



CHANAKYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY  
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# CATALYST

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SUMMIT

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CENTRE FOR INNOVATION, INCUBATION & LEGAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP, CNLU, PATNA



# About Chanakya National Law University

Chanakya National Law University was established under the Chanakya National Law University Act, 2006 (Bihar Act No. 24 of 2006) on July 15, 2006, with the altruistic goal of serving society by disseminating high-quality legal education and legal awareness. CNLU provides quality multidisciplinary education in legal studies, keeping in view the demands of the global economy on the one hand and the needs of the domestic society on the other hand. It organizes advanced studies and promotes research in all branches of law to promote cultural, legal and ethical values with a view to promote and foster the rule of law and the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of India.

## About CIILE & Startup Cell

Centre for Innovation, Incubation, and Legal Entrepreneurship is a not-for-profit Centre at CNLU. CIILE encourages start-ups in the areas of Legal and Social Entrepreneurship within the institute and the society at large. The goal of CIILE is to motivate, build and promote out of box thinking, development of innovative ideas amongst start-ups. To build an environment that will facilitate the creation of social enterprise knowledge through research. CIILE also empower students to apply their entrepreneurship abilities to develop solutions for greater social impact through academia.

The Startup-Cell in CNLU was established by the Department of Industries, Govt of Bihar under the Bihar Startup Policy 2022. The objective of the Startup cell is to foster an entrepreneurship culture in the university and its surroundings. It focuses on mentoring, resources, and networking to help students transform innovative ideas into viable startups, promoting self-employment and innovation culture. Startup Cell has been ranked 3rd amongst all the startup cells of Bihar by Department of Industries, Bihar Government.



# About Nishith Desai Associates

Nishith Desai Associates (NDA) is a research and strategy-driven international law firm headquartered in Mumbai, India. Founded in 1989 by Nishith Desai, the firm is known for its expertise in various practice areas, including international tax, mergers and acquisitions, private equity, intellectual property, technology law, and dispute resolution. NDA has a strong focus on innovation and research, often integrating these elements into their legal practice. They are recognized for their forward-thinking approach and their ability to anticipate and address complex legal challenges in an ever-evolving global landscape. The firm has received numerous accolades and awards for its work and is highly regarded in both domestic and international legal circles. NDA provides services in multiple legal domains, such as corporate and commercial law, tax advisory, litigation and dispute resolution, regulatory and policy advisory, and intellectual property. Besides its primary office in Mumbai, NDA has offices in Silicon Valley, Bangalore, Delhi, Munich, and Singapore, catering to a diverse global clientele. The firm places a strong emphasis on research and regularly publishes in-depth analysis and thought leadership articles on various legal and regulatory developments. NDA is known for its innovative approach to legal practice, including the use of technology and a flexible working environment to better serve its clients and support its team.

## About LL.B Mania

LL.B Mania is Business Consulting Firm registered in MSME, Government of India (UAM No. JH-04-0001870) providing business strategy services, legal consulting and contract drafting services to early stage startups, startup founders. It also provides knowledge management services to Law Firms and Lawyers Chambers. LL.B Mania is also an incubatee under CIILE, CNLU Patna. LL.B Mania's range of services extends to a myriad of professional solutions, including ghostwriting and copywriting services. Whether you seek to enrich your legal blog with well-researched articles or aspire to elevate your firm's online presence through captivating copy, Team LL.B Mania is equipped to address all your content needs.



# About the Startup Law & Policy Summit 2024



Startup Law and Investment Law in India have become an increasingly relevant and dynamic field, with recent developments and reforms aimed at promoting fair competition and protecting the interests of startups. In recent years, several contemporary issues have arisen in the Indian investment law landscape, such as the intersection between startups and technology, data protection and intellectual property, and the role of startups in the digital economy. These issues are critical to the development of a robust competition regime in India and require continuous examination and discussion. “CIILE’s Summit on “Startup Laws” provides a platform to engage in such discussions and to gain a deeper understanding of the policy and current state of challenges related to startups in India and its future direction. It is a unique opportunity for participants to exchange ideas, share insights, and build new relationships with peers and experts from around the world. With a focus on cutting-edge research and practical applications, the summit will provide attendees with a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities in investment, AI, Insurance, and emerging technology in the domain of startups today, and equip them with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in this rapidly evolving field.



# THEMES

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- 1. Role of Intellectual Property Protection in Startups**
- 2. Technology Law and Involvement of AI in Fostering Startups**
- 3. Private Equity & Venture Capital Challenges in Startup Culture**
- 4. Competition Law issues in Startups**
- 5. Insurance and its Importance for Startups**
- 6. Data Privacy & Cybersecurity concerns of Startups culture**
- 7. Emerging Disputes and Their Resolution for Startups**

*\*\* (The Themes are merely suggestive in nature, the participants are free to opt- in for sub-themes under these themes to narrow down their topics)*



# Structure of the Summit

## 1. Panel Discussion

This session would be a Panel Discussion, where professionals from the legal, academic, and business communities would discuss issues on the Use of Emerging Technologies and AI for Start-ups and Seed Funding, and Investment strategies for Startups and their legalities. This will be an informed discussion and analysis of the ongoing debates and developments in startup laws and regulations, and how they are being applied to the tech sector. The session aims to explore the implications of these developments for the future of startups, innovation, and consumer protection in the digital age.

## 2. Paper Presentation

The summit invites authors to submit original, unpublished manuscripts, along with an abstract, for presentation at the technical session under the themes of the summit to contribute to the discourse around the contemporary issues in Startup Laws & Policy Making. After reviewing all the manuscripts, the top 4 shortlisted authors/teams shall be invited to present their manuscripts before the experts on the day of the summit at CNLU Campus.

The presentation session will be a platform for authors to share their research and findings with startup and tech law experts and peers. This session will be an opportunity to engage in critical discourse and exchange ideas, as well as to showcase the author's contributions to their field of study. The purpose of this presentation is to disseminate the results of original research or investigation, to stimulate discussion, and to foster new insights and perspectives.

# EVENT TIMELINE



# EVENTS DETAILS

## Manuscript Submission

- Word Count: 2500-3000 words
- Submission Deadline: 12 August 2024
- Abstract Submission Deadline: **1st August 2024**
- The word Limit for Abstract is 150-250 Words with 5 keywords.

## Team Composition

Maximum 2 Authors per Team

## Registration Fees

### For NON-CNLU Students

- Single Author: 700 INR
- Co-Authors: 1200 INR

*For the Finalists: Rs. 1500 INR (Each Author) has to pay for Accommodation and Food*

### For CNLU Students

- Single Author: 500 INR
- Co-Authors: 900 INR

*Cross Institution Teams are also Allowed. The Registration Fees for the Event are non-refundable.*

*We eagerly look forward to the participation of the talented students and their insightful contributions to the field of startup law.*



# GUIDELINES

## ELIGIBILITY

- The competition is open to any student pursuing an undergraduate or postgraduate course in any recognized university in India. Participants are requested to produce a university-issued ID Card or Bonafide certificate issued by their respective universities stating that they are students of the same.

## LANGUAGE:

- All Written Submissions and further presentation (if selected) shall be made in English, which shall be the official language of the Competition.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Submissions are expected to be original work of the author(s) and meet high academic standards.
- The following guidelines ought to be followed:
- The full paper has to be submitted in soft copy in MS Word(.doc/.docx).
- The title must succinctly encapsulate the topic and explain the body of work.
- There must be an abstract (150-250 words) that briefly describes the idea behind the submission, its structure, and the author's conclusion(s). It must include the novelty and usefulness of the idea that the author wishes to put forth and must categorically mention the specific contribution of the article beyond the existing available literature.
- The word limit for the written submissions is 2500-3000 words.

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- The body of the manuscript should be in Times New Roman, Font Size 12, and 1.5-line spacing, automatic spacing between paragraphs, and aligned JUSTIFIED. One-inch margins should be maintained on all four sides.
- Only original, unpublished work is sought. A submission will not be accepted if it exceeds the 10% plagiarism limit. The CNLU-CATALYST 2024 has a zero-tolerance policy towards plagiarism. Please note that any submission with more than the 10% limit of plagiarized content will be outrightly rejected. Any blog submitted to present identical or substantially similar work already published or under review for any other publication will not be considered.
- The use of AI is strictly prohibited for the Competition.
- The title must be Times New Roman. Font Size 14, in CAPITALS, Bold, aligned CENTRE.
- The footnotes should be in Times New Roman font size 10, single line spacing, and aligned JUSTIFIED.
- The citations must conform to the style of HARVARD BLUEBOOK [20TH EDITION].
- Manuscripts should only use footnotes as a means of citation. No other method shall be permitted.
- The blog, once submitted to us for this competition, should not be submitted to any other competition and/or for any other purpose. However, the participants are free to pursue publication on other platforms if they are not placed on the merit list
- The manuscript should not contain any references to the identity of the authors. However, authors are allowed to cite their previous published work.
- Co-authorship is permissible only up to a maximum of two authors.
- In case of co-authorship, substitution of author or alteration of composition is not allowed after the date of Final Registration except in extenuating circumstances and only with the permission of the Organising Committee.
- The winners of the competition authorized the organizers to use their names and photos if required, to publish the competition and its results.

# GUIDELINES

## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- The manuscript submissions will be marked on a scale of 1-100. The following scale will guide our editors in evaluating the submissions:
- Similarity Index of Manuscript Submitted [15 Marks]
- The overall structure of the Manuscript (Presentability of Idea) [10 Marks]
- The rationale behind the Idea, Its Clarity, and Outline of the Manuscript (including headings and sub-headings) [20 Marks]
- The Uniqueness & Feasibility of Idea/Proposed Title [5 Marks]
- References/Citations (20th ed. Bluebook) & Grammatical Technicalities [10 Marks]
- Case Studies & Practical Examples [5 Marks]
- Audience Engagement [10 Marks]
- Accuracy and Credibility of Information and References [10 Marks]
- Overall Impression (Conclusion, Suggestions, and Futuristic Approach) [15 Marks]

## DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

- In case of any dispute regarding the interpretation or understanding of any matter concerning the competition, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding on all those concerned.

## MISCELLANEOUS:

- If any one of the members of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.
- If any unplanned or unexpected contingencies arise, the Organizing Committee will address them, and the Organising Committee's judgment in this regard shall be final. Acceptance of the Organising Committee's decisions is a precondition for participation in the Competition.
- Teams must raise a conflict of interest and inform the Organizing Committee if they find themselves associated with any judge viz. as an intern, etc. at any point of the competition.

# REGISTRATION

## For Non-CNLU Students

- Provisional Registration [Link](#)
- Abstract Submission & Payment [Link](#)

## For CNLU Students

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# AWARDS & PRIZES

## Prizes

- Publication Opportunity: Top 15 manuscripts shall be published in an **ISBN-bearing book** by an **International Publisher**.
- Presentation: The **Top 4 manuscripts** will be invited for final rounds of presentation at CNLU Campus.
- Certificate of Merit for Top 15 Manuscripts.
- Certificate of Achievement for Top 4 (Finalists)

## Awards

- Winner: 30,000 INR Cash Prize + Internship Opportunity with **Nishith Desai Associates** + Gold Medal + Trophy and Certificate of Achievement
- Runner-Up: 20,000 INR + Internship Opportunity with **Nishith Desai Associates** + Silver Medal + Trophy and Certificate of Achievement

*Nishith Desai Associates reserves all rights to determine the office, dates and team under which the internship is granted. The authors of the top two entries to the competition will upon the discretion of Nishith Desai Associates get an opportunity to intern at Nishith Desai Associates.*

# Organising Committee

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