

AMITY LAW SCHOOL AMITY UNIVERSITY BENGALURU

PRESENTS



1st ALSB NATIONAL-LEVEL LEGAL POLICY DRAFTING AND PRESENTATION COMPETITION, 2026

Mode: Virtual | Register by June 30, 2026

OFFICIAL BROCHURE & RULEBOOK

ABOUT AMITY UNIVERSITY BENGALURU

Amity University Bengaluru carries forward the globally acclaimed legacy of the Amity Education Group, underpinned by over two decades of commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and global engagement. As a hub of higher education in South India, the university exemplifies Amity's mission to cultivate future-ready leaders by integrating global standards in education, research, and training with a strong cultural foundation. Spread across a sprawling 70-acre eco-friendly campus, Amity University Bengaluru offers an intellectually vibrant, technologically advanced, and culturally diverse learning environment. The institution is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC), ensuring that all degrees awarded are valid for employment and higher education across India and abroad. The students at Amity Bengaluru are immersed in a multicultural, global environment, with peers from across India and several countries. This cultural fusion fosters global awareness, respect for diversity, and a spirit of innovation and collaboration. Beyond academics, campus life is vibrant and enriching filled with co-curricular activities, leadership opportunities, and platforms for creative expression that prepare students to become not only successful professionals but also responsible global citizens.

ABOUT AMITY LAW SCHOOL

Amity Law School, a constituent of Amity University Bengaluru, stands as a premier institution for legal studies, committed to fostering academic excellence, professional competence, and ethical responsibility. With its forward-looking curriculum and student-centric learning environment, the Law School embodies Amity's vision to create global legal professionals who are socially conscious and justice-driven. Amity Law School offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, integrated degrees, and research opportunities in law. Its curriculum is designed to balance classroom teaching with experiential learning, including:



ABOUT THE EVENT

The 1st ALSB National Legal Drafting and Policy Writing Competition, 2026, organised by Amity Law School Bengaluru, is a national-level initiative aimed at cultivating the specialised skills required for legislative and policy formulation among law students. The competition encourages participants to engage with contemporary governance challenges and draft statutes, constitutional reforms, and policy frameworks on issues of national significance. By emphasising analytical precision, constitutional grounding, and implementation feasibility, the event offers a platform for young legal minds to move beyond adjudicatory learning and towards legislative and policy-oriented thinking, reflecting ALSB's commitment to preparing future professionals for India's evolving governance landscape.

THEME FOR THE COMPETITION

Theme

Viksit Bharat 2047

Sub-Themes

- Legislative and policy reforms for a future-ready constitutional democracy
- Digital public infrastructure, cybersecurity, and AI governance frameworks for 2047
- Judicial efficiency, legal system modernization, and access to justice reforms
- Economic regulatory reforms for a \$10 trillion innovation-driven economy
- Climate resilience, carbon regulation, and sustainable development legislation
- Public health governance, pandemic preparedness, and bioethics regulation
- National security, defence modernization, and strategic technology law
- Education, skill development, and demographic dividend legal frameworks
- Women's rights, gender justice, and inclusive social protection reforms
- Urban planning, housing, land governance, and smart city regulatory models
- Agriculture, food security, water management, and rural development laws
- Data protection, consumer rights, and platform accountability in digital markets
- Competition law, trade policy, and global diplomacy for India's emergence as a developed state
- Labour reforms, gig economy regulation, and future of work policy frameworks
- Child protection, disability rights, and welfare legislation for a socially inclusive India

ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

- Students pursuing Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Diploma, or Doctoral programmes from any recognised university, college, or academic institution in India are eligible to participate.
- Participants from all academic disciplines and domains, including but not limited to Law, Management, Social Sciences, Humanities, Commerce, Engineering, Technology, Public Policy, Media, International Relations, and allied fields, are eligible.
- International students, exchange students, research scholars, academicians, professionals, and independent researchers are also eligible to participate, subject to the applicable participation guidelines.
- Multiple teams from the same institution are permitted

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

I. The Draft Submission

Participants are required to prepare a structured draft document addressing a contemporary legal or policy issue within the theme notified for the competition. The draft may take the form of a proposed statute, amendment, regulatory framework, or comprehensive policy paper. The draft must be self-contained, logically coherent, and capable of operating as a standalone normative instrument without reliance on external interpretive material.

An indicative structure for the drafting component is provided below. The following list serves only as guidance and is not mandatory; participants are free to innovate design, layout, and sequencing as long as the instrument maintains internal consistency and legal clarity:

1. Long Title
2. Statement of Objects and Reasons / Policy Rationale
3. Scope, Extent, and Applicability
4. Definitions and Key Terms
5. Substantive/Operative Provisions
6. Procedural Provisions
7. Implementation and Institutional Mechanisms
8. Exceptions, Exemptions, and Safeguards
9. Enforcement and Compliance Measures
10. Offences, Penalties, and Remedies

The drafting should reflect constitutional compatibility, regulatory feasibility, and administrative executability, along with sensitivity to sectoral realities and governance needs.

II. The Explanatory Note / Policy Addendum

The second component of the submission is an explanatory note, hereinafter referred to as the Policy Addendum. Its purpose is to provide evaluators insight into the rationale and policy choices underpinning the proposed draft. While the draft reflects “what the law or policy should be,” the addendum explains “why and how.”

The addendum shall include:

Section Title(s): Each section should carry the title of the provision(s) or thematic cluster being explained. Participants are not expected to justify every provision; only those that require clarification, demonstration of legislative intent, or articulation of policy reasoning.

Explanation: Participants shall justify key normative or regulatory decisions by addressing elements such as:

- relevance and necessity of the intervention,
- constitutional or legal principles informing the design,
- policy objectives and implementation goals,
- comparative insights (where applicable),
- anticipated impact on stakeholders,
- challenges, risks, and mitigation strategies.

The addendum must remain analytical and policy-oriented rather than descriptive or editorial.



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- All submissions must be in English. The combined Draft and Policy Addendum shall not exceed the prescribed page limit notified in the brochure. Exceeding the limit may result in deduction of marks.
- The manuscript must not contain the name(s), institution(s), or any identification details of the participant(s). Only the assigned Team Code should appear. Participants are required to remove document metadata prior to submission.
- Submissions must be original and not published or under consideration elsewhere. A similarity threshold may be applied at the discretion of the Organising Committee to ensure academic integrity.
- The use of generative artificial intelligence tools for automatic drafting or editing is not permitted. The Organising Committee may verify suspected submissions through appropriate measures.
- Submissions shall be accepted in .doc / .docx and .pdf formats only. Files must be named as: TeamCode.doc / TeamCode.docx / TeamCode.pdf
- *Any other format may be rejected.
- The Draft and Policy Addendum shall be submitted as a single combined file inclusive of all pages, annexures (if any), and references.
- The competition is open to students enrolled in a recognised undergraduate or postgraduate programme in law or allied disciplines. Entries may be submitted individually or in teams of up to two (2) members. Interdisciplinary authorship is permitted.
- Entries must be submitted through the official link or mode notified by the Organising Committee. Submissions through any other means shall not be considered.
- In case of any dispute regarding interpretation of rules, the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final and binding.



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FORMATTING GUIDELINES

A. Formatting Guidelines for the Legislation

Font: Times New Roman

Font Size:

a. Long Title — 14 pt, Bold, ALL CAPS, centered

b. Chapter/Part Headings — 12 pt, Bold, Small Caps, centered

c. Section Headings — 12 pt, Bold, left-aligned (Section number + period + space + title)

d. Body Text — 12 pt, Regular, justified, single spacing

Preamble / Objects & Reasons: 12 pt, Regular, justified; one line spacing between recitals

Numbering Format: Section → Sub-section → Clause → Sub-clause hierarchy
(e.g., Section 5 → (1) → (a) → (i))

Indentation:

a. Sub-sections and clauses shall use hanging indents (~0.6 cm)

b. Lettered clauses may use deeper indents for clarity

Clause Endings: Use semicolons for clauses in a list and a full stop at the end of the final clause

Margins: 1 inch on all sides

Alignment: Justified

Tables / Diagrams (if any): Must be centered, captioned, and referenced in text

Footnotes (if used for statutory references): Times New Roman, 10 pt, single spacing
No colouring, highlighting, or decorative fonts shall be used

B. Formatting Guidelines for the Addendum

Font: Times New Roman

Font Size: 12 pt for text, 10 pt for footnotes

Spacing: 1.25 line spacing; no extra spacing between paragraphs

Margins: 1 inch on all sides

Alignment: Fully justified

Headings & Sub-Headings:

- a. Headings in Bold
- b. Sub-headings in Italics
- c. Numbering in a decimal system (1., 1.1, 1.1.1, etc.)

Shall conform to OSCOLA (4th Ed.) or any notified citation style; footnotes must be single-spaced

Must be written in full at first usage followed by abbreviation in parentheses

Each major provision referenced in the Addendum should be accompanied by a brief narrative explaining the rationale, design logic, stakeholder impact, and constitutional/policy considerations

Must be centered, labeled above (e.g., “Table 2: Sectoral Impact”), and referenced in text

No colour themes, highlighting, or underlining for emphasis; clarity must be achieved through structure and formatting

Speaking footnotes are permitted, provided they add legal or policy reasoning

C. Page Limit

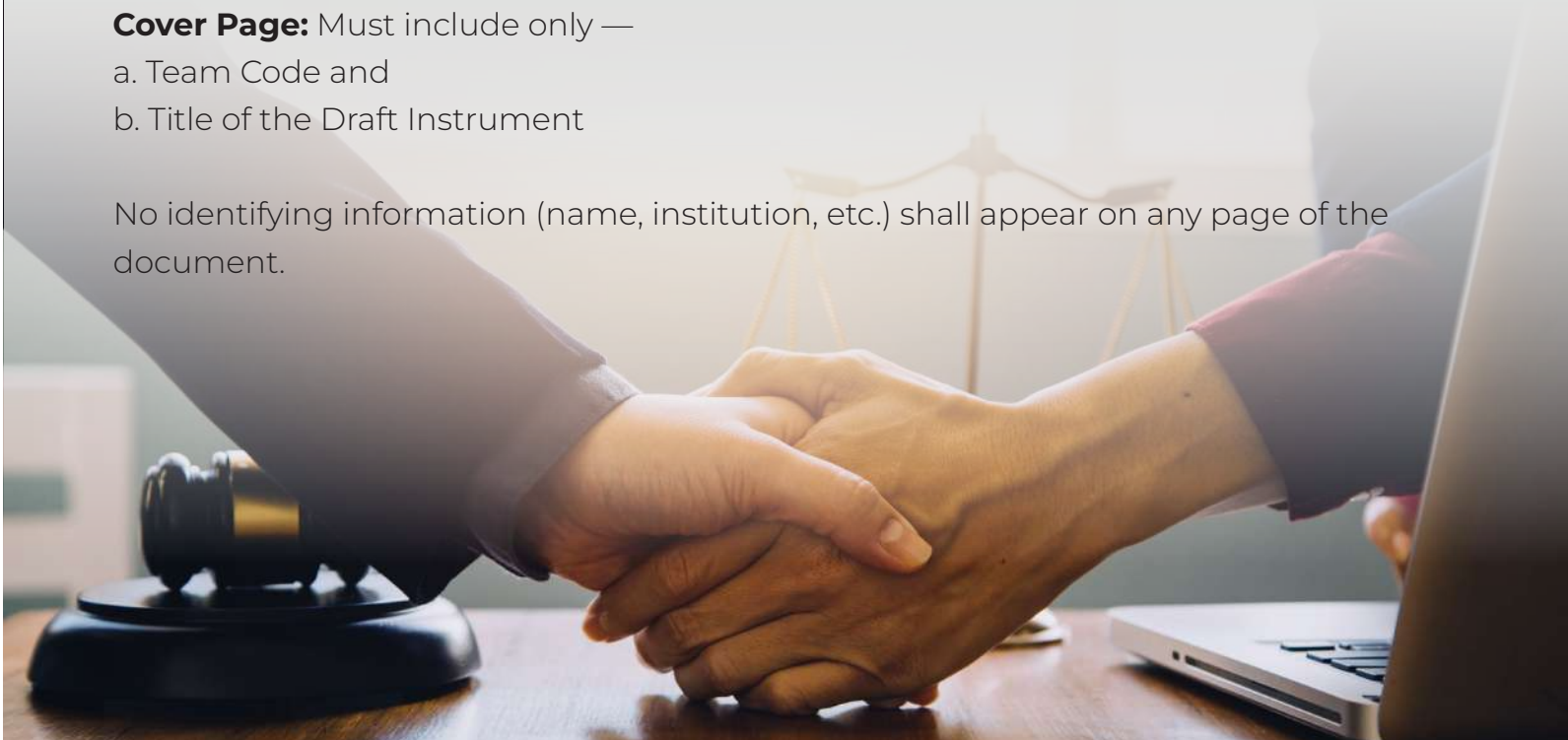
Draft Instrument: Maximum 20 pages, inclusive of cover page and annexures (if any)

Policy Addendum / Explanatory Note: Maximum 10 pages; separate cover page not required

Cover Page: Must include only —

- a. Team Code and
- b. Title of the Draft Instrument

No identifying information (name, institution, etc.) shall appear on any page of the document.

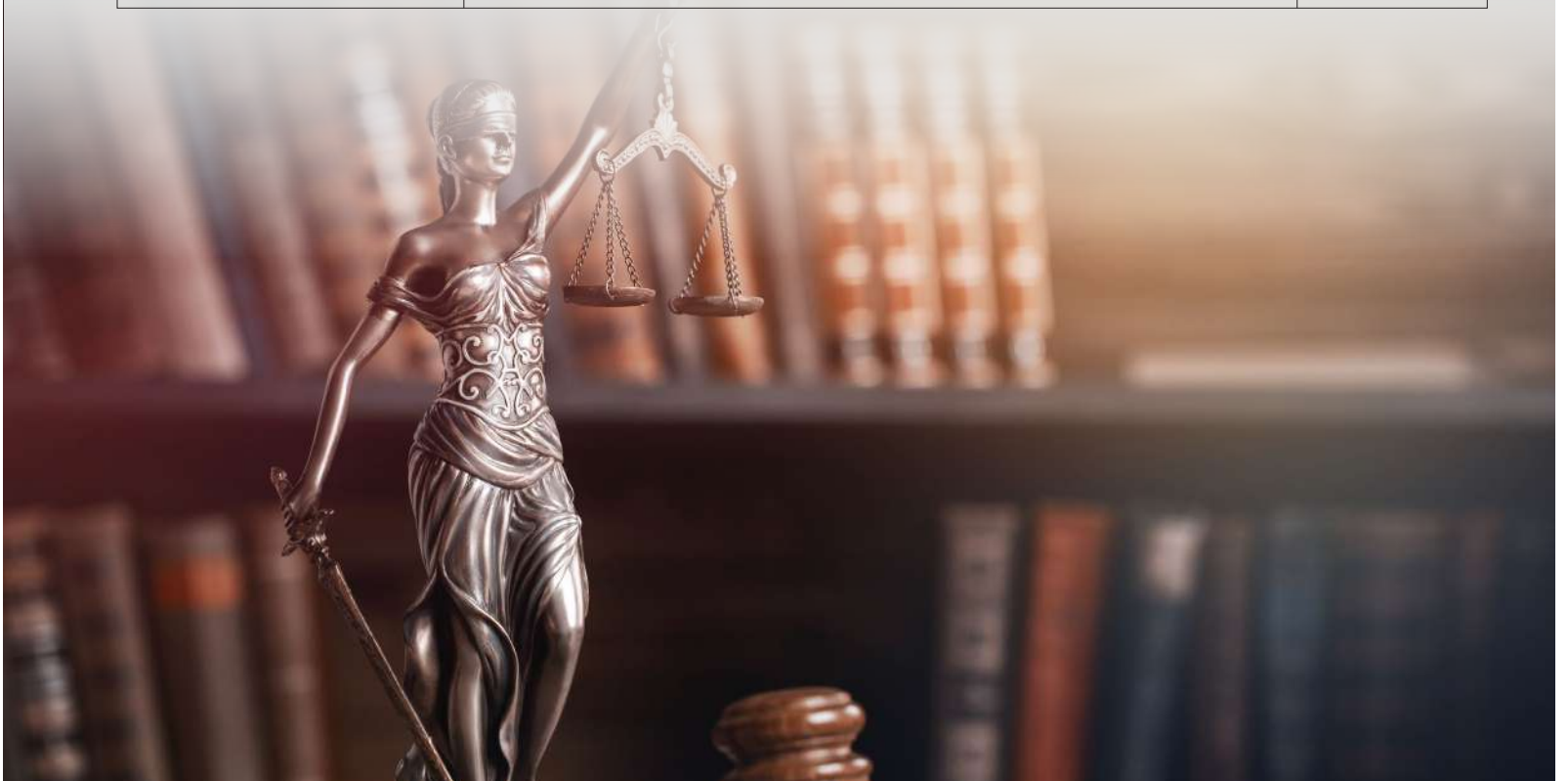


MARKING CRITERIA

The Competition shall consist of two rounds. The marking criteria for each round are detailed below:

Preliminary Round — Drafting Round (100 Marks)

Parameter	Description	Marks
Drafting Clarity & Style	The submission shall be evaluated on clarity, precision and absence of ambiguity. The use of appropriate legal and policy terminology, grammatical soundness, and coherent sentence construction shall be assessed.	10
Structural & Formatting Standards	The draft shall follow a structured format appropriate for legislative or policy drafting. Consistency in headings, sequencing, citations, spacing, and other formatting elements shall be evaluated.	10
Research Depth & Conceptual Understanding	The draft shall demonstrate substantive understanding of the selected issue, supported by relevant statutory references, case law, policy frameworks, and interdisciplinary research. Novel insights and analytical rigour shall be rewarded.	30
Practical Feasibility & Governance Fit	The proposed instrument shall reflect implementable and context-sensitive solutions aligned with constitutional principles, institutional capabilities, and regulatory realities.	25
Policy Addendum / Explanatory Note	The addendum shall explain the rationale behind key provisions, outline stakeholder implications, justify policy choices, and articulate expected outcomes. Justifications must display logical reasoning and policy sensibility.	25
Total		100



Advanced Round — Presentation Round (100 Marks)

Parameter	Description	Marks
Framing & Understanding of the Policy/Legislative Problem	Participants shall demonstrate a clear and accurate understanding of the issue being addressed, including doctrinal relevance, socio-legal context, regulatory gaps, and stakeholder concerns.	20
Quality & Coherence of the Draft Instrument	Assessment shall be based on structure, internal consistency, legal soundness, policy reasoning, and the overall coherence of the drafted legislation or instrument.	30
Presentation & Communication Skills	Participants shall be evaluated on clarity of delivery, articulation of complex ideas, logical flow, and their ability to engage the panel effectively. Team coordination will also be considered.	20
Handling of Questions	The panel shall assess the depth of knowledge reflected in responses to questions, including the ability to justify drafting choices, defend policy positions, and handle critiques professionally.	20
Use of Supporting Authorities & Evidence	Participants shall be assessed on their ability to rely on statutes, case law, policy documents, comparative frameworks, and empirical or data-driven sources to support their proposals.	10
Total		100

Tie-Breaking Rule

In the event of two teams securing identical scores in Advanced Round, the team with the higher score in Preliminary Round shall be ranked higher.



REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

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STRUCTURE

- **Preliminary Round** - Policy Draft Submission
- **Advance Round** – Presentation Round (Online)

REGISTRATION FEE

- **Individual Participant:** INR 500
- **Team (2 Participant):** INR 800

*Note - Maximum upto 2 authors are allowed.

EVENT DEADLINES

1.	Opening of Registrations	25 May, 2026
2.	Closing of Registration	30 June, 2026
3.	Last Date for Seeking Clarifications	05 July, 2026
4.	Deadline of Submission	15 July, 2026
5.	Declaration of Preliminary Round 1 Results	20 July, 2026
6.	Advance Round: Policy Presentation	30 July, 2026
7.	Declaration of Results	14 August, 2026



AWARDS & PRIZES

Winner: Rs. 7000 + Certificate of Merit

Runner-Up: Rs. 5000 + Certificate of Merit

Special Mention: Rs. 3000 + Certificate of Merit

*Note

- Certificate of Merit to the Top 3 Participants Team.
- Certificate of Participation to all Participants.

REGISTRATION FEE

- **Individual Participant:** INR 500
- **Team (2 Participant):** INR 800

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