

VIDHYAN Blog: Detailed Submission Guidelines and Publication Policy (FAQ)

This document serves as a comprehensive guide for all prospective contributors to the VIDHYAN Blog. Please read these guidelines thoroughly before submission, as strict adherence is a mandatory requirement for consideration.

PART I: General Submission Guidelines

1. Scope of Topics and Alignment with Categories

- **Content Focus:** Submissions must align clearly and substantially with one of the five specific categories of the VIDHYAN Blog: *Law & The Digital World*, *Law & Society*, *Law in Daily Life*, *Law for Students & Youth*, or *Law for Consumers*.
- **Thematic Relevance:** The article must explicitly address the core themes and philosophical dimensions as described under the chosen category. Submissions that are technically sound but fail to connect with the category's narrative will be rejected.

2. Originality and Prior Publication Policy

- **Original Content Only:** VIDHYAN strictly accepts only **original, unpublished content**. This means the article, in its current or similar form, must not have been previously published, uploaded, or accepted for publication on any other platform, including personal blogs, academic journals, social media, institutional websites, or repositories.
- **Simultaneous Submission:** Authors must confirm that the submission is **not concurrently being reviewed** by any other journal or platform. Submitting the same article elsewhere while it is under review by VIDHYAN constitutes a breach of this policy.

3. Word Limit and Format Requirements

- **Strict Word Limit:** The body of the article must fall within a strict range of **700 to 2000 words**, including the title, author's details, and excluding any citations or footnotes. Submissions outside this range will not proceed to the review stage.
- **Document Format:** All submissions must be attached as a **Microsoft Word Document (.docx)**. The document should be formatted using **Times New Roman, Font Size 12, with 1.5 line spacing**.
- **Citations:** Authors are required to use **footnotes** for citing all statutes, case laws, legal documents, and academic sources. While the specific citation style is flexible (e.g., Bluebook, ILI), the author must ensure complete consistency throughout the document. Hyperlinks are acceptable for web-based sources (news articles, official reports, etc.).

4. Submission Procedure

- **Exclusive Submission Email:** All articles must be emailed to blogsupport@advkomalpensia.com.
- **Mandatory Subject Line:** The email subject line must strictly follow this format: **"Blog Submission: [Chosen Category] – [Article Title]"** (e.g., "Blog Submission: Law & The Digital World – The Ethics of AI Justice").

- **Required Attachments:** The email must include the article (.docx file) and a separate document containing the Author's CV/Resume and a brief (50-word) abstract of the submission.

PART II: Publication Criteria and Selection Process

VIDHYAN is committed solely to publishing high-quality, informative, and unique write-ups. We maintain a non-commercial model: we do not charge any publication fee, and all submissions are voluntary and non-stipendiary. The editorial process is rigorous to uphold the blog's standard.

1. Review Timeline and Communication

- **Overall Process Duration:** Due to our commitment to quality assessment, the entire process—from initial review to final publication—may take approximately **30 calendar days**. This timeline is an estimate and is dependent on the volume of submissions and the complexity of requested revisions.
- **Initial Review/Shortlisting:** Within approximately **7-10 working days** of submission, the author will be notified via email about the initial decision: acceptance for further review (shortlisted), rejection, or immediate request for major content revisions.
- **Final Approval Communication:** If the article is shortlisted and then approved for final publication, the author will be notified in the subsequent email regarding the **specific estimated publication date** and any minor formatting corrections required.

2. Core Judgment and Key Criteria

The assessment is based on a structured scoring system focused on the following key criteria:

Criteria	Description
Originality and Uniqueness	The article's central argument must present a novel perspective or offer a distinct, original analysis of an existing legal concept. This is a crucial factor for publication.
Plausibility (Clarity and Tone)	The writing must be unambiguous, logically structured, and easy to comprehend . Authors are encouraged to minimize excessive and unwarranted legal jargon to ensure accessibility while maintaining a formal, academic tone.
Depth of Research and Critical Analysis	The write-up must demonstrate thorough and credible research . The analysis must be critical, well-supported by evidence, and go beyond merely stating the law, offering instead a valuable insight or critique.
Adherence to Guidelines	Strict compliance with the word limit, formatting, citation rules, and submission procedures. Non-compliance is grounds for immediate rejection.

3. Uniqueness Testing and Plagiarism Policy

- **Plagiarism Testing:** All shortlisted write-ups undergo rigorous testing using industry-standard plagiarism detection software to assess originality.
- **Plagiarism Tolerance:** The maximum allowed overall plagiarism (or similarity) score is **10%**. This includes self-plagiarism. Any submission exceeding this threshold will be summarily rejected, and the author will be informed.
- **Quote/Citation Review:** Even if the plagiarism score is within the limit, the editorial board will manually verify that all sources, especially quoted text, are properly attributed with citations.

4. Revision and Final Vetting

- **Revisions Stage:** If the article is shortlisted, the author may be requested to make **minor or major revisions** based on the editor's feedback regarding clarity, structure, argument strength, or compliance. Authors must resubmit the revised draft within the stipulated deadline.
- **Final Approval:** Once all criteria are met, plagiarism is verified, and revisions are incorporated, the article is approved for **Final Vetting**. This stage involves final formatting and scheduling for publication on the VIDHYAN Blog.

PART III: Post-Publication and Author Benefits

1. Remuneration Policy

- **Non-Stipendiary Opportunity:** Consistent with our non-profit, quality-first mission, the VIDHYAN Blog is a **voluntary contribution platform**. We do not provide any stipend or monetary payment for published articles.
- **Aim and Ethical Responsibility:** Our goal is to create a reliable, practical, and high-quality legal resource that provides **significant legal exposure** for contributors, enabling them to build a credible writing portfolio and contribute to the legal community's discourse.

2. Authorship Credit and Attribution

- **Full Authorship Entitlement:** All authors whose work is published are fully and formally entitled to credit for their write-up.
- **Detailed Attribution:** The article, as it appears on the VIDHYAN Blog, will prominently feature an **Author Name** immediately below the title or at the end of the post. This section will include the **Author's Full Name**, brief bio (as provided in the submission), and relevant academic/professional affiliations. This ensures maximum visibility and professional credit.

3. Certificate of Contribution

- **Eligibility for Certification:** To recognise sustained commitment and high-quality contributions, authors who successfully achieve a minimum of **five (5) published articles** on the VIDHYAN Blog within **12 months** will be eligible to receive an official **Certificate of Contribution**.
- **Judging Criteria for Certification:** The certificate is not issued based on volume alone. Eligibility requires that the five published articles must **consistently meet the highest editorial standards** in terms of originality, analytical depth, and timely submission of revisions. Articles that required significant re-writing by the editorial team may not fully count towards the required threshold.