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2026 EDITION

*In a world driven by algorithms and designed by AI,
our approach must remain human.*

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SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, NAGPUR

Symbiosis Law School (SLS), Nagpur, is a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune, established to provide contemporary and interdisciplinary legal education. The institution offers five-year integrated B.A. LL.B. and B.B.A. LL.B. programmes, along with an LL.M. programme. Its academic approach combines legal studies with disciplines such as humanities, social sciences, business and management, enabling students to understand law within its broader social and institutional context. Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur represents an emerging centre of legal education that combines interdisciplinary academic instruction with practical exposure and social engagement. By integrating legal knowledge with broader social, economic, and institutional perspectives, SLS Nagpur seeks to prepare students not merely for legal practice but also for meaningful participation in governance, justice, and society.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION CELL

The Research and Publication Cell of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, is an academic platform dedicated to fostering legal research, critical thinking, and scholarly writing among students. The Cell aims to cultivate a strong research-oriented environment by encouraging students to engage with contemporary legal, social, economic, and constitutional issues. It provides opportunities for students to develop skills in legal research, academic writing, citation, analysis, and publication. The Cell undertakes various activities, including research projects, article and blog writing, seminars, guest lectures, workshops, competitions, and publication initiatives. The Research and Publication Cell contribute significantly to the academic development of students and prepares them for careers requiring strong research and analytical capabilities.

SymBLawg

SymBLawg is a publishing initiative and annual competition by the Research and Publication Cell at Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, providing a platform to law students to engage with contemporary legal issues and evolving areas under law. The Research and Publication Cell seek to encourage students to conduct critical research and write on contemporary thematic areas.

We are moving towards a world where everything from design to governance, words to videos, and even recognising behavioural patterns is being reshaped by artificial intelligence and algorithms that were once entirely based on human intellect. Nowadays, artificial intelligence can determine the content we consume, assess our reactions, and influence the decisions we make by creating an echo chamber for us. Furthermore, the growth of artificial intelligence is not limited to human behaviour and challenges around it, but also challenges natural resources like biodiversity and hydro-energy. The rapid growth of artificial intelligence affects not only human intelligence and behaviour, but also the environment around us; then the question arises about how companies will take responsibility and to what extent they can reduce both the damage.

The contemporary world faces two interrelated challenges: the ability of individuals to maintain control over their own personal information and not be influenced by the echo chamber, and the other is the environmental cost of growing artificial intelligence technology. Artificial intelligence systems can collect, store, and process the data provided in ways that go beyond users' control, and as artificial intelligence continues to expand, it raises serious concerns regarding energy consumption, carbon emissions, and broader ecological impact. There is a need for more attention towards corporate responsibility and ESG compliance, and the importance of maintaining carbon credits to address the environmental impact.

The 2026 edition of SymBLawg engages these pressing personal and collective community challenges posed by artificial intelligence and invites submissions critically examining the socio-legal implications of artificial intelligence, and proposing equitable and sustainable solutions.

THEMES FOR 2026

Theme 1

DATA PROTECTION IN THE AGE OF ALGORITHMS: SAFEGUARDING PRIVACY IN AN AI-DRIVEN WORLD

This theme presents an opportunity to explore the challenges to individual autonomy, privacy, and behaviour after the rapid proliferation of artificial intelligence, including major concerns such as erasure of data and profiling.

Theme 2

ESG AND CARBON CREDITS: REGULATING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT IN A DIGITALLY ACCELERATED ECONOMY

This theme allows examining environmental consequences faced due to the growth of artificial intelligence and allied technology, including major concerns such as the carbon footprint, resource exploitation, greenwashing of ESG claims, and carbon credits in the digital economy.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. The submission should align with either of the aforementioned themes.
2. There is no strict word limit; however, we prefer posts of around 1300-1500 words. We recommend that content be original, well-structured, and diverse in presentation. This enhances readability and maintains a formal tone for professionalism and clarity.
3. The submission must be submitted in English language only and must be in Microsoft Word Format (.doc/.docx). The Word file shall be saved using the title of the paper followed by the name of the author(s).
4. Only one submission per author is permitted. Co-authorship is permitted to a maximum of two authors per submission.
5. A maximum of 10% plagiarism shall be permitted, beyond which the submission will attract immediate disqualification. Furthermore, it is to be noted that submissions incorporating AI-generated content will not be accepted, and any compromise will lead to disqualification.
6. Citations must strictly follow the Bluebook 21 Edition.
7. Submissions should not contain offensive, abusive, derogatory, or potentially defamatory content.
8. Every submission by the author will go through strict scrutiny, and the editorial board's decision shall be final and binding.
9. The last date of accepting submissions for this edition is September 30, 2026.

FORMATTING GUIDELINES

Font: Times New Roman

Font size: 12 (Content), 10 (Footnotes)

Alignment: Justified (Content), Left-aligned (Footnotes)

Line Spacing: 1.5 (Content), 1 (Footnotes)

Language: English

PUBLICATION POLICY

All the submissions received will undergo scrutiny by the editorial team, and necessary changes required for publication will be communicated to the authors. The decision of the editorial team will be final and binding.

On publication, all literary and copyright rights to the submission are transferred to the Research & Publication Cell, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur. Only ten selected blogs will be published on the official Symbiosis blog “SymBLawg”, providing students with a platform to share their perspectives and insights.

CERTIFICATION

Authors whose submissions are accepted for publication will receive an e-certificate of publication as recognition of their contribution. All participants will be awarded an e-certificate of participation.

SUBMISSION

Submit using the GOOGLE FORM or by scanning the QR.

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