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IN COMMEMORATION OF

**75 YEARS OF INDIA'S CONSTITUTIONAL
JOURNEY, REFLECTING ON ITS LEGAL
EVOLUTION AND THE VISION OF VIKSIT
BHARAT @2047**

IS ORGANISING

1ST NATIONAL PIL DRAFTING COMPETITION, 2025

SCHEDULED ON

4TH DECEMBER 2025

(VIRTUAL MODE)

ORGANIZED BY

**CENTRE FOR LABOUR STUDIES,
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About Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University

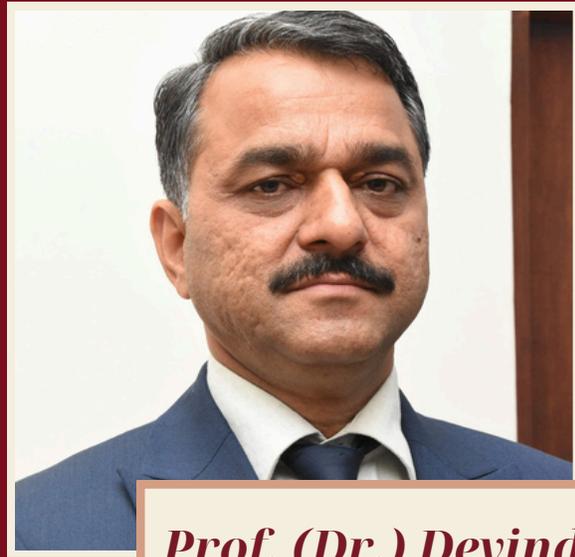
DR. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University (DBRANLU) is a pioneering institution established in **2012** by the **State Government of Haryana** in Sonipat, within the educational hub of Rajiv Gandhi Education City. The university encourages a comprehensive learning environment through classroom teaching and practical learning, dedicated to generate socially responsible legal practitioners and seeks to do so by providing legal education, advancing research, spreading legal information, and cultivating ethical and socio-cultural values.



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MESSAGE FROM VICE CHANCELLOR'S DESK



Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh



It gives me immense pleasure to extend my heartfelt greetings to all participants, scholars, and distinguished guests engaging in this significant academic initiative organised by the Centre for Labour Studies as part of the National Conclave on “Functioning of Constitution: Celebrating 75 Years of Indian Constitutional” Journey. This PIL Drafting Competition marks an important step towards understanding the transformative role of legal activism in fostering social justice, protecting workforce dignity, and ensuring inclusive growth in the vision of *Viksit Bharat @2047*.

Over the last seven decades, India’s constitutional framework has evolved from a foundational legal text to a living document that champions the rights of the marginalized. Through the potent instrument of Public Interest Litigation (PIL), the judiciary and legal fraternity have strengthened the country’s commitment to upholding the dignity of labour while balancing economic development with social welfare.

This platform provides an invaluable opportunity for meaningful dialogue, research, and practical engagement on the evolving landscape of Labour Laws in India. I am confident that the drafting exercises and subsequent analyses will yield enriching insights into contemporary challenges such as the gig economy, social security for the unorganized sector, and occupational safety, thereby inspiring thoughtful contributions toward India’s growth as an equitable and just society.

I congratulate the Centre for Labour Studies, the faculty, and the student community for their initiative and intellectual commitment in organizing this event. I extend my best wishes for its grand success and hope that it will deepen our collective understanding of the crucial role of Constitutional remedies in driving the social engineering and national development."

MESSAGE FROM REGISTRAR'S DESK



Prof. (Dr.) Ashutosh Mishra

It gives me great pride to welcome participants, legal luminaries, and students to the PIL Drafting Competition, organised by the Centre for Labour Studies as a key segment of the National Conclave on Functioning of Constitution: Celebrating 75 Years of Indian Constitutional Journey.

As we commemorate three-quarters of a century of our Constitution, it is vital to remember that the law is not merely a static set of rules but a dynamic instrument for social change. The Centre for Labour Studies has chosen a highly relevant theme for this competition. In a rapidly evolving economy, the ability to draft effective Public Interest Litigations is an essential skill for any budding lawyer committed to upholding the rights of the workforce and ensuring justice for the marginalized.

This event serves as a bridge between theoretical constitutional mandates and their practical application in labour welfare. It encourages students to look beyond textbooks and to engage with the pressing realities of industrial relations, social security, and the unorganized sector, all of which are pivotal to the nation's progress towards Viksit Bharat @2047.

I commend the Centre for Labour Studies for their diligence in conceptualizing an event that fosters both legal acumen and social empathy. I am certain that this competition will provide a robust platform for intellectual debate and constructive learning. I extend my best wishes to the organizing committee and all the participants for a successful and enriching event."

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dr. Balwinder kaur

It gives me distinct pleasure to welcome you to the PIL Drafting Competition, a flagship initiative by the Centre for Labour Studies, organised as part of the National Conclave on Functioning of Constitution: Celebrating 75 Years of Indian Constitutional Journey.

At the Centre for Labour Studies, our mandate has always been to explore the intersection of law, policy, and the socio-economic realities of the workforce. As we celebrate the glorious 75-year journey of our Constitution, we are reminded that the promise of justice social, economic, and political is the heartbeat of our democracy. Labour rights are not merely statutory provisions; they are human rights deeply embedded in the Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of our Constitution.

The Public Interest Litigation (PIL) mechanism has historically been the most potent tool in the hands of the Indian judiciary to liberate bonded labourers, ensure fair wages, and secure safe working conditions. By organizing this competition, we aim to challenge young legal minds to look beyond the black letter of the law and engage with the spirit of constitutional morality. We want you to identify gaps, envision remedies, and draft pleas that could potentially shape the future of labour jurisprudence in India.

In the era of the gig economy and Industry 4.0, the challenges facing the labour force are evolving. It is my sincere hope that this competition inspires you to become not just better draftsmen, but compassionate advocates for equity and justice, contributing effectively to the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

I welcome all the participants and look forward to witnessing high-quality research and drafting. I also extend my gratitude to the University administration for their unwavering support in this endeavour."

ABOUT CENTRE FOR LABOUR STUDIES

The Centre for Labour Studies at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Sonapat was established to promote research, dialogue, and policy engagement in the field of labour laws and labour rights. Guided by its motto – “श्रमस्य यत्र सम्मानः, तत्र राष्ट्रं भवति महान” (Where labour is respected, the nation becomes great), the Centre is devoted to upholding the dignity of labour and advancing the cause of social and economic justice.

Through its academic and outreach initiatives, the Centre seeks to bridge the gap between law, policy, and practice by bringing together academics, practitioners, industry, civil society, and government bodies. It endeavours to create an interdisciplinary platform for discussion and research on contemporary labour issues, while nurturing a culture of respect for work and workers. In keeping with its ethos, the Centre also undertakes initiatives such as community engagement and awareness drives under the banner of “Shramdaan, Mahadaan.”





ABOUT THE EVENT

The PIL Drafting Competition is a flagship initiative organized by the Centre for Labour Studies at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Sonapat. This event forms a crucial part of the National Conclave on “*Functioning of Constitution: Celebrating 75 Years of Indian Constitutional Journey*”, aiming to bridge the gap between academic legal theory and the practical realities of social justice litigation.

Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has historically been the judiciary’s most effective tool for upholding the rights of the marginalised. This competition is designed to cultivate the art of legal drafting among law students, encouraging them to apply Constitutional principles to contemporary labour and social issues. It challenges participants to identify public interest, frame cogent legal issues, and articulate specific prayers for relief.

Unlike traditional submission-based events, this competition mimics the high-pressure environment of legal practice. The proposition will be released to registered teams on 4th December 2025 at 12:00 PM. Participants must research, draft, and submit their PILs by 6:00 PM on the same day. To ensure authentic skill development, the use of AI tools is strictly prohibited, and all submissions will undergo rigorous plagiarism and AI detection checks.

Join us in this intellectual exercise to sharpen your drafting skills and contribute to the discourse on the functioning of the Constitution in its 75th year.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS



PRIZES FOR THE COMPETITION



FIRST PLACE
RS. 7000
+
E-CERTIFICATE OF
MERIT

SECOND PLACE
RS. 5000
+
E-CERTIFICATE OF
MERIT



THIRD PLACE
RS. 3000
+
E-CERTIFICATE OF
MERIT



***NOTE: E-CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION WILL BE PROVIDED
TO ALL THE REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS.***

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

General Guidelines

- The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned herein. Participants are required to comply with the rules and procedures prescribed herein.
- The Organising Committee shall function as the point of contact, and any changes in the rules of the Competition shall be notified by email to all participating teams. Decisions taken by the Organizing Committee shall be final.
- The competition is organised by the Centre for Labour Studies, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Sonapat.

ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

- The Competition is open to all students, enrolled in bona fide Institution/College/University at the time of the Competition on a regular basis in an Undergraduate or Postgraduate (LL.B. 3 or 5 years/L.L.M.) Law degree programme in India.
- Participants may register individually or in teams of two. Cross - University teams are allowed.
- The substitution of any Team Member is not allowed after the registration deadline.

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Registration Guidelines

Participants must register by filling out the following Google form commencing from 22nd November 2025 and to be closed on 2nd December 2025.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Registration fee & Mode of Payment

Category	Team of Two	Individual
Participants from External Institutions	Rs. 500	Rs. 300
Participants affiliated with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Sonapat	Rs. 300	Rs. 200

Requisite payments are to be made via online mode using the account details mentioned below. Proof of payment, along with a valid transaction ID, must be attached to the registration form. Please note that the registration fee is non-refundable.

Bank Name: HDFC Bank Ltd.

Account Holder Name: Registrar, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Seminar Account

Account Number: 50100156483861

IFSC: HDFC0003433

Upon successful registration, a confirmation email will be sent to the participants. Participant(s) who have completed registration in accordance with the above procedure shall be assigned a unique team code.

All further correspondence with the Organizing Committee shall be done only by specifying the respective Team Code.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submission Dates and Guidelines

- The PIL proposition shall be shared with the *participants via email on the day of the competition, i.e., 4th December 2025 at 12:00 P.M.*
- In the same email, *the Google Form link for submission will also be provided.*
- **All PIL Draft Submissions must be uploaded in the said Google Form no later than 6:00 P.M. on 4th December 2025.**

Submissions after the deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances.

The cover page of the written submission must contain the following information:

- The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner.
- The name and year of the Competition.
- The name of the case, if any.

Note: Participants must ensure that all entries are free of identifying information. Disclosing the participant's identity will lead to immediate disqualification.

- The PIL must be submitted in both, PDF format and Word format.
- The file should be named as: "TCXX_PIL2025".
- Page Limit: There is no cap on the maximum page limit.
- **Use of AI is completely prohibited.**
- **Plagiarism will only be entertained up to 10%**
- All submitted memorials will undergo strict plagiarism and AI check through Turnitin to ensure originality.

FORMATTING & EVALUATION GUIDELINES

Formatting Guidelines

- The word limit for the submission is 2,500 words, inclusive of footnotes.
- Font: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12 (main text), 10 (footnotes)
- Line Spacing: 1.5 (main text), single (footnotes)
- Alignment: Justified
- Margin: 1 inch on all sides
- Citation Style: ILI Citation Style
- There must be no additional space between the two footnotes

Evaluation Criteria

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Marks</i>
Identification of Public Interest	20
Clarity of Facts & Narrative	20
Framing of Issues	15
Depth of Research & Legal Framework	15
Locus Standi, Maintainability & Legal Framework	10
Searching & Drafting Quality	10
Appropriateness & Specificity of Prayer	10
Total Marks	100

Penalty

- The penalties shall be enforced as hereunder:

Description	Range
Incorrect line formatting & line spacing in the manuscript or footnotes	1 mark per instance, up-to 4 marks.
Absence of Page Number in a footer & Improper submission of Manuscript	2 marks each
Exceeding Word/Page Limit	1 mark per page
Plagiarism	Up to 10% - 0 marks 11-20% - 3 marks 21-40% - 6 marks 41-50%- 9 marks
Delay in Submission	Disqualification

- The penalties listed above shall be deducted from the overall score of the participant or team at the discretion of the judging panel or the OC.

CONTACT US :

For any further queries, please contact us at labourstudies@dbranlu.ac.in or reach out to any member of the Centre for Labour Studies using the contact details provided below.

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