

SAMATVA: LEGAL AID SOCIETY, SCHOOL OF LAW, NMIMS INDORE

in collaboration with

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

presents

# 2<sup>nd</sup> LEGAL AID POLICY CONVENTION, 2025

on Rights of Specially Abled

22-23 March, 2025











### **ABOUT NMIMS INDORE**

SVKM's Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS) was established under the patronage of Shri Vile Parle Kelavani Mandal (SVKM) in 1981. SVKM is currently one of the largest educational societies in Mumbai, which caters to the mission of creating modern education systems, and has been committed to developing numerous academic institutes and platforms for imparting knowledge. SVKM, through its 33 educational institutions comprising schools, colleges and universities, offers premium education to more than 40,000 students every year. Being one of the flagship initiatives of SVKM, and having a legacy of more than 40 years, SVKM's Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS), has grown to become one of the top 10 Bschools in India. NMIMS has also emerged as a multi-disciplinary University having 8 campuses in total, at locations such as Mumbai, Shirpur, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Indore, Chandigarh, Dhule and Navi Mumbai, and 17 constituent schools that include Management, Engineering, Law, Pharmacy, Business Economics, Science, Architecture etc. In furtherance of the university's vision to provide good quality and socially sensitive human resources to the nation, the mission of NMIMS, Indore is to be an institution of excellence for learning & collaborative research, with a deep commitment to people.

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### DEAN

It is with immense pride and enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 2nd National Legal Aid Policy Convention 2025, a dynamic platform organized by School of Law, NMIMS Indore, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

This convention represents more than a gathering of brilliant legal minds—it's a call to action. As legal practitioners, policymakers, and advocates, we convene to confront one of the most pressing challenges of our time: the inclusion and empowerment of persons with disabilities (PwDs). The task at hand is not just to identify gaps in existing frameworks but to craft innovative, actionable policies that champion dignity, equality, and accessibility.

The importance of legal aid cannot be overstated—it is the cornerstone of a just and compassionate society. It bridges the gap between the law and the people it serves, ensuring that justice is not a privilege but a fundamental right. Through public hearings, policy presentations, and robust discussions, this convention aims to make that vision a lived reality.

At School of Law, NMIMS, we believe in nurturing not just skilled lawyers but socially conscious leaders. Events like these exemplify our commitment to creating change-makers who think beyond courtroom victories to societal progress.

I congratulate the dedicated team at SAMATVA: The Legal Aid Society for their relentless efforts in making this convention a reality. Your passion and commitment reflect the ethos we strive to foster in every student.

As we come together to deliberate and innovate, I urge you to think boldly, challenge convention, and work collaboratively toward policies that truly uplift and empower those most in need.

Wishing you a convention filled with insightful discourse and meaningful outcomes.











### DIRECTOR

Welcome to SVKM's NMIMS, Indore, and the 2nd Legal Aid Policy Convention, 2025!

At NMIMS Indore, we take immense pride in fostering an academic environment that not only nurtures intellectual growth but also prepares students to tackle real-world challenges with confidence and creativity. Our institution is built on the pillars of inclusivity, integrity, and respect for diverse perspectives. We firmly believe that education is a continuous journey of learning, unlearning, and relearning, shaping individuals who uphold the highest ethical, professional, and personal standards.

This Legal Aid Policy Convention stands as a shining example of our dedication to these values. This prestigious platform brings together some of the brightest legal minds from across the nation, providing them with an opportunity to demonstrate their policy drafting acumen and engage in thought-provoking discussions on crucial socio-legal issues. It is a celebration of intellect, innovation, and the collective pursuit of justice and equality.

To all participants, this is more than just a competition – it's a chance to broaden your horizons, deepen your understanding of pressing societal challenges, and contribute meaningfully to the discourse on legal aid and social justice. Embrace this enriching journey, where every discussion, every idea, and every draft has the potential to make a difference.

Let us come together to create an event that not only inspires personal growth but also ignites a collective vision for a more inclusive and equitable society. We are excited to witness the power of your ideas, the strength of your convictions, and the passion you bring to the table.

Here's to an impactful, transformative, and unforgettable experience!











### **ASSOCIATE DEAN**

As the Associate Dean of School of Law, NMIMS Indore, it gives me immense pleasure to announce the 2nd Legal Aid Policy Convention, 2025, organized by SAMATVA: The Legal Aid Society. This event is a testament to our unwavering commitment to fostering social justice and inclusivity, focusing on one of the most vulnerable yet often marginalized groups in our society—the specially-abled community. The competition offers a unique platform to address the legal and societal challenges faced by persons with disabilities, a demographic that often grapples with systemic barriers and limited access to justice. By highlighting these critical issues, we aim to inspire a deeper understanding of their needs and to promote policy-driven solutions that bridge the gap between legal frameworks and practical implementation.

We believe that true empowerment stems from innovative and inclusive policymaking. Through this competition, participants are encouraged to think creatively, critically, and collaboratively, drafting policies that uphold the rights and dignity of the specially-abled while ensuring these rights are actionable in real-world scenarios. It is an opportunity to not only showcase your legal acumen but also to contribute meaningfully to the advancement of social equity.

Policy drafting is a cornerstone of governance and social transformation, and this event offers students a rare chance to hone their skills in this essential area. By participating, you will engage in an enriching intellectual experience, tackling complex, real-world issues while fostering a culture of inclusivity and justice. We eagerly look forward to your active participation in this transformative endeavor. Together, let us strive to create a society that leaves no one behind and ensures that every individual, regardless of their abilities, has equal access to opportunities, rights, and dignity.



DR. ASHUTOSH HAJELA

ASSOCIATE DEAN, SCHOOL OF LAW









### **FACULTY CO-ORDINATOR**

The 2nd Legal Aid Policy Convention 2025 is not just an event— it is a platform where thought meets execution, and ideas take the shape of impactful policies. As I reflect on this journey of conceptualizing and curating such a transformative event, one theme resonates above all: the power of meaningful collaboration.

What began as an ambitious idea within the corridors of NMIMS School of Law, Indore, quickly grew into a mission driven by a singular purpose — to craft actionable solutions for strengthening the legal and policy framework concerning the rights, inclusion, and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities (PwDs). Bringing this vision to life required countless brainstorming sessions, tireless efforts, and strong partnerships, including the invaluable collaboration with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. Their involvement underscores the convention's strategic importance and reinforces our shared responsibility toward creating an inclusive and equitable society. SAMATVA: The Legal Aid Society has always championed the cause of legal awareness and accessibility. With every legal aid camp, street play, and outreach program, we've learned that impactful change stems from thoughtful engagement and sincere advocacy. This convention represents the culmination of those experiences — a space where policymakers, legal experts, scholars, and advocates converge to drive meaningful policy innovation.

Our hope is that these deliberations, public hearings, and policy drafting exercises will pave the way for a more inclusive legal framework that empowers and uplifts persons with disabilities. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to every individual and organization that has walked alongside us in this journey. Your support and belief in this initiative have been invaluable. As we embark on this significant endeavor, I encourage all participants to engage with purpose, question with curiosity, and leave with ideas that spark lasting change.















### **ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW**

The School of Law (SOL), NMIMS Indore, a distinguished constituent of SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed-to-be-University), was established in 2019 with the approval of the Bar Council of India. Emphasizing a balanced approach to academics, professional ethics, and sociocultural values, the school is dedicated to nurturing compassionate and skilled legal professionals.

Currently offering five-year integrated programs—B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)—SOL provides students with specialization options during their penultimate and ultimate semesters to master specific branches of law. Our vision is to become a globally acclaimed center of legal excellence, committed to the pursuit of justice and human dignity. The school fosters exponential academic growth through seminars, workshops, competitions, and cultural events like Moot Courts, Client Counseling, Legal Aid Camps, Mock Trials, and Parliamentary Debates. SOL's industry connections with legal practitioners, law firms, and the judiciary ensure unparalleled exposure and internship opportunities for its students. A dedicated Placement Committee further supports students in securing rewarding careers.









## ABOUT MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is the nodal agency under the aegis of Government of India, responsible for welfare, social justice and empowerment of disadvantaged and marginalised sections of society, including scheduled castes (SC), Other Backward Classes (OBC), persons with disabilities, the elderly, victims of drug abuse etc. It also assists in efficacious implementation of legislations with regards to these marginalized groups. The Ministry operates through two departments, namely- Department of Social Justice and Empowerment and Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan). The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment was set up in May 2012 with the aim to facilitate empowerment and inclusion of the persons with disabilities and acts as a nodal agency to look after all development agenda of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan). Empowerment of persons with disabilities is an inter-disciplinary process, covering various aspects namely, prevention, early detection, intervention, education, health, vocational training, rehabilitation and social integration. The Ministry through its endeavours envisages to build an inclusive society, in which equal opportunities are provided for the growth and development of Persons with Disabilities, so that they can lead productive, safe and dignified lives.









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### **ABOUT SAMATVA**

SAMATVA: The Legal Aid & Awareness Society of NMIMS, Indore, is built on the core principles of public awareness, equal opportunity, and access to justice. Committed to addressing socio-economic disparities, Samatva works to bridge gaps in the legal system through strategic initiatives aimed at empowering the underprivileged. The society organizes impactful programs such as Legal Aid Camps, Street Vendor Awareness Campaigns, Prison Visits, Legal Awareness Campaigns, and Speed Mentoring Programs. Samatva collaborates with stakeholders such as Legal Services Authorities, the judiciary, and community organizations to ensure that legal aid reaches the people who need it most.

The Society's efforts were recently recognized when they were invited to participate in SAMVAD 2024, an annual state consultation on the protection of children with disabilities, organized by the Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh in collaboration with UNICEF. The event's top policy recommendations were taken into account by the High Court in formulating a state-level action plan for persons with special abilities in Madhya Pradesh. Through its relentless dedication to promoting access to justice, SAMATVA continues to strive for a more inclusive and just society.











### **OUR JOURNEY SO FAR**

1. Creating a niche in the field of advocacy for the specially abled, *SAMATVA*, organised its 1st National Legal Aid Policy Drafting Competition, 2024 in collaboration with Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (MPSLSA) and Samarthanam: Trust for Disabled in April 2024. Participants from 25 eminent law schools of the country participated in the competition with the aim of creating a robust legal aid policy for rehabilitation and inclusion of specially abled in the mainstream.







2. The rigorous endeavours of SAMATVA, advocating for enforcement of rights of specially abled, were recognised in SAMVAD: State Consultation on Rights of Children with Disability organised by Juvenile Justice Committee, Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh under the directions of the Juvenile Justice Committee, Hon'ble Supreme Court and in collaboration with UNICEF, where SAMATVA was invited to aid in developing State Action Plan on rights of Children with Disability. The Editorial Board of SAMATVA, fine tuned the top three policies of our 1st National Legal Aid Policy Drafting Competition. Our Faculty Coordinator, MR. AMAN DEEP SINGH, who represented SAMATVA in the consultation, deliberated upon the 3 policies before distinguished legal luminaries and stakeholders.















### **OUR JOURNEY SO FAR**

3. Legal Aid Camps & Lok Adalat Awareness Drives organised by *SAMATVA* in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), have proven to be a great medium to sensitise the public on dispute resolution mechanisms, and providing them with appropriate legal advice, free of cost.







4. SAMATVA, in its collaborations with non-profit organisations, has worked for the rights of the deaf, specially abled, children, women, etc., and for making legal aid accessible to vulnerable groups, thus promoting inclusive legal aid.







5. SAMATVA was invited to Capacity Building Workshop for Community Mediators at MP High Court, Indore, where our students performed a street play on the theme, "Advantages of community mediation in Family Disputes." Hon'ble Justice Shri Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge, Supreme Court, was the chief guest of the event. The workshop also marked the august presence of Hon'ble Judges of MP High Court (Jabalpur, Indore and Gwalior benches) and District Court, Indore.















### **OUR JOURNEY SO FAR**

6. SAMATVA has conducted legal awareness sessions in various schools of Indore district on socio-legal topics such as domestic violence, child marriage, sexual abuse, bullying, harassment etc., and have sensitized more than 2000 students.







7. The Street Vendors Legal Aid & Awareness Programmes of SAMATVA have helped more than 200 street vendors of Indore get enrolled into schemes such as PM-Svanidhi, PM-JAY, SAMAGRA, Madhya Pradesh Kamgar Yojna, SAMBAL, AADHAR, PAN etc







8. SAMATVA sets up prison aid clinics in District Jail & Central Jail of Indore, in collaboration with Prison & Correction Home Authorities and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), to assist the Legal Aid Defence Counsels (LADC), in handling cases and spreading awareness amongst the inmates regarding legal aid.















### **ABOUT THE COMPETITION**

The first edition of the event, 1st National Legal Aid Policy Drafting Competition, 2024, conducted in online mode, was a resounding success. In this second edition, we decided to improvise our initiative even further, and devise it in the form of a convention rather than a traditional policy drafting competition. The reasons behind this were to ensure greater participation of specially abled individuals in policy making, and bring together eminent individuals from different walks of life, be it judiciary, government, NGOs, think tanks etc under the same roof, in order to encourage constructive deliberations and fine tuning of policies. This event will be held offline at NMIMS Indore Campus. The dynamic format of this competition, a first of its kind in India, is designed to foster critical thinking, problem-solving, and practical application of legal knowledge in the context of disability rights. The format involves three stages, highlighted as follows:

- **1. Policy Submission**: The Competition would be open to all students enrolled in 3-year or 5-year law programs across the country. The participants will submit a written draft of the detailed policy on ensuring equal rights and better accessibility to legal aid and opportunities in society.
- **2. Policy Discussion:** Amongst the written submissions of policies, the top 8 teams would be shortlisted by an external editorial board comprising academicians, research scholars, disability rights advocates etc. These teams would participate in the quarter-final, semi-final and final rounds of the competition, to be held at the NMIMS Indore campus, where they would be judged on the basis of their research, discussion, positive criticism of the other's policy.
- **3. Policy Hearing:** The finalists after completing their round will be required to conduct a public hearing of their policy, where they will be pitching their policies to specially-abled individuals, media, and disability rights advocates, making the policy simulation exercise truly inclusive.









### RULE BOOK

#### 1. DEFINITION CLAUSE

- "Competition" refers to the 2nd Legal Aid Policy Convention, 2025
- "Organizing Committee" refers to the organizers of this competition i.e. SAMATVA: Legal Aid Society.
- "Preliminary Round" refers to the written submission phase, which determines the teams advancing to the Ouarterfinal Round.
- "Rules" refer to the official rules of the competition and any supplementary rules published by the Organizing Committee.
- "Team Code" refers to the unique code allotted to a team post-registration.
- "Written Submission" refers to the policy drafts submitted in the Preliminary/ Policy Submission Round.

#### 2. THEME & CONCEPT NOTE

#### "Equal Rights, Equal Access: Building an Inclusive Future for Divyaangjan"

Specially Abled individuals, or "Divyaangjan," face numerous challenges in their daily lives. Despite existing legal frameworks, accessibility to justice remains a significant gap.

The theme of this competition emphasizes that equal rights must translate into equal access, particularly for the specially-abled community. Participants are encouraged to develop innovative policy solutions to bridge the gap between legal rights and practical accessibility, fostering a truly inclusive and supportive legal ecosystem.

The aim is to inspire transformative thinking that empowers the specially-abled and ensures their rights are upheld on an equal footing with others.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to undergraduate students enrolled in **five-year** or **three-year LLB** programs from any recognized university or college in India.









### 4. PROBLEM STATEMENT

In a city of the state of Genevoia, a family of four resided which included father, mother, daughter and a son. The daughter, whose name was Mia was a person with locomotor disability and hearing disability having 70DB hearing loss. Mia and her family resided in a complex wherein initially a lift was not installed. Since Mia was small, it was easy for her parents to carry her in their arms but with each growing day, parents of Mia used to think about changing their residence. Thankfully, due to the constant requests by Miya's parents, a lift was installed and Mia's parents' worry vanished, for now.

Whenever Mia was out of her house, she saw kids playing together and always wondered why her parents does not allow her to play with other kids and whether she will be able to play with them? Within no time Mia turned four and it was time to get her enrolled in school. Her parents selected a very reputed inclusive school. As soon as the first day of school arrived, the school bus came to pick Mia. When her parents saw that there was no ramp installed for Mia's wheelchair to enter into the bus, they decided to pick and drop her from their own vehicle.

Initially no one befriended Mia in class. Once in a while, if someone sat with her during lunch time, they were unable to communicate with her due to her hearing inability. Gradually, Mia got used to being lonely in the class. Though she, at times, was subjected to bullying, she never resorted to complaining. The classes for Mia were also not going great. The school, though was inclusive, did not have a full-time sign language interpreter who could have assisted Mia in her studies. On the day of parent-teacher meeting, parents of Mia were shocked to see her result. Nor did she fail all her subjects, she also failed PT class. As the PT class was mandatory, students were marked on their speed while running, an activity in which Mia could not take part.

This did not dishearten Mia and her parents. Mia's parents now dedicated more time to Mia's studies by teaching her personally. Though this exercise increased Mia's grades, she was unable to get marks in PT class and was unable to perform in co-curricular activities.

One fine day, Mia's father was ill. On such day, Mia's father was unable to drop her to school, hence, he asked one of his neighborhood friends to drop Mia. Since Mia was not accompanied by her father, her mother insisted that she carry mobile with her. While in school, a peon saw her mobile and stole it. Once Mia was back home, she narrated her ordeal that how when she was having lunch and was all alone in the class, a peon came and stole the mobile from her bag. Due to her fear of being bullied again, she did not bring this up to her teachers.

When Mia's parents got to know about this, they headed to the police station. While in police station, Mia encountered issues while communicating to the police staff as no sign language interpreter was present. Somehow with the help of her parents, Mia narrated the incident. Once the peon was confronted, he denied everything saying that a child with disability cannot be trusted.









### 4. PROBLEM STATEMENT

After this incident, Mia's parents decided to shift to a different country. Mia, along with her family, shifted to a developed nation which has all the reasonable accommodations to accommodate her diverse needs.

The conditions of Genevoia are similar to that of India. As per the ICMR's publication from the NFHS-5 survey 2019-21, 4.52% of the population of India, i.e., 63.28 million are specially abled. The Legislature thus enacted legislations such as Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, the Mental Health Care Act, 2017, the National Trust Act, 1999, and the Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992 to protect the rights and safeguard the interests of specially abled. Furthermore, Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 mentions specially abled persons as beneficiaries to free legal aid. However, the major concerns arise in the implementation of these legislations. The situation is further aggravated by the negative attitude and stigma surrounding specially abled persons present in the society. You are thus appointed by Government of Genevoia to design a concrete policy for ensuring upliftment, rehabilitation, inclusivity and access to justice to the specially abled.

#### Note:

- The laws of Genevoia are pari materia to that of India.
- This problem statement has been drafted by **Mr. Tapas Bharadwaj**, **Trustee and Head Inclusivity**, **Raindrops Foundation**. Any attempt to approach him would result in disqualification of the team from the competition.









### RULE BOOK

#### 5. LANGUAGE OF THE COMPETITION

- The official language of the competition is **English**.
- All rounds, including written submissions and presentations, will be conducted in English.

#### 6. MODE OF THE COMPETITION

- The Preliminary Round will be online, where participants would be required to submit soft copies of their policy drafts.
- Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals will be conducted offline at SVKM's NMIMS Indore Campus.

#### 7. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

• Each team shall consist of **2** (**two**) members, who will deliberate upon the policy draft and put forth the team's arguments.

#### **8. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION**

- **Policy Submission/ Preliminary Round:** This round would involve written submission of policy drafts by participants. These policy drafts would be thoroughly evaluated by an external panel comprising think tanks, policy experts etc. Top 8 policy drafts as per evaluation would qualify for Policy Discussion Round.
- **Policy Discussion Round:** The 8 shortlisted teams would participate in the quarter-final, semi-final and final rounds of the competition, to be held at the NMIMS Indore campus, where they would be judged on the basis of their research, discussion, positive criticism of other's policy etc.
  - **Quarter-finals**: The top 8 teams would deliberate upon and discuss their policies in detail in front of the panel of judges. Each team shall be given 45 minutes in total, where 40 minutes would be for policy deliberation and 5 minutes for addressing the concerns raised by the other team.
  - **Semi-finals**: Top 4 teams from the Quarterfinals will proceed to the semi-finals. Each team shall be given 60 minutes in total, where 50 minutes would be for policy deliberation and 10 minutes for addressing the concerns raised by the other team.
  - **Finals**: The top 2 teams from semi-finals will compete in the final round. Each team shall be given 60 minutes in total, where 50 minutes would be for policy deliberation and 10 minutes for addressing the concerns raised by the other team.









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• **Policy Hearing Round**: The finalists after completing their round will be required to participate in a public hearing of their policy, where they will be pitching their policies to a panel of specially-abled individuals, media, and disability rights activists, making the policy simulation exercise truly inclusive. Each team shall be given a total of 30 minutes to deliberate upon their policies and answer the questions posed by the panel.

#### 9. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

- Teams will be assigned a Team Code upon registration. All communications shall be made through this code.
- Written submissions must include the Team Code only, without institution logos, names, or images. Violation of this rule shall result in disqualification of the team.

#### 10. TERMS OF USE

- The Organizing Committee retains the intellectual property rights to all submitted policies.
- Participants grant a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, modify, publish, and distribute the policy proposals for any purpose related to the competition, policy development, or public education.
- Co-authorship will be acknowledged for any public use of the policies.

#### 11. DRESS CODE

- Males: White shirt, black trousers, black coat, black tie.
- Females: White shirt, black trousers, black coat, black tie OR White kurta, black salwar, black coat.

#### **12. AMENDMENT TO RULES**

• The organizing committee reserves the rights to alter any rules or add any rules for the competition at any time before the commencement of the competition. In exercising such right, the Organising Committee shall provide reasonable notice to the participants.









### REGISTRATION

#### **REGISTRATION GUIDELINES**

- 1. All interested students shall be required to register for the competition in order to be eligible to participate in the same before **04.03.2025** (**11:59 PM**).
- 2. The registration fee is **Rs. 700/-**. The same shall be non-refundable.
- 3. The link for registration form <a href="https://forms.gle/DG6arzb6cLJm45Bp6">https://forms.gle/DG6arzb6cLJm45Bp6</a>
- 4. The teams shall ensure that the details filled by them in the above form are correct, as they will be used for preparing certificates.
- 5. The payment of the registration fee must be made according to the payment guidelines provided in this brochure. For payment details, kindly refer to the Payment Guidelines section of the brochure.
- 6. The registration shall be deemed to be successful only when the participating team receives confirmation of mail along with their team code from the Organising Committee.
- 7. Any changes in the contact details of Team members must be notified to the Organising Committee through mail at the earliest.
- 8. The 8 shortlisted teams for policy discussion rounds would be further required to pay **Rs. 3000/-** for accommodation and food at NMIMS Indore Campus. The method of payment would be similar to that of payment of registration fee. Additional information or guidelines (if any) shall be communicated on mail beforehand to the shortlisted teams.









### REGISTRATION

#### **PAYMENT GUIDELINES**

To complete your registration payment, kindly visit the provided link or scan the QR code below.



#### **Payment Link**

https://nmims.edu/payments/final/dataFrom.php

To complete the payment process kindly refer to the following guidelines:

#### 1. Fill out the Payment Form:

- Amount: [Registration Amount 700]
- Student Number: Ten Digit Personal Mobile Number starting with Zero [OXXXXXXXXX]
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- Program Name: LAPC
- Purpose of Payment: EVENT REGISTRATION (Select from dropdown)
- Campus: INDORE
- Personal Contact Number: [Your Contact Number]
- Email Address: [ samatva.solindore@nmims.edu ]
- Other Required Details

#### 2. Proceed to Payment:

After filling in all the required details, click on "Pay Now." You will be redirected to a new window for payment processing.



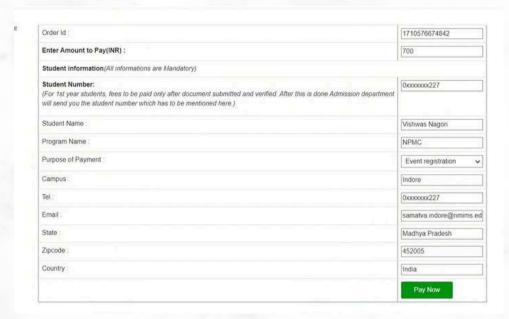






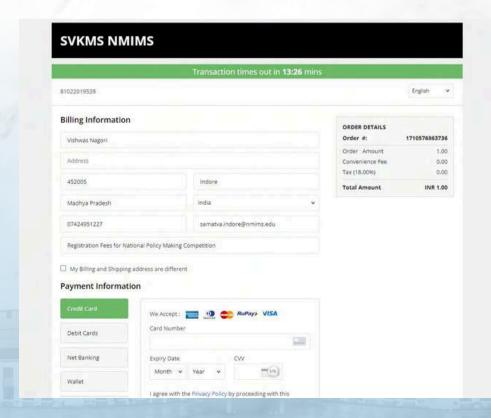


### REGISTRATION



#### 3. Complete Payment Information:

- In the new window, please re-check the details.
- Ensure to fill the following Email address [samatva.solindore@nmims.edu] in all boxes where email id is required. Do not fill your personal e-mail id.
- Include a note: "REGISTRATION FEE FOR 2nd LEGAL AID POLICY CONVENTION"
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### **TIMELINES**

REGISTRATION OPENS	04.02.2025	
REGISTRATION CLOSES	04.03.2025	
POLICY SUBMISSION DEADLINE	04.03.2025	
DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR TOP 8 SHORTLISTED TEAMS	09.03.2025	
DRAW OF LOTS	22.03.2025	
QUARTER-FINALS & SEMI FINALS	22.03.2025	
FINAL AND POLICY HEARING	23.03.2025	
RESULT DECLARATION	23.03.2025	









### GUIDELINES

#### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

- The name of the document must be 'Team Code: Policy Draft Submission'. Furthermore, the subject of the submission mail should be 'Team Code- Written Submission | Policy Draft'
- The submissions shall be made in both .doc and .pdf format. The file should not be password protected.
- All the submissions shall be made through mail at <u>samatva.solindore@nmims.edu</u> before 04.03.2025 (11:59 p.m).
- No submissions shall be accepted post the submission deadline.

#### **FORMATTING GUIDELINES**

- Language: English. Submissions must avoid defamatory content or sentiments targeting religion, politics, or individuals.
- Main Body:

Font: Times New Roman, Size: 12 pt, Line Spacing: 1.5, Alignment: Justified.

Footnotes:

Font: Times New Roman, Size: 10 pt, Line Spacing: 1.0, Alignment: Left.

Follow Bluebook 21st Edition citation standards.

- **Submission Limit**: Maximum of 15 pages, including:
  - Cover Page (Title and Team Code).
  - Sections:
    - Introduction
    - Target Groups
    - Analysis of Existing Legislation
    - Implementation Loopholes
    - Judicial Approach
    - Need for New Policy
    - Policy Recommendations
    - Conclusion

#### **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- Use of AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini) is strictly prohibited.
- Permitted plagiarism level: 10%
- Non-adherence to guidelines may result in disqualification.









### PRIZES & REWARDS

WINNER	RS. 21000/- + TROPHY
FIRST RUNNERS-UP	RS. 11000/- + TROPHY
BEST SPEAKER (POLICY HEARING)	RS. 3000/- + TROPHY

All participating teams shall be awarded E-Certificates of Participation. Furthermore, the 8 shortlisted teams for policy presentation round shall also be awarded Certificates of Merit.









### MARKING CRITERIA

#### FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

S.No.	PARAMETERS	MAX. MARKS
1	Drafting	20
2	Originality and Innovation	20
3	Depth of Research	20
4	Quality of recommendations proposed	20
5	Practical Applicability of the solutions	20

TOTAL - 100 Marks









### MARKING CRITERIA

#### **FOR POLICY DISCUSSION ROUNDS**

S.No.	PARAMETERS	MAX. MARKS
1	Understanding of the Issue	20
2	Policy Framework	20
3	Implementation Strategy	20
4	Quality of arguments	20
5	Presentation & Communication Skills	20

TOTAL - 100 Marks









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