



MNLU Mumbai's Pro Bono Club and
Centre for Applied Research in Public Health
Law, Rights and Policy

Present

MNLU Mumbai – Yuvak Biradari (Bharat) Policy Drafting & Presentation Competition 2025

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About MNLU Mumbai

Maharashtra National Law Mumbai was set up in 2014 by an Act of Maharashtra State Legislature. It is one of India's twenty-three national law schools, hosts multiple centres dedicated to research in law, and offers a range of programmes in graduate, postgraduate and research levels with the five-year integrated BA LLB (Hons) as its flagship programme. As the name suggests, this programme seeks to situate the study and research in law within an interdisciplinary perspective. In particular, it focuses on subjects such as Economics, Literature, Sociology and Political Science to help graduates develop a holistic view of law as a social, political and cultural process.





About Yuvak Biradari

Yuvak Biradari (Bharat) is a national award winning organization working at pan-India level since 1974, cherishing the goals of humanity and nation building. It is a social, educational, cultural and youth movement in India. It has endeavoured to establish and promote Insaani Biradari (Universal Brotherhood). It also aims at strengthening the social fabric of India in order to realize the vision of a vibrant, prosperous, peaceful and enlightened nation.

Biradari draws its philosophical inspiration from the Preamble of the Indian Constitution, and from the thoughts and visions of Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore. One of Biradari's prime concerns has been national integration, whereby the multi-cultural and multi-religious society of India needs to be brought together as One People, One Nation.

Drawing inspiration from the famous "Bharat Chhodo" (Quit India) movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi in 1942 against the colonial rulers, Biradari gave the clarion call of "Bharat Jodo" in 1974 in order to build a strong socio-cultural foundation that could ensue and sustain rigorous development in the coming decades.





About Pro-Bono Club

The Pro Bono Club at Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai is a club run in association with the Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services) Program of the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice. The club is a group of students who are aiding in the implementation of laws in society. The club aims to further channel the values of justice, liberty, equality, fraternity, secularism, humanism, etc. as enshrined in the Indian Constitution. The Pro Bono Club operates as a beacon of social responsibility, actively engaging in a range of activities aimed at providing legal assistance, raising awareness about individual rights, and addressing societal issues. Our dedicated members have taken the initiative to conduct workshops, street plays, and village visits, school visits and awareness campaigns demonstrating a commitment to making a positive impact beyond the confines of our university.





About CPHL

Centre for Applied Research in Public Health Law, Rights and Policy was established to promote and advance research, scholarship and spread awareness in the areas of public health policies, public health programs and policy reforms in national and global contexts. It was established on 17th May, 2023.

As an advocate for health legislation reform, healthcare system improvements, and the implementation of health policies, the Centre endeavors to disseminate knowledge about existing policy responses to health challenges and rights concerning health. It also strives to critically analyze health policies to ensure compliance with fundamental rights. The Centre concentrates on a multidisciplinary approach to identifying health law-related challenges and engages in research, debate, and consultation that facilitates effective reforms in the health sector.

About the Competition

The Policy Drafting Competition 2025 aims to provide a platform for students to engage in policy formulation on pressing societal issues. Participants are expected to draft comprehensive policies aligned with the given themes and present them before a distinguished panel of academicians, policymakers, and legal experts.

With themes ranging from sustainable rural development and employment policies to federalism, institutional integrity, and healthcare reform, this initiative encourages participants to engage in critical analysis and propose innovative, impact-driven solutions. By fostering dialogue and research on these crucial issues, the competition aspires to contribute meaningfully to policy discourse and social change.

Themes

1. "Transforming Rural India: Sustainable Development Strategies"
2. "Bridging the Employment Gap: Policy Solutions for Job Creation"
3. "Balancing Power: Rethinking Centre-State Relations"
4. "Reinforcing Institutional Integrity: Appointments & Autonomy of Regulatory Bodies and & Judicial Autonomy"
5. "Strengthening Health Systems: Redesigning Primary Healthcare Delivery in India"

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Timeline

Announcement of Competition	7th March, 2025
Concept Note Reveal	12th March, 2025
Last Date for Registration	25th April, 2025
Last Date for Policy Submission	10th May, 2025
Policy Presentation	12th May, 2025.

Registration Fees

Individual Participant	Rs. 500
Team of Two	Rs. 1000

Please note that accommodation is not included in the fees.*

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I. Definitions

- “Competition” shall refer to the MNLU Mumbai- Yuvak Biradari (Bharat) International Policy Drafting & Presentation Competition, 2025.
- “Organizing Committee” shall refer to the Organizers of the said competition.
- “Rules” shall refer to the Official Rules of the Competition and shall apply to any supplementary Rules published by the Organizing Committee.
- “Team Code” refers to the unique code allotted to a Team after the completion of their registration process.
- “Written Submission” refers to the Submission of the Policy Draft.
- “Host University” refers to Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai.

II. General Instructions

- Mode of the Competition: Hybrid
- Mode of Submission: Online
- Mode of Presentation: Online / Offline [Offline presentations will be hosted at the premises of MNLU Mumbai]
- Participants opting to visit the campus for presentations must note that accommodation will not be provided by the host university.
- Any request to postpone the registration date and submission date will not be considered.
- Please note that all correspondence must be made with the email address provided in the registration form of the first participant.
- Failure to adhere to any guidelines may result in disqualification and/or penalties imposed on the participants.

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III. Eligibility & team composition

- The competition permits participation from students enrolled in the UG/PG programme of any discipline.
- Individuals or a team of 2 members may register for the competition.
- Note that cross institution teams, meaning – teams comprising members from different institutions are permitted to participate in the competition.

IV. Registration Process

- Final Registration for the competition shall be done on the following google form: [Registration Form](#)
- All interested students shall be required to register and pay the prescribed fee for the competition before the deadline, in order to be eligible to participate.
- The registration fee for an individual is INR 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred Only) and for each team is INR 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only) per team. The same shall be non-refundable.
- Payment for the registration can be made on the following link: [Payment](#)
- The Registration shall be deemed to be successful only when the participating team receives a confirmation mail along with their team code from the Organizing Committee.
- Request for any change in team composition will not be considered.
- Registration is to be done through the link provided. The deadline for registration is 05th April 2025 by 11:59 PM.

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V. Submission Guidelines

- Language: Participants are permitted to choose English or Hindi as the language for the policy drafting and presentation.
- Formatting Guidelines: Font: Times New Roman, Size 12 (Main Body); Size 10 (Footnotes). Line Spacing and Alignment: 1.5 (Main Body), 1 (Footnotes); Justified.
- Citation style to be followed is the 20th Edition Blue Book format.
- Any form of identification mark of the participants on the draft policy except the 'team code' (including any disclosures relating to their institutions) is strictly prohibited and may lead to disqualification.
- Submission made by the participants is to be titled – TC- 'assigned code' Policy Draft.
- All clarification requests must be submitted via the aforementioned email and within the deadline set by the organizers.
- Similarity beyond 10% shall be subject to penalties.
- Cross plagiarism is not permitted. Cross plagiarism occurs when two or more drafts share 40% or more similarity, whether intentional or unintentional. This includes copying or reproducing substantial content across submissions and will result in the disqualification of all involved participants.
- Written submissions will be screened for AI-related plagiarism. Any submission found to be predominantly AI-generated without sufficient human input or originality will be disqualified.
- File submission must be made in both Word-Docx. & PDF Formats.

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VI. Objective Deductions

- Late submission: 1 mark deduction per hour and no submissions will be accepted after 24 hours.
- Non-compliance with formatting guidelines: 0.5 marks for each error up to 5 marks.
- Non-compliance with language requirements: Disqualification
- Exceeding plagiarism limits: Penalty or Disqualification at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

VII. Review Process

- The participants will hold all the rights over their draft after the competition ends.
- The Organizing Committee is entitled to amend the Competition Rules, including the Competition format, with prior intimation to cater to any and every contingency that may arise before or during the progression of the Competition. The decision of organizers is final and binding.

VIII. Presentation Rules

- Each participant/team will have 10 minutes for presenting their policy draft, followed by 5 minutes for questions.
- Participants willing to present their policy draft via a PowerPoint Presentation (PPT) must submit the same via email (on mnlumumbaievents@mnlumumbai.edu.in) by 11th May 2025.

IX. Copyright Over Written Submissions

- The participants retain the rights over their policy drafts. However, the Host University reserves the right to publish, distribute, or use the submitted drafts for academic, research, and promotional purposes with due credit to the authors.

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x. General Policy Structure Guidelines

- Participants are advised to follow the given structure while drafting their policy, however the same shall not be mandatory:
- i. Title: The title should be concise and indicative of the policy's subject matter.
- ii. Introduction: Briefly explain the context, background, and need for the policy.
- iii. Objective: Clearly define the aim and purpose of the policy.
- iv. Scope & Applicability: Outline who and what the policy covers.
- v. Legal & Policy Framework: Provide references to relevant laws, regulations, and policies supporting the proposal.
- vi. Key Provisions: Explain the main components of the policy, including its implementation mechanism.
- vii. Implementation & Enforcement: Detail how the policy will be executed and monitored.
- viii. Expected Impact & Feasibility: Discuss the practical aspects and potential benefits of the policy.
- ix. Conclusion & Recommendations: Summarize the key takeaways and suggest improvements or follow-up actions.
- x. References & Citations: Include any legal or academic references used in the draft.

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Awards

1st Prize	INR 10,000 + Certificate of Merit + Internship Opportunities
2nd Prize	INR 7,000 + Certificate of Merit
3rd Prize	INR 5,000 + Certificate of Merit
Consolation Prizes (3 Winners)	INR 1000 each + Certificate of Recognition

- Certificate of Participation: For all participants.
- Exciting internship opportunities for top performers.

Structure

- All Students registered shall participate in the competition by submitting policies as per guidelines.
- The presentation will be conducted in a hybrid mode, allowing participants to present their policies both online and offline, on campus.
- Time allotted for presentations - 10 + 5 Minutes.
- All participants who submit a policy within stipulated deadline are eligible to present.

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Guidelines regarding Structure of Policy (not mandatory)

1. Title:
 - A concise, relevant title.
2. Abstract:
 - Summary of the policy draft.
3. Statement of Problem:
 - Concise identification of the issue.
4. Definitions:
 - Clarification of technical terms.
5. Stakeholders:
 - List of impacted parties.
6. Policy Statement:
 - Key provisions and applicability.
 - Special conditions and exclusions.
7. Implementation Procedure:
 - Stepwise approach to execution.
8. Cost-Benefit Analysis:
 - Expected costs and anticipated benefits.
9. Concluding Remarks: Summary and future roadmap.

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Scoring Criteria

Content Introduction, Analysis, Comprehensiveness, Originality	40 Marks
Organization Clarity, Creativity, Relevance	30 Marks
Mechanics Grammar, Formatting, Citations	30 Marks

Miscellaneous

- The competition will be conducted in adherence to the rules mentioned above.
- The organizing committee reserves the right to modify rules if required, with due notice to participants.

For any queries, contact: Mnlumevents@mnlumumbai.edu.in

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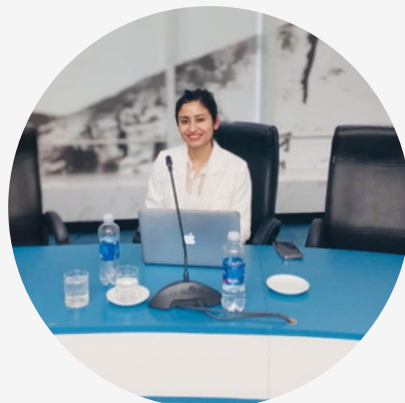
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Organising Team

Chairpersons

1. Shantanu Mhaske
2. Anurag Shelke

Student Advisor

1. Vedant Vaishali Jayant Mainkar

Supervisors:

1. Gnanith Hunsur
2. Preeti Zalwar
3. Samruddhi Nanoskar



Organising Team

Heads

Social Media Heads

1. Kimaaya Hadke
2. Anwita Mishra

Technical Heads

1. Omkar Tamhane
2. Aastha Gawande

Registration Heads

1. Siddhi Indoria
2. Sreenidhi
3. Payoja Otswal

Post Competition

1. Arya Jaiswal
2. Anurag Shelke
3. Shantanu Mhaske

PR Heads

1. Rashi Deulkar
2. Tanvi Gorakh

Panelist and Judges

1. Kimaaya Hadke
2. Om Burange
3. Siddhi Indoria

Logistics Heads

1. Hrishikesh
Mandlik
2. Rudula Chaudhari



Important Details

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date to Register as a Participant

26th April, 2025

Policy Drafting
Submission
Deadline

10th May, 2025

Policy Presentation
(Hybrid Mode)

12th May, 2025

Policy Presentation
(Hybrid Mode)

12th May, 2025