

**ABSTRACT****ARTICLE 131: THE EXCLUSIVE POWER OF THE SUPREME COURT****\*\*AMAN CHACHAN & AKHAND PRATAP SINGH**

Article 131, the exclusive original jurisdiction of Supreme Court authorizes the Supreme Court to settle intergovernmental disputes. It is attracted only when the parties to the dispute are the Government of India or one or more states. This paper focuses on whether any private party joining with one or more states on one side can attract Article 131. The paper analyzes on whether to give the restrictive meaning to Article 131 or to expand its scope as done by the Honorable Court in its various judgments. The main objective of this paper is to critically analyze Article 131 since it gives the exclusive power only in the hands of the Supreme Court. Therefore, its interpretation needs to be correct at any cost.