



# CALL FOR PAPERS

**Gujarat Maritime University Journal of  
Maritime Environmental Law (GJMEL)**

**Submission Deadline: December 31, 2021**

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## Introduction

The GMU Journal of Maritime Environmental Law (GJMEL) is an initiative of the Centre for Maritime Environmental Law (CMEL) associated to the Gujarat Maritime University. The centre is exclusively dedicated to foster active research on the contemporary issues oriented with Marine Environmental Law. The Centre aspires to become a Centre of excellence for research, advocacy and capacity building in the field of the Maritime Environmental law and to be recognized locally and globally.

In its endeavour to contribute to the burgeoning field of Marine Environmental Law, the centre has introduced its Annual Print Journal, thereby calling out the legal community such as the student, academicians, professionals, policy makers, entrepreneurs and other esteemed guest from legal fraternity to contribute to the literature in the form of Research Paper / Articles. The journal aims to bring to light the various contemporary issues related to the marine environment. The editorial team and the peer review jury comprises the esteemed professors, Ph.D. research scholars and other esteemed law fraternity.

## Objectives

The GMU Journal of Maritime Environmental Law (GJMEL) dedicated to promote and publish doctrinal and empirical research in the field of maritime environment law and aims to reduce the gap between research and practice.

The Journal contribute to the development of theory and practice of this domains and seeks to facilitate the researchers, scholars, resource persons and practitioners to come on a platform and to share their findings of the research with the rest of the world so that informed decisions can be taken to improve marine environment.

## Theme

Manuscripts related to legal and technical aspects of marine environment shall be accepted. The manuscripts are expected to have varied perspectives viz. national and international.

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1. The author/s are requested to strictly follow the guidelines.
2. Only manuscripts in English shall be accepted for publication.
3. Manuscripts and all editorial correspondence should be submitted as soft copy in MS Word as an attachment to an email to be sent at
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## Each Manuscript should contain

- a. Title page with full title and subtitle (if any). The Manuscript should not contain any identification of the author/s, which shall be ground for rejection of the submission.
- b. Research Area: Maritime Environment
- c. Suggested Keywords 5-10 words
- d. Abstract of 250-300 words
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  - Long article – (8000-10000 words)
  - Short Article - (3000-5000 words)
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1. All submissions shall only be made at [gjmel@gmu.edu.in](mailto:gjmel@gmu.edu.in) with the subject 'Manuscript Submission for Volume I.
2. Submissions must be made in Microsoft Office (doc./docx.) formats only.
3. The paper should be free from all grammatical and spelling error

## Submission Deadline

**The deadline for making submissions is 31 December 2021.**

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