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ABOUT MNLU MUMBAI

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai, established under the Maharashtra National Law University Act, 2014, stands as one of India's premier National Law Universities. The University is steadily strengthening its academic, administrative, and financial infrastructure to meet the high standards expected of a Centre for Excellence, while upholding strict norms of propriety and transparency. The Act envisioned the creation of a National Law University in Maharashtra to provide advanced legal education and promote society oriented research in legal studies, thereby making a meaningful contribution to the advancement of societal life in the country. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Alok Aradhe, serves as the Chancellor of the University, offering guidance and inspiration through his novel ideas and vast experience in the field of law, while the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court of Bombay serves as the Ex-Officio Pro-Chancellor.

ABOUT CALSTAR

The Centre for Advanced Legal Studies, Training and Research at Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, established in 2022, is dedicated to bringing all academic, research, and training activities relating to existing, contemporary, and futuristic law within a unique and independent department. The Centre serves as a platform for students, academicians, and professionals to engage in meaningful discussions, research, and participate in action-oriented learning. CALSTAR functions through three wings, each focusing on a specific area of contribution and growth:

Research and Publication Wing: Dedicated to producing quality legal scholarship through research projects, reports, alternative judgments, and editorial activities. It also oversees the Centre's Blog and Newsletter.

Social Media and Marketing Wing: Handles the Centre's online presence across Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook.

Events and Public Relations Wing: This wing oversees all external communication, managing correspondence with relevant authorities, responding to participant queries, and leading promotional outreach.

OUR CHANCELLOR

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Alok Aradhe serving as the Judge of Supreme Court of India and Chancellor of MNLU Mumbai, is one of the most respected figures in the Indian judiciary. Known for deep commitment to justice, equity, and the rule of law, Justice Aradhe has a distinguished legal his career marked by landmark judgments and meaningful reforms. His leadership emphasises access to justice and the protection of fundamental rights. As Chancellor, he strengthens the university's mission by ensuring its programs and policies are aligned with the highest standards of legal education and ethical governance. His guidance lends prestige to MNLU Mumbai and fosters strong ties with the judiciary, creating invaluable opportunities for students and faculty to engage closely with the practical workings of India's legal system

OUR PATRON



Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Uikey leads Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai as its Vice Chancellor. Before joining Ukey MNLU Mumbai, he held important positions at other well known universities, including serving as Pro Vice-Chancellor and Acting Vice Chancellor at SRTM University, Nanded, and as Professor and Head of the Department of Law at Savitribai Phule Pune University. Prof. Ukey is respected across India for his expertise in subjects like constitutional law, administrative law, and human rights. He has contributed to education through his research, books, and decades of teaching. His work has been recognized nationally and internationally; in 2019, he was honored with the Best Academician (Law) Award by the Indian National Bar Association.

FACULTY IN-CHARGE



Mr. Suraj Karande holds a Master's degree in Economics from Fergusson College, Pune, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at Savitribai Phule Pune University, focusing on Non-Performing Assets in the Indian banking sector. He is an Assistant Professor of Economics at Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, and has qualified the UGC-NET and JRF. With over eight years of teaching experience at institutions such as Fergusson College, Pune, and Christ University, his academic interests include Law and Economics, the Indian economy, and public finance. He has published around ten research papers, including in Scopus-indexed journals, and serves as Centre Coordinator of the Centre for Advanced Legal Studies, Training and Research (CALSTAR) at MNLU Mumbai, where he promotes interdisciplinary research and academic collaboration.

FACULTY IN-CHARGE



Ms. Aastha Tiwari is an Assistant Professor of Law at Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, involved in teaching, research, and academic coordination. Her interests include Technology Law, Intellectual Property Rights, Data Privacy, and Environmental Law, focusing on their intersection with evolving legal standards and societal needs. Committed to fostering research and collaboration, she inspires students and faculty to engage with cutting-edge legal issues and policy debates

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

In the present era of complex economic interactions and rapidly evolving markets, corporate, financial, and economic laws play a critical role in regulating business conduct, ensuring market integrity, and protecting stakeholder interests. Legal frameworks governing banking, competition, mergers and acquisitions, taxation, insolvency, securities, and white-collar offences have witnessed significant legislative, regulatory, and judicial developments in recent years. These changes necessitate continuous academic engagement and critical examination. In this context, the Blog Writing Competition is being organized with the objective of fostering informed legal discourse and encouraging analytical writing on contemporary issues within key domains of corporate and financial law. The competition seeks to provide a structured platform for participants to examine legal challenges, interpret evolving jurisprudence, and contribute original perspectives to ongoing policy and regulatory debates.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the Blog Writing Competition are to :

1. Encourage scholarly engagement with contemporary developments in corporate, financial, and economic laws.
2. Promote analytical and research-oriented legal writing in a structured blog format.
3. Provide a platform for participants to articulate well-reasoned legal arguments and perspectives.
4. Foster awareness of the dynamic nature of regulatory and judicial responses to economic challenges.
5. Identify and recognise excellence in legal research and writing.

BROAD THEMES

Submissions may be based on any topic related to the following broad areas of law -

1. Banking laws
2. Competition law
3. Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A)
4. Taxation Laws
5. White collar crimes
6. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law
7. Securities and Capital Markets Law
8. Trade Law
9. Contemporary issues

REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

Registration -

The registration fees for the blog writing competition are as follows:

- Single Authorship- Rs. 300
- Co-authorships- Rs 500

Scan the code to register :



The competition is open to:

- Undergraduate and postgraduate students enrolled in any course,
- Research scholars,
- Academicians and legal professionals.

TIMELINE

Registration deadline- 25/09/26

Submission deadline- 05/10/26

Announcement of results- 30/10/26

PRIZES

Winner:

Internship opportunity at a well-reputed firm +
₹5,000 cash prize

● Second Prize:

₹3,000 cash prize

● Third Prize:

₹2,000 cash prize

● Additional Incentive:

- Top-performing participants may be considered for internship opportunities based on the quality of their submissions.
- The organisers will conduct structured training sessions on academic blog writing, beginning with a foundational workshop open to all registered participants. This session will focus on the fundamentals of writing a blog from scratch, including structure, clarity of argument, and basic drafting techniques.

In addition, selected top-performing participants will be invited to an advanced workshop, where the discussion will be more in-depth. This session will cover topic identification, developing research questions, crafting coherent arguments, refining drafts, and common mistakes to be avoided in academic and policy-oriented writing. (No additional money will be charged for this session)

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GUIDELINES

- Submission should be the original work of the author/ authors.
- References must be in the form of hyperlinks, lined to keywords and phrases in the body of the submission. Use of footnotes/ endnotes should be limited to circumstances where a hyperlink reference is not available.
- For footnotes/ endnotes, the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA) (4TH edition) must be adhered to.
- Co-authorship of up to 2 authors is permitted.
- We encourage the submission to be analytical and solution oriented rather than descriptive.
- The submission should preferably be between 1200 to 2000 words.
- The similarity index (plagiarism) must not exceed 15% and AI-generated content must remain below 10%.

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