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The Journal for Dispute Resolution (JDR) is an open-access, biannual, and double-blind peer-reviewed journal of MNLU-CS. The journal aims to provide a platform for meaningful discourse on contemporary legal issues surrounding ADR in India and international jurisdictions. The Journal primarily seeks to promote interest, research and academic writing among academia, practitioners, students and research scholars alike.

With utmost pleasure, the JDR released its First Volume namely **Journal for Dispute Resolution-Volume I**, in July 2023, **Volume II** in May 2024, **Volume III** in August 2025, and **Volume IV Issue I** in August 2026, dedicated to the field of ADR. As the Centre celebrates this achievement, we look forward to continuing this journey of knowledge dissemination and academic excellence through calling for submissions for its Fourth Volume.

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