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**SCHOOL OF LAW
CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
DELHI NCR CAMPUS
Presents**

**NATIONAL LEGAL AID CLINIC CONVENTION:
PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND BEST PRACTICES
COMPETITION 2024**

SCHOOL OF LAW

LAAC

LEGAL AID AND AWARENESS
COMMITTEE

24 AUGUST, 2024

ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW



The School of Law at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR Campus, administered by the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), is recognized as one of the premier law schools in India. The primary objective of the School of Law is to endow students with intersectional knowledge essential for problem-solving and deliberation on a variety of complex social issues. This is achieved by fostering a critical mindset attuned to global needs through curriculum revisions and organizing various co-curricular and extracurricular activities. The School of Law actively cultivates an environment where students are encouraged to critically examine existing rules and policies, exploring avenues for development. The educational approach at the School of Law is designed to cultivate a comprehensive range of employment-relevant skills aligned with global requirements. These skills include critical thinking, the ability to seamlessly integrate theory and research into practical applications, and a thorough review of contemporary legal practices. The School's commitment to aligning with international standards ensures that students receive an education that is both relevant and exceptional.

ABOUT LEGAL AID AND AWARENESS COMMITTEE



The Legal Aid and Awareness Committee, School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), is the leading committee in the School of Law. The objective of this committee is to create legal awareness among the general public while facilitating the interaction of students with the community.

The committee has been working tirelessly to reach out to the under privileged section of society through the provision of free legal aid and legal literacy programs in tune with the provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. The Legal Aid Committee stands as a beacon of our institution's commitment to justice and community service. At the School of Law, we believe in fostering not only skilled legal professionals but also compassionate leaders who actively contribute to a more just society.

The Committee of the School of Law has successfully conducted various Legal Aid and Awareness Camps, SDG Workshops and movie screenings in the past years. The Legal Aid Committee also regularly organizes Nukkad Nataks (street play) in the local bastis, villages, societies and schools to raise awareness about legal rights and responsibilities. The Committee also aims at establishing linkages with DLSA and established lawyers so as to expand the scope of legal aid services and consultancy.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Legal Aid and Awareness Committee (LAAC) at the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Delhi NCR Campus is excited to introduce **“The National Legal Aid Clinic Convention: Panel Discussion and Best Practices Competition, 2024”** (hereinafter referred to as the “Competition”) scheduled on 24th August 2024. The conclave will be conducted in offline mode by the Legal Aid and Awareness Committee, School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Delhi NCR Campus. The Conclave will include three components:

1. Panel Discussion
2. Annual Report of Legal Aid and Awareness Committee
3. Presentation

The fundamental goal of this competition is to highlight the importance of legal aid in securing justice for all, in particular, the marginalised and economically disadvantaged groups. It seeks to identify and demonstrate creative and successful legal aid practices that might serve as examples for other organisations.

Furthermore, the competition aims to promote the discussion and development of best practices by sharing effective initiatives for improving access to justice. It encourages collaboration among legal aid practitioners, policymakers, and researchers, opening up chances for networking and improving the overall quality and reach of legal aid services.

Ultimately, the competition hopes to motivate participants and interested parties to take best practices and apply them to their own legal aid projects and programs, leading to significant advancements in the delivery of legal assistance.

ELIGIBILITY

- All law colleges/ institutions/ universities across the country recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate in the Competition. All participants must be members of **Legal Aid and Awareness Committee (“LAAC”)** or **LSC/LAC** of their law college.
- Such members must be students either from three years or five years of LL.B courses.
- Each college is allowed to be represented only by one team, consisting of two of its members along with the Faculty Convenor for the presentation of reports during the competition.

REGISTRATION

- 1.Any College/University/Institution in India with a functional Legal Aid and Awareness Committee is eligible to participate.
- 2.Please submit your presentation via Google form. The link to the submission form is provided here:
- 3.Registration Fee for the Competition- Rs.2000/-(Without Accommodation)
- 4.Registration fee for the competition -Rs.6500/- (With Accommodation)

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/3zKZUQyjg1Ub41LH9>

GUIDELINES

A. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the competition shall be English. All the Reports and presentations must be in the English language.

B. DISCRETION TO BE EXERCISED BY THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE (OC)

The OC shall have the exclusive authority to interpret these rules in the interests of fairness and equality. The OC shall decide any circumstance not covered by these rules. Decisions made by the OC in this regard will be made in the interests of fairness and equality. All such decisions of the OC shall be final and binding. The decision of the Faculty Convenors, shall be final and binding for matters not mentioned in the Policy.

C. CLARIFICATIONS

For any clarifications, regarding the components and the conduct of the conclave, teams are requested to mail their queries or concerns to the Legal Aid and Awareness Committee at: MAIL ID: lac.ncr@christuniversity.in

D. MISCELLANEOUS

By registering for the Conclave, the participating institution will be consenting to take part in all three components of the conclave.

IMPORTANT DATES

LAST DATE TO REGISTER

10 August, 2024

**LAST DATE FOR
CLARIFICATION**

12 August, 2024

**LAST DATE FOR REPORT
SUBMISSION**

14 August, 2024

**RESULT DECLARATION FOR
SELECTED TEAM**

16 August, 2024

**LAST DATE FOR VIDEO AND PPT
SUBMISSION**

21 August, 2024

NATIONAL CONCLAVE EVENT

24 August, 2024

COMPONENT 1 - PANEL DISCUSSION

A panel discussion on “Bridging the Gap: Leveraging Law School Initiatives to Advance Legal Aid.” This event will convene with distinguished legal professionals, academics, and policymakers to explore innovative strategies for expanding access to justice.

Panel Discussion Overview:

The panel discussion will delve into the critical role law schools can play in addressing the pressing issue of access to justice. By fostering a robust dialogue among experts, we aim to identify effective approaches to:

Strengthening legal aid clinics: Discuss best practices, challenges, and opportunities for enhancing the impact of law school clinics.

Curriculum development: Explore how law schools can integrate legal aid and pro bono work into core curricula to cultivate a culture of public service.

Partnerships and collaborations: Examine the potential of partnerships between law schools, legal aid organizations, and government agencies to create sustainable solutions.

Student engagement: Discuss strategies for motivating and empowering law students to become active participants in the pursuit of legal aid.

Expected Outcomes:

Through this panel discussion, we assure to generate valuable insights and recommendations for law schools, legal aid providers, and policymakers. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the legal aid landscape, the challenges faced by underserved communities, and the role they can play in addressing these issues. Additionally, the event will foster a sense of social responsibility among future lawyers and inspire them to become champions of justice.

By convening leading experts in the field, we aim to create a platform for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and inspiration. We invite all interested stakeholders to participate in this important conversation.

COMPONENT 2: ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Report Format:

Cover Page

- Institution Name
- Competition Name
- Component Name
- Academic Year: 2023-24

Report Body

- Table of Contents
- LAAC Overview: Mandate, objectives, and composition.
- Activities: List of initiatives (camps, programs, conferences, etc.) with detailed descriptions, including goals, target audience, methods, outcomes, challenges, and visuals.
- Legal Dictionary/Manual: Certified copy as an annexure.

Note: Write clearly and concisely. Use headings, subheadings, and visuals. Adhere to formatting guidelines.

COMPONENT 2 : ANNUAL REPORT

Submission Guidelines

Report Formatting

Reports must adhere to the following specifications:

- Font: Times New Roman
- Font size: 12 points
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Margins: Normal
- Paper size: A4
- Page numbering: Centered at the bottom of each page
- Annexes: Supporting documents (photographs, proof of initiatives, etc.) should be attached as annexes.

Submission Deadline

The completed report, including all required annexes, must be submitted by 12th August 2024.

Evaluation Criteria

Reports will be assessed by an independent external panel. The evaluation will focus on the following criteria:

- Sustainability: Effective utilization of resources to create a lasting social impact.
- Innovation: Originality and creativity demonstrated in the implemented activities.
- Publication of a Legal Manual/Dictionary: Development of a legal manual or dictionary in any vernacular language.

Evaluation Criteria

Sl.No	RUBRICS	Points
1	Publication of Legal Manual in English	10
2	Formatting of the report according to the guidelines provided	10
3	Annexures, including relevant proof and geotag pictures for activities conducted by the LAC	10
4	Concept Clarity of the Activities/Events	10
5	Innovation, Outreach and sustainability in the activities to create a social impact	10
	Total	50

The penalties shall be enforced as here under

Sl.No	Criteria	Points
1	Failing to upload relevant photos and supporting documents	-2 Points
2	Delay in Submission Per Day	-1 Pointa per day
3	Incorrect Formatting	-0.5 Points per instance; up to 2 Points

COMPONENT 3: PRESENTATION

Presentation Format:

The LSC/LAC student representatives are required to deliver a concise PowerPoint Presentation combining their activity report. The PPT guidelines for the presentation are the following:

A team presentation may extend up to 12 minutes long. This will be followed by a mandatory question and answer period of no more than 3 minutes.

The presentation must include a short video showcasing the committee's activities that is no more than 2-3 minutes long. The video presentations must be incorporated within the presentation time limit of 12 minutes.

Evaluation Criteria

Sl. No	RUBRICS	POINTS
1.	Clarity in presentation of content	10
2.	Video Presentation	10
3.	Ability to answer the panels question	10
4.	Time Management	10
5.	Impact of outreach activities conducted	10
	Total	50

AWARDS

Every participant will get a Certificate of Participation. The following honours will be given out at the farewell ceremony:

- Winners – Rs. 30,000
- Runners Up - Rs. 20,000

Winners:

The team achieving the highest combined score across all competition components will be declared the winners of the National Legal Conclave: Edition - 1.

Runners-Up:

The team securing the second-highest combined score across all competition components will be designated as the runners-up of the National Legal Conclave.



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Note: Teams can request their individual score sheets upon completion of the competition.

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