and five keywords. Authors must also declare that the submission is original and that it is not under consideration elsewhere.

9. Call for Papers

The Call for Papers for all issues will be advertised on the University website.

Last date for submission to the inaugural issue: 31 January 2027.

10. Article Processing Charges (APC)

The Journal doesn't charge any APC for publication.

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