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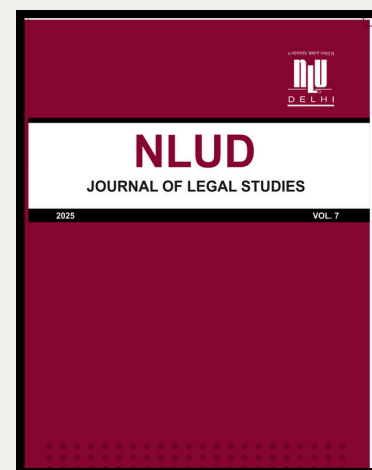
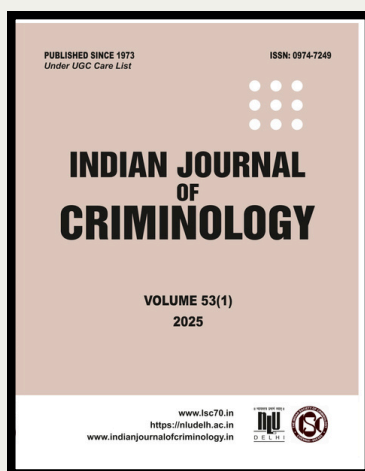
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AI-Generated Content Policy

Preamble

The rapid advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Large Language Models (LLMs) such as ChatGPT, Copilot, Gemini, Claude, and others has reshaped academic research and publishing. While these tools offer efficiency in drafting and analysis, they raise serious concerns about authorship integrity, originality, citation accuracy, plagiarism, data security, and intellectual property. Their probabilistic and opaque functioning often introduces bias, error, and non-compliance with scholarly norms of attribution.

In line with the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) Principles of Transparency and Best Practice and the UGC framework, the National Law University Delhi (NLUD) adopts this AI Content Generated Policy to regulate the ethical, transparent, and accountable use of AI tools in all NLUD journals and publications, safeguarding academic integrity and institutional responsibility.

Objectives of Policy

- To ensure academic integrity and intellectual accountability in all NLUD publications.
- To prevent misuse of AI-generated content that may lead to plagiarism or fabrication/falsification of data.
- To create a disclosure-based framework for the ethical use of AI in academic writing, in line with UGC guidelines for all academic and research-related publication activities.

Scope

This policy applies to:

- All manuscripts, articles, case notes, book reviews, and editorials submitted to NLUD journals.
- Authors, co-authors, peer reviewers, and editorial board members involved in content creation or review.
- Visual or textual content, including images, graphs, charts, and data generated by AI.

Definitions

- 1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tool:** It shall mean software systems, platforms, or models, including but not limited to Large Language Models (LLMs) and Generative AI, that are capable of producing, analyzing, or transforming text, images, data, or other content in response to user input.

2. **Generative AI:** It refers to AI systems designed to generate new content such as text, images, figures, data visualizations, or translations, based on patterns in pre-existing datasets.
3. **AI Assistance:** It means any contribution by an AI tool in the preparation of a manuscript, including drafting, editing, summarizing, translating, formatting, generating figures, or aiding literature searches.
4. **AI Use Statement:** It shall mean the formal disclosure included within a manuscript specifying whether AI tools were used, the identity and version of the tool, the purpose for which it was used, and the assurance that all substantive intellectual contributions remain the work of the author(s).
5. **Authorship:** It shall mean the human intellectual contribution to a scholarly work that encompasses conceptualization, critical analysis, interpretation, and accountability for the entirety of the content. Authorship shall not be attributed to AI tools.
6. **Disclosure:** It refers to the mandatory declaration by the author(s) regarding the use of AI tools in any stage of manuscript preparation, editing, or presentation.
7. **Originality:** It means that the manuscript reflects the author's own intellectual contribution and independent scholarly effort, and is not plagiarized, fabricated, or derived from unacknowledged sources, including AI-generated or AI-replicated content.
8. **Plagiarism:** It includes the presentation of another's work, ideas, data, or expressions as one's own without proper attribution, whether the source is human-authored or AI-generated.
9. **Manipulation:** It refers to the deceptive alteration, fabrication, or misrepresentation of data, text, images, or references through any means, including AI tools, with the intent of misleading readers.
10. **Confidential Data:** It means any unpublished manuscript, reviewer report, research dataset, personal data, or sensitive information that is protected by institutional, ethical, or legal obligations, and which must not be disclosed or processed using third-party AI systems.

Rules to regulate AI Generated Content

Rule 1. Authors shall mandatorily disclose any use of AI tools in manuscript preparation, specifying the tool used, its purpose (e.g., grammar correction, summarization), and affirming that the intellectual content is their own. Non-disclosure shall constitute academic misconduct and may lead to rejection or retraction.

Rule 2. Authorship shall rest solely with human contributors. Authors remain fully responsible for the originality, validity, and integrity of the work. Generative AI shall not be identified as an author or co-author. All co-authors shall assume collective responsibility for the accuracy, integrity, and approval of the final submission. No liability shall attach to the AI system.

Rule 3. Generative AI may be used only for support functions, including:

- (a) language and grammar enhancement;
- (b) idea generation or structuring outlines;
- (c) classification and summarization of literature (subject to author verification);
- (d) translation and multilingual support (with independent validation);
- (e) metadata preparation such as abstracts, keywords, or references (with manual accuracy checks);
- (f) generation of figures or illustrations provided they are transparently disclosed, accurately labeled, and do not misrepresent original data.

Rule 4. Generative AI shall not be used to create or alter core arguments, empirical data, results, or interpretations that require human scholarly effort. It shall not fabricate, manipulate, or falsify research data, methodologies, or citations.

Rule 5. All manuscripts must reflect the author's own intellectual contribution. Authors remain responsible for ensuring that AI-assisted content does not plagiarize, replicate, or derive unlawfully from copyrighted or proprietary material. AI-assisted content must be reviewed, validated, and integrated by the author to uphold originality and academic rigor.

Rule 6. The final manuscript shall be the product of human scholarly effort. AI shall not substitute for human judgment. All authors must approve the final version and accept accountability for its content.

Rule 7. Authors must uphold publication ethics in all AI-assisted work. Generative AI shall not be employed in violation of data privacy, confidentiality, or human subject protections. Any use of AI for simulation, modeling, or hypothesis generation concerning human subjects must be ethically justified and documented.

Rule 8. The use of AI tools, including their name, version, and scope, shall be disclosed within the manuscript in the acknowledgements, methodology, or a dedicated "AI Use Statement."

Rule 9. Authors bear responsibility to ensure that AI-assisted content is free from plagiarism, including inadvertent reproduction of text or ideas derived from AI systems trained on copyrighted sources.

Rule 10. AI translation may be used only with human verification by a proficient author or qualified translator. Authors remain responsible for accuracy and must disclose such use in the manuscript.

Rule 11. AI-generated visuals shall be clearly labeled and disclosed in the caption or methods. They shall not misrepresent data, deceptively enhance or erase features, or infringe intellectual-property rights.

Rule 12. Authors, editors, and reviewers shall not upload unpublished manuscripts, confidential datasets, or personal data to public or third-party AI systems without prior authorization and legal/institutional compliance.

Rule 13. Reviewers and editors shall not input confidential data/manuscript content into public AI tools. AI-detection or screening tools may be employed by the journal; authors may be required to furnish prompts, logs, or declarations upon request.

Rule 14. All citations, quotations, numerical results, and legal or scientific assertions influenced by AI shall be checked for accuracy and authenticity. “Hallucinated” authorities or references are grounds for rejection or retraction.

Rule 15. Authors shall maintain records of AI use (tool name, version, prompts, scope) and disclose them in an “AI Use Statement” within the manuscript. Such records shall be produced to editors on demand.

Rule 16. Breaches of this Policy may result in requests for revision, rejection, correction, expressions of concern, or retraction. Egregious or repeated violations may be reported to the author’s institution or funder.

Rule 17. Authors shall ensure lawful use of AI-generated content, including compliance with tool terms, third-party rights, and applicable licences. Any restrictions shall be reflected in the manuscript’s rights statement.

Rule 18. AI tools shall not be used to disguise redundant publication or rephrased self-plagiarism. Overlap with prior works must be transparently cited and justified.

Rule 19. It shall be binding upon all NLUD journals and publications and is intended to ensure responsible, transparent, and ethical use of Generative AI in academic publishing.

