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## Vikalp Anveshanam 1.0 Bennett ADR Conclave, 2025

**(Hybrid Mode)**



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# CLINICS COMMITTEE SCHOOL OF LAW BENNETT UNIVERSITY

is dedicated to equipping students with the skills and experience necessary to excel in the professional legal world. Recognizing that "Theory without application is incomplete, and application without a foundation in theory is precarious," the Clinics Committee focuses on integrating both seamlessly.

Our primary mission is to organize and conduct workshops and training sessions that delve into the practical aspects of law. These programs are designed to familiarize students with the skills and nuances required for real-world legal practice, ensuring they are well-prepared to meet the demands of the legal profession. With active guidance and mentorship from faculty members, the committee strives to create a nurturing environment where students can confidently translate their academic knowledge into actionable skills.

The Clinics Committee is more than a platform for experiential learning; it is a space where aspiring legal professionals are empowered to bridge the gap between the classroom and the courtroom. By fostering hands-on learning and encouraging practical engagement, we aim to shape competent, skilled, and practice-ready lawyers who are well-versed in the complexities of the legal field.

## VIKALP ANVESHANAM 1.0: BENNETT UNIVERSITY ADR CONCLAVE, 2025

Vikalp Anveshanam 1.0, 2025 will provide opportunities for law students across the country to participate in the Client Counselling and Quiz Competition. Interviewing and advising comprise a vital part of a lawyer's work. It is often assumed that lawyers have the listening and questioning skills required to conduct an effective interview with a client. The Competition also encourages students of law to develop interviewing, planning and analytical skills necessary to build and maintain a relationship between a lawyer and his/her client.

The purpose of the quiz competition is to encourage law students to develop a keen understanding of new Criminal Laws and a comparison to the older laws. Through this quiz, participants will engage in a competitive yet educational environment, fostering teamwork, analytical thinking, and the ability to perform under pressure.

## COMPETITION RULEBOOK

- "CC, BU" – Clinics Committee, Bennett University. The Clinics Committee is entrusted with the responsibility to plan and organize workshops and competitions focusing on practical aspects of law.
- "Competition" – Vikalp Anveshanam 1.0 Bennett's first National ADR Conclave.
- "Participant" – Any individual eligible and participating in the Competition.
- "Team" – Any team comprising of not more than two participants, eligible and participating in the Competition.
- "Undergraduate student of law" – Any student enrolled in an undergraduate, dual-degree (5 years) course of law at a college and/or university recognized by the University Grants Commission.
- "Professional student of law" – Any student enrolled in a professional (3 years) course of law at a college and/or university recognized by the University Grants Commission.
- "Lawyer" – A person who practices law, such as an attorney, or a solicitor, or a legal practitioner.
- "Country of residence" – For the sake of this Competition, any and every client's country of residence shall be as mentioned in the office memo for a particular round.
- "Client" – A person or organization, as assigned by the CC, BU in accordance with the office memo for a particular round, seeking and/or receiving the services of a lawyer(s).
- "Office memo" – A sheet of correspondence briefly describing the client(s) and/or his or her problem(s) for which s/he seeks the services of a lawyer(s).
- 'Official Email' shall refer to the official email id of the Clinics Committee, Bennett University, i.e., [clinics.committee@bennett.edu.in](mailto:clinics.committee@bennett.edu.in)

## ADMINISTRATION AND CONDUCT OF THE COMPETITION

- The Vikalp Anveshanam 1.0: Bennett University ADR Conclave, 2025 is administered by the Clinics Committee School of Law, Bennett University (hereinafter 'Organizing Committee').
- The competition will be held in a Hybrid Mode. Online on 21st -22nd March & offline on 28th -29th March at Bennett University, Greater Noida India.

## DRESS CODE

Participants shall strictly adhere to the following dress code: -

**Men** - Black Formal Coat, White Shirt, Black Tie, Black Formal Pants, White Socks, Black Formal Shoes.

**Women** - (A) Black Formal Coat, White Shirt, Black Tie, Black Formal Pants, Black Formal Shoes.

OR

(B) Black Formal Coat, White Shirt, Black Tie, Black Skirt, Black Formal Shoes,

OR

(C) Black Formal Coat, White Long Kurta, White/Black Salwar, White Dupatta, Black Formal Shoes

## Language and Structure

- The official language of the Competition shall be English. All written and/or oral submission made to and/or before the judges shall be in English.
- General Instruction:
- There is a limit of 40 teams for the competition. Teams will be registered on a first come, first-served basis.
- The request for change in any team member should have concrete reasons, and the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final. If necessary, the Organizing Committee holds the right to disqualify a team upon finding the reason for change to be unjustifiable or unreasonable.
- Both Client Counselling and the Quiz Competitions have a team composition of 2 members. No team shall contradict the composition mentioned above. No faculty member, coach, or a designated observer will be allowed to accompany the team.
- No pickup and drop-off facility will be provided by the institution. The participants are requested to arrange their own transportation for the same.
- A violation of the prescribed Code of Conduct will invite sanctions, which will be decided by the Organizing Secretary.
- Teams are expected to behave with other team members and the Judges / Organizers/ Volunteers in a dignified manner.
- Teams should not attempt to influence Judges / Organizers in any manner.
- Participants are expected to maintain decorum during the Competition and to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- The teams should not engage in any form of unethical, unprofessional, or wrongful conduct during the entire period of the Competition.
- Participants should not indulge in the consumption / carrying of drugs / alcohol / arms or ammunition / immoral / illegal activity or any other forms of taste/addiction during the Competition.
- If participants are taking accommodation, they will not be allowed to leave the campus in between the competition. A mail, with the form and other details will be later circulated to the teams qualifying the online rounds, where they can opt for the accommodation provided by the University.

## REGISTRATION AND FEE

- Teams shall register for the competition on or before 23:59 Hours 25th February 2025, by sending an email with the subject 'Registration for the The Vikalp Anveshanam 1.0: Bennett University ADR Conclave, 2025 (Client counselling) or (quiz) after completing the online registration form to [clinics.committee@bennett.edu.in](mailto:clinics.committee@bennett.edu.in)
- The mail must consist the names and other details of the participants along with the payment proofs duly attached with the mail.
- The registration fee for the client counselling competition will be Rs. 3500 and Rs. 800 for the quiz competition.
- Accommodation and Food will be separately charged for the teams who will be qualifying for the Quarter final rounds for client counselling and Quiz Competition. Each team will be charged Rupees 3000 for two days.
- The Link of Final Registration for the Teams:
- Registration Link : <https://shorturl.at/SDKtD>
- Payment link : <https://rzp.io/l/RNrWjkJ>

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# Client Counselling Competition

## 1. Nature

- 1.1. The Competition shall simulate a client's interview at a law office/chamber.
- 1.2. Each round shall be divided broadly into two segments, i.e. (a) client-consultation session and (b) post-consultation session.
- 1.3. In the client-consultation session, Participants shall be expected to extract fact-information from the client, briefly analyse the issue(s) at hand, and make recommendations to the client in order to resolve his or her problem.
- 1.4. In the post-consultation session, the Participants shall be expected to legally analyse the interview and the various issues the matter (or case) presents and discuss a future course of action. They shall further be expected to discuss the recommendations made by them to the client and whether an alternative approach could be or have been adopted to attain a better outcome from the session. The judges may, during this period, question the participants on their presentation.
- 1.5. It is clarified here that the Participants may tender legal advice to their client(s) with reference only to the laws prevailing to the country of his or her residence.
- 1.6. Participants are advised to keep in mind professional rules of ethics and conduct, as are applicable to lawyers, and act in accordance with them during rounds. All participants, regardless of the country of their residence, shall be deemed subject to the rules and regulations as issued by the Bar Council of India under the Advocates Act, 1961 or any other regulatory body.

## 2. Rounds

- 2.1. The Competition shall comprise of two preliminary rounds following which would be conducted online on 21st and 22nd of March, 2025, out of which top 8 teams would qualify for the quarter-final rounds which will be conducted offline on BU Campus on 28th and 29th of March, 2025.
- 2.2. The winner of the quarter-final rounds shall qualify to the semi-final rounds.
- 2.3. The winners of the semi final rounds shall progress to the final rounds
- 2.4. The winner of the final round, decided based on the highest absolute score in the final round, shall be declared winner of the Competition.
- 2.5. Provided that any dispute arising out such rounds shall be resolved by the CC, BU. The decision of the CC, BU shall be final in such regard.

## 3. Time Limits

- 3.1. The Client-Consultation Sessions shall be of the following lengths respectively:
  - Preliminary Rounds: 25 minutes,
  - Semi-Final Rounds: 30 minutes and
  - Final Round: 40 minutes
- 3.2. In each round, other than the Final Round, teams shall have not more than 5 minutes for the Post-Consultation Session. In the Final Rounds, 10 minutes shall be provided for the same.
- 3.3. Judges and the teams shall agree beforehand to the commencing time of the interview.
- 3.4. Use of external equipment(s)
- 3.5. Participants are expected not to bring any props or office furnishings of the kind, for usage during the rounds. There shall be no marking done based on such extra-offerings.
- 3.6. Provided that this shall not be construed as a prohibition against bringing books or any other relevant materials into the room.

## 4. Theme

The broad area of law, for all the rounds during the competition, shall be released few hours before the competition, which may be Law of Contracts, Sale of Goods Act, Constitutional Law, Law of Crimes, Law of Torts, Consumer Protection Act, Family Laws, Negotiable Instruments Act, Intellectual Property Rights, Information Technology Act, Motor Vehicles Act, RERA, Artificial intelligence, and Energy Law. It shall be in the form of an Office Memo written by the Office Secretary for the concerned lawyers.



## 5. Judging Criteria

The following are the judging criteria based on which the participants will be scored: -

- i. Establishing the working atmosphere
- ii. Listening to the problem
- iii. Identification of client's goals, expectations, and requirements
- iv. Problems Analysis
- v. Legal analysis, Alternative Courses of Action, and the Giving of Advice
- vi. Effective Conclusion
- vii. Teamwork
- viii. Ability to Answer Questions Asked by Judges
- ix. Debriefing (Post interview Reflection)

## 6. Code of Conduct

6.1 The participating teams shall mention only their allotted team codes, which will be provided to each team after the registration process.

6.2 the team shall uphold the integrity of the competition, any unethical/unprofessional conduct is strictly barred.

6.3 The participating teams shall never indulge in any form of conversation with any other client, except the one provided to them during the round. Such a conversation will be considered as misconduct and the teams so interacting shall be disqualified.

6.4 Participants should be in FORMAL ATTIRE for the competition.

6.5 Scouting is strictly prohibited and will result in a 5-mark penalty.

## 7. Walkover Policy

All participants must be present in the allocated time slot at the specified rooms. In case of the team not being present at the allotted time due to any reason which results in an undue delay in the round, or results in difficulty in conducting the round, a walkover will be given to the opposing team. We highly recommend that you be present at the designated room 10 minutes earlier than the specified time.



# QUIZ COMPETITION

## 1. Nature

- 1.1. The Competition shall consist of a series of Quiz Rounds.
- 1.2. Each round shall be divided broadly into two segments, i.e. (a) Online Quiz Competition and (b) Offline Quiz Competition.
  - 1.2.1. In the online session, teams shall be expected to actively participate in the quiz via an online platform to be informed by CC, BU official Email.
  - 1.2.2. In the offline session, the top 10 teams shall be present on campus for the rounds. The Quarter-finals, Semi-finals, and Finals are to be conducted on BU campus in an offline mode. The final rounds would be between the top 5 Teams and would be a buzzer round.
- 1.3. The participants would be tested on their knowledge, speed, and accuracy.

## 2. Competition Topics

The quiz will be based on the new criminal laws, Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, Bharitya Naya Sanhita 2023, Bhartiya Sakshaya Adhinyam, 2023.

## 3. Code of Conduct

- 3.1 The CC, BU reserves the right to disqualify any team or participant for any kind of misconduct on the part of any team member(s) or coach during the Competition. In case of any doubt/ dispute, the decision of the CC, BU shall be final.
- 3.2 Misconduct includes:
  - 3.2.1 Disclosure of identity to other Participants during the course of the round(s) or to any judge;
  - 3.2.2 Any attempt made by Participant(s) to obtain answers from any other participant;
  - 3.2.3 Any attempt made by Participant(s) to contact any judge before or during the Competition, unless specifically invited to do so by that particular judge(s).
  - 3.2.4 Any other conduct which may give a team(s) unfair advantage over another team(s).
  - 3.2.5 Any other conduct which is regarded as such by CC, BU.

## PRIZES AND AWARDS

### Client Counselling

#### Winner



₹ 30,000  
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#### Runner-up



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(Cash) and a trophy

#### Best Counsel



₹ 5,000  
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### Quiz Competition

#### Winner



₹ 8,000  
(Cash) and a trophy

#### Runner-up



₹ 5,000  
(Cash) and a trophy



## 14. TIMELINE OF EVENTS

Commencement of Registration	10 January 2025
Closing of Final Registration	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Inaugural Ceremony, Preliminary Rounds	21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2025
Quarter-Final Round, Semi-Finals Rounds, Final Round & Valedictory Ceremony	28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> March 2025

## 15. QUERIES

- Teams can contact the Organizing Committee via email at [clinics.committee@bennett.edu.in](mailto:clinics.committee@bennett.edu.in)
- or contact the following student Convenors of the Clinics Committee:

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## 16. IMPORTANT NOTE

- 16.1 Organizing Committee's Power to Take Additional Measures: The organizing committee may take such other measures as are required for the orderly conduct of the competition.
- 16.2 Interpretation of Rules: The organizing committee's interpretation as to the implementation of the rules shall be final and conclusive.
- 16.3 The CC is entrusted with the power to resolve and will preside over any other grievances of the teams participating in the competition.



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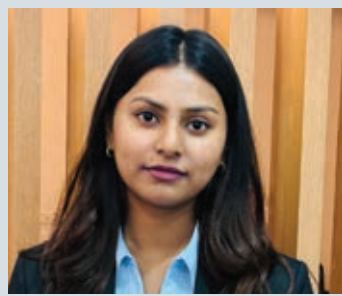
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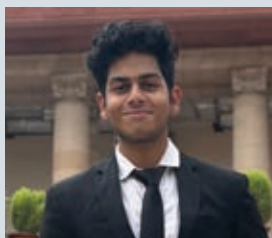


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