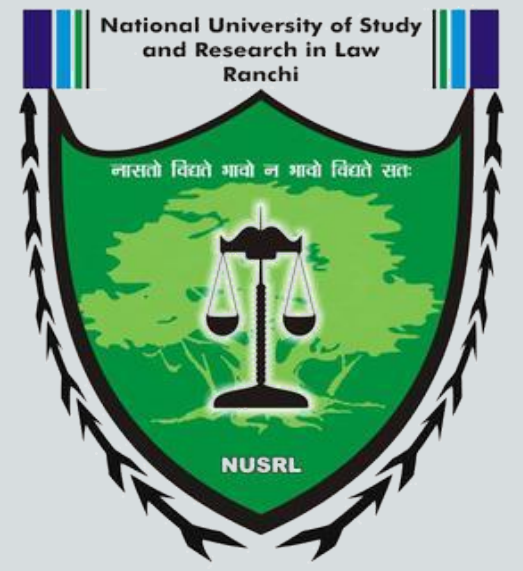




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CALL FOR BLOG SUBMISSIONS

ABOUT KAUTILYA SOCIETY, NUSRL

The Kautilya Society is a student-led initiative established through a collaborative partnership between NUSRL Ranchi and the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, New Delhi. The Society seeks to bridge the divide between legal academia and real-world policy development. It provides students with opportunities to engage in research, participate in dialogue, and contribute to reform-oriented public discourse.

Kautilya's Take, as our Society's flagship blog, seeks to provide a space where diverse voices can address pressing social, legal, economic, and administrative challenges from a policy perspective.

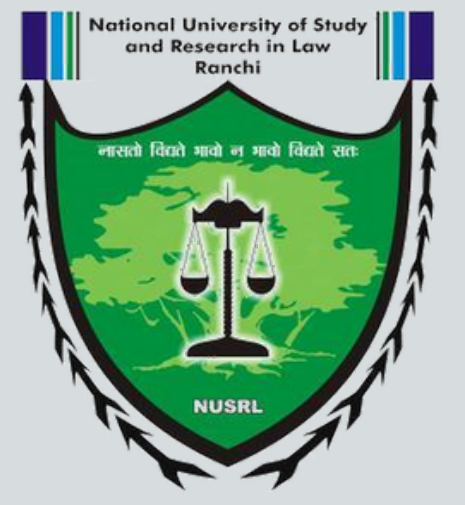
ABOUT KAUTILYA'S TAKE

The Kautilya Society at the National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL), Ranchi, is pleased to announce a Call for Blogs for its official policy blog, Kautilya's Take. This platform is intended to serve as a forum for reflective and critical discourse on matters intersecting law, governance, and public policy.

Kautilya's Take invites submissions that engage with contemporary legal and policy developments, challenge existing frameworks, and propose grounded, research-driven solutions to modern governance challenges. The blog is committed to encouraging analytical depth and accessibility in content, making it suitable for both academic readers and those without a formal background in law or policy.



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ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to students, academicians, researchers, and professionals from all fields of study. Submissions can be made by individuals or co-authors (up to two authors).

WORD COUNT

Submissions must be between 1,500 to 2,000 words, including footnotes. This word limit is set to ensure concise yet comprehensive discussions on the themes.

FORMAT

Submissions must be in Word (.doc/.docx) format.

- Font: Times New Roman, Size: 12, with 1.5 line spacing for the main text to ensure readability.
- Footnotes: Use Times New Roman, Size: 10, with single line spacing. Ensure that all citations are properly formatted and clearly distinguishable from the body text.

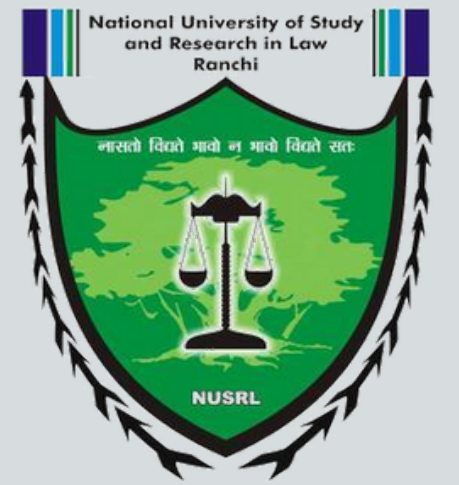
CITATION STYLE

The Bluebook (21st Edition) citation style must be followed for all legal references and footnotes. This includes citing statutes, cases, academic articles, and other relevant resources in accordance with the Bluebook format.



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PLAGIARISM POLICY

All submissions must be original and unpublished. Any form of plagiarism, including verbatim copying or inadequate referencing, will lead to disqualification. A plagiarism threshold of 10% will be allowed for commonly used terms and phrases, but anything above this will not be accepted. We encourage the use of plagiarism checkers to ensure your work adheres to the required standards.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

To submit your work, please fill out Google Form by either scanning the QR Code or by clicking the [link](#)

Along with your blog, please attach a short bio (maximum 150 words), providing brief details about your academic background, professional interests, and any relevant experience. This will help the editorial team understand your perspective and expertise. Submission made through any other medium will not be taken into consideration.

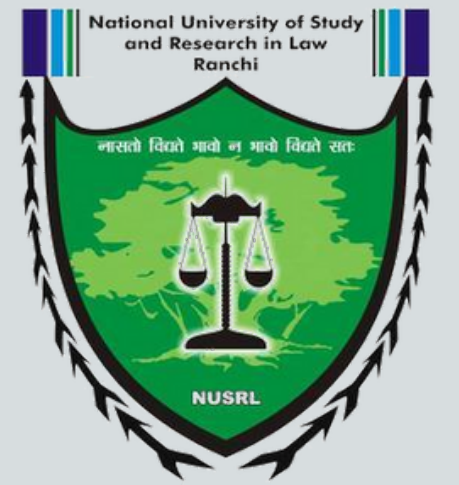


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REVIEW PROCESS

All submissions will undergo a thorough review process by the Student and Peer review Board. The Board will evaluate submissions based on originality, quality of analysis, relevance to the theme, and adherence to submission guidelines. Selected blogs will be published on the Kautilya Society website, offering contributors an opportunity to showcase their work to a wide audience of academics, policy professionals, and students.

DEADLINE

All entries must be received by **11:59 P.M. IST (06:29 P.M. UTC), May 30th, 2025**. Submissions sent after this time and date will not be considered. We encourage early submissions to avoid last-minute issues.

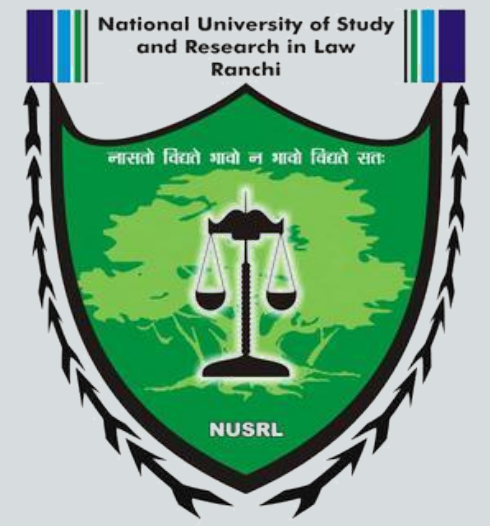
For clarification or further inquiries, please contact:

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We are happy to assist with any questions regarding submission guidelines, themes, or the submission process.



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SUB-THEMES

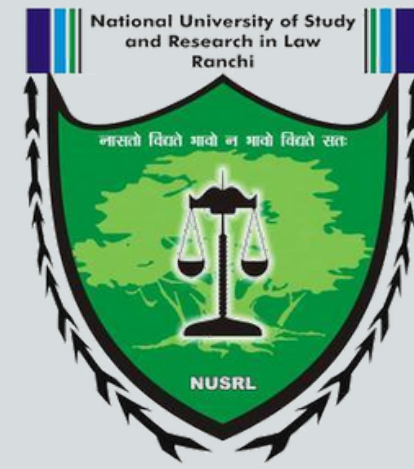
- Climate Change and Environmental Policy
- Gender Justice and Inclusive Governance
- Data Protection and Digital Rights
- Mining Laws and Sustainable Resource Management
- Electoral Policy and Democratic Reforms
- Environmental Justice and Gender Perspectives
- Political Representation and Gender Equity
- Health Policy and Universal Healthcare Access
- Indigenous Rights and Land Governance
- Education for All: Policy and Access
- Reducing the Gap Between Rich and Poor
- Financial Policy and Economic Equity
- Labour Laws and Workers' Rights in the Gig Economy
- Urban Planning and Smart Cities Policy
- Youth Policy and Employment Generation
- Media Regulation and Freedom of Expression
- Water Policy and Resource Management
- Public Sector Accountability and Anti-Corruption Policies
- Mental Health Policy and Community Care

THESE THEMES ARE DIRECTIONAL IN NATURE. AUTHORS ARE FREE TO EXPLORE THE INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN THESE THEMES AND OTHER RELEVANT ASPECTS OF RELATED POLICY ANALYSIS.



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Ananya Jha Policy Consultant

Ananya Jha is a public policy professional with expertise in legal advisory, public sector reforms, and policy research. Her work is centered on leveraging technology and institutional capacity building to improve public service delivery, with a keen focus on strengthening governance at the grassroots and street-level bureaucracy.

Ananya is currently pursuing her Master of Public Policy at the Hertie School in Berlin, where she is deepening her expertise in GovTech, regulatory policy, and institutional design. She graduated with a B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) from the National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL), Ranchi, in 2020.

Previously, Ananya worked with the Piramal Foundation, where she contributed to large-scale governance reforms in the education and health sectors.



Eshita

Public Policy and Governance Consultant

Eshita is a public policy consultant with over seven years of experience at the intersection of technology, law, and governance. She specializes in digital governance, AI policy, and platform regulation, working with governments, international organizations, and industry stakeholders to craft inclusive, future-ready policy frameworks. She is also the founder of Black & White Enterprise, a consultancy focused on transformative public sector reforms.

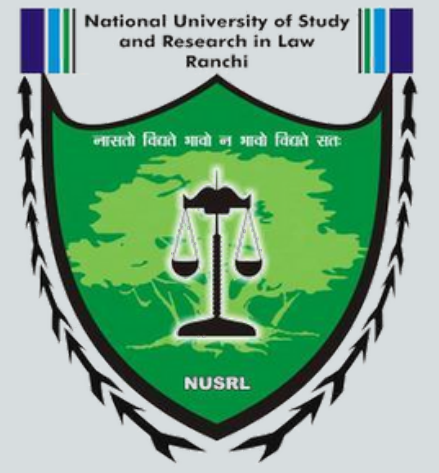
Currently based in Boston, Eshita is pursuing a Master's in Law and Diplomacy at The Fletcher School, Tufts University, with cross-registration at Harvard Kennedy School (Class of 2025). She holds a B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) in International Law from NUSRL, Ranchi (2020).





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Leah Verghese

Research Manager, DAKSH

Leah is a lawyer and social scientist with diverse experience across the corporate sector, nonprofit organizations, and political campaigns in India. Her interdisciplinary background allows her to navigate complex legal, social, and policy challenges with a holistic perspective.

A graduate of Columbia University and the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Leah combines rigorous academic training with hands-on field experience. Her work spans legal advisory, social impact strategy, policy advocacy, and grassroots political engagement. She has contributed to projects aimed at strengthening democratic processes, advancing social equity, and promoting ethical governance.



Prakhyat Mathur

Senior Associate, VeK

Prakhyat Mathur is a public policy professional with experience in public affairs, governance, and legislative research. He is currently a Senior Associate at VeK, a policy advisory and research firm. He holds a Post Graduate Programme in Public Policy Design & Management from the Indian School of Public Policy and a certificate from the Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago.

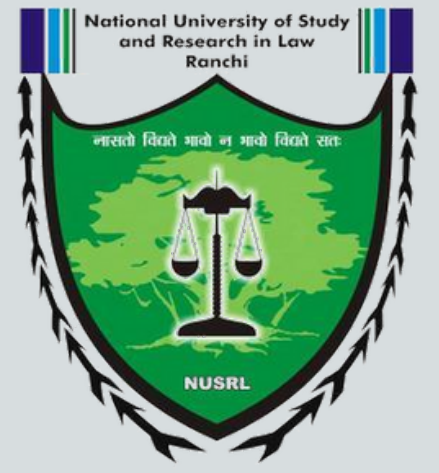
Prakhyat has previously worked with Ernst & Young, Godrej Industries Group, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, and the offices of Members of Parliament and a Member of Legislative Assembly. His work spans government consulting, economic development, and policy communication.





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Shaoli Chakraborty

Legal Consultant & Public Policy Professional

Shaoli Chakraborty is a legal and policy professional with rich experience in legal consultancy, litigation management, and public policy. She served as Program Leader (Legal) at the Department of School Education and Literacy, Jharkhand, focusing on governance, legal advisory, and policy execution in the education sector.

From 2021 to 2024, she worked with the Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership, where she supported legal and policy frameworks in the development sector. Her work spans government engagement, legal research, and advocacy aimed at driving long-term social impact.



Shashvi Mehra

Legal Consultant, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Shashvi Mehra is a legal consultant and research scholar specializing in law, governance, and social justice. She currently serves as a Legal Consultant at the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, and is pursuing a Ph.D. in Law at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala.

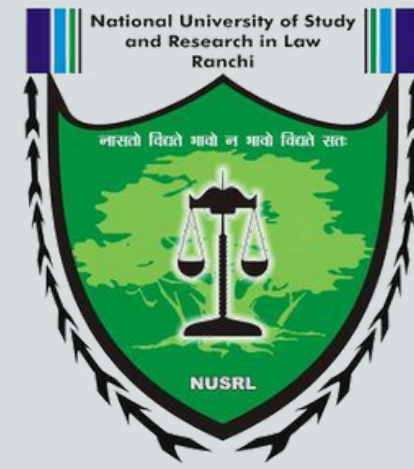
She holds an LL.M. from Azim Premji University, Bangalore, and an LL.B. from the Army Institute of Law, Mohali. Her work spans legal research, policy analysis, and advisory roles, with a strong focus on legislative frameworks and equity-driven reform.





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Srijan Thakur

Lawyer & Policy Consultant

Srijan Thakur is a legal and policy professional with a strong background in legislative research and governance. He is currently a LAMP Fellow (2024-25) and has previously worked as a Research Associate with the AICC Research Department. His experience spans drafting parliamentary interventions, policy papers, and working with legislators across party lines. A graduate of NUSRL, Ranchi, he has also gained experience through internships with senior advocates and leading policy organisations, further strengthening his expertise in law and governance.



Vikash Kumar Bairagi

Legal Associate | Arbitration & Litigation Expert

Vikash Kumar Bairagi is a legal professional with a strong focus on litigation, arbitration, and corporate legal affairs. Currently an Associate at S&A Law Offices, Gurugram, he brings expertise in dispute resolution and strategic legal advisory. He previously served as a Legal Researcher at the Rajasthan High Court, honing his skills in judicial research and legal analysis.

With over three years of experience, including his time at Singh & Associates, Vikash has developed a solid grounding in arbitration and contract law. He holds a B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) from the National University of Study & Research in Law, Ranchi.

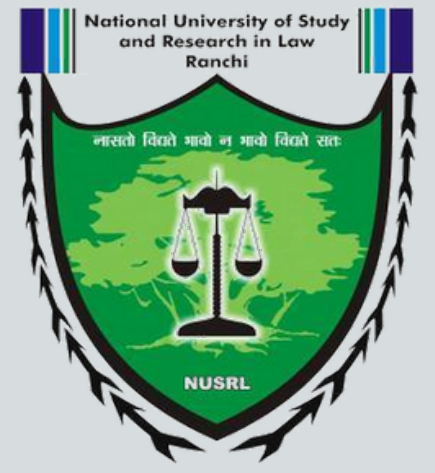
An avid legal writer, Vikash regularly contributes to legal discourse through insightful research and commentary on contemporary issues.





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Shantanu Kumar Mandal

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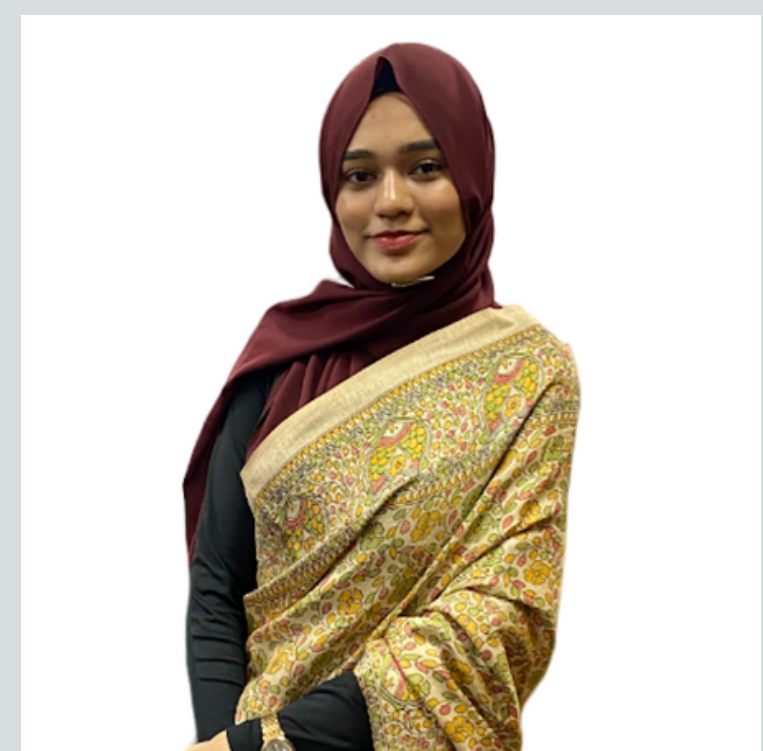
Shantanu Kumar Mandal is a policy analyst and researcher specializing in social sector research, policy evaluation, international trade, and impact assessment. Currently a Young Professional at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, he contributes to policy analysis and trade research. His prior experience includes research roles at AIGGPA Bhopal (Jal Jeevan Mission impact evaluation) and the Anthropological Survey of India (NITI Aayog project on Denotified, Nomadic, and Semi-nomadic Communities). He holds an M.A. and B.A. in Economics from Visva-Bharati, Shantiniketan. His expertise includes data analysis, questionnaire design, and policy research.



Mahvish Kazmi

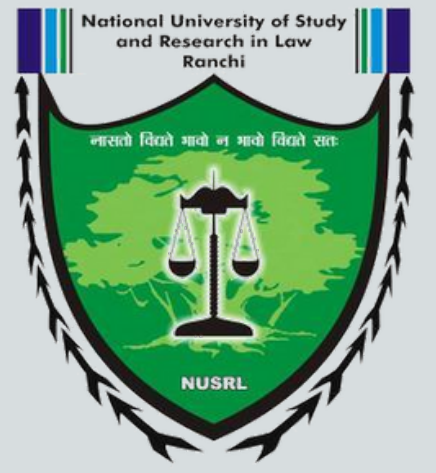
Program Manager of the Kautilya Society at Vidhi Center for Legal Policy, New Delhi.

Mahvish Kazmi has substantial experience working with students from the University of Mumbai and National Law University, employing a dynamic approach to addressing social challenges and fostering safe spaces for dialogue on public policy, as advocated by Kautilya. In her previous role as Centre Coordinator at the Centre for Clinical Legal Education & Environmental Law at MNLU Mumbai, Mahvish was instrumental in reshaping the legal education landscape within Mumbai's schools and colleges. She has worked closely with organisations such as U&I, Refunet, Lighthouse Project, and Public Concern for Governance Trust. Mahvish completed her B.A. LL.B. (Hons) at Amity Law School, Mumbai in 2021 and her Master's in Constitutional Law at National Law University Mumbai.





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