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# 2nd ONLINE

# NATIONAL ARTICLE WRITING COMPETITION, 2026

**THEME**

## ELECTION LAW IN INDIA :

## Electoral Reforms, Voting Rights and Democratic Integrity

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**
**DECEMBER 30,2026**




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Established in 2011, the School of Law, Justice & Governance envisions fostering the advancement of learning, teaching and research in the fields of law, justice and governance. The School aims to set a fine balance between theoretical knowledge with practical learning and development of skills, and professional attitude through clinical legal education. The students are guided to participate in moot court practice, debate, essay writing and project work with the purpose of instilling in them the confidence to take up the challenges of their future careers more prolifically and proficiently. Considering the demands of the students and retaining the best legal minds, the department offers Five-year Integrated BA.LLB., One year LL.M. and PhD programmes.

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The Legal Aid Clinic & Pro Bono Club, School of Law, Justice & Governance, Gautam Buddha University, works towards promoting access to justice, legal awareness and free legal services for disadvantaged sections of society, in accordance with Article 39A of the Constitution of India and the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

Established in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), the Clinic engages law students in legal awareness programmes, community outreach, mediation, conciliation and pro bono activities. It has adopted Jaganpur Village, Gautam Buddha Nagar, with the objective of developing it as a litigation-free village, and has organised over 50 programmes.

# ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The 2nd Online National Article Writing Competition, 2026, on *"Election Law in India: Electoral Reforms, Voting Rights and Democratic Integrity*" aims to provide students and research scholarss a platform to critically examine contemporary issues in election law. The competition encourages scholarly engagement with electoral reforms, voting rights, electoral transparency, technological developments, and constitutional accountability.

Background and Importance

Election law is fundamental to democratic governance, regulating voter registration, electoral processes, political funding, and the conduct of elections. Contemporary developments concerning Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, Aadhaar–EPIC linkage, the independence of the Election Commission of India, EVMs and VVPATs, and artificial intelligence in political campaigning raise significant legal and constitutional questions. Examining these issues is essential to understanding the relationship between electoral integrity, individual rights, institutional accountability, and free and fair elections.

Impact

Through this initiative, participants will undertake legal research, analyse judicial precedents and legislative developments, and propose informed reforms. The competition seeks to foster critical thinking, encourage academic dialogue, and contribute to a deeper understanding of the legal and constitutional challenges shaping electoral democracy in India.

# ABOUT THE THEME

Election law is central to ensuring free, fair, and transparent elections. Contemporary issues such as SIR, Aadhaar–EPIC linkage, electoral reforms, political funding, EVMs, and AI-driven campaigning raise important constitutional and legal questions. This competition invites participants to critically examine emerging challenges in election law and explore reforms to strengthen democratic integrity and voting rights in India.

**Illustrative Sub-Themes:**

*(Empirical studies are encournaged)*

- SIR, electoral rolls and the right to vote
- Aadhaar, EPIC and voter identification
- Election Commission independence and accountability
- AI, deepfakes and digital political campaigning
- EVMs, VVPATs and electoral transparency
- Political funding and electoral accountability
- Criminalisation of politics and candidate disclosures
- Simultaneous elections, federalism and constitutional reform

*These topics are illustartive in nature. Any other relevant topic on Election law may also be choosen.*

# GUIDELINES & DETAILS

**Eligibility Details**

- The competition is open to undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students of any stream. Co-authorship is permitted up to two authors.
- All articles shall be checked for plagiarism and must have a similarity rate of no more than 10%. AI generated contents shall be summarly rejected.

**Style Guidelines**

- The article shall be between 4,000-8,000 words.
- The main body of the article must be in Times New Roman, font size 12 with line spacing set at 1.5.
- The footnotes must be in Times New Roman, font size 10 with line spacing set at 1.
- All footnotes must follow the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA) (4th ed.).

**Deadline & Evaluation Details**

- All article must be submitted along with registration fees paid by **December 30, 2026, 11:59 PM.**
- The submission will be evaluated on originality, novelty, empirical studies, critical thinking, depth of analysis and legal blend.
- All Submissions will be made through the submission link provided below. No other form of submission will be entertained.
- The result will be declared in an online ceremony and may also be published on the official social media pages and the university's website during the second week of **January 2027**.

# FEE PAYMENT & SUBMISSION DETAILS

- The registration fee (non-refundable) for *individual authors* is **Rs 400/-** as well as for *co-authorship collectively*, is **Rs 600/-** .

- After making payment on the below "Payment Details" please take a screenshot of the payment and attach the screenshot while submitting on the "Submission Link/QR code".

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**Submission link - https://forms.gle/BxUJ21yFaXrar7x86**

Queries on the Competition, including thematic and submission-related questions, should be directed to *legalaid@gbu.ac.in*

# PERKS & PRIZES

**Participation** - Those participants fulfilling the eligibility requirements and style guidelines will be awarded an E-certificate of participation.

**Selected Articles** may be published in an ISBN-serialized book by the School of Law, Justice & Governance, Gautam Buddha University.

**Cash Prizes-** The top three selected articles shall be awarded cash prizes in the following composition:

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| **First Prize** | Rs 5,000/- & Certificate of Merit |
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