



**NSS UNIT, NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL  
ACADEMY, ASSAM In Collaboration with  
IQAC CELL, NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL  
ACADEMY, ASSAM Announces  
NATIONAL POLICY DRAFTING COMPETITION – (VICHAAR)**

**CONCEPT NOTE**

Policy drafting and policy formulation are regarded as the primary step of any planning process. It is a strategic starting point of any planning process aiming towards a specific end followed by execution. A national policy for a country generally includes a set of measures and deliverables aimed at the future developments of the country. A policy provides a binding framework for the government while formulating detailed plans of action in an area for a longer period of time. Policy making is a humongous task. The progress of a country, key areas and subjects where the government wish to emphasize on etc. are basically dependent on the policies that the government adopts. In past, in our country we have witnessed several of such policies adopted by the government such as the National Education Policy, the National Health Policy, the National Civil Aviation Policy, and the recently adopted National IPR Policy etc. Although, policy making is considered as a task of the government, the citizens also have a key role in this regard. Participation of citizens while drafting a policy is very pertinent especially, in a democracy like ours as it is believed that the democracy is a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

In order to inculcate a sense of participation in policy making among the youth, the National Service Scheme Unit of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the University have come up with a policy making and drafting competition. The National Policy Drafting Competition –

(VICHAAR) is the first of its kind that is being organised by any institution of the north eastern part of our country. The purpose behind holding this competition is to

evoke youths to enhance their creativity and bring out myriad solutions on some timeless and some contemporary issues provided below.

## **ABOUT NLUJAA**

The National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJAA) has been established by the Government of Assam by way of enactment of the National Law School and Judicial Academy, Assam Act, 2009 (Assam Act No. XXV of 2009). The word 'School' was replaced by the word 'University' by amending the National Law School and Judicial Academy, Assam (Amendment) Act, 2011. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court is the Chancellor of the University. NLUJAA promotes and makes available modern legal education and research facilities to students and scholars drawn from across the country, including the North East, coming from different socio-economic, ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds. Recently, NLUJAA has been ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the NIRF ranking among the institutions imparting legal education in India.

## **STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION**

The National Policy Drafting Competition – (VICHAAR) will consist of following stages:

- 1. Registration and Theme Selection:** Participants must register and select the topic before the due date to be eligible for participation. It is advised to register beforehand and not wait for the eleventh hour in order to avoid last minute hassles. Registration is free of cost. Themes once selected will not be changed under any circumstances. Each participant can register for only one theme. A maximum of 2 co-participants are allowed to take part in the competition along with the team coordinator. So, a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 3 participants can register under a team. The **registration will commence from 11/08/2021** (Tuesday) and the **last date for registration is 11/09/2021** (Friday) 11:59 PM IST. Registrations Google form link can be found here. <https://forms.gle/bTMGrnvFPUVspWwE9>
- 2. Qualifier Round - Submission of the Policy Statement:** The teams are expected to submit a detailed policy statement on the theme selected during the registration

process. Participants must adhere to the formatting and structural guidelines as laid down. The policy Statement should be mailed on: [vichaar.nss@gmail.com](mailto:vichaar.nss@gmail.com) **on or before 03/10/2021**(Sunday) 11:59 PM IST. The policy statement also needs to be submitted through submission google form which will be sent to registered participants.

3. **Final Round:** The qualified Participants will be expected to prepare and present a power-point presentation for not more than 10 minutes. This will be followed by a question-answer session. **Final round will take place on 15/10/2021**(Friday). **The results will be declared on 17/10/2021** (Sunday).

## **THEMES**

1. Reviving Start-ups Post Covid-19 Pandemic
2. Control of Domestic Violence
3. Developing J&K and Ladakh
4. Mental Health and Care
5. Inter-State Conflict Resolution
6. Privacy and Data Protection
7. Implementation of the Farm Laws

## **GUIDELINES REGARDING STRUCTURE OF POLICY**

The draft policy submitted must contain the followings:

1. Policy Title – A short and simple title apt with the body of the submission.
2. An Abstract – A summary of the Policy.
3. Statement of Problem – A concise statement of the problem dealt with in the policy.
4. Definitions – Defining uncommon or complex terms used in the policy.
5. Policy Statement – A detailed policy statement which may answer the following questions:
  - a. Who is the primary audience required to follow the policy?
  - b. What are the major conditions and restrictions?
  - c. What are the details on the Applicability and Inapplicability of the policy?

- d. What are the special situations or exclusions, if any, where the policy shall not apply?
6. Implementation Procedure – Reference to detailed procedures that are recommended in order to carry out the intent of the policy. It is advised to list the procedures in the order in which they are to be carried out. If there is no particular order, procedures should be listed alphabetically.
7. Cost-benefit Analysis – An indication of the costs involved and the benefits aimed through the policy.
8. Concluding Remarks – A brief concluding observation outlining the future roadmap.

### **FORMATTING GUIDELINES**

- The language of the submission should be in English.
- Font of the submission must be Times New Roman with size 14 for the main body (size 12 in case of footnotes).
- Line Spacing should be 1.5 for the main body (1 for footnotes).
- Citation format should be uniform throughout the Policy Submission. ➤ The word limit of Policy Submission should be between 2000-3000 words, exclusive of footnotes.
- The similarity is allowed up to a maximum of 10%.
- File Format must be only in .doc/.docx format.
- The file should not contain any details of the Participants. These details shall be mentioned in the Email while submitting the policy.

### **OTHER GUIDELINES**

- The organizers reserve all rights over the submissions received.
- The decision of organizers is final and binding.
- The organizers reserve the right to amend any condition or rules in the competition.
- Non-adherence of any of the guidelines may lead to disqualification of the participants.

## PERKS

- o All the participants who will make through the finals will be awarded with certificates of appreciation.
- o The best and the second-best policy paper will be awarded with a LOR (Letter of Recommendation).
- o On the day of declaration of results, a webinar will be organised which will include government officials and several eminent personalities who will share their experiences and provide their valuable advice to the participants.

## ELIGIBILITY

- The Policy Drafting competition is open for all the students, academicians, lawyers and all others who wish to contribute in policy making.
- Those participants who wish to get the certificate along with the names of their respective institutions, must attach their **University/ Institution ID card** along with their policy draft papers.
- The portal for uploading the **ID card** will be provided in the google form at the time of the submission of the policy draft.

## IMPORTANT LINKS

- **Registration link:** - <https://forms.gle/bTMGrnvFPUVspWwE9>
- Inauguration Day G-meet Link: - <https://meet.google.com/nnp-pehb-ydj>
- Vichar Organising team Contact: 8789835454 (**Harshvardhan**)  
8210642141(**Pranav Gandhi**)
- **Vichar Organising team Mail ID:-** [vichar.nss@gmail.com](mailto:vichar.nss@gmail.com)
- NSS unit NLUJAA Mail ID:- [nss@nluassam.ac.in](mailto:nss@nluassam.ac.in)
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