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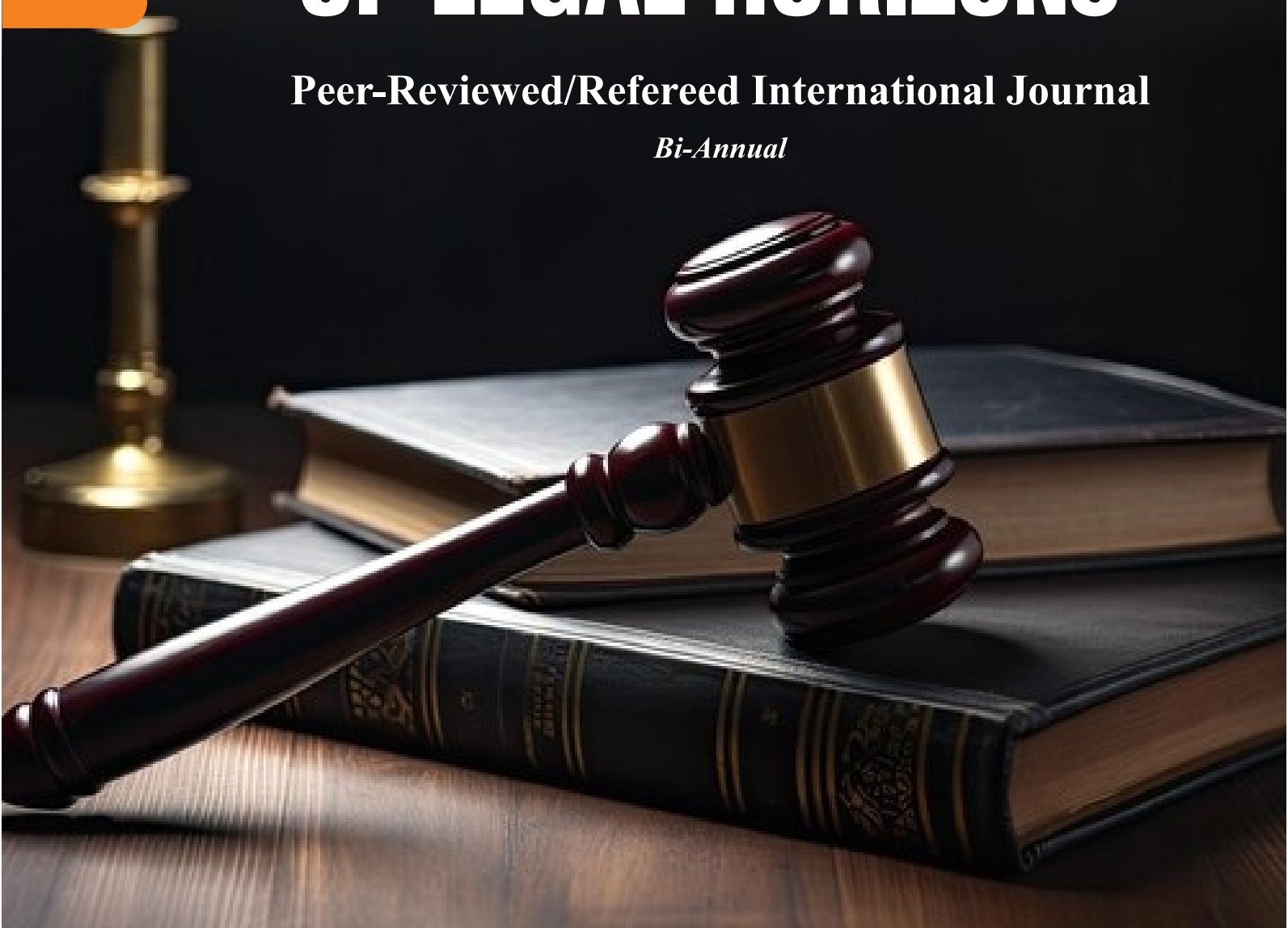


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It gives me immense pleasure to present this issue of *Changing Dimensions of Legal Horizons*, Peer Reviewed/Refereed International journal, a scholarly endeavor that brings together critical reflections and contemporary debates on diverse areas of law. The very title of this journal symbolizes the evolving character of law—shaped not only by statutes and precedents but also by social, political, and technological transformations. This edition showcases the interplay between traditional legal questions and emerging challenges, offering fresh perspectives to scholars, practitioners, and students alike.

The first paper in the journal presents a pertinent and sensitive subject: “The Death Penalty in India: Examining its Constitutional Validity and Contemporary Relevance.” Capital punishment has remained a contested terrain in India, oscillating between the principles of justice, deterrence, and human rights. This paper interrogates its continued relevance in the modern era, inviting readers to reflect upon the constitutional morality underpinning criminal justice.

Continuing with personal law, “Property Rights of Illegitimate Children under Hindu Law: A Judicial Discourse” explores how judicial pronouncements have gradually infused equity and compassion into an otherwise rigid structure of personal laws. This contribution highlights the judiciary’s evolving approach toward inclusivity and social justice.

The role of law in enabling empowerment is further emphasized in “Understanding Women Education as Catalyst for Empowerment through the Lenses of Feminist Jurisprudence.” By situating education within feminist theory, the paper underlines how knowledge serves as a transformative tool for dismantling systemic barriers faced by women.

Administrative and constitutional laws find a place in the article on “Judicial Review & Locus *Standi* of Time-Barred Orders,” which examines the fine balance between procedural limitations and substantive justice. Similarly, the paper on “Women’s Sexual Health Rights *vis-à-vis* Assisted Reproductive Technologies” addresses pressing bio-legal concerns, underscoring the urgent need for robust regulation and rights-based frameworks in a rapidly advancing technological environment.

The journal also engages with the challenges posed by digital innovation through “Regulating Synthetic Media: Digital Identity, Privacy, and the Law in India and the United States.” This comparative analysis brings to the fore the dilemmas of deepfakes, misinformation, and identity manipulation—issues at the very heart of twenty-first century jurisprudence.

Consumer protection receives attention in “Law on Product Liability in India with Comparative Perspective,” providing valuable insights into evolving liability regimes, while “Pragmatic Approach to Law: A Study of Indian Experience” situates Indian legal practice within the broader canvas of pragmatic jurisprudence.

The COVID-19 pandemic reshaped legal, political, and social realities, as reflected in “The Best Warning System: Whistleblowing as a Contingency Plan for Censorship during Covid-19.” This piece illuminates the role of transparency and accountability during times of crisis. Finally, “Judicial Activism and Refugee Rights in India: A Constitutional Perspective” reminds us of the judiciary’s role as the guardian of marginalized groups and its responsibility to uphold constitutional promises even in the absence of specific legislative frameworks.

Taken together, these contributions illustrate the dynamism of legal studies today—where classical questions of justice coexist with challenges posed by modernity. We hope this edition sparks critical dialogue, inspires deeper inquiry, and contributes meaningfully to the ever-changing horizons of law.

Chief Editor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nitin', with a horizontal line underneath it.

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Aim and Scope

Changing Dimensions of Legal Horizons (CDLH) is a bi-annual peer-reviewed academic journal dedicated to publishing high-quality research in the field of law and allied disciplines. The journal seeks to provide a dynamic platform for advancing legal knowledge by embracing originality, critical inquiry, and scholarly excellence. Its principal aim is to foster an inclusive academic environment that promotes intellectual engagement, constructive debate, and innovative thinking on diverse legal issues of contemporary and global significance.

The scope of CDLH extends to the entire spectrum of legal studies, ranging from foundational theories of jurisprudence to specialized areas of law, including constitutional law, criminal law, corporate law, international law, human rights, intellectual property, environmental law, cyber law, and emerging fields shaped by technological and socio-economic transformations. In addition, the journal is committed to exploring the intersections of law with disciplines such as political science, economics, sociology, technology, management, and public policy, thereby encouraging interdisciplinary perspectives on complex legal phenomena.

The journal particularly welcomes contributions that:

- Present **critical analysis of legislation** and evolving statutory frameworks.
- Provide **insightful interpretations of landmark judgments** and their implications for jurisprudence.
- Address **policy-making processes**, governance challenges, and regulatory reforms.
- Engage with **comparative legal studies**, drawing on experiences from different jurisdictions to inform best practices.
- Highlight **emerging issues in legal education**, curriculum development, and professional ethics in the legal field.
- Offer **innovative theoretical frameworks and practical solutions** for addressing pressing societal and legal challenges.

CDLH aims to serve as a repository of **knowledge, research, and informed opinions** that contribute meaningfully to the academic community, practitioners, policy makers, and the public at large. It actively seeks scholarship that not only advances academic discourse but also shapes **law-making, judicial reasoning, and public policy** in ways that promote justice, equality, and social welfare.

The journal's broader vision is to **encourage reform-oriented, forward-looking, and globally relevant legal research**, ensuring that it remains at the forefront of debates about the changing nature of law in the 21st century. By bringing together diverse voices from academia, legal practice, judiciary, and policy-making institutions, CDLH aspires to foster a vibrant exchange of ideas that will influence the evolution of legal systems and contribute to building a more equitable and sustainable society.

About Maharaja Agrasen University

Maharaja Agrasen University (MAU), Solan is a Private University located in District Solan, Himachal Pradesh and was established in the year 2013. The University is approved by the AICTE and is recognized by the UGC. It aspires to become the University of First Choice for potential students, teaching & research community and recognized for providing excellent opportunities for global success. MAU offers various Diploma, Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctorate Level courses in a wide variety of fields like Basic & Applied Sciences, Law, Management, Pharmacy, and Technology. MAU wishes to be acknowledged as a value-based campus where students, faculty and staff are creatively and actively engaged in scholarly activities of relevance to the community at large. Mission of the MAU is to contribute to the society through imparting vibrant, innovative learning and research at the highest international levels by providing intellectual environment built on a commitment of free and open enquiry. Committed to the cause of holistic development of students, the University endeavors to foster equality, initiative, integrity, and excellence while maintaining highest level of consciousness, civility and humility. Focus is given on personality development and judicious mix of academics with extra-curricular activities and social service.

About Maharaja Agrasen School of Law

Maharaja Agrasen School of Law, established in 2013, has emerged as one of the premier legal institutes of the region with a unique blend of tradition and modernity. The School of Law offers Ph.D., LL.M, LL.B., B.A.LL.B(H) (integrated 5 years course) and B.Com.LL.B (integrated 5 years course). Its mission is to equip the students with the skills to comprehend and analyze various legal and inter-disciplinary issues and devise solution to these problems. To achieve this objective, the School arranges a number of curricular and extra-curricular activities. Moot Court Competitions, Client Counselling Sessions, Quiz Contests, Seminars, Group Discussions and Guest Lectures etc. are regular features of the academic schedule of the School. The School of Law organizes International/ National Seminars, National Essay Writing Competitions, Intra Moot Court competitions to give the aspiring students the broader interactive environment to learn. The Faculty in the School is well qualified, most of them Ph.D. and UGC-NET having good record of publications in various International/ National reputed Scopus indexed, Peer Reviewed Journals.