



## Call for Papers - IJTAG XII (2026)

### About the Centre

The National Law University Delhi has established the Centre for Transparency and Accountability in Governance (CTAG) in February 2013 to sustain the commitment to the rule of law and good governance. The Centre focuses on sensitising people about transparency and accountability in governance, empowering stakeholders like students, lawyers, and public officials to effectively contribute to ensuring transparency and accountability in governance, and developing and promoting quality research in the area of transparency and accountability in governance. The Centre also offers free RTI training, sensitisation, and consultation services to the public. The Centre has hosted national and international conferences on problems of good governance. In addition, the Centre provides free advice, training, sensitisation, and promotion on themes such as the right to information, labour and industrial law governance, and other governance problems.

### About the Journal

The International Journal of Transparency and Accountability in Governance (IJTAG) is the flagship journal of the CTAG, National Law University, Delhi. It is a double-blind peer-reviewed academic law journal, published annually by the Centre. The Law Journal aims to promote a culture of scholarly research and academic writing by bringing articles on subjects of interest to the legal profession and academia to the forefront. It features articles, essays, and case notes on various themes, including but not limited to:

- Legal Education
- Combating Corruption
- Right to Information
- Administration and Governance

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### Theme

This edition of the IJTAG Journal will be dedicated to **“Combating Corruption Promoting Good Governance.”** This edition would deliberate on the following sub-themes:

1. Access To Justice and The Responsibility of The Three Pillars of Governance
2. Accountability And Transparency in Governance of the Judiciary, Legislature and Executive
3. Amplitude of Professional Ethics in the Governance of the Judiciary, Legislature and Executive
4. Anti-Corruption Courts and Combating Corruption and Promoting Good Governance
5. Anti-Corruption Law and Combating Corruption and Promoting Good Governance
6. Citizen’s Charter on Public Services and Public Procurement of Goods and Services
7. Civil Services Rules and Regulations on Combating Corruption and Promoting Good Governance
8. Code Of Ethics for Public Servants and Combating Corruption and Promoting Good Governance
9. Conflict of Interests and Kith and Kin of Judges Practising in the Same Courts
10. Conflict of Interests and Post-Retirement Appointments
11. Conflicts of Interest and Contempt Proceedings
12. Corporate Governance, Health Governance, Urban Governance, Environment Governance, etc

13. Corruption in Educational Services and Public Services
14. Corruption in the Judiciary and Combating Corruption and Promoting Good Governance
15. Declaration of Assets by Judges and Judicial Officers and Transparency in the Judiciary
16. Dilution of Right to Information Law and Governance
17. Economic Access to Justice and Accountability of Bar and Bench
18. Effectiveness of the Institution of Lokpal and Lokayuktas
19. Efficacy of Interpol, CBI, ACB, Vigilance Commissions- International & National Agencies
20. Electoral Reforms and Governance, And Combating Corruption and Promoting Good Governance
21. Ethical Dimensions and Combating Corruption and Promoting Good Governance
22. Good Governance- Best Practices, Challenges and Remedies
23. Impact of the E-Governance an Transparency and Accountability, and Governance.
24. International Codes/Conventions/Treaties, etc, on Combating Transnational Corruption
25. Legalising Corruption-For Assured Benefits: Paying Capacity and Access to Public Services Schemes-Priority Access to Services, Tatkal Services, Etc
26. Personal Accountability for Abuse of Public Offices and Combating Corruption
27. PMLA, Black Money, Tax Erosion and Combating Corruption and Promoting Good Governance
28. Prevention Of Corruption Laws Across the World and Combating Corruption
29. Right To Information Activism and Combating Corruption and Promoting Good Governance
30. Right To Privacy and Transparency and Accountability in Governance
31. Role Of the Judiciary, The Legislature and the Executive in Combating Corruption
32. Speedy Access to Justice and Accountability and Accountability of Bar and Bench
33. Sustainability, Business Integrity, And Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
34. Transnational Corruption: UNCAC- 2003, International Declarations, Codes, etc
35. Transparency in the Procurement of Goods and Services
36. Verification Of Integrity for Public Appointments, Whistleblower Protections and Quality of Governance

The above themes are only illustrative but not exhaustive. Authors may select the related topics covered under the central theme.

### **Submission Guidelines**

- All submissions must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere. Any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification.
- Authors must submit the following documents together:
  - The manuscript should include a 250–300-word abstract and five keywords.
  - A cover letter containing the full name, contact details, designation, and institutional affiliation of the author(s).
  - A declaration, which can be accessed here, signed by all authors confirming originality and adherence to authorship criteria.
- Co-authorship is allowed with a maximum of one co-author. Both authors must confirm compliance with the authorship guidelines, which are available on our website.
- All submissions must be made exclusively through the official submission form available at <https://www.theijtag.in/manuscript-submission>.
- Copyright for all accepted submissions shall vest exclusively with the Centre for Transparency and Accountability in Governance (CTAG), National Law University Delhi. Submission implies that the author(s) have assigned such rights to CTAG.
- For detailed publication policies, the double-blind peer review process, and ethical standards, please refer to the relevant sections on our website.

### **Formatting Guidelines**

- **Font & Spacing:**
  - Title of Script: Times New Roman, size 16, 1.5 line spacing, centred.

- Byline (Author(s) Name and Affiliation): Times New Roman, size 14, italics, 1.5 line spacing, right aligned.
- Main text: Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5 line spacing, justified text.
- Footnotes: Times New Roman, size 10, single spacing.
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  - Speaking footnotes are not discouraged, provided they contribute meaningfully to the analysis.
  - **Visuals:** Charts, tables, and diagrams may be included within the body of the manuscript where appropriate.

### Categories of Submission

The Journal accepts submissions in the following categories:

- **Research Papers (5,000-10,000 Words):** Papers in this category are expected to engage with the theme comprehensively, thoroughly examine the relevant literature, and offer an innovative reassessment of the current understanding of the theme. It is advisable, though not necessary, to choose a theme of contemporary importance, although purely theoretical pieces are also welcome.
- **Experts Comment (2000-3000 Words):** This section should provide a thought-provoking and innovative piece that consists primarily of personal opinions and analysis. The focus should be on contemporary legal issues, offering a fresh perspective or critique.
- **Judgment Analysis/Comment (2,000-4,000 Words):** The Judgment Analysis/Comment should analyse contemporary Indian or international judicial pronouncements relevant to the theme. It must identify and examine the line of cases in which the decision in question arose and comment on the implications for the evolution of that branch of law.
- **Book/Reports Review (2,000-3,000 Words):** Book or report reviews should analyse and critique the author's arguments, presenting a comprehensive analysis of the work in the context of the relevant legal themes.

*All word limits are exclusive of footnotes.*

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1. **Tier I Screening:** The process begins with submission, where authors submit original research aligned with the journal's core themes. This is followed by an editorial screening to assess the manuscript's relevance to transparency and accountability in governance and its scholarly merit. Only manuscripts that meet our strict quality benchmarks move forward.
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Once finalised, the accepted manuscript is published, and authors are notified accordingly. To read the detailed review process and associated policies, please refer to our official website <https://www.theijtag.in/>.

### **Timeline**

**Last Date for Submission: 30th September, 2025**

Usually takes 6-9 Months from the last date of submission to final publication.

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