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## ABOUT THE REPORT

The Joint Annual Report by Indic Pacific Legal Research covers the remaining initial research contributions and developments attributed to the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law and Global Law Assembly, the member organisations of the Firm.

As the following ventures come to an official close, this report covers the achievements covered by the initiatives and member organisations.

In this report, we also introduce the Firm's autonomous research and innovation division, the Vidhitsa Law Institute of Global and Technology Affairs, or VLiGTA.

### **ABOUT THE FIRM**

Formerly known as AbhiGlobal Legal Research & Media, Indic Pacific Legal Research has been delivering on pioneering innovation in legal and policy research, with an Indian and global overview, since 2019.

Our notable initiatives include the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law and Global Law Assembly.

Indic Pacific is a technology law consultancy firm, which aims to deliver its consultancy in the areas of law, technology and global governance.

As an India-centric Consultancy specialised in legal and policy matters related to disruptive technologies, intellectual property, environment and corporate governance, we understand the needs of India as an emerging hub of unicorns and technologies in the Indo-Pacific region.

#### TEAM

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#### THE MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Indic Pacific Legal Research LLP comprises two research organisations, the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law Charitable Trust (ISAIL) and Global Law Assembly (GLA).

The Firm has shaped and contributed in the initiated roles of the think tanks to pioneer research objectives in their respective areas. While ISAIL developed research in the realms of AI Ethics and Law, GLA shaped its research in the domain of Indo-Pacific studies and global governance.



## INDIAN SOCIETY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND LAW

The Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law is a technology law research organisation founded by Abhivardhan in 2019. The Organization's core goal is to develop qualitative research and impart AI-related education with an India-centric approach globally. ISAIL has supported two independent journals, namely - the India Journal of International Law and the Indian Journal of Artificial Intelligence and Law. It also supports an independent media and podcast initiative - IGP. The research operations of ISAIL terminated in May 2022.



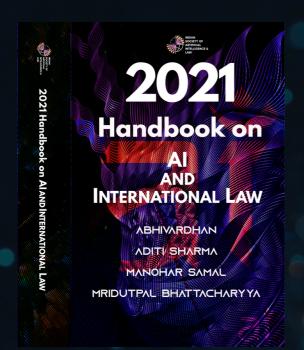
#### **GLOBAL LAW ASSEMBLY**

GLA is a member organisation of Indic Pacific, involved in research activities on matters of international legal importance. The core focus of GLA to envision solutions to the challenges faced by global governance as field, has been in 3 domains - culture, economy and environment. The operations of GLA terminated in April 2022, as VLiGTA helms the research activities.



## INDIAN SOCIETY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND LAW

ISAIL had an array of important achievements in 2021, as the First Handbook on AI and International Law, i.e., the 2020 Handbook on AI and International Law was released.

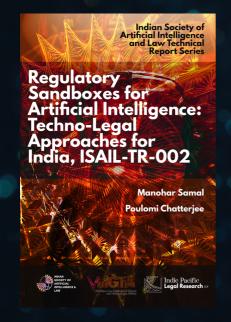


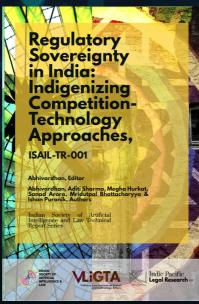
The 2021 Handbook on AI and International Law

The 2021 Handbook on AI and International Law, edited by Abhivardhan, Aditi Sharma, Manohar Samal and Mridutpal Bhattacharyya features 27 chapters covering various fields of international law, analysing their relationship with the ethics and genealogy of artificial intelligence technologies.

The Technical Reports and Briefs

ISAIL published some important policy briefs and technical reports on international AI governance and regulatory studies on artificial intelligence technologies.





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# INDIAN SOCIETY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND LAW

#### Indian Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law, 2021

The 2nd Indian Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law, 2021 was conducted via online means, hosting 4 panel discussions and 18 panellists.

#### The themes of the conference included:

- Deciphering Explainable Artificial Intelligence for the Indo-Pacific
- Role of AI as Utilities and Services in the Development of Civilizations
- Role of AI Hype on the Medical-Pharma Sectors in the World of Information Warfare
- Reconciling Monotonocity in International AI Governance
- The Demand to Disrupt Economies through Disruptive AI
- India and Africa's Visions for Beneficial AI
- The Need to Decipher Cooperation Between East Coast Code and the West Coast Code through Blockchain
- AI and Blockchain: Need for Reforms in Indian Tax Regimes
- Indian Civilization and the Aestheticization of Artificial Intelligence: A Systemic Approach

Aditi Sharma was the Vice President for the 2021 Conference and Mridutpal Bhattacharyya was designated as the Director, Academics for the 2021 Conference.





## **GLOBAL LAW ASSEMBLY**

#### GLACon 2022



GLACon is the Flagship Conference on Global Governance, which was previously hosted by the Secretariat of Global Law Assembly for the dates of January 29-30, 2022.

GLACon is the continuation of the 1st Juris En Conference on International Law, organised in 2020.

Hon'ble Justice JR Midha, former Judge of the High Court of Delhi graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the Conference.

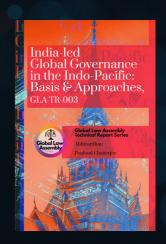
The themes of the conference included:

- India as a Neutral Hub of ADRs: Solving National & Global Challenges for Domestic Mobility
- India, Russia & Eastern Europe for an Open Indo-Pacific: Challenges in Cooperation & Security
- India's Role in Shaping Sustainable Economics: Risks & Exposures to Domestic & Transnational Cooperation
- India's Role in Transforming Environmental Security & Regulation in the Indo-Pacific
- Indian Diplomacy & the Emerging Clusters of Regulatory Sovereignty in Disruptive Technologies
- India, Europe & East Asia: Assessing Shared Challenges of Strategic & Competitive Autonomy in 2030

#### The Technical Reports and Briefs

GLA published some important policy briefs and technical reports on international relations and regulatory governance measures in the Indo-Pacific region.





## HAPPENINGS @ INDIC PACIFIC

## **CEASING OPERATIONS**

#### Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law

- ISAIL has ceased all of its operations, including those with the Indian Journal of Artificial Intelligence and Law, and its research division, under which the Strategic and Civilised AI programme was initiated.
- ISAIL however, as a member organisation of Indic Pacific Legal Research retains its capacity as an organisation, and is regularly involved in AI-law education efforts.

#### Indic Journal of International Law [e-ISSN:2582-8398]

• The Indic Journal of International Law, supported by ISAIL, has ceased its publication efforts since June 2022.

#### Indian Journal of Artificial Intelligence and Law [e-ISSN:2582-6999]

• The Indian Journal of Artificial Intelligence and Law, supported by ISAIL, has ceased its publication efforts since June 2022.

#### Global Law Assembly

• Global Law Assembly has ceased all of its operations, including its research division, under which research on Indo-Pacific studies and International Law was initiated.

#### The Indian Learning [e-ISSN:2582-5631]

• The Indian Learning, supported by ISAIL, has ceased its publication efforts since February 2022.

### **FORMING VLIGTA**



The Vidhitsa Law Institute of Global and Technology Affairs was recently launched in April 2022.

- VLiGTA, also known as the Vidhitsa Law Institute of Global and Technology Affairs, is the research arm of Indic Pacific Legal Research LLP, developing in-house research innovation with a solution and goal-centric approach, in areas like law, technology and global governance.
- It inspires its ideation and principled approach from the legacy of two research organisations under the firm, the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law and Global Law Assembly.
- We will continue the research legacy of the research institutions and provide more competing legal and policy solutions to a next level.

VLiGTA's Expertise lies in the following areas, which are its key departments.

- Artificial Intelligence Resilience
- Disruptive Technologies and IP
- Indo-Pacific and Global Governance
- Culture and Strategic Intelligence
- Sustainable Environment and Development Economics
- Adaptivity in Dispute Resolution Mechanisms



VLiGTA also runs a digital graphic law publication, Visual Legal Analytica, a blog to Discover Legal & Policy Ideas, in the Language of Graphics.

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