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SECOND PROF. V. S. MALLAR MEMORIAL LEGAL AID COMPETITION 2023

A JOINT INITIATIVE BY

CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND
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BENGALURU

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



ABOUT THE DIGITAL LEGAL LITERACY – DISSEMINATION AND ASSESSMENT PROJECT

Access to Justice has been recognized as an essential facet of human development. India's judicial and legal system has many strengths: excellent constitutional and legal safeguards for access to justice; well-established institutions; an independent judiciary, a vibrant voluntary sector, and an independent media.

The Centre for Environmental Law, Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA), National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru has been granted a **Two-Year Project** on 'Digital Legal Literacy – Dissemination and Assessment'. The project is focusing on the dissemination of legal literacy and is being implemented in aspiration districts across **6 States of India** namely – *Maharashtra, Odisha, Bihar, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Karnataka*. The main objectives of the project include the following:

- Dissemination of Legal Literacy on a Mass level.
- Creation of an overall communication strategy including digital/social media platforms.
- Strategizing Effective and Sustainable legal awareness campaigns.
- Conceptualizing and conducting workshops and legal aid competitions event coverage and launches related to the program.
- Conceptualizing and conducting Youth Connect Workshops by planning events in colleges/schools and institutions.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL LEVEL LEGAL AID CLINIC COMPETITION

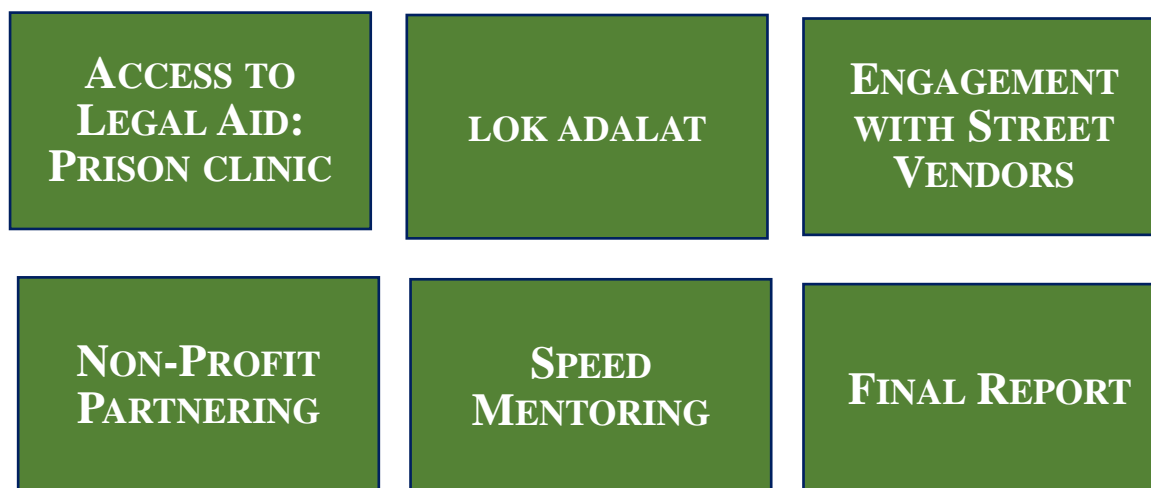
The Legal Aid Clinic Competition shall be a **4 (four) month-pronged** Competition. Further, access to legal education is a necessary corollary to the right of free legal aid. With the advancement of digital technologies, this right has become all the more accessible.



Legal aid clinics, particularly those functioning under the aegis of educational institutions, play a pivotal role in improving community access to legal information and education and in engaging the youth in mass literacy dissemination efforts.

The endeavor of the second edition of this Competition is to further augment and strengthen the activities of the legal aid cells across the country to spread essential legal awareness by conducting awareness drives and various other creative initiatives and campaigns to bring to the fore the presence of informational asymmetry contributing directly to the lack of legal awareness.

**THE COMPETITION SHALL COMPRISE OF SIX CORE DELIVERABLES WHICH SHALL
INCLUDE**



(i) ACCESS TO LEGAL AID: PRISON CLINIC

Each participating University/law school/law college/institution shall seek permission to visit and organize a Prison clinic in their respective districts/regional areas. . The Legal Aid Clinic inside the prison must visit the prison and hold a clinic bimonthly. In total, the clinic must visit the prison atleast six times [minimum] in the four months on this competition. In addition, they shall also work with the Legal Aid Cell in the Prison, study cases of few convicts/under-trails.

The objective of legal aid and jail visits is to encourage lawyers and students to come together and pursue access to justice for the needy behind bars. While respecting the privacy of the convicts/under-trails, list of cases and persons spoken to, the respective learning and interventions should be documented in the competition final report.



(ii) LOK ADALAT

The participating institution must seek to work with the National/State/ District Legal Services authority. Assisting the Legal services authority in organising the activities of the Legal services authority, including but not limited to encouraging students to undertake internship would be evaluated in this part of the competition. Holding and assisting the Legal services authority in a Lok Adalat shall be made a priority. Level of discussions, extent and quality of stakeholders involved, issues targeted, the impact of the hearing, and solutions provided shall be considered as parameters of marking.

(iii) ENGAGEMENT WITH STREET VENDORS:

The Engagement with Street Vendors shall be conducted with a view to educate and create awareness among street vendors in the locality and neighboring areas of the Participating Institution. The students would partake to create legal awareness of the rights of Street Vendors and educate them about the various laws, policies and schemes that the government has for them. The effectiveness of this shall be assessed in understanding the challenges faced by them and how they are resolved in the 4 (four) month duration of the Competition. The Participating Institution may assist them in getting needful registrations, identification cards, etc.

(iv) NON-PROFIT PARTNERING

Each Institution shall be a partner with at least one Registered Non-Governmental Organisation offering to create legal awareness and legal aid among the target audience identified by the Non-Profit Organisations.

The partnerships with NGOs may also extend to activities or projects that the NGO is undertaking and may include negotiation or mediation sessions on legal or social issues. Participating institutions must prepare not less than 3 [three] reels as a part of social outreach and medium of legal literacy dissemination.

(v) SPEED- MENTORING

The speed mentoring program shall be conducted in at least 3 to 5 schools in identified villages or urban areas and shall be made available through video recordings. The focal point of this activity shall be to disseminate a brief, focused lecture within a given time frame on any of the contemporary socio-legal issues.



The speed- mentoring will be assessed on matrices such as the extent of involvement, innovative techniques employed in creating literacy, the number of schools covered, and the expanse of legal literacy disseminated.

(vi) FINAL REPORT

Each Participating University will be required to submit one final report by October 30th, 2023. The report shall include a **Cover page, Table of Contents, Name of team members, two pages of Executive Summary**, and the **final report which does not exceed 8,000 words excluding footnotes, annexures, and pictures, if any.**

The hard copy of the report shall be accompanied by a video not exceeding 15 minutes depicting the activities undertaken during the Competition. The final report submitted by each participating institute shall comprise of a declaration signed by the Head of the Department/Institution certifying the authenticity and originality of the work.

TIMELINE OF THE COMPETITION & IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 10, 2023	RELEASE OF THE COMPETITION
JUNE 26, 2023	LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION
JULY 01, 2023	LAUNCH OF THE COMPETITION WITH SUBMISSION TIMELINES
JULY –OCTOBER 2023	ONLINE LEGAL AID WORKSHOPS [FOUR]
OCTOBER 30, 2023	SUBMISSION OF FINAL REPORT
NOVEMBER 26, 2023	ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS & FELICITATION CEREMONY

WHO CAN REGISTER FOR THE COMPETITION?

The Legal Aid Competition is open to all clubs and legal aid Clinics/committees housed in any institute. We encourage Management, Commerce institutions also to partake in this competition. NSS, NCC, Scouts Units are also encouraged to participate in this competition.

TEAM COMPOSITION

The representatives of the participating institutions for all purposes and for the entire duration of the competition shall comprise the following:

- 1 Faculty Coordinator/Advisor/NCC/NSS Officer



- 1 Student Coordinator
- Maximum of 08 other students, who will formulate the Core Team
- Other Students, whose participation may be certified by the Participating Institution

REGISTRATION FEE & REGISTRATION LINK

- The registration fee for a team is **INR 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only)**.
- Institutions interested in participating in the competition may register by filling in the Google form, the link for which is attached below
- Registration link: <https://forms.gle/Bc3AA6267d4kAeCw7>

AWARDS & PRIZES

WINNERS - BEST LEGAL AID CLINIC	INR 25,000
FIRST RUNNERS UP - BEST LEGAL AID CLINIC	INR 20,000
SECOND RUNNERS UP - BEST LEGAL AID CLINIC	INR 15,000
BEST FACULTY COORDINATOR AWARD	INR 10,000
BEST ALL INDIA LEGAL AID CLINIC STUDENT LAWYERS	INR 10,000

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

DETAILS OF ACCOUNT HOLDERS

NAME OF ACCOUNT HOLDER	DIRECTOR NLSIU SCHEMES AND PROJECTS
COMPLETE CONTACT ADDRESS	NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY, P.B.NO.7201, NAGARBHAVI, BANGALORE - 560 072
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BANK NAME	UNION BANK OF INDIA
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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS COMPETITION

1. All Intellectual Property generated under this competition will be jointly held by the participating institutions respectively and the organisers of the Competition-CEERA, NLSIU-DOJ.
 2. Prize money in this competition shall be transferred to the respective institution's account only.
 3. All participating institutions and its team members shall compulsory attend the entire Legal Aid workshop which shall be organised during the tenure of the competition.
 4. Participating institutions and its team members must follow the highest levels of professionalism, have the utmost respect of privacy of individuals, have the highest regards to the sensitivity of issues and towards any disclosure of identity of individuals.
 5. Participating institutions must maintain discipline and professionalism in all medium of communications with the respective authorities.
 6. CEERA, NLSIU-DOJ shall not be responsible or liable for any breach of discipline or confidentiality or any other breach of UGC and other regulations, if done by any team or participating member during this competition. The Participating institutions must strictly adhere to enforcing disciplinary rules at all times during the visits to the Prison, school, Legal Services authority and at the NGO place.
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