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The HPNLU Journal of Disability Studies (ISSN: 3108-110X) invites scholarly contributions from academicians, scholars, professionals, and policymakers for its Volume III (2026). The journal solicits scholarly contributions relating to legal as well as other developments in the field of disability laws and related jurisprudence. Selection of entries shall be based on a blind peer review.

Send your manuscript in MS Word (.docx) format to editorjds@hpnlu.ac.in. The email's subject shall be "Submission to HPNLU-JDS-V3 <Title of Contribution>". The submissions must be sent on or before July 15, 2026, via email only. Queries about submission of papers and related matters may be directed to editorjds@hpnlu.ac.in.

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The HPNLU Journal of Disability Studies is an annual and blind peer-reviewed journal. Among National Law School Journals in India, the Journal of Disability Studies is the first of its kind, and it is devoted to disability laws and related jurisprudence. The idea behind this journal is to provide a platform to all the stakeholders, including people with disabilities, disability activists, lawyers, policy-makers, and researchers, to promote the first-person narratives on disability studies and dilute the otherization of people with disabilities. The journal's editorial board encourages researchers to contribute their experiences and innovative reasoning. While following NEP, the Journal accepts works from disability studies and related issues based on a multidisciplinary approach. It includes legal, socio-economic, socio-legal, linguistic, sociological, historical, political, psychological, gender and sexuality, feminist, modernity & post-modernity, etc., aspects of disability studies. We welcome theoretical, qualitative, and quantitative ideas. The purpose of this journal is to establish a conducive environment for disability discourse, whereby sensitizing the society at large towards people with disabilities and establishing a right-in-action approach.

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Categories

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