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# ARTICLE WRITING COMPETITION 2025

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## **ABOUT IDIA**

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IDIA “Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access to Legal Education” project is a nationwide movement initiated by Dr. Shamnad Basheer, NLSIU Graduate and philanthropist, that aims to empower underprivileged and marginalized communities in India by transforming students from such communities into world-class lawyers and community leaders. IDIA identifies underprivileged students with an aptitude for law and trains them for law entrance exams over a period of 2-3 years (as required). IDIA not only enables access to legal education, but also fosters diversity at the leading law schools and enriches the very process of legal education. The backbone of every IDIA team is a group of student volunteers spread through the length and breadth of India.

## **ABOUT IDIA ODISHA**

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The IDIA Odisha Chapter is an integral part of this national movement, working to democratize legal education in the state. Structured around five verticals: Training, Sensitization, Fundraising, Mentorship, and Legal services, the chapter focuses on holistic empowerment. The Fundraising vertical has successfully collaborated with leading entities like Nishith Desai Associates and P&A Law Offices, organizing campaigns that raised over Rs. 1 lakh, directly contributing to IDIA’s central corpus. These efforts ensure sustained support for trainees, covering exam fees, study materials, and mentorship programs. By bridging gaps between marginalized aspirants and legal education, the Odisha Chapter continues to drive IDIA’s mission of creating community-centric legal professionals who can advocate for systemic change.

# PARTNERS

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## About CHANDHIOK & MAHAJAN

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Chandhiok & Mahajan is recognized as one of India's fastest-growing legal practices, with a strategic presence across the country's major economic hubs - Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru. Established on the founding partners' vision of integrating innovation with collaboration, the firm operates at the forefront of multi-disciplinary legal solutions, addressing complex challenges with agility and foresight.

Renowned for its impactful footprint in domestic and cross-border markets, Chandhiok & Mahajan provides strategic advisory services to a distinguished roster of clients, including Fortune 500 corporations, government institutions, financial organizations, private equity and venture capital funds, insolvency professionals, and entrepreneurial promoter groups. Driven by a commitment to excellence, Chandhiok & Mahajan has redefined legal service delivery, positioning itself not merely as a legal advisor but as a trusted partner in its clients' journeys toward sustainable success.

## About IRCCL

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The Indian Review of Corporate and Commercial Laws (IRCCL) is a platform for legal practitioners, academicians and students to express their views on developments in corporate and commercial law. The blog publishes articles relating to corporate and commercial law and allied subject areas with the aim of encouraging discussion on contemporary corporate and commercial legal issues.

## About LiveLaw

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LiveLaw is a widely known comprehensive legal news portal committed to providing accurate and honest news about regular legal developments. LiveLaw began its journey in 2013 with the mission of making legal reporting accurate, transparent, and accessible to the common man.



# ABOUT THE COMPETITION

IDIA Odisha is thrilled to announce the **second edition of its Article Writing Competition on the contemporary theme of ‘Legal Frameworks of Indian Securities Law.’** The competition offers the winning Author(s) an esteemed internship opportunity at Chandhiok & Mahajan. Additionally, we are honored to have collaborated with the Indian Review of Corporate and Commercial Laws (IRCCL) as Publication Partner and LiveLaw as Media Partner. The Competition aims to raise funds for the IDIA Charitable Trust and will also provide a common platform for various diverse minds to come together and share their respective concerns and ideas, thereby uniting in this common cause.

## SUB THEMES

### REGULATING CAPITAL MARKETS IN INDIA

- Recent scrutiny by the SEBI on related party transactions
- Decoding front running practices in India
- The dynamics of short selling in India: Risks, opportunities, and regulatory challenges
- Strengthening governance of Market Infrastructure Institutions in Indian securities market
- Expanding algorithmic trading to retail investors: Opportunities and risks
- The evolving landscape of Insider Trading Regulations in India

### RISE OF PE/VC AND INVESTMENT FUNDS IN INDIA

- SEBI’s regulatory spotlight on Mutual Funds
- REITs and InvITs: Transformative force in the Indian funds sector
- SEBI’s regulatory scrutiny around Special Situation Funds
- Introduction of Specialized Investment Funds
- Evolving private equity trends in India
- Introduction of Variable Capital Companies in India: Impact on the PE/VC growth

The sub-themes are merely indicative in nature. The participants can choose their independent topics, keeping in mind that they fall under the umbrella of ‘Securities Law’.

# ELIGIBILITY

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1. The competition is open to undergraduate and all postgraduate students who are enrolled in any discipline at a recognized law university, college, or institute.
2. Co- Authorship is Allowed
3. Cross-institutional teams are allowed.
4. Only one submission per author is Allowed
5. There is no restriction on the number of entries from any college or university.

# REGISTRATION DETAILS

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## SINGLE AUTHORSHIP

Rs. 250/-

[For an IDIA Scholar - Rs. 50/-]

## CO-AUTHORSHIP (MAXIMUM 2)

Rs. 450/-

[In case of both the authors being IDIA Scholars - Rs. 100/-]

[In case only one of them being an IDIA Scholar - Rs. 150/-]

Participants willing to register are required to fill up the registration form and attach a screenshot of the payment. Please note that the amount specified is merely the minimum contribution and the participants are at liberty to contribute more to the cause of IDIA if they wish to.

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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- The articles must be exclusively submitted in English.
- The articles should be the original work of the authors. Plagiarised work shall lead to disqualification.
- Submissions exceeding a 15% plagiarism threshold will be disqualified from consideration for the competition.
- Articles that have been previously published elsewhere or are currently under consideration or submission for publication elsewhere will be ineligible.
- The responsibility for verifying the accuracy of facts, opinions, or views in the submission lies with the author.
- Submissions should not contain content that is offensive, abusive, derogatory or potentially defamatory.
- The author's name should remain absent throughout the article, including within file properties and metadata. Only team code shall be mentioned.
- Following the registrations, the Team codes will be allocated through mail to the participants.
- The prescribed word limit for the article ranges from 1000-1500 words, excluding footnotes.
- The title of the article should be 100 characters or less.
- The articles must be formatted with Times New Roman font, size 12, and line spacing set to 1.5.
- The footnotes must be typed in Times New Roman, Font Size 10, and with single line spacing. Footnotes are permitted to conform to either the Bluebook 20th edition or the OSCOLA 4th edition citation style, as long as the citation form so chosen remains uniform throughout the submission.
- The margins should measure 1 inch on all sides. All text should be justified.
- The submission format for the article must be exclusively in word format.

# SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

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- Following the registrations, Team codes will be allocated through mail to the participants.
- A separate form shall be circulated for the submissions after registrations close.
- Submissions in any other form will lead to disqualification.
- The article should be submitted in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx). The Word document must be named as the respective team codes. For instance, “TC\_01”
- The author’s name should remain absent throughout the article, including within file properties and metadata.
- Submissions after the deadline will not be considered.

## TIMELINE

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Registration starts: 14th March, 2025

Registration closes: 10th April, 2025 [Extended!]

Submission deadline: 10th May, 2025

Results: First week of June, 2025

**Registration Form:**

<https://forms.gle/NR5Ws98mnKFY8LEJ8>

# PRIZES

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## WINNER

- i. Internship at Chandhiok & Mahajan
- ii. Publication at IRCCL
- iii. Cash Prize of Rs. 5000

## FIRST RUNNER-UP

- i. Internship at Chandhiok & Mahajan
- ii. Publication at IRCCL
- iii. Cash Prize of Rs. 3000

## SECOND RUNNER-UP

- i. Publication at IRCCL
- ii. Cash Prize of Rs. 2000

Additionally, the Top 10 candidates shall be awarded with Certificate of Merit and all the participants will receive a Certificate of Participation. All the certificates shall be sent out digitally in .pdf format.



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