

CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

RESEARCH POLICY

MKPM RV Institute of Legal Studies is committed to fostering a vibrant culture of research and publication in the fields of law, policy, social sciences and allied disciplines. The Institution recognizes research as an integral component of academic excellence, quality teaching, and intellectual growth. Research and scholarship enrich classroom engagement, stimulate critical thinking, and contribute to the development of socially responsible legal professionals. As a premier institution dedicated to legal education, the Institute places strong emphasis on promoting research among faculty and students and creating an enabling academic environment that nurtures inquiry, innovation and interdisciplinary dialogue.

The objectives of the Research Policy are to:

1. Encourage all faculty members to actively engage in research, publication and scholarly activities.
2. Provide foundational knowledge and training on research methodology, academic writing and publication processes.
3. Facilitate research opportunities within and outside the Institution through collaborations, funded projects and academic networks.
4. Instill research acumen among faculty and students by providing financial, infrastructural and academic support.
5. Establish mechanisms for review, documentation and monitoring of research output through IQAC and the Research Committee.
6. Lay down clear criteria and procedures for availing incentives, reimbursements and institutional support for research activities.

To achieve these objectives, the following guidelines shall govern research activities at MKPM RV Institute of Legal Studies:

1. All research and publications shall strictly adhere to professional ethics, academic integrity and code of conduct. Plagiarism checks shall be the responsibility of the author(s), and the Institution shall facilitate access to plagiarism detection software and promote awareness regarding research ethics.
2. The Institution shall organize research methodology workshops, seminars on publication ethics, and training programmes on ICT tools in research for faculty and students to strengthen research competencies.
3. Faculty members are encouraged to pursue doctoral and post-doctoral research. The Institution aims to progressively enhance the number of faculty members holding Ph.D. degrees and may provide financial assistance or incentives upon submission of relevant documentary proof and approval.
4. Faculty members shall publish research papers in reputed, peer-reviewed, Web of science or Scopus and contribute chapters to edited volumes and books published by recognized publishers. Faculty shall verify journal credentials periodically to ensure quality publications.

5. Faculty members are encouraged to participate in seminars, conferences, workshops, symposia and faculty development programmes at regional, national and international levels. "On Official Duty" may be granted with prior approval. Financial reimbursement, subject to institutional norms and budgetary provisions, may be provided upon submission of participation certificates and receipts.
6. Faculty members may undertake minor and major research projects funded by universities, UGC, ICSSR, government agencies, NGOs, industry bodies or other recognized funding agencies. The Institute shall extend infrastructural support including library access, online databases, computer facilities, printing and documentation services.
7. Investigators of funded research projects shall comply with financial and administrative requirements, including submission of utilization certificates duly attested by the Head of the Institution. Details of consumables and equipment purchased shall be entered in the stock register as per institutional procedure.
8. Every faculty member shall submit annually to the Research Committee and IQAC a detailed report of research activities, including papers presented, publications, books authored/edited, research projects, ISSN/ISBN numbers, impact factor (where applicable), and authorship details. Copies of publications shall be maintained for institutional records.
9. Student participation in seminars, conferences, paper presentations, moot courts and research forums shall be encouraged and routed through the Research Forum or respective departments. Students shall submit copies of participation certificates to the concerned faculty coordinator for documentation.
10. For availing duty leave and financial reimbursement, faculty members must obtain prior permission and submit relevant certificates and receipts. The accounts section shall maintain proper records of reimbursements and approvals.
11. The Institution shall strive to create a conducive research environment by providing academic mentorship, administrative assistance, networking opportunities, and recognition of meritorious research contributions through awards and incentives.

Through this policy, MKPM RV Institute of Legal Studies reaffirms its commitment to cultivating a robust research culture that enhances academic quality, contributes to legal scholarship, and advances the broader goals of justice and social transformation.

PUBLICATIONS

1. RV LAW JOURNAL

RV Law Journal of MKPM RV Institute of Legal Studies provides a vibrant academic platform for expressing original ideas, critical interpretations and innovative perspectives on contemporary legal issues. The Journal seeks to promote rigorous legal scholarship by professionals, academicians, researchers and students, ensuring that quality research and scholarly contributions are preserved for posterity.

RV Law Journal is a blind peer-reviewed, bi-annual journal with ISSN, committed to maintaining high academic and ethical standards. The Journal encourages submissions that

contribute meaningfully to legal discourse with relevance to India, including doctrinal, empirical, comparative and interdisciplinary research.

The Editorial Board invites Research Papers, Articles, Case Comments and Book Reviews for forthcoming issues of the Journal. There is no restriction on the choice of topic, provided the manuscript involves substantive legal analysis and is relevant to the Indian legal system. Submissions must be original, unpublished and not under consideration elsewhere.

Categories of Submissions

Word Limit (excluding footnotes):

- **Long Research Paper / Article:** 5000 – 10000 words
- **Short Article:** 2500 – 3000 words
- **Case Comment:** 2000 – 2500 words
- **Book Review:** 2000 – 2500 words

Formatting and Citation Guidelines

1. The manuscript must be submitted in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx).
2. Main text: Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1.5 line spacing.
3. Footnotes: Times New Roman, 10-point font, single line spacing.
4. Citation style: OSCOLA

Submission Procedure

Authors are required to submit the soft copy of the manuscript to:
rvlawjournal.mkpmrvils@rvei.edu.in

The submission must be accompanied by a covering letter containing the following details:

- Title of the Paper
- Category (Research Paper / Article / Case Comment / Book Review)
- Name of the Author(s)
- Designation and Institutional Affiliation
- Email ID
- Contact Number

RV Law Journal aspires to become a significant forum for legal scholarship by encouraging analytical depth, originality and academic integrity. Through this initiative, MKPM RV Institute of Legal Studies reaffirms its commitment to promoting research excellence and meaningful contribution to the development of law and justice in India.

2. Newsletter

The Newsletter of MKPM RV Institute of Legal Studies (MKPM RVILS) serves as a dynamic platform to document and disseminate the academic, research, co-curricular and outreach activities of the Institution. It reflects the intellectual vibrancy of the campus and captures significant milestones, achievements and initiatives undertaken by students, faculty and the Institution as a whole.

Published periodically, the Newsletter highlights seminars, conferences, guest lectures, workshops, moot court competitions, legal aid activities, NSS programmes, internships, research contributions, publications and student accomplishments. It also features articles, short notes, creative contributions and reflections from students and faculty, thereby encouraging academic expression and participatory learning.

The Newsletter acts as a bridge between the Institution and its stakeholders, including alumni, parents, legal professionals and the wider academic community. By showcasing institutional growth and engagement, it strengthens transparency, accountability and academic identity.

Through its Newsletter, MKPM RVILS reaffirms its commitment to academic excellence, research culture and holistic development, while preserving a documented record of its journey in shaping competent and socially responsible legal professionals.

3. ISBN publications

The Centre for Research and Publication at MKPM RV Institute of Legal Studies actively promotes scholarly writing and academic dissemination through the publication of ISBN books. These publications serve as a permanent academic record of the intellectual contributions made by faculty members, legal professionals, research scholars and students.

The Centre publishes edited volumes, conference proceedings, and thematic compilations arising out of national and international seminars, conferences, workshops and symposia organized by the Institution. The conference proceedings include peer-reviewed research papers presented during the event, ensuring that the deliberations and scholarly discussions are preserved in a structured and accessible format with ISBN registration.

In addition to faculty contributions, the Centre encourages student participation in academic publishing by compiling and publishing articles contributed by students on specific contemporary legal themes. These thematic volumes provide students with an opportunity to engage in rigorous legal research, develop academic writing skills and contribute meaningfully to emerging areas of law. Each manuscript undergoes editorial scrutiny to maintain academic standards, originality and relevance.

The ISBN publications reflect the Institution's commitment to fostering a robust research culture, interdisciplinary dialogue and scholarly excellence. By facilitating quality publications, the Centre for Research and Publication strengthens the academic profile of MKPM RV Institute of Legal Studies and contributes to the broader development of legal scholarship in India.