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# IDIA – CBCL NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION



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# ABOUT NLIU



The National Law Institute University was established by Act No. 41 of the State Legislature of Madhya Pradesh in 1997. The university has earned the front-line status of an institution imparting quality legal education, conducting research in areas of law, and organizing workshops, seminars, and training programs. It has been able to carve out a niche for itself in academic excellence and placement of its students. The university now stands as one of the most reputed legal institutions and has been rated consistently as one of the best law universities in the country.

# ABOUT IDIA



Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access (IDIA) is a non-profit organization that empowers underprivileged and marginalized students by providing access to quality legal education and promoting diversity in Indian law schools.

Founded by the late Prof. (Dr.) Shamnad Basheer in 2010, IDIA trains students with an aptitude for law, helping them gain admission through scholarships and support. With over 1,000 volunteers across 20+ states, IDIA has made a national impact.

The Madhya Pradesh Chapter, run by students of the National Law Institute University, Bhopal, has 50+ volunteers. They train students for law entrance exams, organize fundraising events, and conduct Law for All programs, advancing IDIA's mission of promoting access to legal education.



# ABOUT CBCL



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Established in 2008 as a Centre of Excellence, the Centre for Business & Commercial Laws (CBCL) at National Law Institute University, Bhopal, is a distinguished academic activity hub dedicated to fostering scholarship and professional engagement in regards to business and corporate law, which is chaired by Prof. (Dr.) Ghayur Alam, the Senior Professor of Business Laws and Intellectual Property Rights at NLIU. CBCL functions under adept leadership and is known for its multifaceted initiatives, including The CBCL Blog one of India's oldest corporate law blogs; the NLIU–Trilegal Summit on Corporate & Commercial Laws, a prestigious annual research summit culminating in a Summit Book; the peer-reviewed NLIU Journal of Business Laws; as well as certificate courses and workshops in collaboration with leading law firms and legal experts.



# ABOUT S&R ASSOCIATES



S&R Associates is a full-service Indian law firm with offices in New Delhi and Mumbai providing legal services to sophisticated international and Indian clients.

S&R Associates distinguishes itself based on the quality of its advice, hands-on partner involvement, an inter-disciplinary approach across practice groups and deep regulatory expertise. The Firm believes in offering pragmatic advice and solutions-oriented approach on complex matters.

S&R Associates is a law firm of choice for clients, leading to recognition by various industry publications such as Chambers Global, Chambers Asia Pacific, IFLR1000, Legal 500 Asia Pacific, asialaw, Benchmark Asia Pacific, Lexology Index, Legal Era and India Business Law Journal.



# ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The 2nd IDIA - NLIU CBCL National Essay Writing Competition offers a platform for law students and legal professionals to engage with contemporary legal issues while contributing to a social cause. It is organised by the IDIA Madhya Pradesh Chapter in collaboration with the Centre for Business and Commercial Laws (CBCL), NLIU Bhopal, sponsored by S&R Associates.

In order to keep the event inclusive and accessible, a nominal registration fee is applicable to authors who are IDIA Scholars, CAN Foundation Scholars, or persons belonging to the PwD category.

All registration proceeds will go towards supporting IDIA's mission of making quality legal education accessible to underprivileged and marginalized students.

# IMPORTANT DATES





# DETAILS OF REGISTRATION

## Registration:

- Authors shall be required to pay an amount of INR 300/- for single-author entries and INR 500/- for co-authored entries. (Co-authorship, up to two authors are allowed).
- In order to keep the event inclusive and accessible, a nominal registration fee of INR 100 is applicable for authors who are IDIA Scholars, CAN Foundation Scholars, or persons belonging to the PwD category.

## The link for Registration shall be:

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4sMa52nDNVU5kgXbqogiKK9rzMpLlCBdMctEwHoZ69ojZfg/viewform?usp=header>

## Eligibility:

- Students currently pursuing LL.B./ LL.B.(Hons)/ LLM/ Ph.D. from a recognised university, and working professionals in the field of law are eligible to participate.

# INDICATIVE THEMES

- Corporate and Banking Law
- Capital Markets and Securities Regulation
- Commercial Contracts and Insolvency Law
- Taxation and Fiscal Regulation
- Cyber Law and FinTech Disputes
- International Trade and Intellectual Property Law
- Mergers, Acquisitions, and Corporate Restructuring
- Project Finance, Energy, and Infrastructure Law



# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

## A. General Guidelines:

- The manuscripts need to be submitted through Google Form only. The submission form will be shared with candidates after registration and payment are duly completed.
- Submissions made by any other means shall not be considered.
- Submission should deal with relevant and contemporary legal and policy issues under the broad themes provided herein
- Manuscripts that have already been submitted or published elsewhere must not be submitted.
- The deadline for submission of manuscripts is 11:59 PM, 07 August 2026.

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

## B. Style Specifications:

The manuscripts must strictly adhere to the following formatting guidelines:

- Title [Times New Roman, 14 points, 1.5 line spacing, Bold, All Caps, Centre Aligned].
- Main Body [Times New Roman, 12 points, 1.15 line spacing, Justified, 1-inch margins on all sides].
- The references must be hyperlinked to the source.
- The word limit for the submission is 2,000 to 2,500 words.



# AWARDS

## WINNER(S)

- Cash prize of INR 25,000/-
- An internship with S&R Associates (for Law Students)
- Publication of the manuscript in the CBCL Blog



## 1st RUNNER(S)-UP

- Cash prize of INR 20,000/-
- Publication of the manuscript in the CBCL Blog

## 2nd RUNNER(S)-UP

- Cash prize of INR 15,000/-
- Publication of the manuscript in the CBCL Blog

Certificate of Merit for the top 10 Manuscripts.



Certificate of Participation to all the Participants.





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