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

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**LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION: JUNE 20, 2023**



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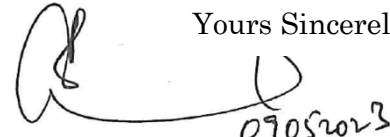
## MESSAGE

Right to seek Legal aid is mandated under the Constitution of India and is an essential component of the justice delivery system, particularly for the marginalized and vulnerable sections of society. It is heartening to note that CEERA-NLSIU is launching the Second Edition of the Prof. V.S. Mallar Memorial Legal Aid Competition in association with the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India. The Department of Justice is happy to extend its support for the same.

The inaugural edition of the competition which was held in 2022 was a unique initiative of its kind and played an instrumental role in rejuvenating Legal Aid Clinics of 49 Law Colleges in India. It provided a platform for the participants to build, apply and showcase their skills and knowledge in the area of legal aid, and contributed significantly in creating greater awareness about legal rights and duties and how the common man can avail them.

I would like to commend the Programme Management Team at DOJ, CEERA-NLSIU for their efforts in conducting this competition in the memory of the late Prof. V.S. Mallar who was a distinguished legal luminary in the field of constitutional and administrative law, and a passionate advocate for legal aid. The competition held in his memory is a fitting tribute to his legacy and a testament to the importance of legal aid in India. I am confident that this edition of the competition will further help in enhancing the awareness about legal aid and its significance in our society.

I urge all Law Universities, colleges and institutions to join our hands in strengthening Pan India Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme, access to justice and legal aid in the country. Your contribution to this competition will not only enhance your own knowledge and skill but will also help in promoting legal literacy and legal awareness in the society. Once again, I extend my best wishes to all participants and the organizers for a successful and fruitful competition, and we eagerly look forward to seeing the outcomes of this year's event.

Yours Sincerely,  
  
(B. Chandra Mohiyar)

Director (Access to Justice and Legal Aid to Poor)  
Department of Justice, Government of India

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तीव्र एवं गुणवत्ता से परिपूर्ण न्याय प्रदान करने वाली कुशल विधिक एवं न्यायिक प्रणाली  
कानून के शासन में लोगों का विश्वास सुदृढ़ करती है।  
**An efficient legal and judicial system that delivers quick and quality justice  
reinforces the confidence of the people in the rule of law.**



## 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.

## 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

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

ACCESS TO LEGAL AID: PRISON CLINIC	LOK ADALAT	ENGAGEMENT WITH STREET VENDORS
NON-PROFIT PARTNERING	SPEED MENTORING	FINAL REPORT



### (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 at least 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-trials.

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-trials, list of cases and persons spoken to, the respective learning and interventions should be documented in the competition final report. **The deadline for the submission of the Report on Prison Clinic is October 15, 2023.**

### (ii) LOK ADALAT

The participating institution must seek to work with the National/State/ District Legal Services authority. Assisting the Legal services authority in organizing 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. **The deadline for submission of Report on Lok Adalat is October 15, 2023.**

### (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. **The Deadline for submission of Report on Street Vendor Engagement is August 30, 2023.**

#### **(iv) NON-PROFIT PARTNERING**

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

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. **The deadline for submission of Videos of Non-Profit Partnering is October 15, 2023.**

#### **(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. **The deadline for submission of videos of Speed Mentoring is August 30, 2023.**

#### **(vi) FINAL REPORT**

Each Participating University will be required to submit one final report by **October 30<sup>th</sup>, 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

<b>MAY 22, 2023</b>	<b>RELEASE OF THE COMPETITION</b>
<b>JUNE 20, 2023</b>	<b>LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION</b>
<b>JULY 01, 2023</b>	<b>LAUNCH OF THE COMPETITION</b>
<b>AUGUST 30, 2023</b>	<b>SUBMISSION I: SPEED MENTORING VIDEOS &amp; REPORT ON STREET VENDOR ENGAGEMENT</b>
<b>OCTOBER 15, 2023</b>	<b>SUBMISSION II: VIDEO RECORDINGS OF NON-PROFIT PARTNERING, REPORT ON LOK ADALAT ENGAGEMENT AND REPORT ON PRISON CLINIC</b>
<b>JULY –OCTOBER 2023</b>	<b>FOUR ONLINE LEGAL AID WORKSHOPS</b>
<b>OCTOBER 30, 2023</b>	<b>SUBMISSION III: SUBMISSION OF FINAL REPORT</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 26, 2023</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS &amp; FELICITATION CEREMONY</b>

### 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>





## 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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TYPE OF BANK ACCOUNT (SB/CURRENT/CASH CREDIT)	SAVINGS BANK
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MICR CODE OF BANK	560026119

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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 organizers 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 organized 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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LIST OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS IN THE INAUGURAL PROF. V.S. MALLAR MEMORIAL LEGAL  
AID COMPETITION, 2022

1. University Five Year Law College, University of Rajasthan
2. V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Goa
3. Chandrababhu Jain College, Delhi
4. Des Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune
5. School of Law, Presidency University, Bengaluru
6. Vikash Law School, Bargarh, Orissa
7. The National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kerala
8. Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai
9. Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur
10. Sri Jagadguru Renukacharya College of Law Bangalore
11. Arunodaya Institute of Legal Studies, Bengaluru
12. School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, Cochin
13. CMR University School of Legal Studies
14. Ramaiah College of Law
15. Bennett University, Noida
16. Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
17. Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi
18. K L E Society's Law College Bengaluru
19. Faculty of Law, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal
20. Lloyd Law College, Greater Noida
21. Mar Gregorios College of Law, Kerala
22. Sardar Patel Subharti Institute of Law, SVSU, Meerut
23. Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, Punjab
24. NMIMS Kirit P. Mehta School of Law, Mumbai
25. Narayan school of law, Gopal Narayan Singh University, Bihar
26. Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli
27. JECRC University, Jaipur
28. University Law College and Department of studies in law, Bangalore University
29. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia College of Law, Bangalore.
30. Symbiosis Law School, Pune
31. Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS), Hyderabad
32. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow
33. Saveetha School of Law, Chennai
34. Department of Law, Vishwakarma University, Pune
35. Manipal University Jaipur
36. JSS Law College, Mysore
37. Christ Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru
38. IFIM Law School, Bengaluru
39. Hidayatullah National Law University
40. School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru
41. The North Cap University, Gurugram, Haryana
42. University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU
43. Hamdard Institute of Legal Studies and Research, The School of Law, Jamia Hamdard
44. Amity Kolkata
45. National Law Institute University, Bhopal
46. Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Law College Centre for Post Graduate Studies and Research in Law
47. Renaissance Law College, Indore
48. National Law University, Jodhpur
49. Raja Lakhamgouda Law College, Belagavi