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Manupatra Native AI Search

Built specifically for legal research

For decades, legal research has relied heavily on keyword searches and complex Boolean strings. Lawyers have spent countless hours guessing the right combinations of words—often missing crucial judgments simply because a judge used a different phrase. The core issue is simple: **law is not built on keywords; it is built on ideas, principles, and context.**

Manupatra AI Search is designed to address exactly this gap. Instead of matching words, it understands the **legal concept behind a query** and retrieves judgments based on meaning—even if the exact wording never appears in the case. This represents a fundamental shift from keyword dependency to concept-driven legal research.

Built on a Proprietary Legal Knowledge Ecosystem

Manupatra AI Search is powered by a proprietary, editorially enriched legal knowledge ecosystem developed by Manupatra over several decades. Unlike generic AI systems trained on public or non-curated data, this system is built specifically around **how lawyers research, argue, and decide cases.**

Judgments in Manupatra are not merely stored as isolated documents. They are connected through citations, judicial treatment, and legal reasoning. Statutes are not just listed; they are continuously interpreted through case law and their application over time.

This deep editorial foundation ensures that Manupatra AI operates strictly within the legal framework, significantly reducing inaccuracies and eliminating AI hallucinations. The result is an AI system lawyers can trust.



Practical Benefits for Legal Professionals

In everyday legal practice, Manupatra AI Search enables lawyers to:

- Identify the most relevant precedents for a specific legal issue
- Instantly determine whether a judgment has been overruled, distinguished, or followed
- Understand how courts have interpreted a statute in real-world application
- Ask natural-language legal questions and receive source-backed, verifiable answers
- Access AI-driven analysis of the ten most relevant results for faster insight








Why Manupatra AI Search Matters

Judgments are rich with layered reasoning, indirect references, and concepts expressed in varied language. Judges rarely use identical terminology across cases—what one court calls “misrepresentation,” another may describe as “inducement” or “suppression of material facts.” Traditional keyword search treats these as unrelated.

Manupatra AI Search connects them seamlessly.

It solves the core limitations of traditional research by:

-  Finding conceptually similar judgments
-  Eliminating time spent guessing keywords
-  Providing broader and more accurate coverage
-  Revealing cases that would otherwise be missed
-  Mirroring judicial reasoning patterns



This is especially powerful in Indian law, where judicial reasoning is often narrative and contextual rather than formulaic.

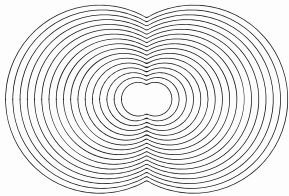
Keyword search finds words. Manupatra AI Search finds meaning.

AI that Understands Legal Intent

Powered by Semantic AI and Large Language Models (LLMs), Manupatra AI Search focuses on understanding legal intent, not just language. Lawyers can search naturally without worrying about:

- Complex Boolean operators
- Exact legal terminology
- Identifying every possible synonym
- Minor spelling or typographical errors

The system intelligently interprets meaning and delivers precise, contextually relevant legal results.



Intelligence in Action

Manupatra AI Search demonstrates genuine legal comprehension by:

- ✔ **Automatically connecting legal concepts**
For example, it links the right to privacy with Article 21, the Puttaswamy judgment, and the broader doctrine of personal liberty—even if these are not explicitly mentioned in the query.
- ✔ **Understanding intent despite errors**
A mistyped query such as “POSCO” is correctly interpreted as POCSO, with the relevant statute and case law surfaced instantly.
- ✔ **Interpreting complex legal doctrines**
It recognises elements such as duty of care, reasonable medical standards, breach, causation, and medical negligence jurisprudence when analysing liability of medical professionals.

Contextual Intelligence You Can Trust

Manupatra AI Search delivers more than documents—it delivers contextual legal intelligence. Every insight is explainable and traceable to verified legal sources, allowing professionals to research with confidence.

It helps users:

- Identify authoritative and relevant precedents
- Detect conflicting, overruled, or distinguished judgments
- Understand how statutes have evolved through judicial interpretation
- Receive explainable, source-backed answers to natural-language legal questions

What Makes Manupatra AI Search Different

- Trained on Indian data and built in India
- Meaning-based search, not keyword dependency
- Judgment-level intelligence, not document dumping
- Explainable AI with traceable legal sources
- Designed specifically for lawyers, judges, researchers, and law firms

Manupatra AI Search transforms legal research from word-matching into **true legal understanding**—helping professionals build stronger arguments, faster.

How to Use Manupatra AI Search

Click the **AI Search** icon to begin.



Type your query in natural language—no need for exact keywords.



Use Filters (court, year, etc.) to narrow results, then **click Search**.



Your Results:

- View the **Top 10 relevant cases**, each organized into sections such as Facts, Issues, Arguments, Reasoning, Ratio, and Summary.
- Click any section tab, or select **All** to view the full brief.

Verify & Explore

- Hover over **Reference** to confirm the case source.
- Click **Citation** to open the full judgment.

Tools & Actions:

Use **Email, Print, or Download** for individual results.

AI Analysis

The right panel provides an **AI-generated analysis** of your query, which you can also download or share.

To start fresh, click **Reset**.

or

Ask Follow-up Questions

Deep dive into your search results to clarify, narrow, or explore using the chatbot.



Guidance on Using AI Search

AI- search is designed to understand the meaning of your query—not just the exact words. To get the best results, it is important to know when to use it and when not to use it.

➤ When **NOT** to Use AI Search

Avoid AI Search for queries requiring **exact, literal, or highly specific matches**.

1. Precise or Literal Queries

- Party names
- Case citations
- Exact statutory phrases
- Verbatim quotations

- ✗ Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd v. Tuff Drilling Pvt Ltd
- ✗ Criminal
- ✗ “appointment of an arbitrator”

Use LEGAL SEARCH, CITATION SEARCH and MANU SEARCH for these queries

2. Boolean or Structured Queries

AI Search does **not** follow Boolean logic (**AND / OR / NOT**).

Use MANU SEARCH when you need strict inclusion or exclusion.

eg: Annual General Meeting NOT Director

➤ When to **Use** AI Search

Use AI Search for **meaning-based queries**, especially when courts express the same legal idea in different words. It is ideal for finding material on concepts, principles, standards, or legal ideas—even when phrasing varies.

How to Write a Good AI Search Query

1. One issue per query

- Good: Maintainability of suit for specific performance of rental agreement.
- Avoid: Give me all cases on rentals, leases, tenancy, and performance.

3. Add context

Cases where courts lifted the corporate veil in tax evasion matters.

5. Avoid vague or broad queries

- Tell me everything about contracts
- Difference between novation and assignment

2. Use clear legal terms

- Section 9 Arbitration Act – modification of interim bail conditions.
- FTS taxability under Section 9(1)(vii)(b).

4. Avoid unnecessary facts

Examples for AI Search (Reference Guide)

The clearer your query, the better and more accurate the response.

Use these examples to understand how to write effective, AI-friendly legal queries.

Recommended Query	Poorly Framed Query
Case laws where a provisional attachment order under PMLA was set aside due to absence of 'reason to believe'	Order confirming provisional attachment order of Directorate of Enforcement AND set aside AND reason to believe
Interpretation of Section 2(1)(c), Commercial Courts Act—definition of 'commercial dispute' with judicial precedents	Commercial Courts Act 2(1)(c)
Whether an office bearer can continue to hold their position while the matter is sub-judice—case laws on continuation in office during pendency of proceedings	When case is sub-judice then the office bearer in the position?
Judgments on whether parties can shift from institutional arbitration to ad-hoc arbitration despite a mandatory institutional clause	Institutional arbitration change to ad-hoc possible? Tell cases
Explain when Section 34 IPC (common intention) applies in mob aggression cases.	mob aggression cases.
taxability of Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA) under GST—judicial precedents and statutory interpretation	taxability of ENA?
Cases where delay in filing a writ petition was condoned	delay in filing